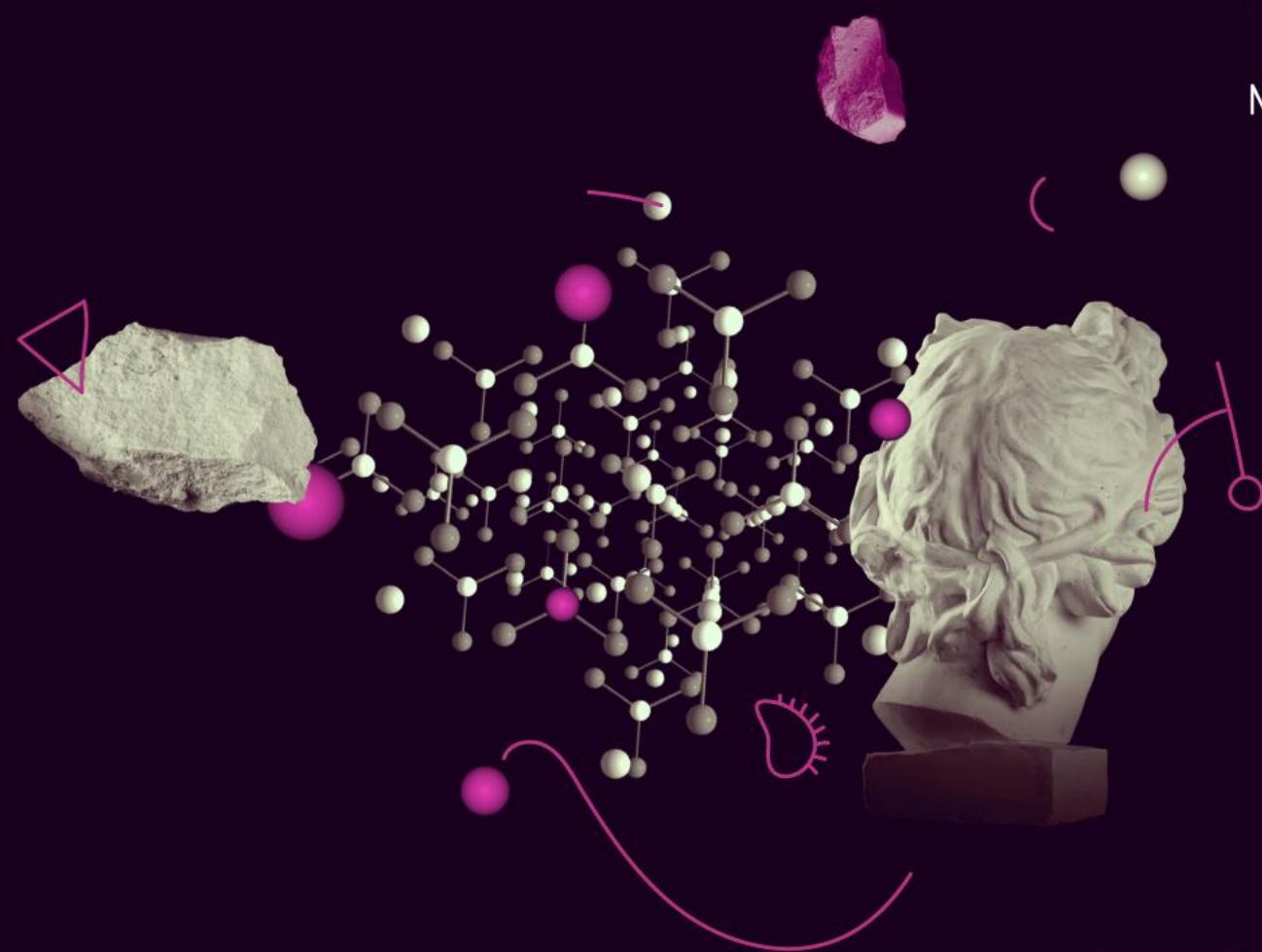




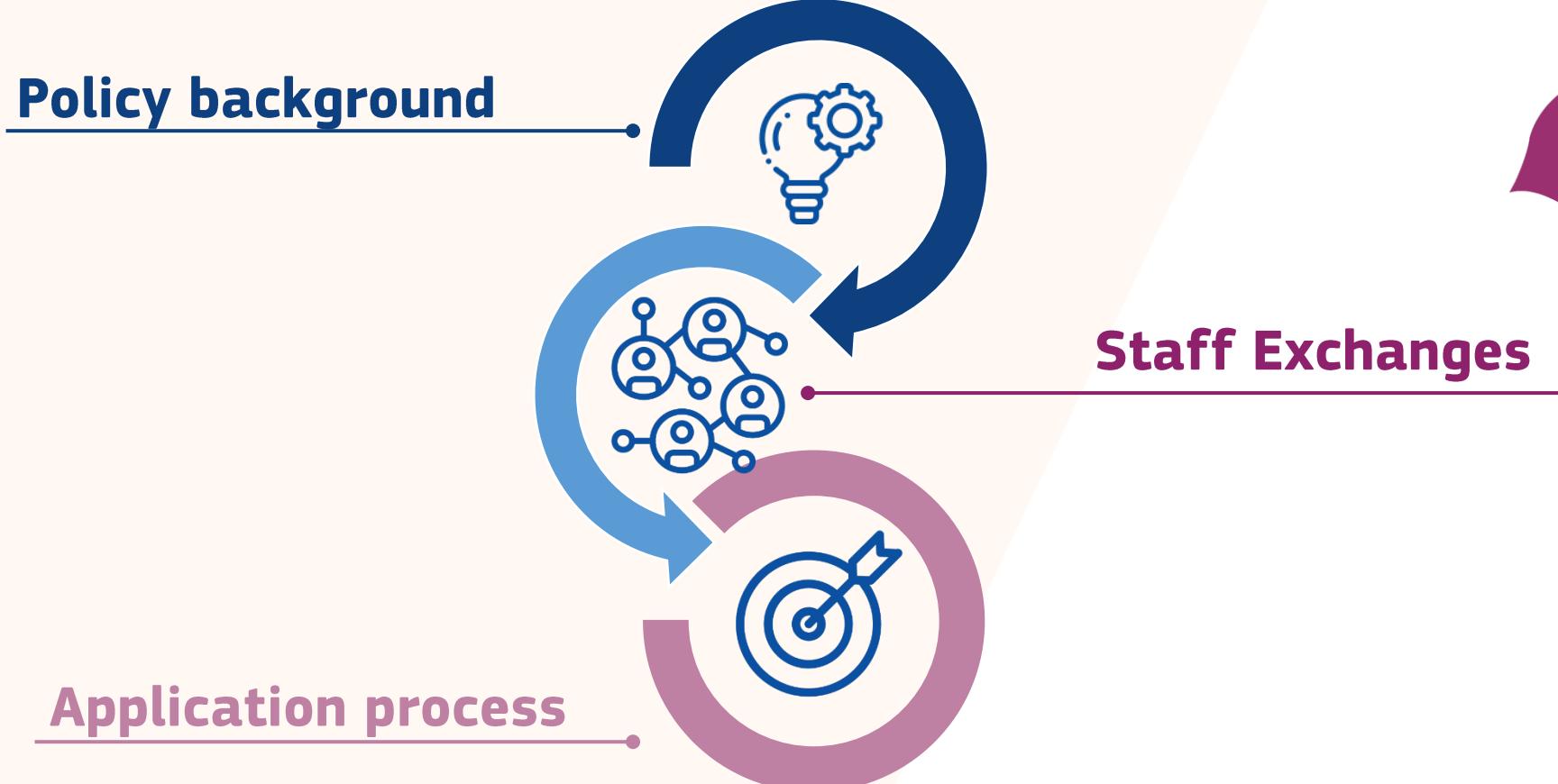
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Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions
Developing talents, advancing research



MSCA Staff Exchanges Call 2026

Thomas Vyzikas, Head of Sector
European Research Executive Agency

Overview





Policy background

MSCA under Horizon Europe



Pillar I EXCELLENT SCIENCE

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Research Infrastructures



Pillar II GLOBAL CHALLENGES & EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS

Clusters

- Health
- Culture, Creativity & Inclusive Society
- Civil Security for Society
- Digital, Industry & Space
- Climate, Energy & Mobility
- Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture & Environment

Joint Research Centre



Pillar III INNOVATIVE EUROPE

European Innovation Council

European Innovation
Ecosystems

European Institute of
Innovation & Technology

WIDENING PARTICIPATION AND STRENGTHENING THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA

Widening participation & spreading
excellence

Reforming & enhancing the European R&I
system



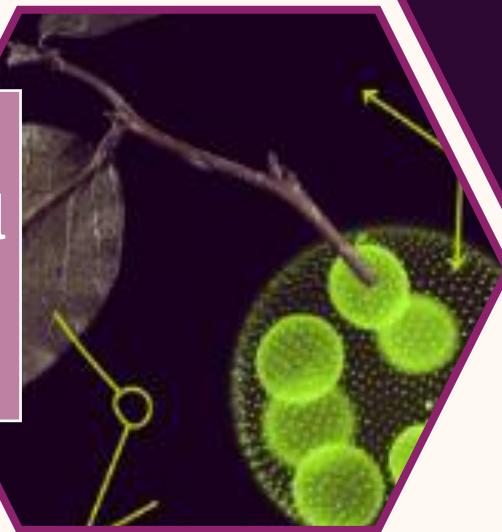
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Doctoral
Networks



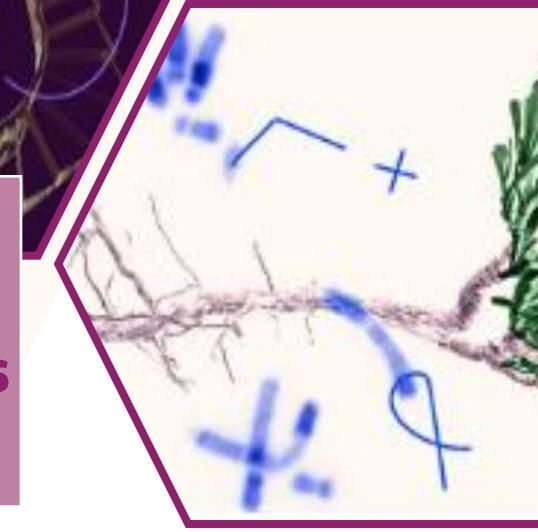
Postdoctoral
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MSCA and
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MSCA Key Policies



Researchers' training, skills & career development (all career stages)



Excellent research in all domains (bottom-up approach)



International, cross-sectoral & interdisciplinary mobility



Attractive working & employment conditions



Structuring impact on organisations through excellent programmes



Strong collaboration with industry & SMEs



150,000 researchers &
23 Nobel Prize winners

Shaping research and innovation

Structuring impact in Europe and
beyond



Staff Exchanges Main features

What is Staff Exchanges?



Research & Innovation **mobility** action



It equips researchers and organisations **worldwide** with advanced skills and cutting knowledge



It fosters mobility of entities from both the **academic** and **private** sectors



Can be combined with other programmes (**synergy**)



The **budget** allocated in 2026 call is **97.92 M€**

Objectives



International,
inter-sectoral
and
interdisciplinary
mobility of R&I
staff
(secondments)



Knowledge
transfer
between
participating
organisations



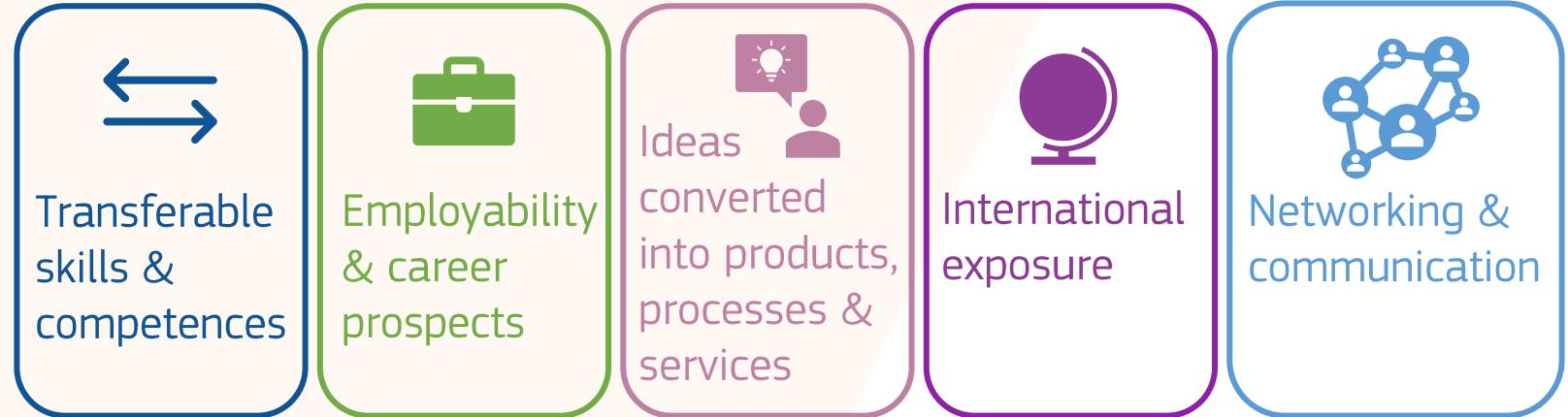
Collaboration
between the
academic and
non-academic
sectors
(including SMEs)



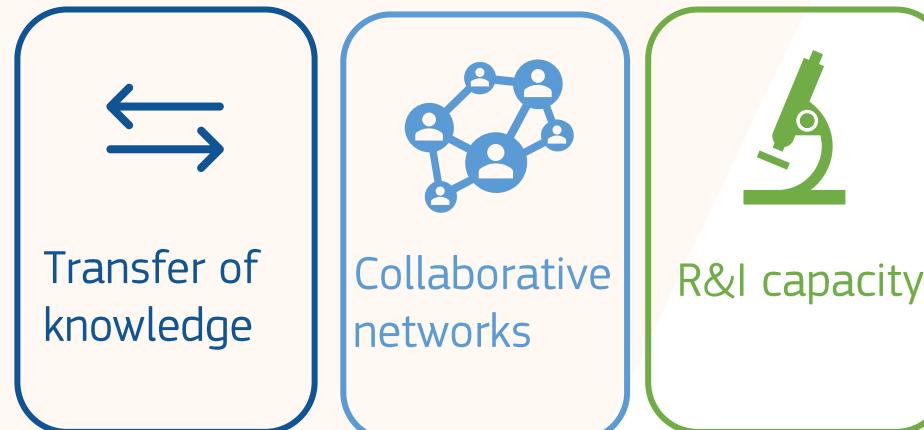
Cooperation
across the
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Added Value

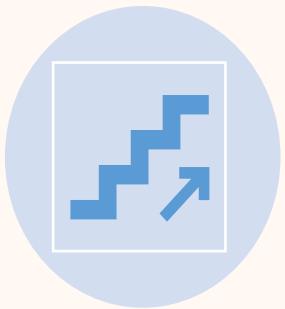
Staff members



Organisations



Key Features



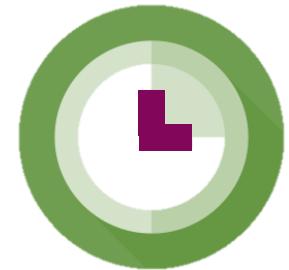
BOTTOM UP
with different
scientific panels



Unit cost 5170 €
2870 € - staff allowance
2300 € - organisation



SECONDMENTS
1-12 months per staff
Interdisciplinary
Intersectoral
International

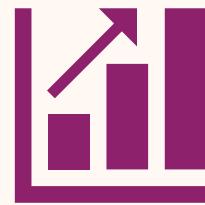


DURATION
4 years
Max 360 person-
months per project

Making a difference



WORLD-WIDE
The highest participation of non-EU countries in MSCA



BUSINESS PARTICIPATION
Businesses receive an estimated 30% of the available funding



PATENTS
Significant share of all patents in MSCA actions



SUCCESS RATE
Between ~30% depending on the discipline and on the year

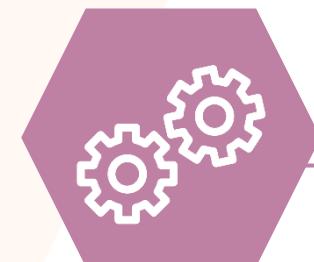
Who can participate in MSCA-SE projects?

Consortium of min. **3 legal entities in 3 different countries**, 2 of which in a different EU Member State or HE Associated Country

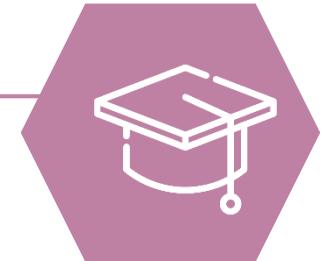


The consortium must include participating organisations from both academic and non-academic sectors

Academic sector



Non-academic sector



Eligible Staff



Seconded staff members



Any type of staff involved in R&I activities (researchers, administrative staff, managerial staff, technical staff)

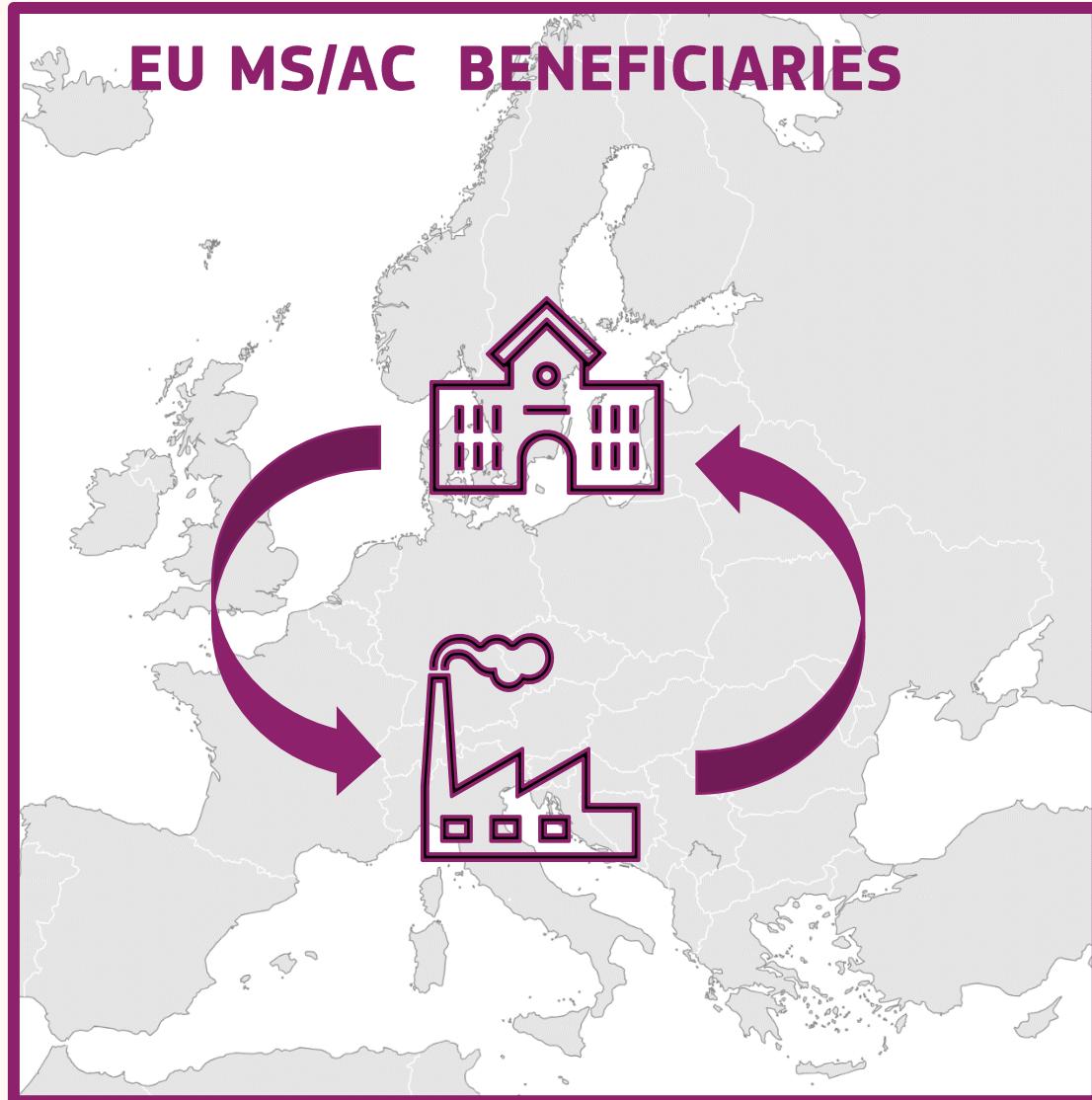
Each staff member is seconded for a period of **1 to 12 months** (may be split into several stays)

Staff needs to be devoted **full-time** to the action during the secondment

After the secondment, staff should **return to their sending institution**



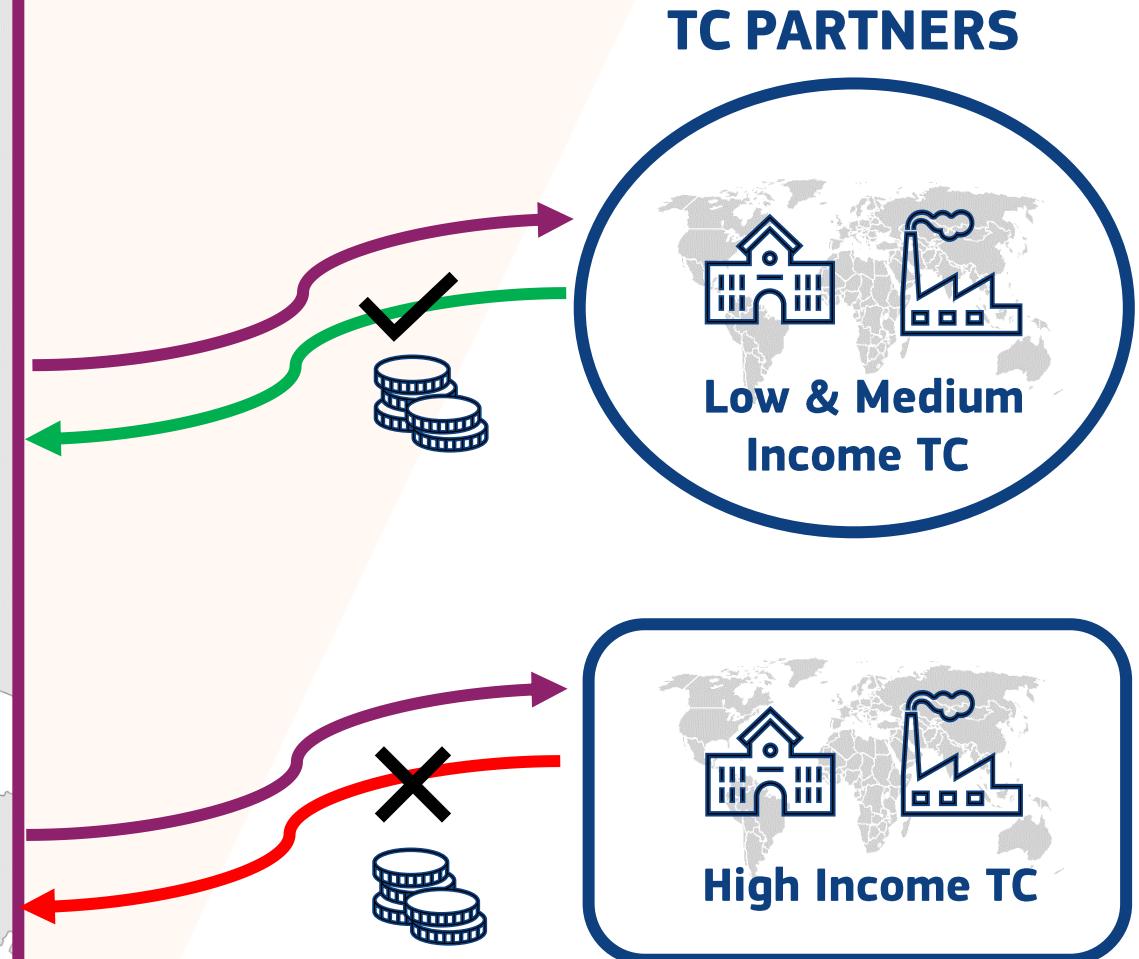
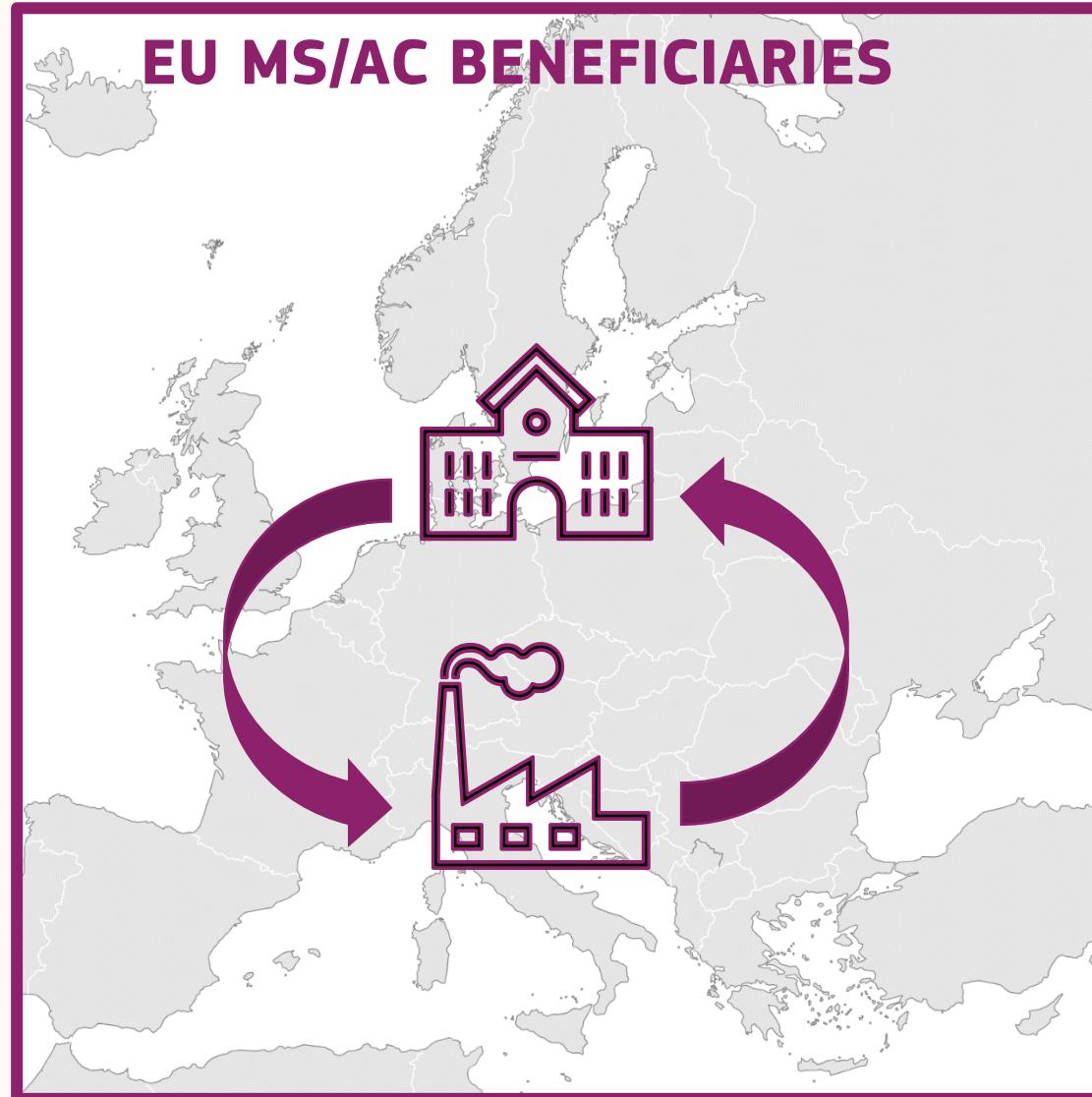
Eligible secondments in Europe & AC



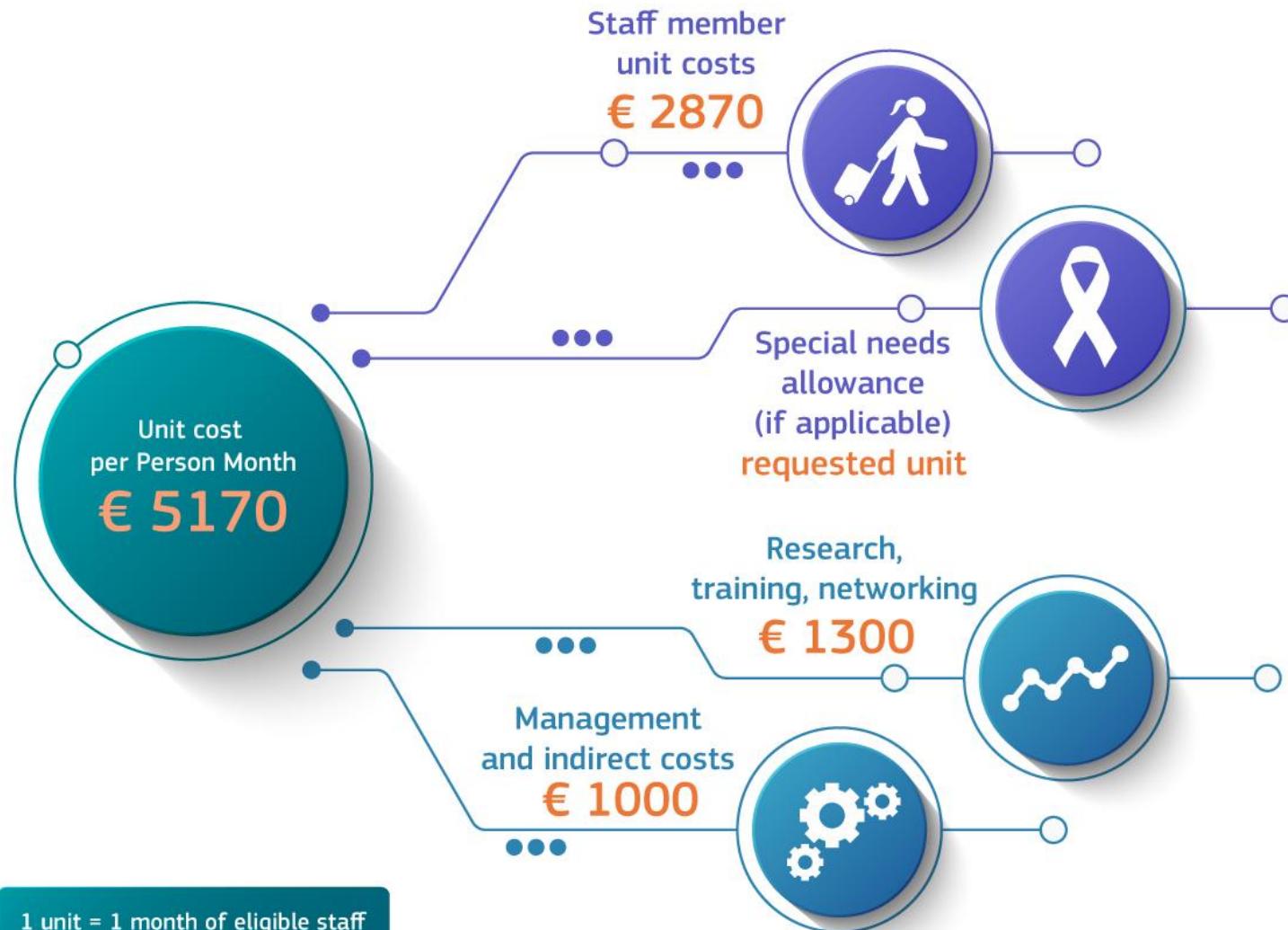
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Eligible international seconds



What does Staff Exchanges fund?



Budget of SE project based on the Nr of planned secondments

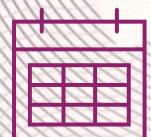


Staff Exchanges Proposal submission

Key Dates & Budget Call 2026



Call Opening 2026: **16 December 2025**

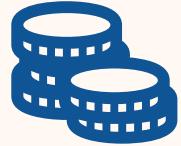


Call Closure: **16 April 2026**



Call 2026 Budget: **97.92 M€**

Key Changes



This year budget is
€ 97.92 M



Unit cost is
increased to
€ 5170



Staff allowance
increased to
€ 2870



2 ≠ sectors



**No one month
employment rule**

Reference Documents



MSCA Work
Programme & annexes



Proposal templates



Frequently Asked
Questions

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MSCA Staff Exchanges 2026

HORIZON-MSCA-2026-SE-01-01

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General information

Programme
Horizon Europe (HORIZON)

Call
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Type of action
HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-SE HORIZON TMA MSCA Staff Exchanges

Type of MGA
HORIZON Unit Grant [HORIZON-AG-UN]  Open For Submission

Deadline model
single-stage

Opening date
16 December 2025

Deadline date
16 April 2026 17:00:00 Brussels time




How to start writing your proposal

Start submission

To access the Electronic Submission Service, please click on the submission-button next to the **type of action** and the **type of model grant agreement** that corresponds to your proposal. You will then be asked to confirm your choice, as it cannot be changed in the submission system. Upon confirmation, you will be linked to the correct entry point.

To access existing draft proposals for this topic, please login to the Funding & Tenders Portal and select the My Proposals page of the My Area section.

Please select the type of your submission:

HORIZON TMA MSCA Staff Exchanges [HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-SE], HORIZON Unit Grant [HORIZON-AG-UN]

Start submission

Funding: Submission Service

Create proposal

Deadline
05 February 2025 17:00:00 Brussels Local Time

103 days left until closure

Call data

Call: HORIZON-MSCA-2024-SE-01
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Find your organisation

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Short name 1* 250

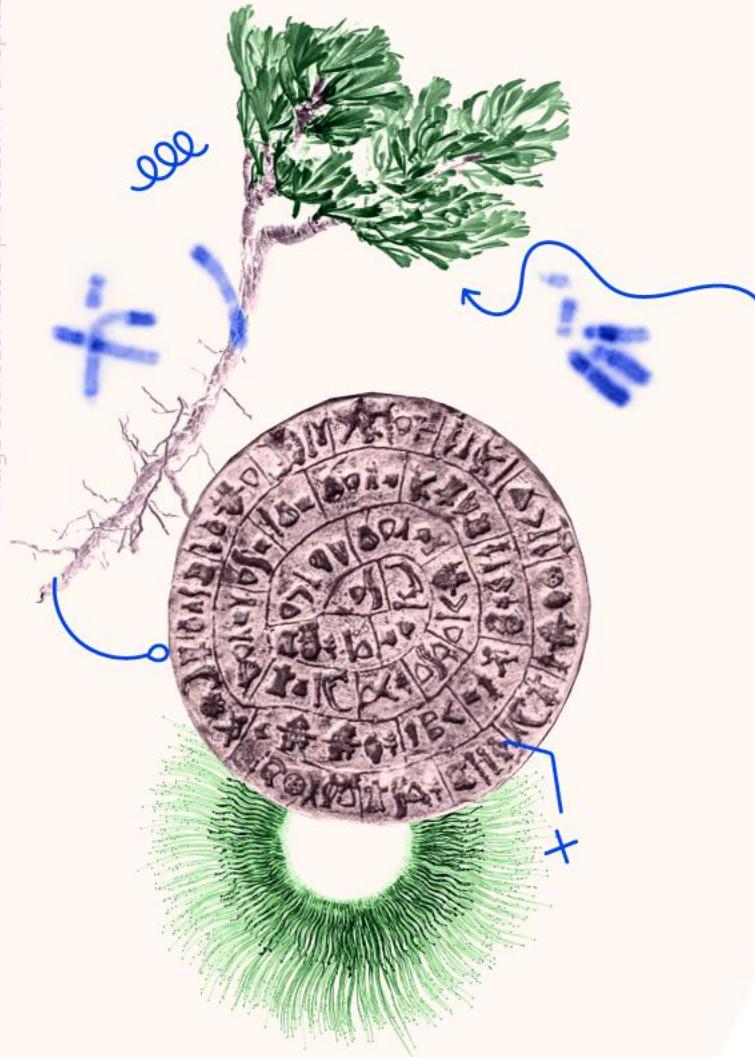
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Award Criteria

NEW

Excellence	Impact	Quality and efficiency of the implementation
Quality and pertinence of the project's research/innovation objectives (and the extent to which they are ambitious, and go beyond the state of the art)	Developing new and lasting research collaborations , achieving transfer of knowledge between participating organisations and contributing to improving research and innovation potential at the European and global level	Quality and effectiveness of the work plan , assessment of risks , and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages
Soundness of the proposed approach to foster international, intersectoral and interdisciplinary collaborations	Credibility of the measures to enhance the career perspectives of staff members and contribution to their skills development	Quality, capacity and role of each participant, including hosting arrangements and extent to which the consortium as a whole brings together the necessary expertise
Soundness of the proposed methodology (including consideration of the gender dimension and other diversity aspects if relevant for the research project, and the quality of open science practices)	Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise expected outcomes and impacts , as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan, including communication activities	
Quality of the proposed interaction between the participating organisations in light of the research and innovation objectives.	The magnitude and importance of the project's contribution to the expected scientific, societal and economic impacts	
50%	30%	20%

The threshold for all criteria will be 3



How to find partners?



NETWORKING
EVENTS
(CONFERENCES,
WORKSHOPS, ETC.)



FORMER OR
CURRENT
COLLABORATIONS



JOINT
PROJECTS



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MATCHMAKING
PLATFORM



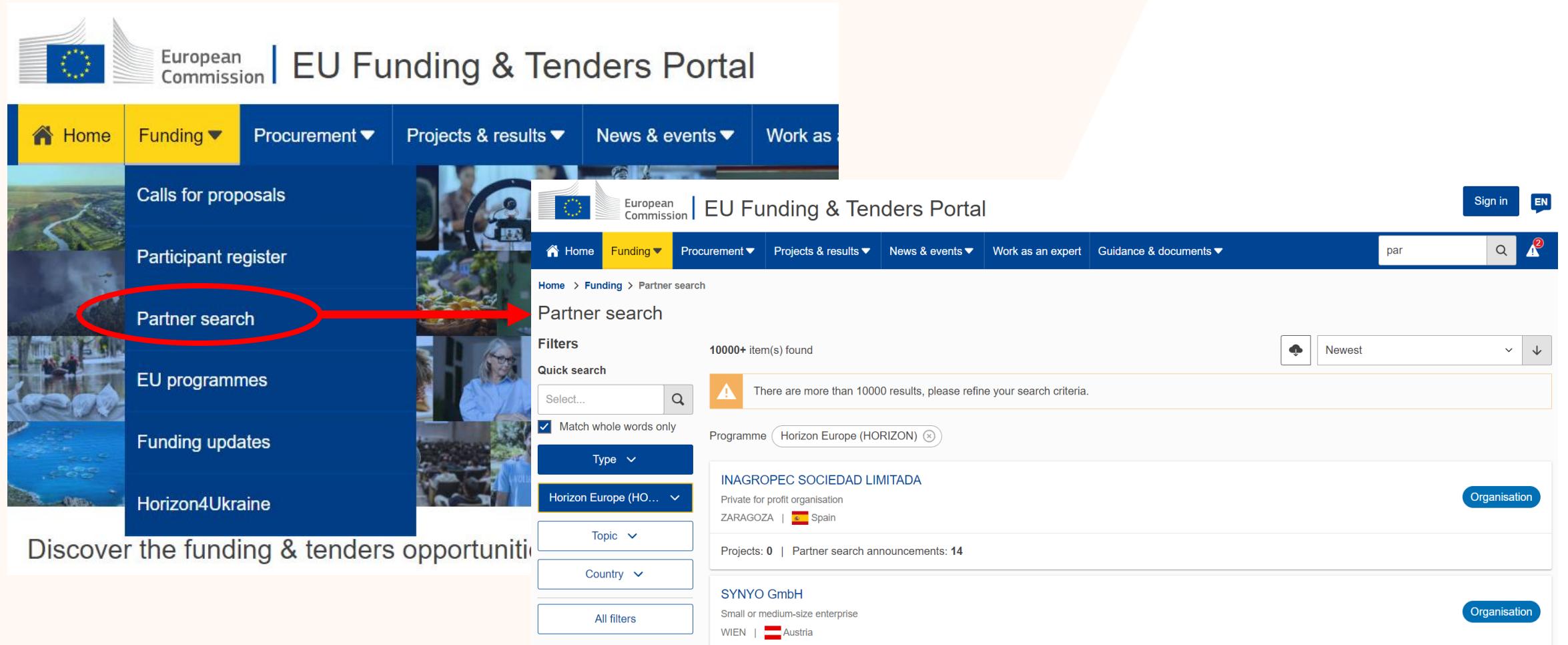
ENTERPRISE
EUROPE NETWORK



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POINT



How to find partners F&T opportunities



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Partner search

Filters 10000+ item(s) found

Quick search Select...

Match whole words only

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 There are more than 10000 results, please refine your search criteria.

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INAGROPEC SOCIEDAD LIMITADA
Private for profit organisation
ZARAGOZA |  Spain
Projects: 0 | Partner search announcements: 14

SYNYO GmbH
Small or medium-size enterprise
WIEN |  Austria

Tips and tricks



Closely follow the call requirements



Highlight the EU dimension



Sustainability of collaboration



Follow available guidelines



Get a second opinion



**Contact your
National Contact Point
(NCP)**

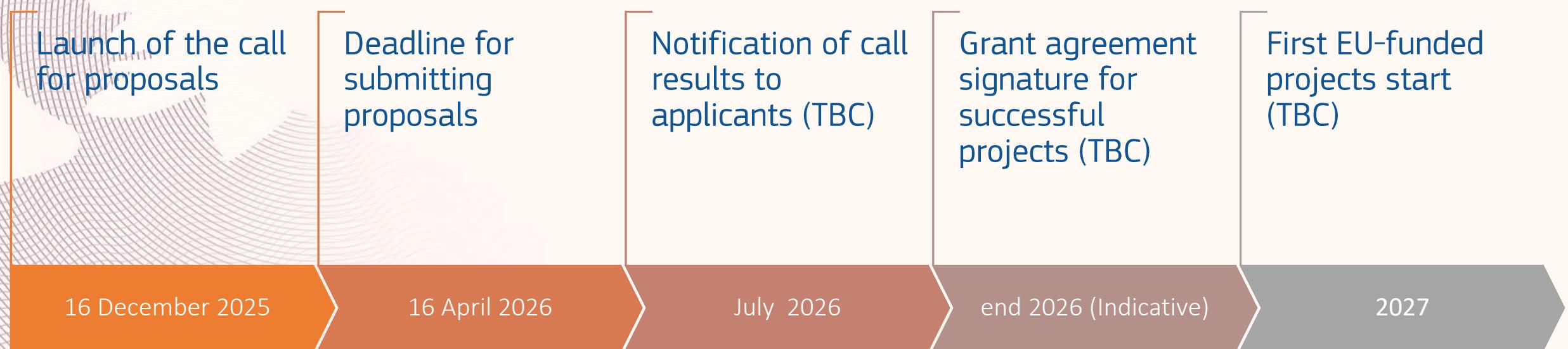
Research Enquiry Service

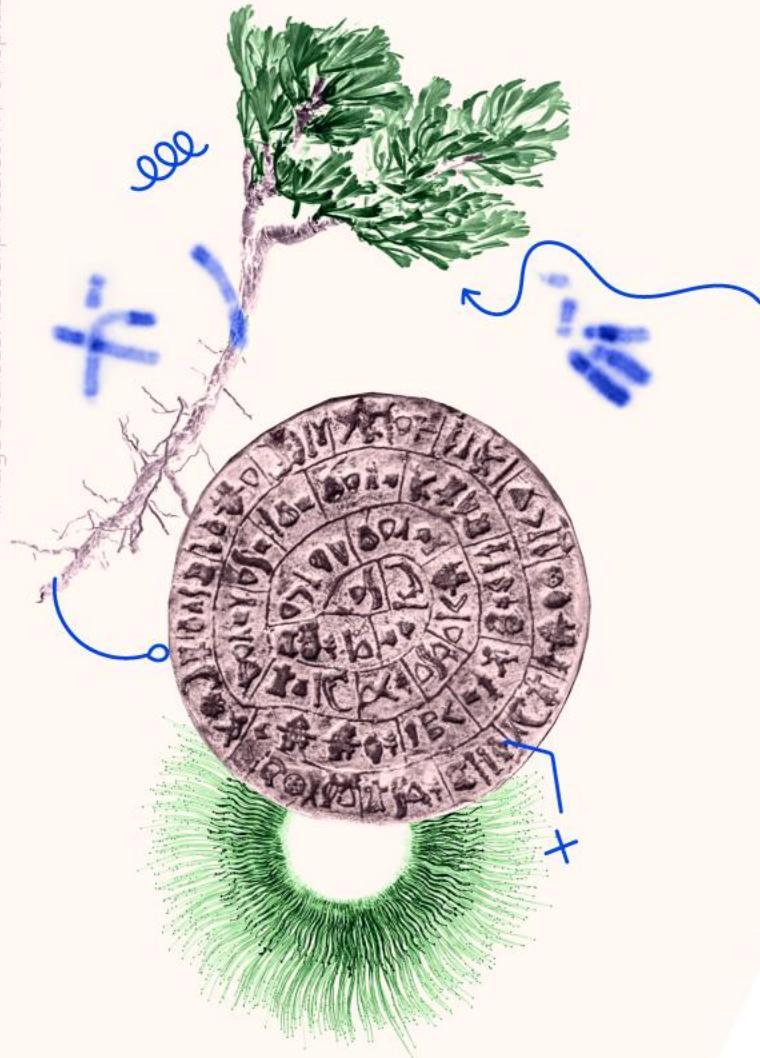
For questions about
research and Horizon Europe
please contact
the [Research Enquiry Service \(europa.eu\)](http://europa.eu)



Staff Exchanges Proposal evaluation

HORIZON-MSCA-2026-SE-01 – Indicative timeline





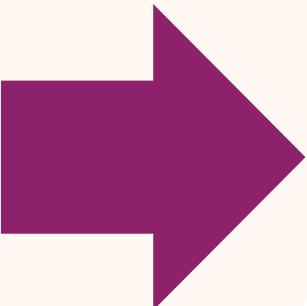
Scientific panels

	Chemistry	CHE
	Economic Sciences	ECO
	Information Science and Engineering	ENG
	Environment and Geosciences	ENV
	Life Sciences	LIF
	Mathematics	MAT
	Physics	PHY
	Social Sciences and Humanities	SOC



Evaluation phases

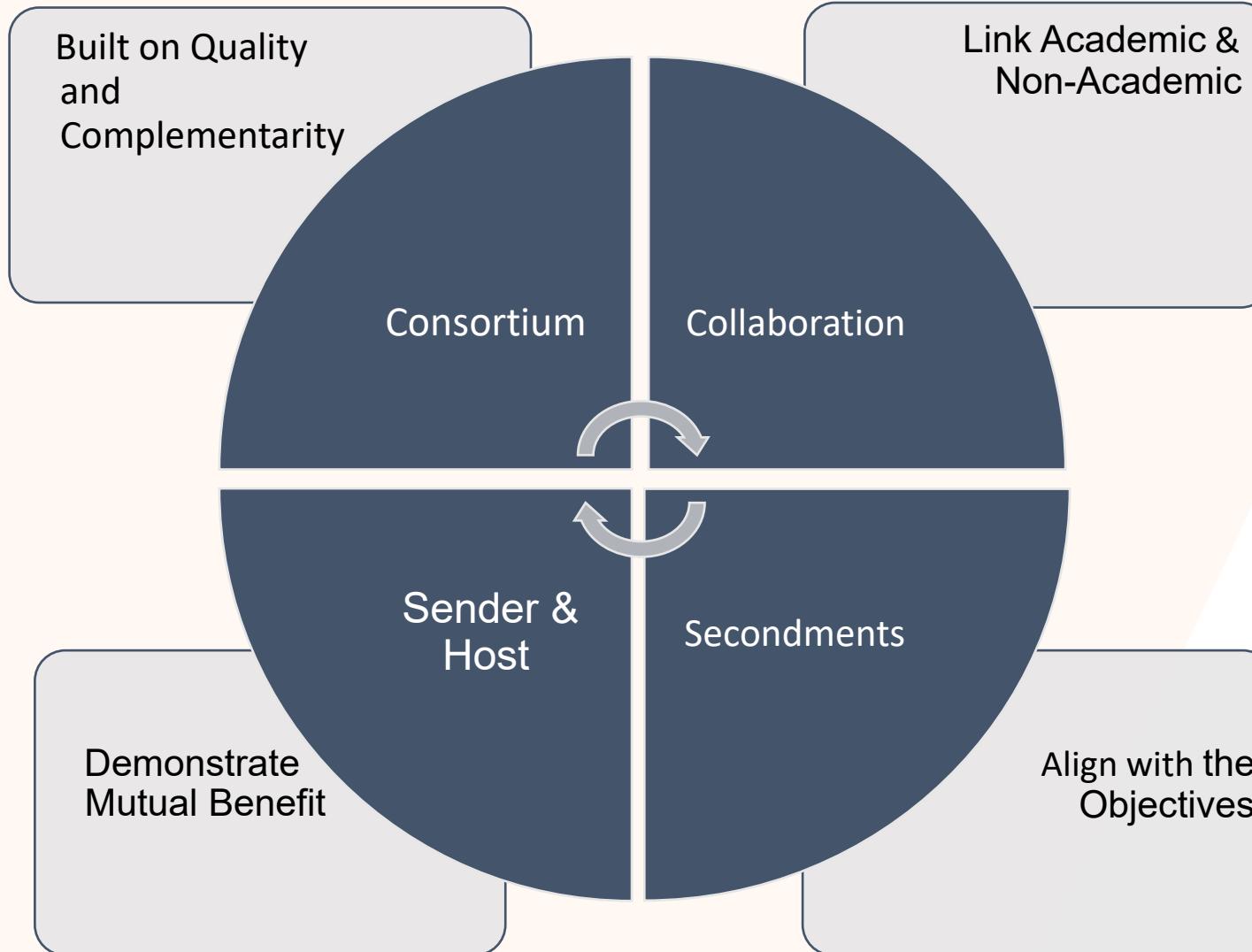
**Individual
Evaluation Phase**



**Consensus Meeting
phase**



Coherent and complete proposal



- Application form
- Evaluation form
- Guide for applicants
- FAQs
- HE programme guide
- Open Science
- Ethics
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A good proposal

Think as an evaluator
Write for an evaluator

Work as an expert

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The Identity, Bank Account, Contracts & Payments functionalities in the Experts Area of the F&T Portal will be unavailable on Monday, 21.03.2022, between 20:00 and 21:30 CET.

 Need help?

Work as an expert

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- Evaluation of proposals, prize applications and tenders
- Monitoring of actions, grant agreements, public procurement contracts

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- Preparation, implementation and evaluation of EU programmes and design of policies.

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News

24 Feb, 2022 [Research Fund for Coal and Steel \(RFCS\) - Call for experts!](#)
The Research Fund for Coal and Steel is looking for expert evaluators. A call for experts for RFCS has been published on the RFCS website. IMPORTANT: Intereste...

14 Oct, 2021 [CINEA Innovation Fund – Call for experts](#)
The European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA) is looking for experienced technical and Life Cycle assessment (GHG) experts, as ...

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life is
to be feared;
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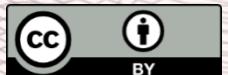


Thank you!



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