



Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions under Horizon Europe

*Cooperation in researchers' training
and mobility: opportunities for
Western Balkans' researchers and
organisations*

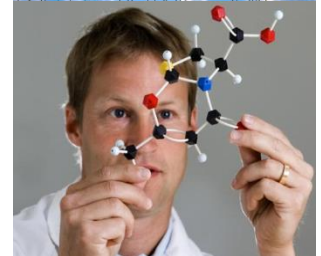
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MSCA key features

- **Support the mobility, training and career development** of researchers from **all over the world** through excellent doctorates, postdoctoral fellowships and collaborative projects
- For researchers at **every stage** of their career
- Support excellent research in **all domains (bottom-up approach)**
- Stimulating **international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary** cooperation. Participation of **non-academic sector**, especially industry and SMEs
- Promotion of **attractive working and employment** conditions (financing rate of up to 100%)
- Impacting **researcher careers, organisations, structures**



Key figures since 2014

+65,000

Researchers,
including
25,000 PhD
candidates

31%

Researchers
from outside
Europe

6.2 billion €

Under Horizon
2020

+1,000

Doctoral
programmes

+4,500

Companies
supported

42%

Female
researchers

MSCActions (H2020)

Innovative training networks (ITN):
Doctoral candidates

Individual fellowships (IF):
Postdoctoral researchers

R&I Staff Exchanges (RISE):
Research, technical, admin and managerial staff

COFUND
Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes

European researchers' night (NIGHT)
Outreach events for the general public

Western Balkans' participation in MSCA

- **433 WB** researchers funded and **104** researchers going to the Western Balkans
 - **12,59 million Euros**
 - **61,5% are women**
- **79 WB organisations** taking part in **70 projects** including 31 RISE, 17 NIGHT, 16 ITN, 5 IF and 1 COFUND

Western Balkans' participation in MSCA

TOP Destinations of Western Balkans' researchers

	MSCA-COFUND	MSCA-IF	MSCA-ITN	MSCA-RISE	Total
ES	5	4	23	28	60
UK	1	11	8	23	43
IT	2	4	20	14	40
DE	1	4	23	8	36
FR	1	4	16	15	36
NL	2	7	9	8	26
SE	2	4	8	3	17
US		3		13	16

Nationalities (below)	AM	AR	AT	AU	AZ	BA	BE	BG	BR	CA	CH	CL	CN	CR	CU	CZ	DE	DK	EE	EL	ES	FI	FR	HR	HU	IE	IL	IS	IT	JP	LU	LV	MA	NL	NO	PL	PT	RO	RS	RU	SE	SI	SK	TH	TR	UA	UK	US	ZA	Sum (multiplication possible):	
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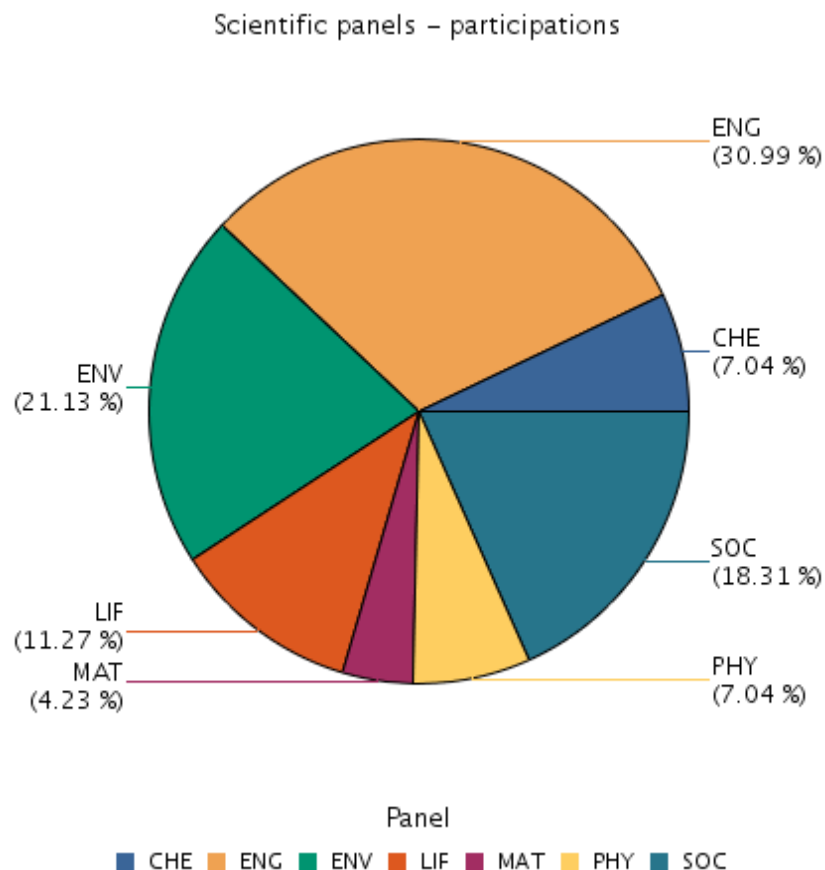
Western Balkans' participation in MSCA

TOP Nationalities of MSCA fellows going to Western Balkans's organisations

Nationality	MSCA-IF	MSCA-ITN	MSCA-RISE	Total
ES			12	12
IT	1	2	8	11
RS	4	3	3	10
TR			9	9
PT			5	5
BY			4	4
EL			4	4
FR		1	3	4

Western Balkans' participation in MSCA

Research fields of Western Balkans' fellows (without COFUND and NIGHT)



Western Balkans and MSCA: challenges and suggestions

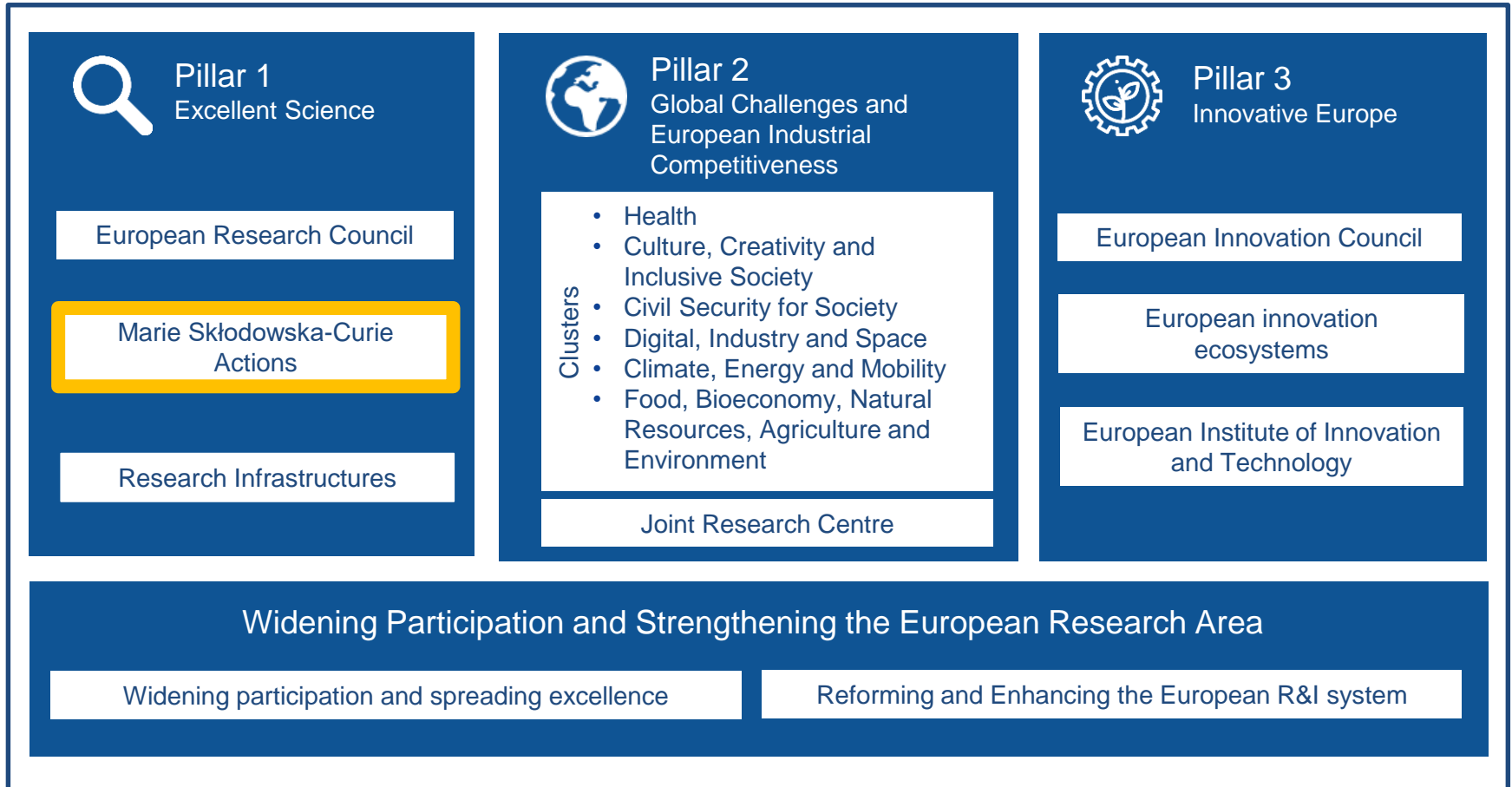
Number of researchers supported from and to the Western Balkan countries remains too modest for all countries:

- Need to further **promote the MSCA programme under Horizon Europe** and to **encourage the participation in the programme** especially in COFUND and Staff exchanges
- set up a dedicated **MSCA Seal of Excellence** schemes for postdoctoral researchers
- Promote the **Widening fellowship successor**
- Designate **MSCA National contact point for Horizon Europe**

Western Balkans' and MSCA: concrete actions from the Commission

- **MSCA National Contact Points**
- **MSCA National Contact Points' project under Horizon Europe**
- **Study on brain circulation – to be launched in 2021**
- **MSCA online contact seminar for the Western Balkans 24-25 March 2021**

MSCA under Horizon Europe



Excellent Science (Pillar 1): reinforcing and extending the excellence of the EU's science base

MSCA under Horizon Europe

Continuity

Strengthened
cooperation
with the non-
academic
sector

Bottom-up
research
Including all
scientific areas

Simplification
Easier rules for
applicants and
organisations

High
competition
Focus on
excellence and
attractiveness

Emphasis on
structuring
effects for
institutions

Upcoming calls

2021 Call	Tentative planning
Doctoral Networks (ITN)	04 May 2021-16 Nov 2021
Postdoctoral Fellowships (IF)	15 Apr 2021-15 Sep 2021
Staff Exchanges (RISE)	07 Oct 2021-09 Mar 2022
COFUND	11 Oct 2021-10 Feb 2022

Links

Marie Curie Actions Website

<http://ec.europa.eu/mariecurieactions>

Participant Portal (applications, documents)

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal>

Euraxess Portal (vacancies, more information)

<https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/>

MCAA (Alumni association)

<https://www.mariecuriealumni.eu>

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