



# Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions Work Programme 2016-2017



HORIZON 2020

# MSCA WP 2016-2017

- ✓ Adopted **on 13 October 2015** (Commission Decision C (2015)6776)
- ✓ Strong **continuity** of 2014-2015 approach
- ✓ Key features remain unchanged
- ✓ Yearly **calls** in each MSCA funding scheme (except for NIGHT covering again 2 editions)
- ✓ 2016 **budget** of MSCA comparable to 2015 level (759 million EUR)
- ✓ 2017 budget: 10.5% increase, 841 million EUR

- **enhancing** the **skills** of people behind **research** and **innovation**
- excellent and innovative research **training**
- **attractive career** and knowledge-exchange opportunities
  - Mobility is a key requirement**
    - cross-border and
    - cross-sector mobility of researchers
- **open to all domains** of research and innovation
  - encouraging the strong participation of **industry**, in particular SMEs
- **open to researchers and innovation staff** at all stages of their career, irrespective of age

**enhance dissemination** and public engagement -  
required to plan suitable **public outreach activities**

The principles of  
the **European Charter for Researchers** and  
**Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers**  
(**Charter and Code**) promoting open recruitment and  
attractive working and employment conditions are  
recommended to be endorsed and applied by all the funded  
participants.

# MSCA – 2016-2017 Calls

Funding scheme	Call opens	Call closes	Budget
<b>ITN</b>	15/10/2015	12/01/2016	370 mEUR
	15/09/2016	10/01/2017	430 mEUR
<b>IF</b>	12/04/2016	14/09/2016	218.5 mEUR
	11/04/2017	14/09/2017	248 mEUR
<b>RISE</b>	08/12/2015	28/04/2016	80 mEUR
	01/12/2016	05/04/2017	80 mEUR
<b>COFUND</b>	14/04/2016	29/09/2016	80 mEUR
	05/04/2017	28/09/2017	80 mEUR
<b>NIGHT</b>	15/10/2015	13/01/2016	8 mEUR
<b>NCP</b>	10/01/2017	04/05/2017	1.5 mEUR

# IT tool for the WP

- ✓ Increased **coherence**: standard structure and format for the WP
- ✓ Published information on **PP** is the same as in the adopted WP (single source for both)
- ✓ Minor modifications of the **MSCA WP structure** was necessary, e.g.
  - Introducing a 'virtual' topic covering the entire call
  - Clarifying types of actions
  - Moving the duration of projects from call conditions to the annexes

# MSCA WP 2016-2017

## Main Novelties

- ✓ An explicit link to the **Responsible Research and Innovation**
- ✓ Link to the European Code of Conduct for **Research Integrity**
- ✓ Elements of **Open Science** in the training of researchers
- ✓ Better definition of **expected impact** (at researcher, organisation and ERA level)
- ✓ **Gender aspects** explicitly indicated under the Excellence award criterion
- ✓ Further involvement of the non-academic sector in IF – new **Society and Enterprise Panel**

✓ An explicit link to the **Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI)**

Horizon 2020 **RRI** cross-cutting issue, engaging **society**, integrating the **gender** and **ethical** dimensions, ensuring the **access to research outcomes** and encouraging formal and informal **science education**. All **applicants** to the Marie Skłodowska-Curie calls are encouraged to **adopt an RRI approach into their proposals**.



Friday, 21 November 2014

**Rome Declaration on  
Responsible Research and Innovation in Europe**

Integrating RRI in the design and implementation of research and innovation programmes;

- Networking existing initiatives that support RRI knowhow, expertise and competence, with in and between EU Member States and between sectors;



## ✓ Link to the European Code of Conduct for **Research Integrity**

Researchers, public and private research organisations, universities and funding organisations must observe and promote the principles of integrity in scientific and scholarly research.

These principles include:

- honesty in communication;
- reliability in performing research;
- objectivity;
- impartiality and independence;
- openness and accessibility;
- duty of care;
- fairness in providing references and giving credit; and
- responsibility for the scientists and researchers of the future.

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ALLEA (All European  
Academies)

March 2011



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- ✓ Elements of **Open Science** in the training of researchers

A novelty in Horizon 2020 is the **Pilot on Open Research Data** which aims to improve and maximise access to and re-use of research data generated by projects.

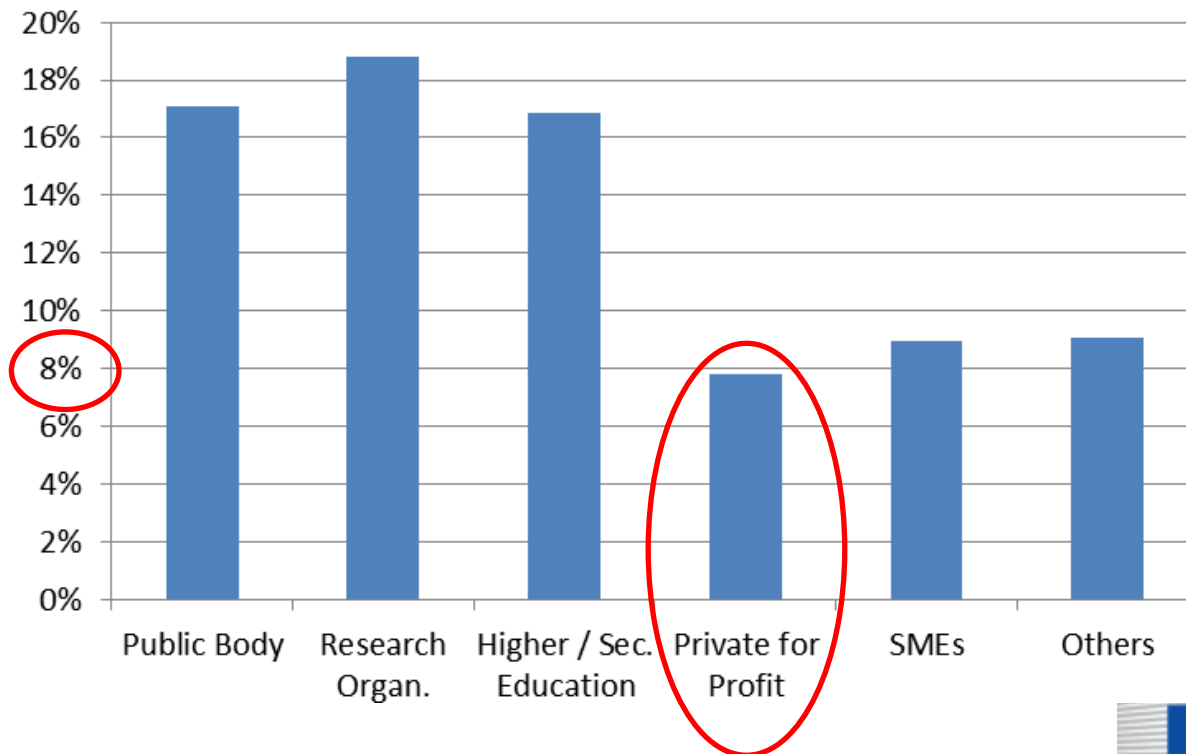
Applicants to the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions may participate in the Open Research Data Pilot on a **voluntary** basis. Participation in the Pilot is **not taken into account** during the evaluation procedure. In other words, proposals will not be evaluated favourably because they are part of the Pilot.

A further new element in Horizon 2020 is the use of **Data Management Plans (DMPs)** detailing what data the project will generate, whether and how it will be exploited or made accessible for verification and re-use, and how it will be curated and preserved. The use of a DMP is required for projects participating in the Open Research Data Pilot. Other projects are invited to submit a DMP if relevant for their planned research. **Only funded projects are required to submit a DMP.**

Further guidance on the Pilot on **Open Research Data** and **Data Management** is available on the Participant Portal.

# Society and Enterprise Panel - Rationale

- ✓ Only 2.7% of IF 2014 beneficiaries were from the non-academic sector
- ✓ 0.4% of IF 2014 beneficiaries were SMEs



IF 2014 success rates by sector

Average success rate: 16.8%

## Society and Enterprise Panel - Main Features

- ✓ Multidisciplinary panel in EF
- ✓ Dedicated budget - **EUR 10 million**
- ✓ Open to organisations from the **non-academic sector**
- ✓ Research and innovation-related projects can be funded
- ✓ **Relaxed mobility rule** to apply (like in CAR and RI)

# Fine-tuning of the MSCA rules

## ITN - Innovative Training Networks :

European Training Networks (ETN), European Industrial Doctorates (EID) or European Joint Doctorates (EJD).

- ✓ More flexibility for **EID** consortia: they should be composed of at least one beneficiary from the academic sector and at least one beneficiary from the non-academic sector
- ✓ **EJD**: adding definitions of joint, double and multiple doctoral degrees
- ✓ Mandatory **consortium agreement** for all modalities
- ✓ **Evaluation process**: the consensus score for each award criterion may be the average of the corresponding scores attributed by the individual expert evaluators

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## IF:

- ✓ Clarifying that only **one application per researcher** will be evaluated in an IF call
- ✓ **Evaluation process**: the consensus score for each award criterion **may be the average** of the corresponding scores attributed by the individual expert evaluators

## RISE:

- ✓ **Secondments** should take place between legal entities independent from each other
- ✓ Mandatory **consortium agreement**

# Fine-tuning of the MSCA rules

## COFUND:

- ✓ Clarifying the **mobility rules** in case of COFUND
- ✓ COFUND **return phase** for outgoing fellowships not longer than 50% of the total duration of the research training activity
- ✓ **EU contribution** - introducing directly the rates to be paid to the selected programmes

## NIGHT:

- ✓ Status of **associated events** clearly spelled out



# Award criteria

- ✓ Linking better the impact criterion to the expected impact statements
- ✓ Introducing the innovation aspects in IF criteria
- ✓ Clarifying dissemination and communication elements
- ✓ Aligning the MSCA framework to the overall H2020 modifications

# Other actions

- ✓ Alumni with new features on **supervisor platform**
- ✓ MSCA **interim evaluation** to feed H2020 mid-term assessment and MFF review
- ✓ 4 **studies** to be launched (industry participation, entrepreneurship, interdisciplinarity, supervision)
- ✓ **Campaign to communicate** research and to disseminate **results** of the MSCA-funded projects to the general public

**Marie Skłodowska-Curie Website**

<http://ec.europa.eu/msca>

**Horizon 2020**

<http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020>

**Participant Portal**

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal>