Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions in H2020

Funding opportunities for individual researchers

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1. Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions in HORIZON 2020
   - IF: Individual Fellowships
   - RISE: Research and Innovation Staff Exchange
   - ITN: Innovative Training Networks
   - COFUND: Co-funding

2. Evaluation Process and Criteria of IF proposals

3. IF statistics

4. Working as an expert

5. Useful documents
REAs in numbers

FUNDING
- FP7: €6.4 billion
- Horizon 2020: €17 billion

PROJECTS
- 7,000

BENEFICIARIES
- 66,000

SERVICE SATISFACTION
- 82% of beneficiaries

ENQUIRIES
- 10,500 answered/year to citizens, applicants, beneficiaries

EXPERTS
- 15,700 assessing proposals and monitoring projects in 2017
- 7,000 supported on site

STAFF
- Over 700

March 2018
REAs responsibilities in Horizon 2020
(2014-2020)

REA manages €17 billion of Horizon 2020s €80 billion budget

Horizon 2020
- Industrial Leadership
  - Space: €1.7 bn
  - Europe in a changing world: €1.3 bn
  - Secure societies: €1.7 bn

Societal Challenges
- Inclusive, innovative and reflective societies: €1.3 bn
- Protecting freedom and security of Europe and its citizens: €1.7 bn

Excellent Science
- Food security; Sustainable agriculture & forestry; Marine, maritime & inland water research; Bioeconomy: €3.8 bn
- Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions: €6.1 bn

Specific Objectives
- Science with and for society: €462 m
  - Spreading excellence & widening participation: €816 m
- Future and Emerging Technologies Open: €1.08 bn

European Commission
MSCA in a nutshell...

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

**ITN**
Innovative Training Networks
*What does it offer?*
High-quality research training delivered through international and interdisciplinary networks, industrial doctorates or joint doctorates
*Who applies?*
International networks of research organisations from the academic and non-academic sectors
*Who is funded?*
Researchers at doctoral level (less than four years of full-time research experience and no doctoral degree)

**IF**
Individual Fellowships
*What does it offer?*
Opportunities to work on personal research projects by moving between countries and possibly sectors to acquire new skills
*Who applies?*
Individual researchers together with the host organisation
*Who is funded?*
Postdoctoral researchers

**RISE**
Research and Innovation Staff Exchange
*What does it offer?*
The exchange of staff members involved in research and innovation to develop sustainable collaborative projects and the transfer of knowledge
*Who applies?*
International networks of research organisations from the academic and non-academic sectors
*Who is funded?*
Researchers, technical, administrative and managerial staff of any nationality and at all career levels

**COFUND**
Co-Funding of Regional, National and International Programmes
*What does it offer?*
Regional, national or international programmes to foster excellence in researchers’ training, mobility and career development
*Who applies?*
Organisations funding or managing doctoral programmes or fellowship programmes
*Who is funded?*
Researchers at doctoral and postdoctoral level
ELIGIBLE RESEARCHERS

Early-Stage Researchers (ESR)
- No PhD
- < 4 years of experience
- ITN RISE COFUND

Experienced Researchers (ER)
- PhD or
- ≥ 4 years of experience
- IF RISE COFUND
INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIPS IF

WHAT

TYPE

NEW

WHO
An IF project...

... is written by the experienced researcher;

... includes a concrete plan of training-through-research;

... implemented in the host organisation’s premises;

... and under the direct Supervisor(s)' coordination.
### IF 2018 Planning

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IF 2018: Topics & Budget

EF
European Fellowships

held in EU Member States or Associated Countries

228 M€

GF
Global Fellowships

based on an outgoing phase to a third country and a return phase in MS/AC

45 M€
What are IFs?

- Individual **trans-national** fellowships to the best and most promising **experienced** researchers
  (* PhD or 4-year full-time equivalent research experience)

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**European Fellowships (EF)**

- Career Restart Panel (CAR)
- Reintegration Panel (RI)
- Society and Enterprise Panel (SE)

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**Global Fellowships (GF)**

- Secondments of 3 – 6 months in Europe (MS or AC), for greater impact
- Specific eligibility criteria
- Career development with an appropriate **inter-sectoral** dimension
IF 2018

An Experienced Researcher may submit only one proposal to this call for proposals.

For fellows coming to or moving within Europe (duration 12-24 months)

For fellows from Europe going to Third countries (12-24 months) returning to Europe (12 months)

Total duration 24-36 months
**Member States (MS):** 28 countries

**Associated Countries (AC):**
Iceland, Norway, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey, Israel, Moldova, Switzerland, Faroe Islands, Ukraine, Tunisia, Georgia, Armenia - **NEW!**

**Third Countries (TC):** any other country
EU Validation Services ultimately determine the sector of every participating organisation.
MSCA Project
training activities

- **Training-through-research:** individual personalised action

- **Hands-on training activities** for developing **scientific** (new techniques, instruments) and **transferable skills** (proposal preparation, IPR management, task coordination, supervising & monitoring, exploitation of research results)

- **Inter-sectoral or interdisciplinary transfer of knowledge** (secondments)

- Organisation of **scientific/training/dissemination events**

- Communication, **outreach activities** and horizontal skills

- Training dedicated to **gender issues**

Realistic and well-defined objectives in terms of career advancement or resuming a research career after a break.
# MSCA IF Financial Aspects

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*adjusted through the application of a country correction coefficient

**EL: 88.7 %**
A transfer of knowledge which contributes significantly to the impact of the fellowship.

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<td>&gt; 18 months</td>
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- Secondment should be clearly described in proposal
- Can be a single period or divided into multiple shorter periods
- Can be at more than one partner organisation located in Europe
- Can be to an institution in the same country as the beneficiary
- Can be in the same sector
- No letter of commitment needed
- Is different from short visit (e.g. field work), which can be done in a TC
European Fellowships (EF) - Standard

8 panels

- CHE
- SOC
- ECO
- ENG
- ENV
- LIF
- MAT
- PHY

Not resided/worked/studied > 12 months in the 3 years immediately before call deadline, in the country of the beneficiary

Intra EU

Incoming
European Fellowships

Duration: between 12 and 24 months
CAR: up to 36 months

Host Institution (future Beneficiary)

- Location: MS or AC
- Sector: Academic or Non-academic
- Can be International European Interest Organisation (IEIO)
- Can be International Organisation (exceptional cases)
- Appoints the Supervisor
- Recruits the experienced researcher (contract of employment)

Researcher (future Fellow)

- Must undertake transnational mobility
- Can be of any nationality (with the exception of the Re-Integration panel)
One multidisciplinary panel

Intra EU

Incoming

Not resided/worked/studied > 36 months in the 5 years immediately before call deadline, in the country of the beneficiary

Not active in research for min. 12 consecutive months within 18 months immediately before the call deadline

NEW!
active in research is determined on the basis of:

A. fellowships in research domain or

B. employment contracts in research domain

The professional status should be clearly explained in the proposal, both in part A and B (e.g. unemployment, parental/sick leave, no fellowship/employment contract in research)
One multidisciplinary panel

If not European, the researcher must have resided continuously at least 5 consecutive years in Europe before leaving (long term residency)

Not resided/worked/studied > 36 months in the 5 years immediately before call deadline, in the country of the beneficiary

Researcher now returns to EU

Researcher left EU

No minimum time spent outside EU
Society & Enterprise Panel

- **Beneficiary ONLY** from NON-ACADEMIC sector

- **Mobility rule:** Not resided/worked/studied >36 months in the 5 years immediately before the call deadline, in the country of the beneficiary

- **Budget:** 8 million € (2018)
One multidisciplinary panel

Not resided/worked/studied > 36 months in the 5 years immediately before call deadline, in the country of the beneficiary

Non-academic sector only

Intra EU

Incoming
Global Fellowships

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Not resided/worked/studied > 12 months in the 3 years immediately before the call deadline, in the country of the Third Country partner organisation (outgoing phase)

Phase 2 - Researcher returns to EU (12 months)

Phase 1 - outside of EU (up to 24 months)

If not European, the researcher must have worked in research at least 5 consecutive years in Europe before leaving (long term residency)
Host Institution (future Beneficiary)

- Location: MS or AC
- Sector: Academic or Non-academic
- Can be International European Interest Organisation (IEIO)
- Can be International Organisation (exceptional cases)
- Appoints the Supervisor
- Recruits the experienced researcher (contract of employment)
Partner Organisation

- Location: Third Country (not MS or AC)
- Sector: Academic or Non-academic
- Can be International Organisation
- Nominates a Supervisor for the researcher
- Provides a signed **Letter of Commitment** (in the proposal)
**Phase GF**

**Duration (months)**

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**RESEARCHER (future Fellow)**

**Mobility:** from ANY country to the partner organisation in the Third Country

**Mobility rule:** not more than 36 months years in the last 5 years in the Third Country of the partner organisation

**Nationality:** national of MS/AC or long-term resident of a MS/AC

!!!Under the direct supervision of two Supervisors!!!
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NEW IN 2018

- Part-time work option for Experienced Researcher
- Career Restart Panel (CAR) and Reintegration (RI) strengthened with additional weight (2x and 1.5x)
- CAR up to 36 months duration
- Career research break in 12 out of last 18 months
- Global Fellowships – possibility to spend time at the European beneficiary before the outgoing mobility foreseen
- Dedicated Widening Fellowships for IF
**Widening Fellowships**

**Which countries are concerned?**

**Member States:** Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

**Associated Countries:** Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Georgia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Tunisia, Turkey and Ukraine.

**Budget**

- 2018: EUR 5 million
- 2019: EUR 6 million
- 2020: EUR 7 million
For recruited or seconded researchers/staff members with disabilities whose long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments.

The special needs allowance will take the form of a lump sum awarded in the form of a low value grant to an identified beneficiary and will cover up to 100% of eligible costs.

It will be limited to a maximum of EUR 60,000 per researcher and will be available as of Q1 2019.

Only researchers with disabilities who are eligible researchers under a Horizon 2020 MSCA grant are eligible for the special needs grant.

For details please refer to the MSCA Work Programme and information available on the Participant Portal.
RESEARCH & INNOVATION STAFF EXCHANGE
RISE
RISE OBJECTIVES

Partnership
- Academic and non-academic organisations
- Europe and the rest of the world

Staff exchanges
- Projects implemented through R&I staff exchanges
- Staff seconded for 1-12 months

Transfer of knowledge
- International and inter-sector transfer of knowledge
- Sharing of ideas and of R&I culture
TYPICAL RISE PROJECT

RISE CONSORTIUM
(6-8 organisations)

R&I PROJECT

R&I activities

Staff Secondments

Duration: 48 months maximum
STAFF actively engaged in or linked to R&I activities for at least one month prior to first secondment

NEW FROM 2018!
TYPE OF SECONDMENTS

- **Intra-European** (MS/AC) + **Intersectoral** (academic & non-academic sectors)

- **International** (MS/AC and TC)
### RISE COSTS CATEGORIES

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Min 1 - Max 12 Person Month(s) per Researcher

Maximum 540 Person Months per Grant
## H2020-MSCA-RISE Calls 2018 – 2020

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### 2019 & 2020 Indicative Budget and Deadlines
INNOVATIVE TRAINING NETWORKS

ITN

WHAT

WHO

NEW

TYPE

ITN
Research, Training, Supervision
Innovation, Training and Excellent Research
International, multidisciplinary, inter-sectoral networks of organisations
Any scientific domain
**Recruiting** of only Early-Stage Researchers
**EURAXESS** portal for vacancies
**Secondments**
Project duration up to 48 months
**TYPE OF ITN SCHEMES**

**ETN**
- European Training Networks
- Participants implement a joint research programme
- Min. 3 beneficiaries from any sector from 3 different MS/AC
- 540PM

**EID**
- European Industrial Doctorates
- Doctoral training with the non-academic sector
- Min. 2 beneficiaries from 2 different MS/AC: 1 academic + 1 non-academic sector
- 180PM

**EJD**
- European Joint Doctorates
- Doctoral programme to deliver joint degrees
- Min. 3 beneficiaries from academic sector, awarding PhD from 3 different MS/AC
- 540PM

540PM > 2 entities
## ITN BUDGET

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COFUND: OBJECTIVES

✓ COFUND scheme aims at stimulating regional, national or international programmes

✓ Co-funding new/existing regional, national, and international programmes for international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary research training

✓ At all stages of their career (ESR, ER)
COFUND: KEY FEATURES

- EURAXESS portal for vacancies
- **Budget**: € 80 Million in 2017 (Doctoral Programmes: 30 Mio)
- Maximum **€ 10 Million per single applicant** per call
- Duration of projects: min. 3 years, max. 5 years
- **Fellowships**: minimum 3 months
✓ Mono-beneficiary

✓ Legal entities (public and private) established in MS or AC and International European Interest Organisations (IEIO)
# H2020-MSCA-COFUND CALLS 2018 – 2020

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Evaluation Process and Criteria of IF proposals
Proposal Part A

Proposals: submitted exclusively electronically, using the Participant Portal.

Part A: administrative details

Section 1 – **General Information**

Section 2 – **Administrative data** of participating organisations (supervisor(s), researcher)

Section 3 – **Budget**: information on the duration (person-months) to calculate the total requested EU contribution.

Section 4 – **Ethics**: identifies any ethical aspects of the proposed work. Even if there are no issues, you must simply confirm that none of the ethical issues apply to the proposal.

Section 5 – **Call specific questions** request declarations related to eligibility and personal data, together with questions on any secondment in Europe.
The "core" of the proposal – the structure below is mandatory
!!There is no cover page or table of contents anymore!!

**DOCUMENT 1 (10-PAGE LIMIT APPLIES)**

START PAGE COUNT (MAX 10 PAGES SECTIONS 1-3) .................................................................

1. EXCELLENCE
2. IMPACT MAX 10 pages
3. IMPLEMENTATION

STOP PAGE COUNT (MAX 10 PAGES SECTIONS 1-3) .................................................................

**DOCUMENT 2 (NO OVERALL PAGE LIMIT APPLIED)**

4. CV OF THE EXPERIENCED RESEARCHER
5. CAPACITIES OF THE PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS
6. ETHICAL ASPECTS
7. LETTERS OF COMMITMENT OF PARTNER ORGANISATIONS (only for GF)
Part B is submitted as two separate documents – you will not be able to submit the proposal in the submission system unless both Parts 1 and 2 are provided in pdf format.

Of the maximum 10 pages applied to sections 1, 2 and 3, applicants are free to decide on the allocation of pages between the sections. However, the overall page limit will be strictly applied, excess pages will be blanked out and experts will not be able to read them.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to verify that the submitted .pdf documents are readable and are within the page limit.
Descriptors

Chosen by applicants to guide REA in selection of experts and allocation of proposals to the experts.

Number of descriptors ranges from 3 to 5. Applicants select the descriptors in order of importance with 1st being the most important.

Guide for Applicants contains a breakdown of scientific areas into descriptors. The list has been updated to better reflect the scientific domains.

Applicants must:

1) Select one of the 5 types of fellowship (EF-ST, EF-CAR, EF-RI, EF-SE, GF)

2) Select the area of research (e.g.: CHE), i.e. the core discipline of the proposal

3) Within the most relevant sub-area of research (e.g.: C1-Synthetic Chemistry and Materials), select two descriptors that best characterises the subject of the proposal

4) Third descriptor: from any of the eight (8) areas of research is mandatory.

5) If needed applicants may add further two (2) additional descriptors chosen freely.
Evaluation Roles

**Evaluators (~2200/~2500)**
- Evaluate proposals in a fair and independent way
- Submit individual evaluation reports
- Participate in Consensus discussions / Approve Consensus Reports
- Some (~1/3 of evaluators) also act as **Rapporteurs** for of their proposals
  - Draft and submit consensus report
  - Lead remote consensus report discussion

**Chair- and Vice-chairpersons, or 'C/VC' (~380)**
- Assist evaluation management and monitor progress
- Finalise allocation of proposals to experts
- Do not evaluate proposals
- Quality check individual / consensus / evaluation summary reports
- Attend the central panel review

**Independent Observer (1)**
- Observe the overall evaluation process
- Provide advice / improvement suggestions to the REA
Do you wish to be an H2020 Evaluator?
Overview of the evaluation process

**Chairs & Vice-Chairs**

**Evaluators**

- Receipt of proposals
- Individual evaluation
- Consensus group
- Panel Review
- Finalisation

- REA: Admissibility/Eligibility check
- Individual Evaluation Reports *(remote)*
- Consensus Report *(remote)*
- Quality check of Evaluation Summary Reports
- Panel ranked list
- Sending to applicants Evaluation Summary Reports

Vice Chairs: Allocation of proposals to evaluators
Overview of the evaluation process

Proposal

Expert

Individual Evaluation Report

Individual Evaluation Report

Expert

Individual Evaluation Report

Expert

Individual Evaluation Report

Consensus

Consensus

Consensus Report

Eligible proposal

Minimum 3 experts

Individual evaluation

Consensus
## Evaluation Criteria

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<td>Quality and credibility of the research / innovation project; level of novelty, appropriate consideration of inter-/multidisciplinary and gender aspects</td>
<td>Enhancing the future career prospects of the researcher after the fellowship</td>
<td>Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan, including appropriateness of the allocation of tasks and resources</td>
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<td>Quality and appropriateness of the training and of the two way transfer of knowledge between the researcher and the host</td>
<td>Quality of the proposed measures to exploit and disseminate the project results</td>
<td>Appropriateness of the allocation of tasks and resources, including risk management</td>
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<td>Quality of the proposed measures to communicate the project activities to different target audiences</td>
<td>Appropriateness of the institutional environment (infrastructure)</td>
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<td>Potential of the researcher to reach or re-enforce professional maturity/independence during the fellowship</td>
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Each criterion will be scored out of 5. Decimal points may be given.
## Award Criteria

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The total score is weighted, the maximum is 100.

An overall threshold of 70% will be applied to the total weighted score.

### Further Prioritization

- if necessary, based on other appropriate characteristics
  * decided by the panel
  * related to the contribution of the proposal to the European Research Area and/or general objectives mentioned in the Work Programme
- depends on available budget and call conditions
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IF statistics
8957 evaluated proposals *

Selection

1348 funded proposals

1029

7065

* 132 proposals ineligible, inadmisible or withdrawn

MSCA-IF-EF-CAR
MSCA-IF-EF-RI
MSCA-IF-EF-SE
MSCA-IF-EF-ST
MSCA-IF-GF
Grants for EL nationals

- 2014: ST, 34
- 2015: ST, 27
- 2016: ST, 39
- 2017: ST, 29

Color codes:
- GF
- CAR
- SE
- RI
Host countries for grants of EL nationals - all years

- UK, 53
- EL, 27
- NL, 11
- IT, 10
- ES, 11
- Other, 56

AT, 2
BE, 7
CH, 7
CY, 4
DE, 7
DK, 8
FI, 1
FR, 8
IE, 5
LU, 1
NO, 3
SE, 2
Grants and proposals for EL nationals

- **GF**:
  - 2014 Total: 36
  - 2014 Funded: 2
  - 2015 Total: 32
  - 2015 Funded: 2
  - 2016 Total: 35
- **RI**:
  - 2014 Total: 16
  - 2014 Funded: 6
  - 2015 Total: 19
  - 2015 Funded: 1
  - 2016 Total: 21
- **ST**:
  - 2014 Total: 34
  - 2014 Funded: 34
  - 2015 Total: 27
  - 2015 Funded: 27
  - 2016 Total: 236
  - 2016 Funded: 224
  - 2017 Total: 39
  - 2017 Funded: 224
- **CAR**:
  - 2014 Total: 19
  - 2014 Funded: 6
  - 2015 Total: 13
  - 2015 Funded: 1
  - 2016 Total: 15
  - 2016 Funded: 2
- **SE**:
  - 2014 Total: 0
  - 2014 Funded: 0
  - 2015 Total: 0
  - 2015 Funded: 0
  - 2016 Total: 1
  - 2016 Funded: 1
  - 2017 Total: 4
  - 2017 Funded: 4
Grants for EL nationals divided by scientific area (all years)
Gender of grantees with EL nationality

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Gender distribution for grants in EL

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### IF-2017: Results

| Score equal to or above | CAR | RII | SE | ST-CHE | ST-ECO | ST-ENG | ST-ENV | ST-LIF | ST-MAT | ST-PHY | ST-SOC | GF-CHE | GF-ECO | GF-ENG | GF-ENV | GF-LIF | GF-MAT | GF-PHY | GF-SOC |
|------------------------|-----|-----|----|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 100                    | 0%  | 0%  | 0% | 0%     | 0%     | 0%     | 0%     | 0%     | 0%     | 0%     | 0%     | 0%     | 0%     | 0%     | 0%     | 0%     | 0%     | 0%     | 0%     | 0%     | 0%     |
| 90                     | 0.0%| 0.0%| 0.0%| 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   |
| 80                     | 0.0%| 0.0%| 0.0%| 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   |
| 70                     | 0.0%| 0.0%| 0.0%| 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   |
| 60                     | 0.0%| 0.0%| 0.0%| 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   |
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| 40                     | 0.0%| 0.0%| 0.0%| 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   |
| 30                     | 0.0%| 0.0%| 0.0%| 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   |
| 20                     | 0.0%| 0.0%| 0.0%| 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   |
| 10                     | 0.0%| 0.0%| 0.0%| 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   |

### How to interpret the table

The percentage of proposals above the overall threshold and with a given score or higher is shown per ranking list. Green shows the funding range. Proposals below the overall threshold are shown separately and are not part of the cumulative total.

- **In the CAR ranking,** 5.28% of all proposals submitted in the ranking list (total 322) scored 95 or higher. The funding cut-off is at 91 and 92.
- **In the ST-PHY ranking,** 23.93% of all proposals submitted in the ranking list (total 763) scored 88 or higher. The funding cut-off is at 90.
- **In the GF-SOC ranking,** 21.58% of the proposals scored less than 70, meaning that 70 proposees score more than 70.
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Call updates
- 25 April 2018 14:12 The submission session is now available for: MSCA-IF-2018(MSCA-IF-EF-R1-MSCA-IF-EF-CAR)
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To access existing draft proposals, please login to the portal and select My Proposals from the My Area menu.

Status: 
- Forthcoming
- Open
- Closed

Sort by: 
- (Planned) opening date
- Deadline
- Topic title
- Topic identifier

Topic: MSCA-IF-2018: Individual Fellowships
The **Guide for Applicants** is available on the call page in the Participant Portal.

You should consider this document as the primary base for any information on how to prepare your proposal and what should be discussed for each (sub)criterion.

**Please follow all instructions closely!**
The network of National Contact Points (NCPs) is the main structure to provide guidance, practical information and assistance on all aspects of participation in Horizon 2020. NCPs are also established in many non-EU and non-associated countries (“third countries”).

What is the NCP network?

NCPs are national structures established and financed by governments of the 28 EU member states and the states associated to the framework programme. NCPs give personalised support on the spot and in applicants’ own languages. The NCP systems can vary from one country to another from highly centralised to decentralised networks, and a number of very different actors, from ministries to universities, research centres and special agencies to private consulting companies.

**NCP Services**

As the NCPs are national structures, the type and level of services offered may differ from country to country. In general, the following basic services are available in accordance with the NCP Guiding Principles agreed by all countries:

- Guidance on choosing relevant H2020 topics and types of action
- Advice on administrative procedures and contractual issues
- Training and assistance on proposal writing
- Distribution of documentation (forms, guidelines, manuals etc.)
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