

The European Union's Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) Marie Curie Actions (MCA)

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Overview of Presentation

- Overall scope of the Marie Curie Actions (MCAs)
- Overview of the MCA
- Outline of each action
- MCA evaluation criteria



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OVERALL SCOPE

- Human resource development in R&D in Europe
- Numerous, well-trained, motivated researchers
- Attract students to SET careers
- Skills and sustainable career development
- Continuity of previous Framework programme
- Industry, international and initial training of researchers and specific actions for NCPs etc.



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OVERVIEW OF MCA

Host Actions

- Aimed at building institutional capacity
- Open for researchers, management and technical staff

Individual Actions

- Aimed at building individual capacity
- Open for experienced researchers



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INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH STAFF EXCHANGE SCHEME

- Exchange of researchers, technical and management staff between organisations with S&T agreements

Countries with EC agreements on S&T: Argentina*, Australia, Brazil*, Canada, China*, Chile*, Egypt*, India*, Japan, South Korea, Mexico*, Morocco*, New Zealand, Russia*, South Africa*, Tunisia*, Ukraine*, United States

Countries of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP):

- Eastern Europe & Central Asia (EECA) Armenia*, Azerbaijan*, Belarus*, Georgia*, Moldova*, Ukraine*
- Mediterranean Partner Countries (MCP) Algeria*, Egypt*, Jordan*, Lebanon*, Libya*, Morocco*, Palestinian-administrated areas*, Syrian Arab Rep*, Tunisia

- 2-3 yrs programmes with short term exchanges (max 12 months) and stay can be split into several periods
- Balanced exchanges principle, but EU funding of ICPC countries is possible



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INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH STAFF EXCHANGE SCHEME....

- EU provide 1900€/person/month as lump sum
- DST will provide (3000€/p/m) support for successful SA participants
- Seconded researchers should maintain their salary at home institution and return

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INDUSTRY ACADEMIA PATHWAYS AND PARTNERSHIPS

- To encourage knowledge sharing, cultural exchange, technical expertise and sustainable cooperation between industry and academia (in particular SMEs)
- Research staff and technical & managerial staff of all levels of experience
- Joint research projects or programmes addressing real or perceived barriers which inhibit movement of research between public and private sectors
- Longer-term (4yrs full cost) co-operation between sectors ≥ 1 university/research centre + ≥ 1 private sector; ≥ 2 different Member States/Associated



no current open call

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INITIAL TRAINING NETWORKS

- To strengthen and structure Early Stage (first 5yrs of career)
- Must have industry participation and a letter of commitment is required from industry partners
- Joined training programmes for up to 4 years
- Also cover short training events (also open to researchers from outside the network) and training and networking activities



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INTERNATIONAL INCOMING AND OUTGOING FELLOWSHIP

- To reinforce the scientific excellence of the Member States (MS) and the Associated Countries (AC) through knowledge sharing with incoming researchers from Third Countries (TC); Aimed at experienced researchers
- Fellows work full time on the project
- Can't replace a fellow who withdraw in the middle of the project
- Project duration: 12 up to 36 months
- Salary plus contribution to research related costs



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MCA EVALUATION CRITERIA

- **Quality of exchange programme (25%)**
 - Objective and relevance of the joint exchange programme
 - Scientific quality of the partners
 - Complementarities/synergies between the partners
- **Transfer of knowledge (30%)**
 - Quality and mutual benefit of the transfer of knowledge
 - Adequacy and role of staff exchanged with respect to the transfer of knowledge



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MCA EVALUATION CRITERIA....

- Implementation (15%)
 - Capacities (expertise/human resources/facilities/infrastructure) to achieve the objectives of the planned cooperation
 - Appropriateness of the plans for the overall management of the exchange programme
- Impact (30%)
 - Relevance of the proposed partnership to the area of collaboration and for the ERA
 - Potential to develop lasting collaboration with eligible Third country partners



>3 points each and total ≥ 13

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THANK YOU!

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