



# Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

## Research and Innovation Staff Exchange Guide du candidat : Les changements

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# 1. How to use this Guide

## Box 2 – Definitions of frequently used terms in this Guide

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<p><b>p.5 : Academic Sector</b> means public or private higher education establishments awarding academic degrees, public or private non-profit research organisations for whom one of the main objectives is to pursue research or technological development, and international European interest organisations, as defined in Article 2.1(12) of the Horizon 2020 Rules for Participation Regulation No. 1290/2013.</p>	<p><b>p.6 : Academic Sector</b> means public or private higher education establishments awarding academic degrees, public or private non-profit research <b>institutes whose primary mission is to pursue research, and international European interest organisations</b>, as defined in Article 2.1(12) of the Horizon 2020 Rules for Participation Regulation No. 1290/2013.</p>

## 2. General Aspects of RISE

### 2.1 Objectives and expected impact

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p.7 : /	p.8 : All MSCA have a <b>bottom-up approach</b> , i.e. proposals in all domains of research and technological development are eligible for funding, except for areas of research covered by the EURATOM Treaty.

## 2. General Aspects of RISE

### 2.2 Key features of RISE Consortia

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<p><b>p.9 :</b> f) <u>What will the RISE funding cover?</u> The EU funding in a RISE action is a contribution to the overall costs of the action. It is paid in the form of unit costs of a total of 4,600 EUR for each PM of secondment and is meant to cover the staff member costs associated with the secondments and the institutional costs related to the action (see Section 6). RISE projects can be implemented together with other related R&amp;I activities as long as this does not entail double funding.</p>	<p><b>p.10 :</b> f) <u>What will the RISE funding cover?</u> The EU funding in a RISE action is a contribution to the overall costs of the action. It is paid in the form of unit costs of a total of 4,600 EUR for each PM of secondment and is meant to cover the staff member costs associated with the secondments (e.g. not including salary) and the institutional costs related to the action (see Section 6). RISE projects can be implemented together with other related R&amp;I activities as long as this does not entail double funding (see example 1).</p> <p><i><b>Example 1:</b> A consortium has been granted EU funding in a H2020 call. The funding covers salary and purchase of equipment. They have submitted a RISE proposal with Third Country partners added to the same consortium, expanding the thematic scope of the initial consortium. RISE funding would cover staff member unit costs (mobility costs relating to the secondment), research training and networking costs and management and indirect costs.</i></p> <p><i>On the other hand, it is not possible to have the same staff funded at the same time under two or more MSCA grants (for example a researcher recruited in an ITN project cannot be seconded in a RISE project at the same time).</i></p>

### 3. Participating Organisations

#### 3.1 Categories of Countries and Organisations

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<p><b>p.13</b> : Participating organisations are considered to belong to the <u>academic sector</u> if they have been assigned to one of the following three categories mentioned below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public or private higher education establishments awarding academic degrees ;</li> <li>• Public or private non-profit research organisations whose primary mission is to pursue research ;</li> <li>• International European Interest Organisations (see Definitions – Box 2).</li> </ul>	<p><b>p.15</b> : Participating organisations are considered to belong to the <u>academic sector</u> if they have been assigned to one of the following three categories mentioned below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public or private higher education establishments awarding academic degrees ;</li> <li>• Public or private non-profit research organisations for <b>whom one of the main objectives</b> is to pursue research <b>or technological development</b> ;</li> <li>• International European Interest Organisations (see Definitions – Box 2).</li> </ul>

## 4. Eligibility and cost eligibility conditions of RISE

### 4.3 Other Eligibility Conditions

#### 4.3.1. Hosting, duration and time commitment

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<p><b>p.18 :</b></p> <p>In addition, a seconded staff member shall be devoted full-time<sup>20</sup> to the action during the secondment period. Moreover, a sending organisation and its staff member cannot be bound by other contractual arrangements which prevent the fulfilment of this obligation (e.g. participation in other projects).</p> <p><sup>20</sup> : Article 32.1 (f) of the Grant Agreement</p>	<p><b>p.20 :</b></p> <div> <p><b>⚠ Important!</b> Secondments from/to branches/departments of beneficiaries/Partner organisations which are not separate legal entities are NOT eligible, if they are located in countries other than the country of their beneficiary/Partner organisation.</p> </div> <p>In addition, a seconded staff member shall be devoted full-time<sup>20</sup> to the action during the secondment period (<b>regardless of the type of relationship/contract, even part time, at the home institution</b>). Moreover, a sending organisation and its staff member cannot be bound by other contractual arrangements which prevent the fulfilment of this obligation (e.g. participation in other projects).</p> <p><sup>20</sup> : Article 32.1 (f) of the Grant Agreement</p>

## 6. Management considerations for implementation of RISE

Table 5 - Description of unit cost break-down per Person Month (PM)

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p.25 : /	<p>p.28 : Institutional cost<sup>29</sup></p> <hr/> <p><sup>29</sup> Budget Flexibility: There is some flexibility within the consortium as regards to the use and redistribution of the amounts received for “institutional unit costs”. Ideally this should be done via an internal agreement.</p>

## Annex 2 – Evaluation Criteria and Procedures

### 3. Evaluation of Proposals

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<p><b>p.31 : <u>Operational capacity</u></b> Operational capacity determines whether an applicant has the <b>basic operational resources and capacity to implement the action</b> (e.g. number of R&amp;I staff compared to secondments planned (sending and hosting), adequate premises to implement the tasks mentioned in the proposal and hosting the staff members planned, etc.). The operational capacity of the Beneficiaries is assessed at the evaluation stage and also verified during the grant preparation phase for successful proposals. This assessment is based on the information to be provided in the proposal template Part B, Section 6 - <b>Tables B4 and B5</b> (see Annex 5).</p> <p>Should the experts evaluating the proposal reach a consensus that one or more applicants lack sufficient operational capacity to carry out the tasks assigned to them, the experts will continue to evaluate the proposal as if the applicant(s) in question were not included in the consortium, i.e. disregarding their activities and their estimated budget.</p>	<p><b>p.34 : <u>Operational capacity</u></b> Operational capacity determines whether an applicant has the <b>basic operational resources and capacity to implement the action</b> (e.g. number of R&amp;I staff compared to secondments planned (sending and hosting), adequate premises to implement the tasks mentioned in the proposal and hosting the staff members planned, etc.). The operational capacity of the Beneficiaries is assessed at the evaluation stage and also verified during the grant preparation phase for successful proposals. This assessment is based on the information to be provided in the proposal template Part B, Section 6 - <b>Tables B4 and B5</b> (see Annex 5).</p> <p>Should the experts evaluating the proposal reach a consensus that one or more applicants lack sufficient operational capacity to carry out the tasks assigned to them, <b>the experts will flag this applicant and continue to evaluate the proposal.</b></p>



# Annex 5 – Part B Template with annotated instructions

## 3. Impact

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<p><b>p.44 : 3.2 Developing new and lasting research collaborations, achieving transfer of knowledge between participating organisations and contribution to improving research and innovation potential at the European and global levels</b></p> <p>Please develop your proposal according to the following lines :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Describe the development and sustainability of new and lasting research collaborations resulting from the intersectoral and/or international secondments and the networking activities implemented.</li><li>• Describe the contribution of the action to the improvement of the research and innovation potential within Europe and/or worldwide.</li></ul>	<p><b>p.47 : 3.2 Developing new and lasting research collaborations, achieving transfer of knowledge between participating organisations and contribution to improving research and innovation potential at the European and global levels</b></p> <p>Please develop your proposal according to the following lines :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Describe the development and sustainability of new and lasting research collaborations resulting from the intersectoral and/or international secondments and the networking activities implemented.</u></li><li>• <u>Describe how the project will generate knowledge transfer that will benefit the participating organisations in the long term.</u></li><li>• <u>Describe the contribution of the action to the improvement of the research and innovation potential within Europe and/or worldwide.</u></li></ul>

## Annex 8 – RISE Proposal Summary Checklist

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#### Impact

• The skills / knowledge to be obtained by the individuals seconded are described appropriately.	3.1
• How these new skills / knowledge should improve the staff career perspectives (taking into account the seconded staff profile: ESR, ER, technician, etc.) is described in the proposal.	3.1
• The proposal shows how secondments and resulting activities are likely to develop sustainable collaborations between the participants involved.	3.2
• The proposal describes how the project proposed will impact research / innovation capacity at the European and/or Global level.	3.2

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• The proposal shows how secondments and resulting activities are likely to develop sustainable collaborations between the participants involved.	3.2
• The proposal describes how the knowledge transfer will be achieved and will benefit the participating organisations in the long term.	3.2
• The proposal describes how the project proposed will impact research / innovation capacity at the European and/or Global level.	3.2

## Pour finir...

- Tout au long du guide : remplacement de « *Funding and Tenders Portal* » par « *Funding and tenders opportunities Portal* »
- La définition d' « *academic sector* » a été modifiée
- Un exemple a été ajouté pour illustrer l'utilisation du financement RISE
- Une alerte sur la non éligibilité de certains « *secondments from/to branches* » a été ajoutée
- En ce qui concerne les coûts institutionnels, une précision est apportée sur la possible flexibilité budgétaire
- La checklist a également été modifiée