



MSCA actions / Mobility and circulation of researchers



The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) are the EU flagship programme for the training, mobility and career development of researchers in all scientific domains ('bottom-up'), at all stages of their careers and from all over the world. They encourage transnational, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary mobility with specific focus on skills fostering innovation, employability and entrepreneurship.

The MSCA also support excellent doctoral programmes and networks, including industrial doctorates and joint doctorates. The MSCA are at the crossroad between the European Education Area and the European Research Area.

The applicants to MSCA can be individual researchers or institutions managing programmes, depending on the action. Academic organisations account for 74% of the total participations in MSCA in all Member States countries and universities represent 57% of all participations. Overall, 56% of the total MSCA budget is dedicated to Innovative Training Networks, i.e. to doctoral programmes mainly implemented by universities. The MSCA have supported since its creation 25 years ago almost 140,000 researchers and will have supported near 65,000

researchers just for Horizon 2020 (since 2014), including 25,000 PhDs, and have funded over 1000 excellent international doctoral networks. They effectively train excellent, creative and innovative researchers contributing to important scientific breakthroughs.

Evidence shows that the MSCA have a positive impact on individual researchers by promoting their international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary (“3-i”) mobility. But the MSCA also have a positive impact on organisations and at system level. The MSCA have a structuring effect on Europe's research and innovation capacity and practices by inspiring institutional reforms at national level, making Europe an attractive and competitive global location for researchers.

• **MSCA RELATED NEWS**

- Posted on March 31, 2021
[MSCA CLUSTER EVENT ON CANCER RESEARCH AND INNOVATION - WATCH IT AGAIN!](#)
Cancer is a top priority of the European Commission and it is one of the research and innovation (R&I) missions under the Horizon Europe framework programme. In addition, across the European Union...
 - Posted on March 30, 2021
[COST AT ONLINE MSCA “EU-WESTERN BALKANS” SEMINAR](#)
This week’s online seminar organised by the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) programme looked at providing networking possibilities for organisations from the Western Balkan countries and the EU ...
 - Posted on March 30, 2021
[MSCA SEAL OF EXCELLENCE AWARDED TO 2,885 INDIVIDUAL RESEARCHERS](#)
The Seal of Excellence quality label is awarded to Individual Fellowship applicants who scored highly but ultimately did not get funding.
 - Posted on March 30, 2021
[MSCA UNDER HORIZON EUROPE INFORMATION EVENT: PRESENTATIONS AVAILABLE](#)
All the presentations of the #MSCA under #HorizonEU Info Event are now available on the MSCA website!
 - Posted on March 25, 2021
[FIRST MARIE CURIE CALLS TO LAUNCH MID-MAY](#)
Age limits are introduced in a bid to increase success rates, while new incentive to spend time in industry aims to develop more transferrable skills. €1.8B will be awarded in the next two years
 - Posted on March 9, 2021
[SURVEY FINDS HIGH LEVELS OF SATISFACTION AMONG MSCA FELLOWS](#)
Large scale questionnaire finds MSCA benefits for career skills, networking, research, scientific output and employability
 - Posted on February 15, 2021
[MSCA CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL DAY OF WOMEN & GIRLS IN SCIENCE 2021](#)
MSCA celebrates International Day of Women in Science 2021 with researchers' insights & interviews
 - **[DOCUMENTS AND LINKS FROM THE ARCHIVE](#)**
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- [**A SPOTLIGHT ON MCAA'S WESTERN BALKANS CHAPTER - INCREASING RESEARCH CAPACITY IN THE WESTERN BALKANS \(Focus Article - April 2020\)**](#)

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) are providing opportunities for researchers in the Western Balkans region. Radenka Krsmanović Whiffen, Chair of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Alumni (...)

- [**MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS FACTS AND FIGURES**](#)

Driving innovation, supporting researchers' mobility and cultivating excellence in doctoral and postdoctoral training : facts & figures.

- [**MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS \(MSCA\) - WB COUNTRY FACTSHEETS 2019 AVAILABLE**](#)

Factsheets for the Western Balkan Countries are now available on the MSCA Website. They contain facts and figures about Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions in the respective countries: key facts and...

- [**ENHANCE YOUR CAREER WITH MCAA JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS**](#)

Positions for lecturer and researchers at different level of career are being advertised here by the MCAA.

- [**NATIONAL ERASMUS+ OFFICES IN WESTERN BALKANS**](#)

National Erasmus+ Offices are responsible for the local management of the international dimension of the higher education aspects of the Erasmus+ Programme in 27 Partner Countries outside the EU. National...

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The Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions under Horizon Europe.

Continuing research and training opportunities

Participation of the Western Balkans in MSCA under H2020 in figures

433 Western Balkans researchers and research staff funded
104 researchers going to the Western Balkans
12,59 million Euros awarded to Western Balkans organisations
79 Western Balkans organisations taking part in 70 projects
61,5% are women (average for MSCA 41%)
 Top fields of research:
Engineering (31%), Environment (21%) and Social Sciences (18%)



🚩 Let's increase these figures in Horizon Europe!

The preparation of the MSCA under the new framework programme for research and innovation for the period 2021-2027, Horizon Europe, is in its final stages. The budget for MSCA under Horizon Europe is planned to reach EUR 6.6 bn, slightly increasing compared

to Horizon 2020. MSCA is one of the main components of Horizon Europe's Pillar I 'Excellence Science'. Since the MSCA have a certified excellent reputation, the new programme will, in line with stakeholders' suggestions, offer continuity and introduce only a relatively small number of improvements, adjustments and further simplifications in terms of programme structure, rules and definitions. It will continue to focus on its international component and will reinforce its intersectoral and interdisciplinary collaboration aspects.

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FURTHER INFORMATION

• **MOBILITY, EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

- Posted on March 31, 2021
[ERASMUS+ CALLS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLICATION](#)
The new Erasmus+ programme for 2021-2027 was launched last week. The first Erasmus+ calls managed by EACEA will be open for submission in April 2021.
- Posted on March 28, 2021
[COMMISSION ADOPTED THE FIRST ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME OF ERASMUS+ 2021-2027](#)
The Commission today adopted the first annual work programme of Erasmus+ 2021-2027.
- Posted on March 31, 2021
[WEBINAR: HOW TO PREPARE A SUCCESSFUL PROPOSAL IN HORIZON EUROPE \(RECORDING AVAILABLE\)](#)
The purpose of this event was to inform all potential applicants to Horizon Europe calls on the modalities for preparing their proposals. The agenda included two main points: "Submission and Evaluation..."
- Posted on March 31, 2021
[FIRST CALL FOR WBAA PROJECTS - FIRST RESULTS](#)
On March,30th the first Call for WBAA projects in 2021 for WBAA members ended.
- Posted on March 8, 2021
[DG EAC KICKED-OFF 4 VET MOBILITY SCHEME PROJECTS ON 25 FEBRUARY](#)
On 25 February, DG EAC organised the kick-off meeting of the four newly selected pilot mobility projects in the field of VET in the Western Balkans. It was a good occasion to get to know the different...
- **[CONNECTED THROUGH MOBILITY](#)**
Developing the vocational education and training (VET) sector in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo* and Montenegro.
- **[BETTER LEARNING MOBILITY OPPORTUNITIES IN WESTERN BALKANS](#)**
The project INTERVET Western Balkans aims at creating opportunities for learning mobility in the training centers of Western Balkans and improving the culture of learning mobility...
- **[VET MOBILITY SCHEME FOR THE WESTERN BALKANS - MOVET](#)**

The general objective is to contribute to the improvement and modernisation of VET systems in Albania, Kosovo and Montenegro, as well as reinforcing the links between VET and the Labour market, by the...

- **CAPACITY BUILDING IN WESTERN BALKANS – V2V**

The partnership intends to improve the planning and development of internationalization strategies of VET providers in order to improve their innovation, modernization and internationalization.

- **VET FOR WESTERN BALKANS – V4WB**

The main objective of the VET for Western Balkan project is to initiate and support processes that will make the participating Western Balkan countries take important and secure steps on their way to ...

- Posted on March 8, 2021

- **TIMSS FINAL REPORT (DINARIC REPORT) TO BE PUBLISHED IN OCTOBER 2021**

In the book Dinaric Perspectives on TIMSS 2019: Teaching and Learning Mathematics and Science in South-Eastern Europe, invited national experts from across the Western Balkans rigorously review IEA's ...

- Posted on March 8, 2021

- **[CALL ANNOUNCEMENT] ERC STARTING GRANTS (Deadline 8 April 2021)**

Are you a talented early-career scientist who has already produced excellent supervised work, is ready to work independently and shows potential to be a research leader? The ERC Starting Grant could be...

- Posted on March 3, 2021

- **ERC KICKS OFF HORIZON EUROPE**

€1.9 billion will be made available by the European Research Council (ERC) in 2021 to allow some 1,000 top researchers to pursue frontier research. As in previous years, most of the funding (66%) is earmarked...

- **OTHER GENERAL ARTICLES**

- Posted on March 30, 2021

- **24 MEMBER STATES COMMIT TO TAKE INNOVATION PROCUREMENT ACTIONS TO SUPPORT GROWTH OF EU STARTUPS**

At the Digital Day 2021, 24 Member States and Iceland signed the declaration on the Startups Nations Standard of Excellence. Ministers pledged to support actions that aim to boost the growth of startups...

- Posted on March 28, 2021

- **COVID-19: EU HELPS TO DELIVER VACCINES TO MOLDOVA AND MEDICAL ITEMS TO MONTENEGRO AND NORTH MACEDONIA**

The EU is supporting Romania in delivering 50,400 doses of vaccines to Moldova in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This delivery follows Moldova's request for vaccines through the EU Civil Protection...

- Posted on March 28, 2021

- **COMMISSION LAUNCHES OPEN ACCESS RESEARCH PUBLISHING PLATFORM**

Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe grant holders can publish their work on the new platform for free. All papers will be scrutinized by peers and the reviews published too.

- Posted on March 25, 2021

- **CITY OF KRAGUJEVAC IN SERBIA SAVING ENERGY, PROMOTING GREEN ECONOMY**

The City of Kragujevac understood energy efficiency does not only bring budget savings but that it is also an opportunity for environmental protection and job creation. The local authority is also preparing...

- Posted on March 24, 2021

BRING WESTERN BALKANS BACK ON THE AGENDA, URGE NINE EU MEMBER STATES

Nine EU member states have called on the EU's chief diplomat, Joseph Borrell, to have a strategic discussion on the Western Balkan countries and their prospects when EU foreign ministers meet in April

• **EVENTS**

- April 14, 2021 | virtual, OTHER
WESTERN BALKANS STEERING PLATFORM MEETING
The virtual Western Balkans (WB) Steering Platform (SP) Meeting is organised to discuss on the Joint Declaration on the Western Balkans Agenda on Innovation, Research, Education, Culture, Youth and Sport...
- April 14, 2021 | virtual, OTHER
BIG CONFERENCE ON SOLAR ENERGY IN SERBIA
The first major conference on solar energy in Serbia, organized by Balkan Green Energy News, will be held in Belgrade on April 14th. More than 30 leading energy experts and representatives from investors...
- April 15, 2021 | virtual, OTHER
SMART SPECIALISATION FOR THE RECOVERY WORKSHOP
This event aims to deepen our understanding as to how Smart Specialisation can be an effective tool to help territories recover from the current pandemic-induced crisis and discover new opportunities ...
- April 22-23, 2021 | virtual, OTHER
2021 EUA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
The 2021 EUA Annual Conference "Universities 2030: From vision to reality" will take place online on 22-23 April. Against the backdrop of the ongoing climate crisis, fundamental technological advances...
- April 26-29, 2021 | Marseille, France
EUBCE 2021 - 29TH BIOMASS CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION
EUBCE is the largest biomass conference and exhibition in the world. Each year, EUBCE brings together the greatest minds and latest advancements in biomass, with the aim of accelerating research and...
- April 28-29, 2021 | online, OTHER
PUTTING SCIENCE INTO STANDARDS 2021 ON ORGAN ON CHIP TECHNOLOGIES
Since 2013, the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission (JRC) and the European Standardization Organizations CEN and CENELEC have carried out an annual joint 'foresight on standardization' action...
- May 11-12, 2021 | Portoroz, Slovenia
6TH ANNUAL EUSAIR FORUM
Priorities of the Slovenian Presidency 2020–2021 to be followed at the 6th EUSAIR Annual Forum:
- May 18-20, 2021 | Graz, Austria
GLOBAL INNOVATION SUMMIT 2021
The Innovation Summit will take place on 18-20 May 2021 in Graz, Styria as a virtual event.
- May 27-29, 2021 | virtual, OTHER
CREATIVE BODIES—CREATIVE MINDS
Theoretical discussions around creativity in the last two decades have turned around addressing existing dichotomies in its conceptualisation, such as professional/everyday and public/private.
- June 1-4, 2021 | virtual, OTHER
EU GREEN WEEK 2021

Pollution affects everybody – through the air we breathe, the water we drink or the land we grow our food on. It is the largest environmental cause of multiple mental and physical diseases, and of premature...

- June 9-11, 2021 | Munich, Germany
THE SMARTER E EUROPE
Renewable energy is more than just an alternative to conventional energy sources. This is where The smarter E Europe comes in, as the most important innovation hub for new energy solutions, dedicating...
- June 23-24, 2021 | virtual, OTHER
EUROPEAN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION DAYS
Brought to you by the European Commission, the European Research and Innovation Days gathers together policymakers, researchers, entrepreneurs and citizens to debate and shape the future of research and...
- September 8-9, 2021 | Roma Eventi, Pontifical Gregorian University, Italy
ICSD 2021 : 9TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, 8 - 9 SEPTEMBER ROME, ITALY
European Center of Sustainable Development in collaboration with Canadian Institute of Technology will organize the 9th ICSD 2021 International Conference on Sustainable Development...
- November 18-19, 2021 | Vienna, Austria
EUROPEAN R&I POLICY EVALUATION CONFERENCE
The REvaluation 2021 Conference is jointly organised by Fraunhofer ISI, IFRIS and the Austrian Platform for Research and Technology Policy Evaluation. It will take place as live as possible, 18-19 November...

• CALLS

- Deadline: April 15, 2021
TOWARDS NEEDS-BASED SUPPORT FOR MOBILE ACADEMICS
ACA is looking for support to enhance assistance to mobile academics via a new study of personalised needs and experiences of international researchers and PhD students.
- Deadline: April 15, 2021
SURVEY: SHARE YOUR MOBILITY EXPERIENCE IN CENTRAL-EASTERN AND SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE
Are you an international researcher, lecturer or PhD student working in Central-Eastern and South-Eastern Europe? Take part in a new survey and share your experience.
- Deadline: April 20, 2021
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: INTERDISCIPLINARY JOINT MASTER'S PROGRAMME IN SOUTHEASTERN EUROPEAN STUDIES – UNIVERSITY OF GRAZ AND UNIVERSITY OF BELGRADE
The University of Graz and the University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Sciences (FPS) are pleased to announce the call for applications for the academic year 2020/2021 for the Interdisciplinary...
- Deadline: April 30, 2021
REGIONAL CHALLENGE FUND (RCF):1ST CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO SUPPORT INVESTMENTS IN COOPERATIVE TRAINING PROJECTS
The Regional Challenge Fund (RCF) is announcing the 1st call for Expression of Interest to support investments in cooperative training projects which is open for applications from the six Western Balkans...
- Deadline: May 31, 2021
CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS: THE REVALUATION 2021 CONFERENCE

The REvaluation 2021 Conference is jointly organised by Fraunhofer ISI, IFRIS and the Austrian Platform for Research and Technology Policy Evaluation. It will take place as live as possible, 18-19 November...

- Deadline: June 1, 2021
CALL FOR PROJECT PEER REVIEWERS - SCIENCE FUND OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA
The Science Fund of the Republic of Serbia (SFRS), a state institution providing grants to researchers in Serbia, is looking for international experts in order to ensure an objective, high-quality two...
- Deadline: June 25, 2021
EAFIP CALL FOR ASSISTANCE IN INNOVATION PROCUREMENT
EAFIP provides local assistance to selected public procurers in the preparation and implementation of a PCP or PPI procurement, covering for instance scoping an already identified procurement need...
- Deadline: June 30, 2021
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS – STAVRO SKENDI BOOK PRIZE FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN ALBANIAN STUDIES
The Stavro Skendi Book Prize for Achievement in Albanian Studies is presented every year to the best book making a contribution to, and advancing research in Albanian Studies. Albanian Studies is a broadly...
- Deadline: August 31, 2021
SOCIETY FOR ALBANIAN STUDIES: CALL FOR APPLICATIONS – ARSHI PIPA BEST GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD
Graduate students and recent graduates are invited to participate in the Arshi Pipa Best Graduate Student Paper Award Competition sponsored by the Society for Albanian Studies (SAS). Please...
- Deadline: September 30, 2023
EASI GUARANTEE INSTRUMENT
The EIF's response measures to the COVID-19 pandemic (as at 24 July 2020).

• PROJECTS

- EU4Tech PoC
EU4TECH POC
The EU4Tech PoC WB project offers support to 40+ promising technology based projects from the Western Balkans at the 'Proof of Concept Stage'. We offer hands on assistance from experts and mentors to ...
- ICEDA
INCREASING CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IN THE DIGITAL AGENDA
Main goal of the project Increasing the engagement of the civil society organizations (CSOs) in the shaping and implementation of the Digital Agenda in the Western Balkans (DAWB).
- GRANTeD
GRANTED - GRANT ALLOCATION DISPARITIES FROM A GENDER PERSPECTIVE
This project studies the occurrence and causes of gender bias in the allocation of research grants. It also studies the consequences of gender bias in grant allocation for gender bias in the development...
- GENDER ACTION
GENDER EQUALITY IN THE ERA COMMUNITY TO INNOVATE POLICY IMPLEMENTATION. COORDINATION AND SUPPORT ACTION (GENDER ACTION)
The project aims to create an innovative policy community to implement the gender priority in the European Research Area. It is funded by the European Union's Horizon 2020 in the SwafS-19-2016 callfor a...

• DOCUMENTS

- **WIIW POLICY BRIEFS AND REPORTS: VALUE CHAIN INTEGRATION OF THE WESTERN BALKAN COUNTRIES AND POLICY OPTIONS FOR THE POST-COVID-19 PERIOD**

In this policy brief, we study the development of trade integration, specifically the participation in global value chains, of the Western Balkan countries.

- **COMMUNICATING SCIENCE IN TIMES OF COVID-19, A SELECTIVE OVERVIEW OF GOOD PRACTICES**

The CCA on Science Communication has produced a publication on how to communicate science in times of COVID-19. On 22 July 2020, the COST CCA on Science Communication held a webinar on science communication...

- **GENDER ANALYSIS 2020 EC COUNTRY REPORTS FOR THE WESTERN BALKANS**

This is the third Kvinna till Kvinna Gender Analysis of EC Country Reports for the Western Balkans. The aim is to show progress year on year in the gender-mainstreaming of the Country Reports and attempt...

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