H2020-MSCA-ITN-2020 Innovative Training Networks





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Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions (MSCA)

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Participants Recruitment Budget

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Participant Portal ITN proposal Euraxess

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H2020: World class Science & Enabling Innovation - 80 billion EUR





Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions



Innovative Training Networks



Individual fellowships



Research and Innovation Staff Exchanges



Cofunding of research programmes



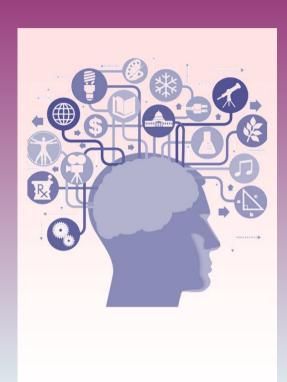
ITN excellence in training



Countries



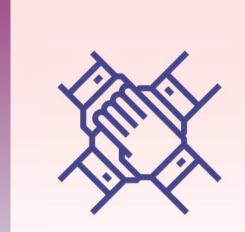
Sectors



Disciplines



ITN Objectives



Collaborations international & intersectoral



ESRs Transnational mobility



R&I activities
Doctoral
programme



ITN in practice

3 modes

ETN

European Training Networks

Participants implement a joint research programme

~445 M€

EID

European Industrial Doctorates

Doctoral training with the non-academic sector

~40 M€

EJD

European Joint Doctorates

Doctoral programme to deliver joint degrees

~45 M€



ITN in practice



Who

Minimum 3 independent organisations from 3 different MS/AC countries Early-Stage Researchers (**ESRs**)

What

R&I activities, training, supervision

How

Recruitment: 3 to 36 months

How long

Up to 4 years

How much

Max. 540 person month (unit cost)





Who applies

Academic sector



- ✓ public /private higher education establishments awarding academic degrees
- ✓ public /private non-profit research organisations whose primary mission is to pursue research
- ✓ international European interest organisations (e.g. CERN, EMBL)



Non-academic sector

- ✓ any entity not included in the academic sector:
- ✓ e.g. large companies, SMEs, NGOs, museums, hospitals
- ✓ international organisations (e.g. UN, WHO)



Eligibility rules?

EU 28 Member States (MS) Associated Countries (AC) Third Countries (TC)

ETN

Min. 3 beneficiaries from any sector from 3 different MS/AC1

EID

Min. 2 beneficiaries from 2 different MS/AC:

min. 1 from academic

+ min. 1 from non-academic sector

EJD

Min. 3 beneficiaries from academic sector awarding PhD from 3 different MS/AC

Above this minimum: participants from any sector / country



ITN Consortium Participants

Beneficiary

Partner Organisation

In Member State (MS) or H2020 Associated Country (AC)

+ In Third Country (TC)

Recruit researchers

Do NOT recruit researchers

Trains/hosts seconded researchers

Sign Grant

Do NOT sign Grant

Claim costs

Do NOT Claim costs

Overall implementation

Letter of Commitment required





Early-Stage Researchers

Only Early-Stage Researchers (ESRs):

- ≤ 4 years of research experience
- no PhD yet

Mandatory **trans-national mobility** at the time of recruitment.

Recruitment: 3 to 36 months after the project starts



Joint research training programme

Mandatory

- ✓ Minimum 3 beneficiaries from 3 different MS/AC
- ✓ Each beneficiary recruits and/or hosts at least 1 ESR
- √ Max 540 person-months (e.g. 15 ESRs x 36 months)
- ✓ Max 40% budget to one country

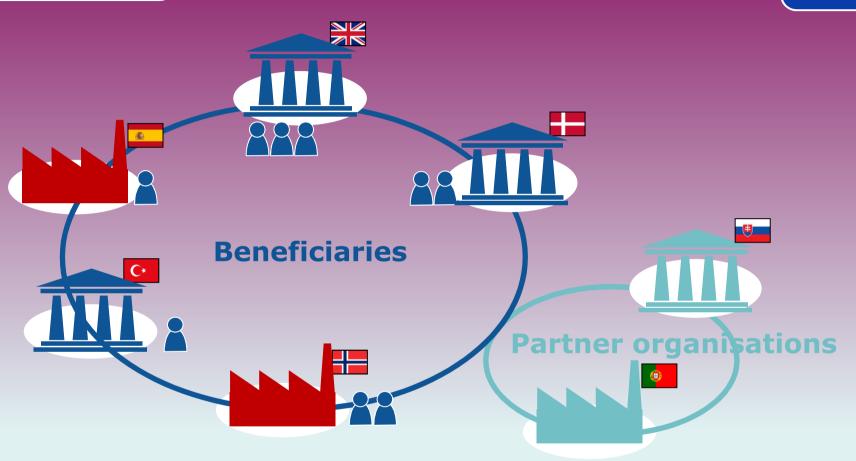
Other features

- ✓ Non-academic sector participation essential
- ✓ PhD enrolment typically expected (not mandatory)
- ✓ Secondments to other countries/sector/disciplines (≤30% time)
- ✓ Joint supervision recommended
- ✓ Partner organisations (any country/sector)
- √ Typically 6-10 beneficiaries



ETN









Doctoral training with the non-academic sector

Mandatory

- ✓ Minimum 2 beneficiaries from 2 different MS/AC
- 1 academic + 1 non-academic
- ✓ If: 2 organisations = Max 180 person-months
 If: ≥3 organisations=Max 540 person-months
- √Each ESR enrolled in a PhD
- **✓ Each ESR spends ≥ 50% time in non-academic sector**
- **√** <u>Joint</u> selection, training and <u>supervision</u> (1 supervisor/sector)
- ✓Intersectoral secondments are international between beneficiaries

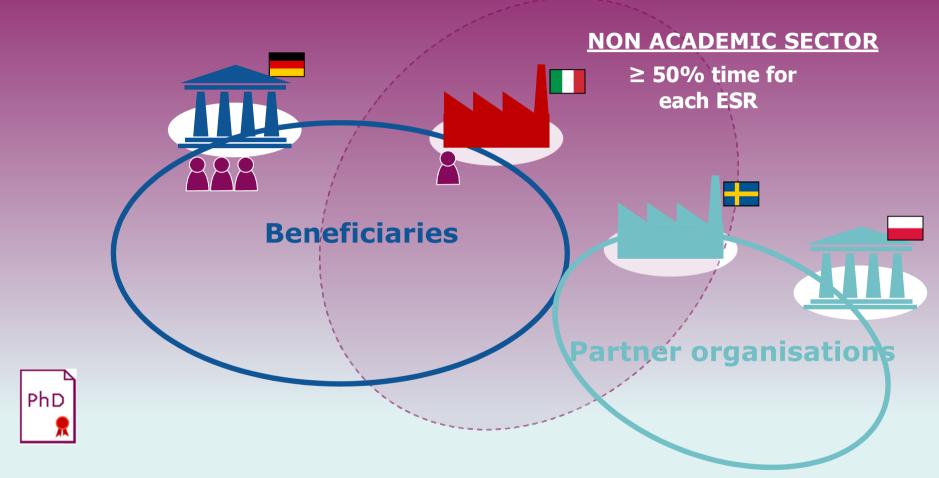
Other features

- ✓ Individual research projects under the topic of the doctoral programme
- ✓ Partner organisations (any country/sector)
- √ Flexible recruitment rule



EID

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2 beneficiaries: max 180 PM

≥3 beneficiaries: max 540 PM



Universities cooperating to deliver joint multiple doctoral degrees

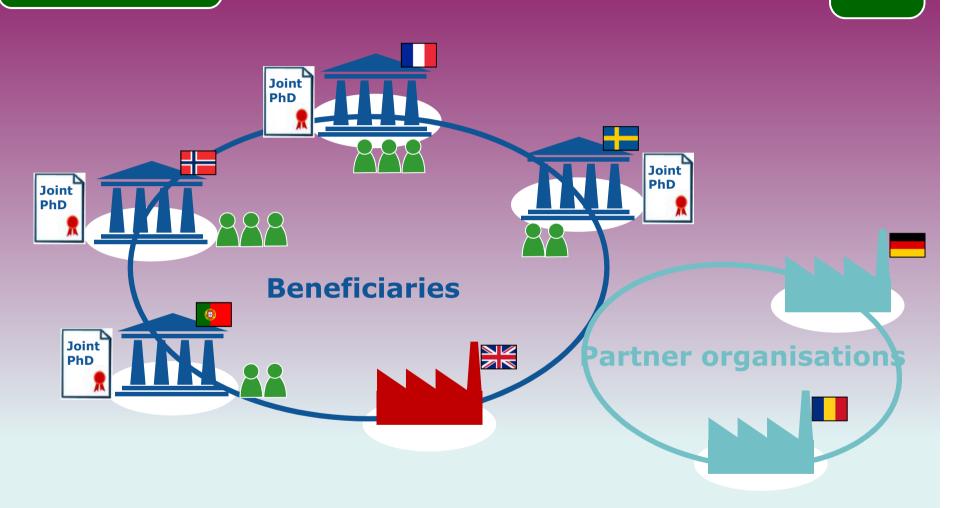
Mandatory

- ✓ Minimum 3 beneficiaries from 3 different MS/AC
- ✓ Minimum 3 beneficiaries entitled to award doctoral degree, of which at least 2 established in a MS/AC
- ✓ At least 2/3 of the supported ESRs enrolled in a joint/double /multiple doctoral degree awarded by two or more beneficiaries /partner organisations in a MS/AC
- ✓ Each ESR enrolled in the joint (international) doctoral programme
- ✓ Joint admission, selection, training, supervision, governance
- ✓ Commitment to deliver joint/double/multi degrees
- ✓ Max 540 person-months (e.g. 15 ESRs x 36 months)
- ✓ Letters of institutional commitment from Organisations to deliver PhD degrees are required in the proposal (template)

Other features

✓ Please refer to Guide for Applicants









Joint degree: single diploma issued by at least 2 academic institutions located in 2 different countries and recognised officially



Double/multiple degree: 2 or more separate national diplomas issued by two or more higher education institutions located in different countries and recognised officially



Letters of institutional commitment to deliver joint/double doctoral degrees are mandatory in the proposal

Summary

	ETN	EID	EJD
Beneficiaries	≥3 from 3 diff. MS/AC	≥2 from 2 diff. MS/AC: (≥1 academic + ≥1 non-academic)	≥3 (acad. award PhD) from 3 diff. MS/AC
Person-months	Max. 540	Max. 180 / 540	Max. 540
Researchers	ESRs only (3-36 months)		
Partner Organ.	Unlimited (any country / sector / discipline)		
PhD enrolment	typically expected	mandatory	mandatory
Non-academic participation	essential	mandatory	essential
Inter-sectoral exposure	possible through secondments	≥50% in non-academic International (for beneficiaries	possible through secondments
Panels and rank lists	8 scientific panels (445 M€)	EID panel (40 M€)	EJD panel (45 M€)





Funding mechanism



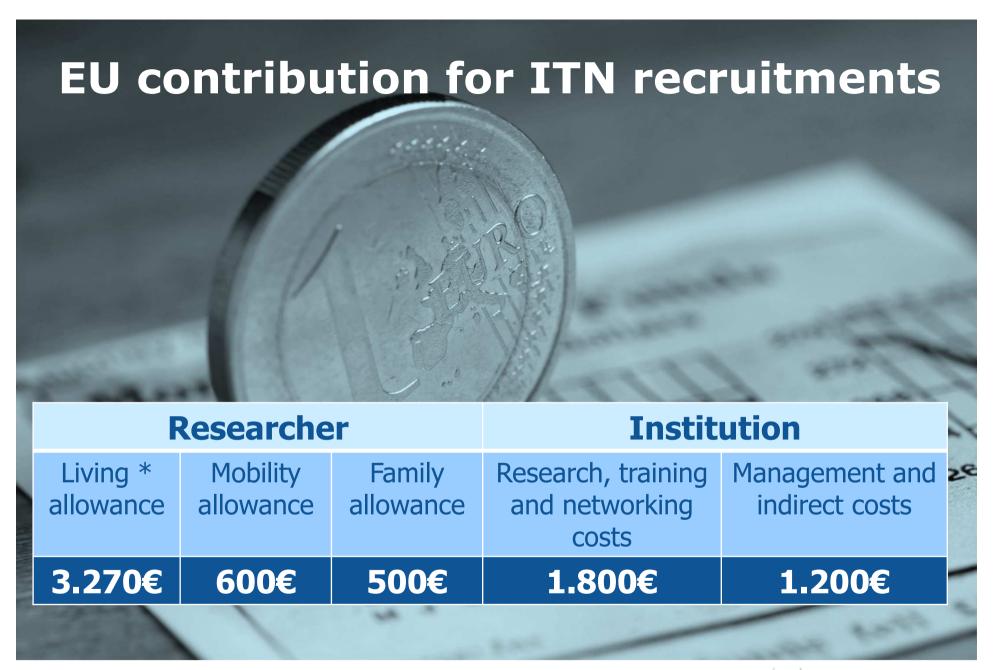
Unit costs

Unit costs are a pre-estimated cost for the implementation of the action.

Advantage when applying

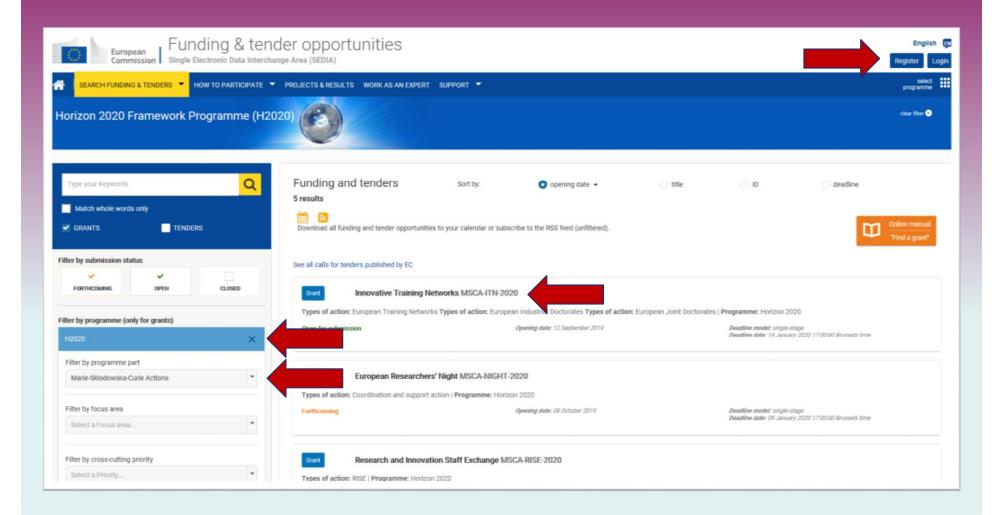
Automated calculation of budget when computing ESR months in your proposal







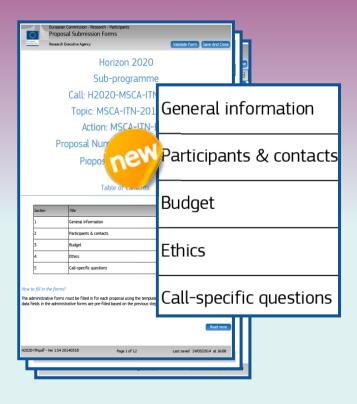
Funding And Tenders portal



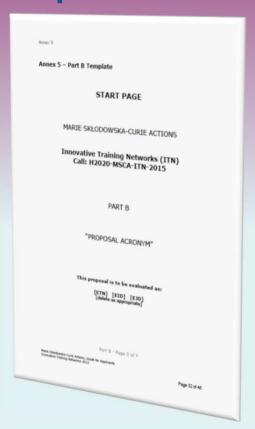


ITN proposal "anatomy"

Part A - structured data -



Part B - description of action -





ITN proposal Part A

- Section 1: General information (including Abstract)
- Section 2: Information on participants
- Section 3: Budget and recruitment tables
- Section 4: Ethics table



ITN proposal Part B

DOCUMENT 1 (Proposal Number-Acronym-Part B1)

START PAGE (1 page)

TABLE OF CONTENTS (1 page)

LIST OF PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS (max 2 pages)

START PAGE COUNT (MAX 30 PAGES SECTIONS 1-3)

- 1. EXCELLENCE (starting page 5)
- 2. IMPACT
- 3. QUALITY AND EFFICIENCY OF THE IMPLEMENTATION

STOP PAGE COUNT (MAX 30 PAGES SECTIONS 1-3)

DOCUMENT 2 (Proposal Number-Acronym-Part B2)

NO OVERALL PAGE LIMIT APPLIED

- 4. EID SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS (FOR EID ONLY)
- 5. CAPACITIES OF THE PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS
- 6. ETHICS ISSUES
- 7. LETTERS OF COMMITMENT



30 pages



ITN Evaluation Criteria

ITN: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Innovative Training Networks				
Excellence	Impact	Quality and efficiency of the implementation		
Quality, innovative aspects and credibility of the research programme (including inter/multidisciplinary, intersectoral and, where appropriate, gender aspects)	Enhancing the career prospects and employability of researchers and contribution to their skills development	Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan, including appropriateness of the allocation of tasks and resources, (including awarding of the doctoral degrees for <i>EID</i> and <i>EJD</i> projects)		
Quality and innovative aspects of the training programme (including transferable skills, inter/multidisciplinary, intersectoral and, where appropriate, gender aspects)	Contribution to structuring doctoral / early-stage research training at the European level and to strengthening European innovation capacity, including the potential for: a) meaningful contribution of the non-academic sector to the doctoral/research training, as appropriate to the implementation mode and research field b) developing sustainable joint doctoral degree structures (for EJD projects only)	Appropriateness of the management structures and procedures, including quality management and risk management (with a mandatory joint governing structure for EID and EJD projects)		
Quality of the supervision (including mandatory joint supervision for <i>EID</i> and <i>EJD</i> projects)	Quality of the proposed measures to exploit and disseminate the project results	Appropriateness of the infrastructure of the participating organisations		
Quality of the proposed interaction between the participating organisations	Quality of the proposed measures to communicate the project activities to different target audiences	Competences, experience and complementarity of the participating organisations and their commitment to the programme		
50%	30%	20%		
Weighting				
1	2	3		
Priority in case of ex aequo				





Reference Documents



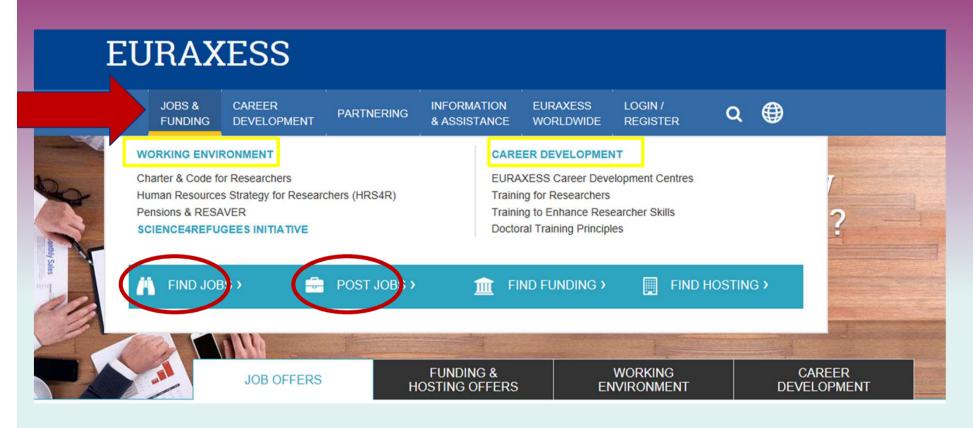
2018 - 2020





http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/





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Next MSCA call

Funding opportunities

Innovative Training Networks (ITN):

12/09/2019 **1**4/01/2020 **€**530.10 million

Individual Fellowships (IF):

D11/04/2019 **D**11/09/2019 **G**€294.50 million

○08/04/2020 **○**09/09/2020 **○**€328.00 million

COFUND:

04/04/2019

26/09/2019

Calls in 2020 in

(90.00 million

08/04/2020

1 29/09/2020 **1** €100.00 million

RISE:

D05/12/2019 **D**28/04/2020 **€** 80.00 million

NIGHT:

08/10/2019

○ 09/01/2020 **○** €8.00 million



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