



Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

COFUND 2019

Guide du candidat : Les changements

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1. General Aspects

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<p>p.5 : As detailed in the Work Programme, the specific objectives of the COFUND scheme are: [...]</p>	<p>p.5 : The specific objectives of the COFUND scheme are described in the Work Programme: [...]</p>

2. Participating organisations

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<p>p.5 : Examples could be research funding agencies, ministries, regional authorities, universities, research organisations, private companies or other organisations from the non-academic sector such as civil society organisations, museums, hospitals and trusts.</p>	<p>p.5 : Examples are research funding agencies, ministries, regional authorities, universities, research organisations, private companies or other organisations from the non-academic sector such as civil society organisations, museums, hospitals and trusts.</p>
<p>p.7 : It is recognised that potential beneficiaries may not know the partner organisations at the time of application and that these will be added during the lifetime of the project.</p>	<p>p.7 : In case potential beneficiaries do not know the partner organisations at the time of application, these can be added during the lifetime of the project.</p>

3. Structures and features (1/3)

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<p>p.7-8 : Each application can only cover one of the two types. In case applicants are willing to apply for both a DP and a FP, then 2 separate applications must be prepared and submitted, bearing in mind that one beneficiary can receive a maximum EU contribution of EUR 10 million per call.</p>	<p>p.8 : Each application can only cover one of the two types. If applicants wish to apply for both a DP and a FP, or more than one DP or FP, then separate applications must be prepared and submitted, bearing in mind that a beneficiary can only receive a maximum EU contribution of EUR 10 million per call.</p>
<p>p.8 : The award of joint or double/multiple degrees and mutual recognition of training activities will be considered a positive feature during the evaluations. Attention will be paid to qualitative and quantitative supervision and mentoring arrangements as well as to career guidance.</p>	<p>p.8 : \emptyset. Attention will be paid to qualitative and quantitative supervision and mentoring arrangements as well as to career guidance.</p>
<p>p.9 : Alternatively, they could be offered through a single host organisation, provided that it has the structure and capacity to ensure a sufficiently broad range of these opportunities (on its own or with a few additional partner organisations to supplement the programme training). Finally, the beneficiary may also support researchers to lead a project of their choice at any host organisation of the world.</p>	<p>p.9 : Alternatively, they could be offered through a single host organisation, if it has the structure and capacity to ensure a sufficiently broad range of these opportunities (on its own or with a few additional partner organisations to supplement the programme training). \emptyset</p>
<p>p.9 : Inviting experts working in industry or other organisations from the non-academic sector to deliver courses on entrepreneurship, exploitation of research results, open science, ethics, patenting, etc. to the recruited researchers.</p>	<p>p.9 : Inviting experts working in industry or other organisations from the non-academic sector to deliver courses on entrepreneurship, exploitation of research results, open science, ethics, patenting, policy making, creative thinking, citizen science, etc. to the recruited researchers.</p>

3. Structures and features (2/3)

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<p>p.10 : Applicants are encouraged to also include elements of cross-sectoral mobility and interdisciplinarity in their programmes.</p>	<p>p.10 : Applicants are encouraged to \emptyset include elements of cross-sectoral mobility and interdisciplinarity in their programmes.</p>
<p>p.10 : This return phase may take place in any MS/AC, including in the researcher's country of origin (if a MS/AC).</p>	<p>p.10 : This return phase may take place in any MS/AC.</p>
<p>p.11 : For FPs, the typical duration of the individual researchers' appointments of ERs varies from 12 to 36 months.</p>	<p>p.11 : For FPs, the typical duration of the appointments of ERs varies from 12 to 36 months.</p>
<p>p.11 : This should be understood in the widest possible terms, i.e. not only limited to research results but promoting the success of the entire training programme.</p>	<p>p.11 : This should be understood in the widest possible terms, i.e. not only limited to research results but also promoting the success of the entire training programme.</p>
<p>p.11 : The type of outreach activities could range from press articles and participating in European Researchers' Night events¹¹ (recommended) to presenting science, research and innovation activities to students from primary and secondary schools or universities in order to develop their interest in research careers.</p>	<p>p.11 : The type of outreach activities could range from press articles and participating in European Researchers' Night events¹¹ (recommended) to presenting science, research and innovation activities to students from schools or universities in order to develop their interest in research careers.</p>
<p>p.13 : Applicants having benefited from COFUND under previous calls (under the Seventh Framework Programme or under Horizon 2020) must explain how their proposal adds value compared to their previous grant(s) in relation to the excellence and/or the impact award criteria.</p>	<p>p.13 : Applicants having benefited from COFUND under previous calls (under the Seventh Framework Programme or under Horizon 2020) must explain how their proposal adds value compared to their previous grant(s).</p>

3. Structures and features (3/3)

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<p>p.13 : It could also take the form of enhancing the researchers' working conditions compared to what has been implemented before, of diversifying their training options.</p> <p>"Less represented countries" in this context means EU Member States and Associated Countries which are not or have not been COFUND beneficiaries under FP7 or H2020. These are: Bulgaria (BG), Cyprus (CY), Greece (EL), Lithuania (LT), Latvia (LV), Malta (MT), Romania (RO), Slovenia (SI) and Albania (AL) as well as Bosnia and Herzegovina (BA), Faroe Islands (FO), Georgia (GE), Israel (IL), Moldova (MD), Montenegro (ME), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (MK), Serbia (RS), Tunisia (TN) and Ukraine (UA).</p> <p>This list will be updated before every new COFUND call to take account of possible new actions in these countries.</p> <p>The activities can include but are not limited to secondment opportunities from the beneficiary or partner organisation implementing the action to other partner organisations located in these countries.</p>	<p>p.13 : It could also take the form of enhancing the researchers' working conditions compared to what has been implemented before, of diversifying their training and research options.</p> <p>∅</p>
<p>p.13 : Restrictions on nationality of eligible researchers should be avoided, as well as limitations regarding the researchers' origins and destinations.</p>	<p>p.13 : Limitations regarding the researchers' origins and destinations should be avoided, .</p>

4. Examples of a COFUND programme

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<p>p.15 : The following example would not fulfil the minimum requirements of a COFUND proposal: [...]</p>	<p>p.15 : In this example, the beneficiary takes full responsibility for the training programme while the recruited researchers are expected to benefit from the international, interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral dimension of the training implemented by the universities.</p> <p>However, the following example would not fulfil the minimum requirements of a COFUND proposal: [...]</p>
<p>p.16 : The following example would not fulfil the minimum requirements of a FP: [...]</p>	<p>p.16 : However, the following example would not fulfil the minimum requirements of a FP: [...]</p>
<p>p.16 : Programmes must provide for an evaluation process where the pre-selection of candidates is avoided.</p>	<p>p.16 : In this example, the programme would clearly not respect the principle of an open call and individual-driven mobility, required for the FP, as it would offer jobs rather than having a competitive call for proposals.</p> <p>All programmes in general (Fellowship and Doctoral) must provide for an evaluation process where the pre-selection of candidates is avoided.</p>

5. Examples of possible synergies and complementarities between COFUND and European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF)

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<p>p.16 : Regions/countries setting up a COFUND project may enlarge the scope and increase the impact of their programme with additional (not substitutive) co-funding from ESIF. These synergies can be implemented through sequential funding or parallel cumulative funding and could be of particular interest to regions/countries that have foreseen such kind of objectives and priorities in their ESIF Operational Programmes (incl. widening¹⁵ countries).</p>	<p>p.16 : Regions/countries setting up a COFUND project may enlarge the scope and increase the impact of their programme with additional co-funding from ESIF. These synergies can be implemented through sequential funding or parallel cumulative funding and could be of particular interest to regions/countries that have planned such kinds of objectives and priorities in their ESIF Operational Programmes (incl. widening¹⁵ countries).</p>
<p>p.18 : For more information about the set-up of possible synergies between European Structural and Investment Funds and MSCA COFUND, see Annex 2, §1.3 (p.66) of the document below (follow this link): [...]</p>	<p>p.18 : For more information about possible synergies between European Structural and Investment Funds and MSCA COFUND, see Annex 2, §1.3 (p.66) of the document below (follow this link): [...]</p>

6. Financial Regime

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<p>p.19 : These amounts represent the minimum total costs to be paid to the researcher.</p>	<p>p.19 : These amounts represent the minimum total costs to be paid to the researcher. There is no obligatory percentage cofunding apart from the minimum total costs stated above to be paid to the researcher.</p>
<p>p.20 : When employment contracts/equivalent direct contracts are prohibited by law, and fixed-amount fellowships agreements would be foreseen, then the EU contribution on the basis of unit costs mentioned in the table above and the required minimum allowances for the benefit of the researchers would be reduced by half.</p>	<p>p.20 : When employment contracts/equivalent direct contracts are prohibited by law, and fixed-amount fellowships agreements would be planned, then the EU contribution on the basis of unit costs mentioned in the table above and the required minimum allowances for the benefit of the researchers would be reduced by half.</p>

Nota Bene : Le point « B. Institutional Unit Costs » a été légèrement réorganisé (exemple et calculs).

COFUND Key Points

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<p>p.22 :</p> <p>Common features</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researchers must be offered employment contracts or other direct contracts with equivalent benefits, including social security coverage. Fixed-amounts fellowships would only be allowed in exceptional cases, where the national law would prohibit employment contracts/equivalent direct contracts. • / 	<p>p.22 :</p> <p>Common features</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researchers must be offered employment contracts or other direct contracts with equivalent benefits, including social security coverage. Fixed-amounts fellowships would only be allowed in exceptional cases, where the national law would prohibit employment contracts/equivalent direct contracts, and only with the prior approval of the Research Executive Agency. • [...] • Selection of researchers must follow an open, transparent, merit-based, impartial and equitable procedure, • Independent evaluators involved at all stages of the selection process. • Vacancies must be internationally advertised and published.
<p>p.22 :</p> <p>Doctoral Programmes (DPs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programmes aim at the selection of early-stage researchers as doctoral candidates. • Selection of researchers must follow an open, transparent, merit-based, impartial and equitable procedure. • Vacancies must be internationally advertised and published. • Recruitment of researchers corresponding to typical time needed to complete a PhD in the corresponding country. 	<p>p.22 :</p> <p>Doctoral Programmes (DPs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programmes aim at the selection of early-stage researchers as doctoral candidates. • ∅ • ∅ • Recruitment of researchers corresponding to typical time needed to complete a PhD in the corresponding country.

7. MSCA Special Needs Allowance

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<p>p.23 : The MSCA pay particular attention to physical accessibility and inclusion and foresee financial support for the additional costs entailed by recruited researchers with disabilities whose long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments²² are as such that their participation in MSCA would not be possible without extra financial support. Therefore, beneficiaries will be able to apply to the Research Executive Agency for a dedicated special needs grant in COFUND. This grant, which takes the form of a Coordination and Support Action (CSA), will cover the additional costs that researchers with disabilities face due to the increased costs of their mobility. It can also be used to ensure necessary assistance by third persons or for adapting their work environment²³. See Article 5 of the Council Directive 2000/78/EC of 27 November 2000 establishing a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation.</p>	<p>p.23 : The MSCA pay particular attention to physical accessibility and inclusion and provide financial support for the additional costs entailed by recruited researchers with disabilities whose long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments²² are as such that their participation in MSCA would not be possible without extra financial support. Therefore, beneficiaries are now able to apply to the Research Executive Agency for a dedicated special needs grant in COFUND. This grant, which takes the form of a Coordination and Support Action (CSA), will cover the additional costs that researchers with disabilities face due to the increased costs of their mobility. It can be used, for example, to ensure necessary assistance by third persons or for adapting their work environment²³. ∅</p>
<p>p.23 : A request for such an allowance can be made by the beneficiary at any time during action implementation. The request must include an estimated budget and explain the specific participation need(s) of the researcher concerned. The Agency will evaluate the request and decide on the basis of the needs of the researcher and budget availability.</p>	<p>p.23 : A request for such an allowance can be made by the COFUND beneficiary. The request must be individual-based, include an estimated budget and explain the specific participation need(s) of the researcher concerned. With the help of independent experts, the Agency will evaluate the request and decide based on the need(s) of the researcher and the budget availability.</p>
<p>p.23 : 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.</p>	<p>p.23 : The special needs allowance will take the form of a lump sum awarded in the form of a low value grant to an identified beneficiary²⁴ and will cover up to 100% of the eligible costs. It will be limited to a maximum of EUR 60,000 per researcher ∅.</p> <p>²⁴ This grant will be awarded without call for proposals in line with Article 195 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and Article 11(2) of the Rules for participation and dissemination in "Horizon 2020 – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020)", Regulation (EU) No 1290/2013.</p>

Annex 1 - Timetable and Specific Information for this Call

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<p>p.25 :</p> <p>General Sources for Support</p> <p>Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions website: http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/</p> <p>EURAXESS website: https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/</p> <p>The Commission's Horizon 2020 Enquiry Service: http://ec.europa.eu/research/enquiries</p> <p>National Contact Points: http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/support/national_contact_points.html</p> <p>How to register your organisation: http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/organisations/register.html</p>	<p>p.25 :</p> <p>General Sources for Support</p> <p>Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions website: http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/</p> <p>EURAXESS website: https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/</p> <p>The Commission's Horizon 2020 Enquiry Service: http://ec.europa.eu/research/enquiries</p> <p>National Contact Points: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/ncp</p> <p>How to register your organisation: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/participant-register</p> <p>COFUND handbook, success stories and other useful materials https://www.net4mobilityplus.eu/</p>

Annex 4 - Instructions for Drafting « Part B » of the Proposal

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<p>p.31 : The use of a different font for the body text is not advised and is subject to the cumulative conditions that the font is legible and that its use does not significantly shorten the representation of the proposal in number of pages compared to using the reference font (for example with a view to bypass the page limit).</p>	<p>p.31 : The use of a different font for the body text is not advised and is subject to the conditions that the font is legible and that its use does not significantly shorten the representation of the proposal in number of pages compared to using the reference font (for example with a view to bypassing the page limit).</p>
<p>p.31 : Text elements other than the body text, such as headers, foot/end notes, captions, formula's, may deviate, but must be legible.</p>	<p>p.31 : Text elements other than the body text, such as headers, foot/end notes, captions, formulae, may deviate, but must be legible; however, these elements should not be used as mechanism to circumvent the rules. For example, text within a table or graphical element should be kept to a minimum.</p>

Pour finir...

Le lien vers le « Participant Portal » a été **remplacé** par le lien vers le « Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal » tout au long du Guide.

Les dates ont été **actualisées** tout au long du Guide (contenu, exemples, note de bas de page et calendrier indicatif) ainsi que les budgets.

Certains passages ont été mis en gras afin de renforcer l'importance du contenu.