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Q1. For European Industrial Doctorates (EIDs), researchers must spend at least 50% of their time in the non-academic sector. This inter-sectoral mobility has to be between participating organisations located in different countries. How does this international inter-sectoral mobility have to be implemented?

A: For EID projects, all fellows must be physically hosted at the premises of the non-academic participating organisations (beneficiaries and/or partner organisations) at least 50% of their recruitment time. These non-academic organisations must be located in countries different from the ones of the academic organisations hosting the fellow.

For example, if a fellow is recruited for 36 months and spends 12 months at the premises of an academic beneficiary located in France and 6 months at the premises of an academic beneficiary located in Italy, then this fellow must spend the remaining 18 months at the premises of a non-academic beneficiary/partner organisation that is NOT located in neither France nor in Italy.

Please note that the "academic" sector is not limited to public or private higher education establishments awarding academic degrees, but includes also public or private non-profit research institutes whose primary mission is to pursue research, and international European interest organisations.

Q2. In MSCA European Joint Doctorates (EJD) do all the fellows have to be enrolled in a doctoral programme that leads to a joint/double/multiple doctoral degree awarded only by beneficiaries established in at least two different EU Member State and/or associated countries?

A. No, it is not required that all fellows are enrolled in a joint/double/multiple doctoral degree programme awarded only by beneficiaries in EU Member States or Associated Countries. However, it is expected that most of the fellows are enrolled in a joint/double/multiple doctoral programme awarded by higher education institutions (beneficiaries and/or partner organisations) located in at least two different EU Member States and/or Associated Countries. The objective of the European Joint Doctorates is to contribute to the structuring of doctoral research training at the European level by developing sustainable joint doctoral degree structures within Europe. The contribution of the proposal to the structuring of joint doctoral programmes at the European level is therefore a key element in the evaluation of EJD proposals.