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COFUND - objectives



- Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes to provide for
 - international, intersectoral and interdisciplinary research training
 - transnational and cross-sectoral mobility of researchers
- Foster excellence in researchers' training, mobility and career development



- Enable research funders to align strategies and implementation practices with Horizon 2020 objectives in human resources development
- Important principles set out by the EU for the human resources development in research:
 - European Charter for Researchers and Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers (*'Charter and Code'*)
 - EU Principles for Innovative Doctoral Training



- Co-funding of
 - Doctoral programmes for early-stage researchers
 - Fellowship programmes for experienced researchers



**Doctoral
Programmes**



**Fellowship
Programmes**

COFUND – expected impact



- Exploit synergies between EU actions and those at regional, national, and international level
- Leverage funding for mobile researchers
- Increase working / employment conditions of researchers
- Combat fragmentation in terms of objectives, evaluation methods and working conditions



Main changes compared to FP7

- Extension towards doctoral programmes
- Funding model: EU contribution on basis of unit costs
- Compliance with MSCA mobility rule for researchers (existing programmes may deviate if justified in proposal)
- Employment contracts or other direct contracts with equivalent benefits (including social security coverage) allowed, fixed amount fellowships only permitted where national regulation prohibits the possibility of an employment contract
- Researchers to be involved in public engagement activities



Synergies with European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF)

- Support regional policies by internationalisation of human resources in research
- Possibility to support programmes that prioritise specific scientific disciplines based on smart specialisation strategies
- Cost items other than living allowance and management (such as research costs, travel and mobility allowances, overheads) may be funded through other resources including EU programmes other than Horizon 2020 (e.g. ESIF)