



# Presentation of MSCA Staff Exchanges Workshop

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## PROGRAMME



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| 08:00 | <b>Registration and brief personal presentation of participants over morning coffee</b>   |
| 08:30 | <b>Opening address</b><br><i>Dr Tomaž Bob, Acting Director-General, Directorate for Science and Innovation, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation</i>  |
| 08:40 | <b>Presentation of MSCA Staff Exchanges Workshop</b><br><i>Dr Stojan Sorčan, National representative and National Contact Point for Horizon Europe MSCA, Directorate for Science and Innovation, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation</i> |
| 08:50 | <b>Presentation of MSCA Staff exchanges call</b><br><i>Dr Rodrigo Gutierrez-Dominguez, Head of Sector - Project Management, European Research Executive Agency Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions &amp; Support to Experts MSCA Staff Exchanges</i>           |
| 09:35 | <b>Q&amp;A</b>  |
| 09:45 | <b>Presentation of the experience with MSCA Staff Exchanges and the GETM3 and GETM4 projects</b><br><i>Prof. dr Matej Černe, Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana<br/>Doc. dr Živa Kolbl, Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana</i>      |
| 10:00 | <b>NIC in MSCA Staff Exchange: From idea to practice - critical points and lessons learned</b><br><i>Mr. Ivica Ilić, Head of the Project Management Office, National Institute of Chemistry</i>   |
| 10:15 | <b>Q&amp;A</b>  |



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- 10:45**      **Excellence – strengths and weaknesses of project proposals with Slovenian applicants (case studies with comments)**  
*Dr Stojan Sorčan & Dr Rodrigo Gutierrez-Dominguez*
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- 11:30**      **Impact – strengths and weaknesses of project proposals with Slovenian applicants (case studies with comments)**  
*Dr Stojan Sorčan & Dr Rodrigo Gutierrez-Dominguez*
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- 12:15**      **Buffet standing lunch and networking**
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- 13:00**      **Implementation – strengths and weaknesses of project proposals with Slovenian applicants (case studies with comments)**  
*Dr Stojan Sorčan & Dr Rodrigo Gutierrez-Dominguez*
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- 13:45**      **Summary of the discussion and presentation of the forms of assistance offered by the NCP**  
*Dr Stojan Sorčan, National Contact Point (NCP) for Horizon Europe MSCA*
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- 14:00**      **Closing of the event**
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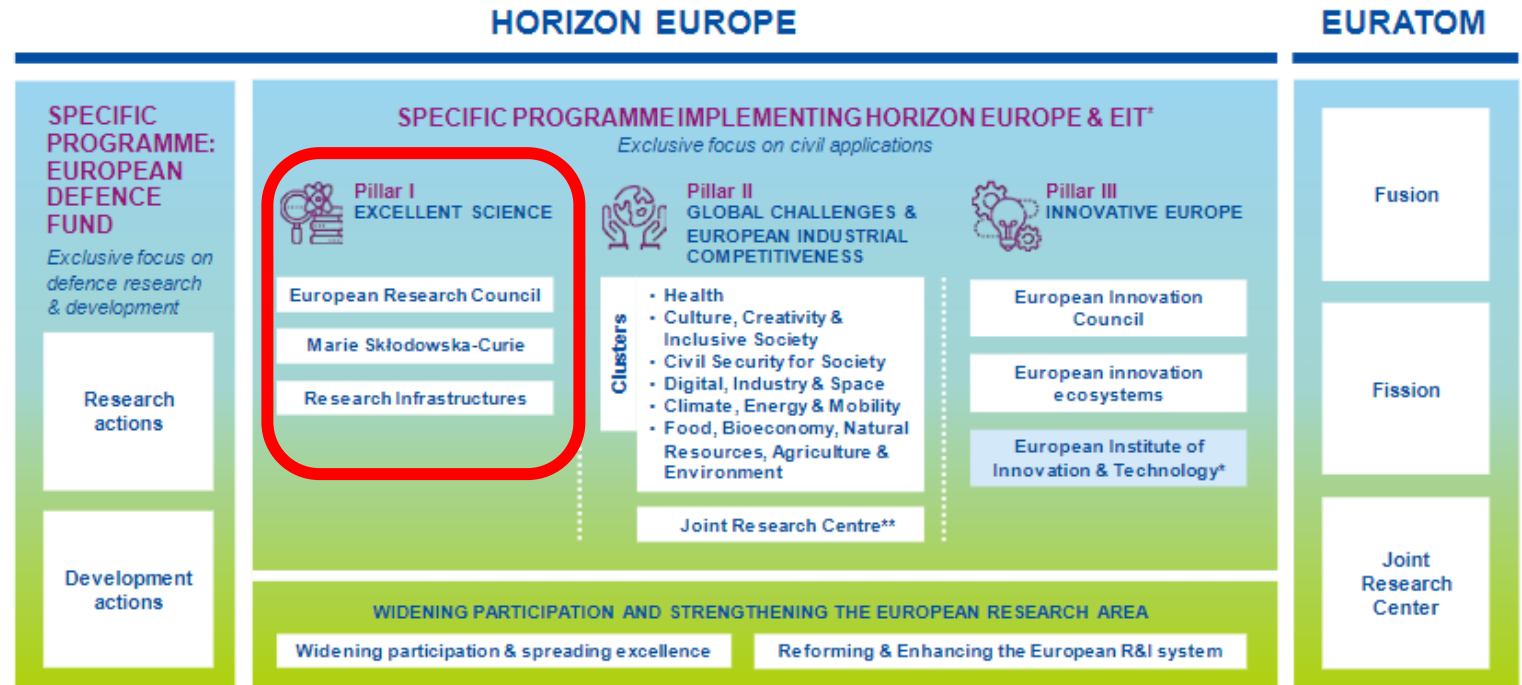
## Main goals of the programme:

**Maximise its impact** and deliver on the **EU's strategic priorities**, such as the recovery, green and digital transitions, and tackles global challenges to improve the quality of our daily lives.

**Enhance access to excellence for researchers** across Europe to foster participation and collaboration.

**Foster the EU's industrial competitiveness and its innovation performance**, notably supporting market-creating innovation via the European Innovation Council and the European Institute of Innovation and Technology.

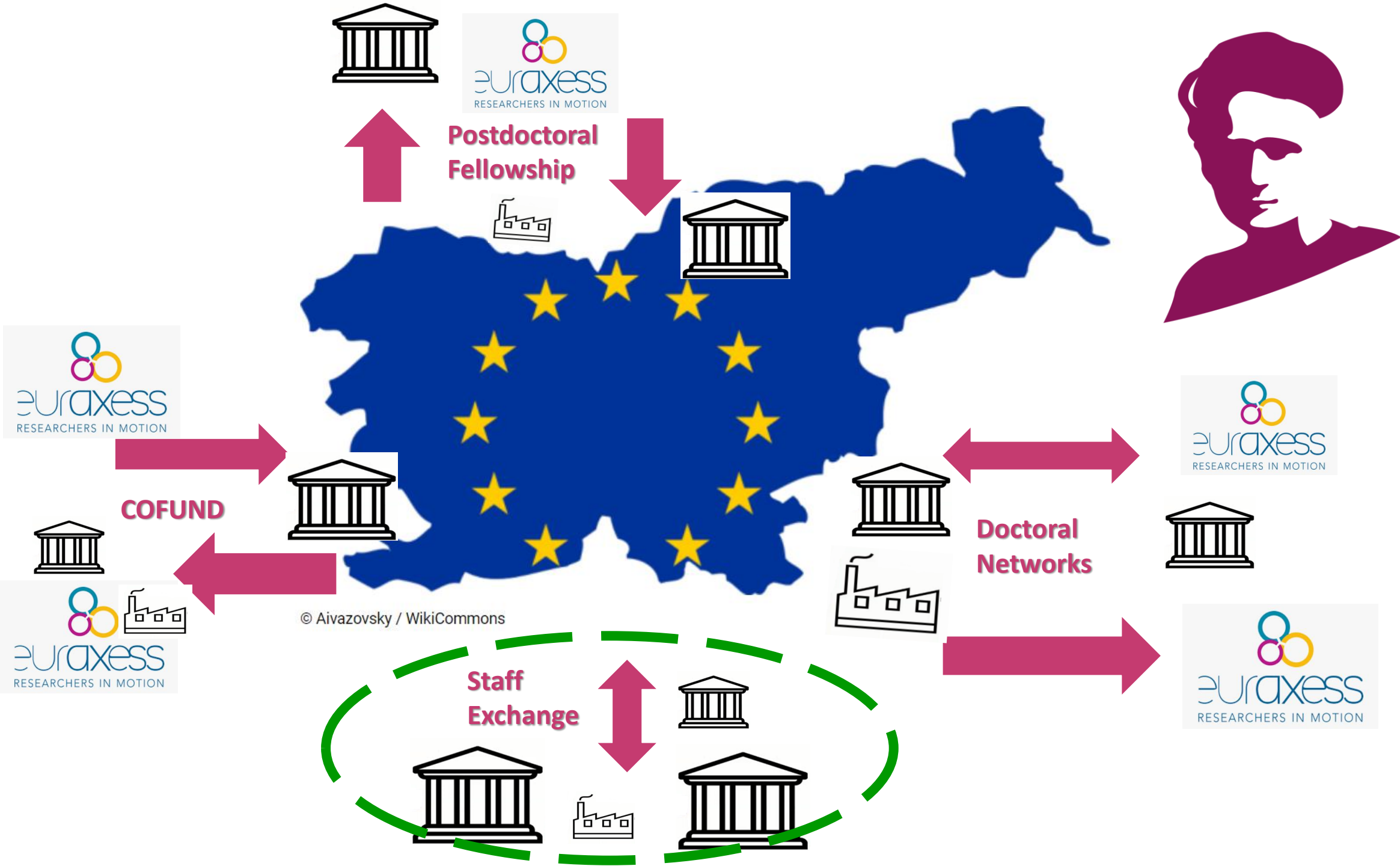
**Strengthen EU science and technology** by increasing **investment in highly skilled people and cutting-edge research**



\* European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT) is not part of the Specific Programme  
\*\* Non-nuclear activities of JRC

Horizon Europe will have a budget of **around €95.5 billion** for 2021-2027 (current prices).





# Introduction to MSCA: Key features



Researchers' training, skills and career development (all stages of career)



Excellent research in all domains (bottom-up approach)



International, cross-sectoral & interdisciplinary mobility



Attractive working and employment conditions



Structuring impact on organisations through excellent programmes



Strong collaboration with industry and SMEs

- MSCA budget under Horizon Europe: **6,6B€**
- **Excellent Science (Pillar 1)**: reinforcing and extending the excellence of the EU's science base
- **Worldwide** geographic coverage



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## Horizon Europe

### Work Programme 2023-2024

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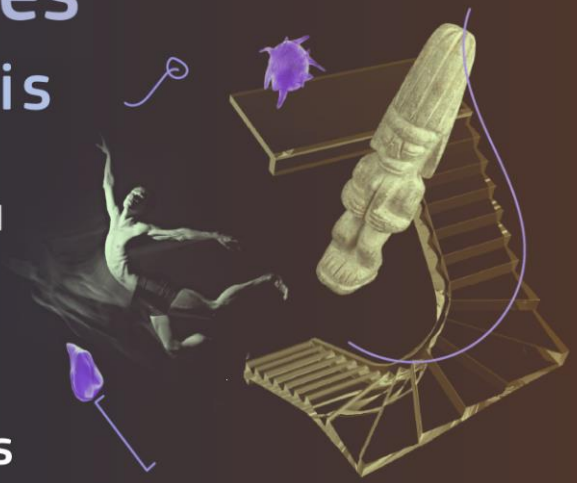
*(European Commission Decision C(2022)7550 of 6 December 2022)*

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# Staff Exchanges Impact analysis

Discover why you  
should apply for  
the next call for  
project proposals



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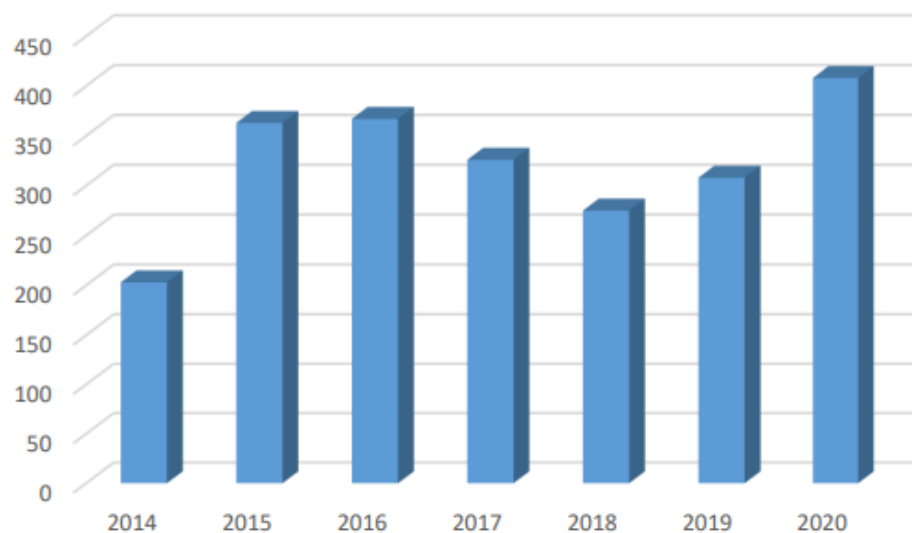
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RISE impact analysis

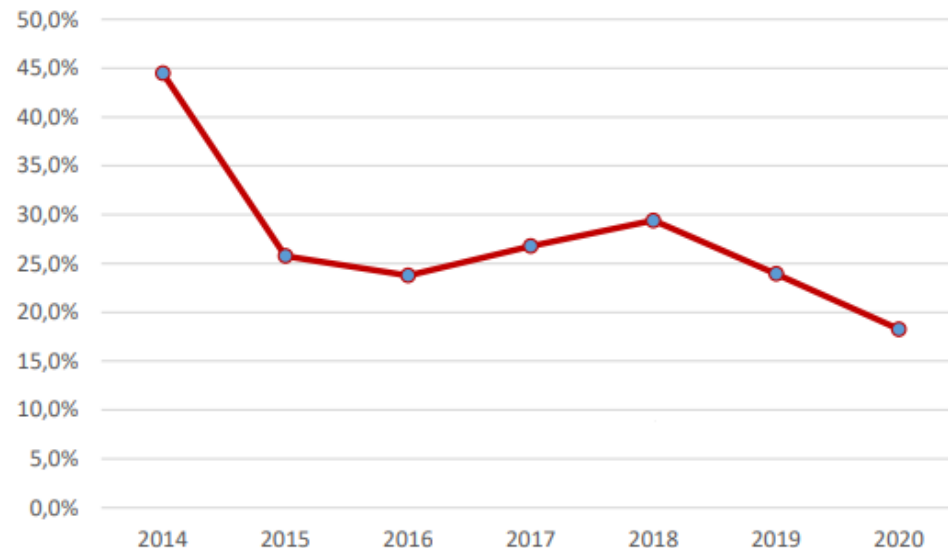


# RISE under H2020

## RISE submission evolution



## RISE Success rate



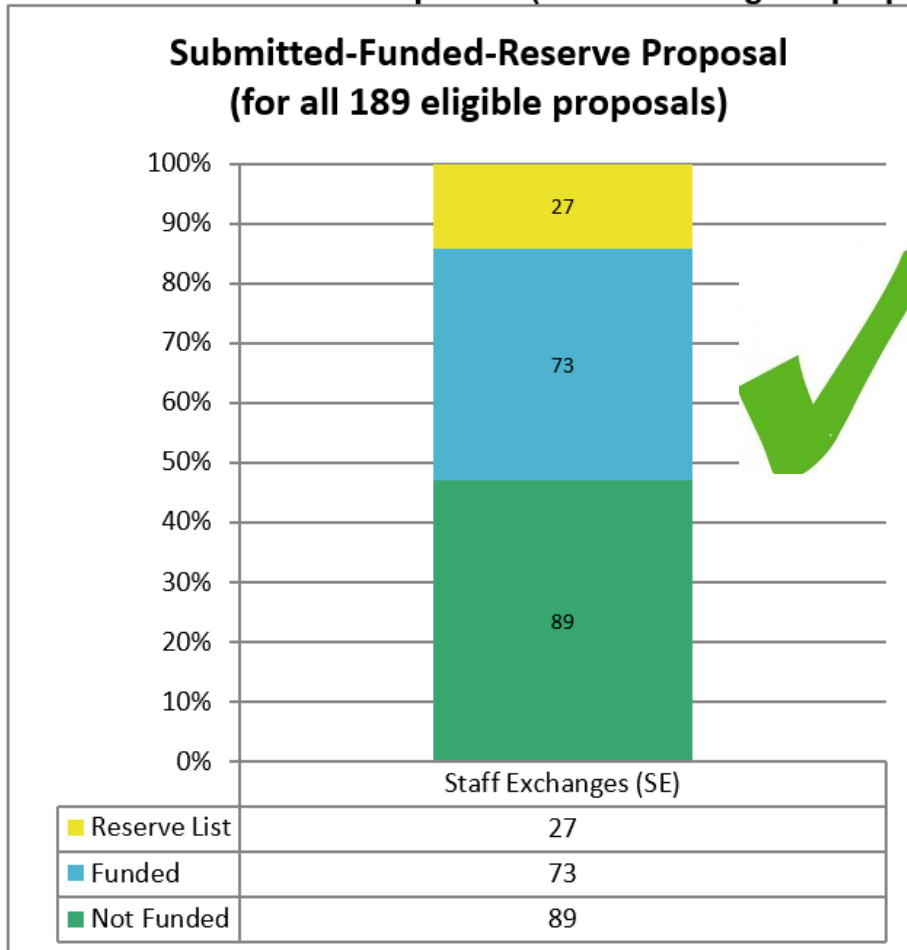
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Proposals submitted</b>	203	363	367	326	275	308	408
<b>Proposals evaluated</b>	200	361	366	321	272	305	405
<b>Budget (WP) M€</b>	70	80	80	80	80	80	80
<b>GA signed</b>	89	93	87	86	80	73	74*
<b>Success rate</b>	<b>44,5%</b>	<b>25,7%</b>	<b>23,8%</b>	<b>26,8%</b>	<b>29,4%</b>	<b>23,9%</b>	<b>18,3%*</b>

\* Based on the Main list in GAP

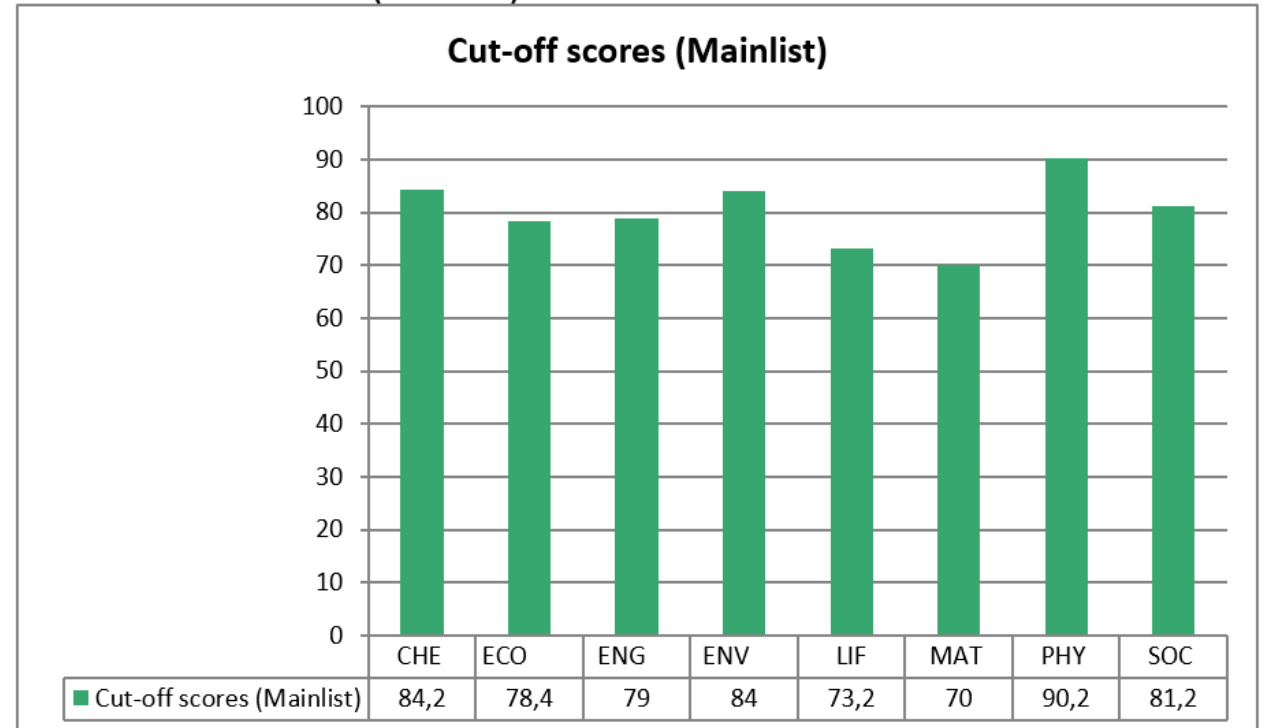


# Evaluation results of MSCA SE 22

Submitted-Funded-Reserve Proposals (for all 189 eligible proposals)

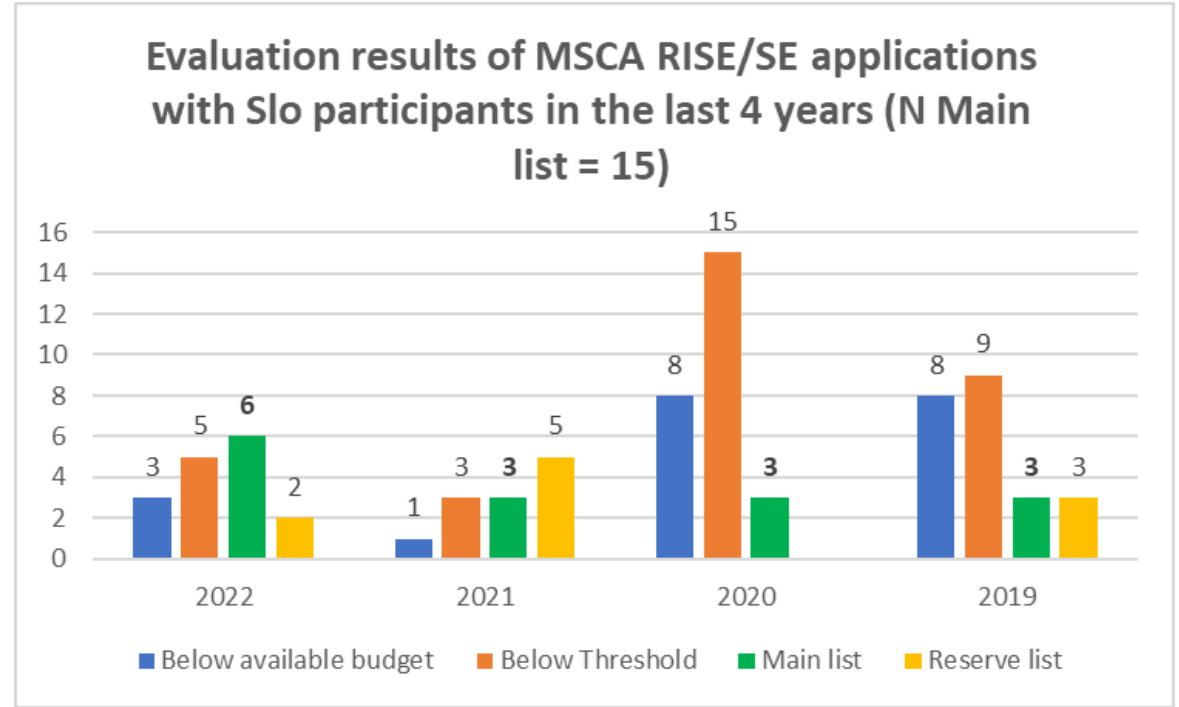
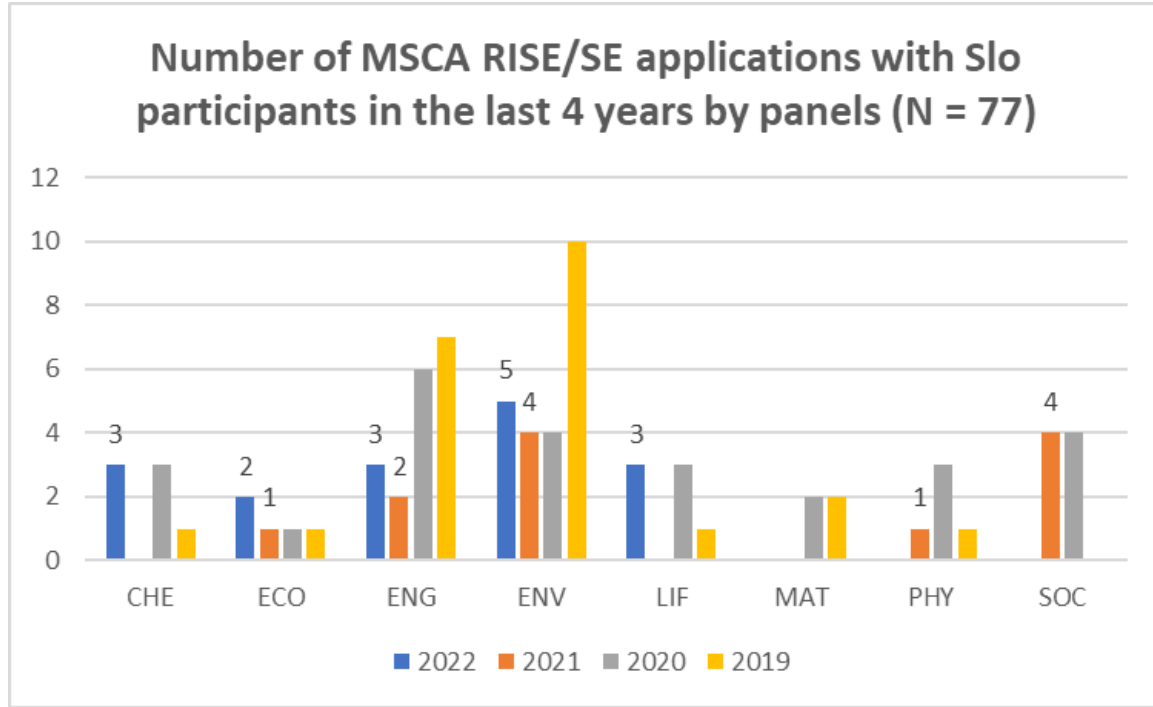


12. Cut-off scores (main list)





# Applications vs. funding for projects with Slo participants in the last 4 years





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## Introduction

Below you will find specific information on the application process for MSCA under Horizon Europe.

Please note that for different MSCA calls for proposals, specific eligibility criteria may apply regarding the participation of organisations and countries. For details, please consult the MSCA Work Programme and the Guide for Applicants in the section below related to the specific MSCA.

To apply, you must **create a profile** on the [Funding & tenders portal](#). Then, select the call for proposals you wish to apply for and use the **proposal online form** on the page below to submit your



# Staff Exchanges – call 2023

## Introduction

## Doctoral Networks – call 2023

## Postdoctoral Fellowships – call 2023


## Staff Exchanges – call 2023

## COFUND – call 2023






## MSCA and Citizens – call 2023


## MSCA4Ukraine

## What happens next

For detailed information about the Staff Exchanges, including the eligibility conditions and implementation modalities, please check the corresponding sections in the [MSCA Work Programme](#)  and the [dedicated Funding & Tenders portal page](#).

Additional useful information for applicants on the Staff Exchanges can be found in the:

- [Staff Exchanges Guide for Applicants 2023](#)
- [General annexes of the work programme](#) 
- [Proposal template and instructions on how to fill it in](#) 
- [6 steps to prepare your application for the 2023 Staff Exchanges call](#) 
- [Staff Exchanges informative flyer](#) 
- [MSCA specific evaluation forms used by the expert evaluators](#) 
- [Specific FAQs for Staff Exchanges call 2023](#)

In order to help the REA select the appropriate expert evaluators whose expertise best matches your proposal, you will be asked to select [specific keywords](#) , in the proposal template. These keywords should also be considered if your proposal includes interdisciplinary secondments following the instructions provided in the Guide for Applicants.

Any additional useful documents can be found on the [call page](#).

Access the [proposal online form](#) for all Staff Exchanges modalities (the link is available under ‘Start submission’ section).

[MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships \(PF\)](#)[MSCA Doctoral Networks \(DN\)](#)[MSCA Staff Exchanges \(SE\)](#)[MSCA COFUND](#)

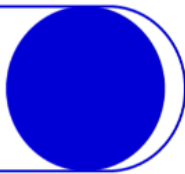
# Welcome to the MSCA-NET

The project whose main objective is to facilitate the transnational cooperation between National Contact Points (NCPs) for the MSCA to achieve a consistent and harmonised level of NCP support. The scientific community can also profit from our project to support their MSCA application.

[Learn more](#)

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## MSCA-NET Documents for your application

### SE Handbook

This document provides you with up-to-date tips and tricks on how to ace your MSCA SE proposal.

[SE 2022 Handbook](#)

### SE Evolution Guide

This document presents statistical data related to the PF call HORIZON-MSCA-2021-SE-01 and to the Staff Exchanges (SE) call HORIZON-MSCA-2022-SE-01.

- [SE Evolution Guide 2021](#)
- [SE Evolution Guide 2022](#)

### Policy Briefs

10 policy briefs will provide you with a comprehensive overview of the EU policy priorities with a focus on the MSCA.

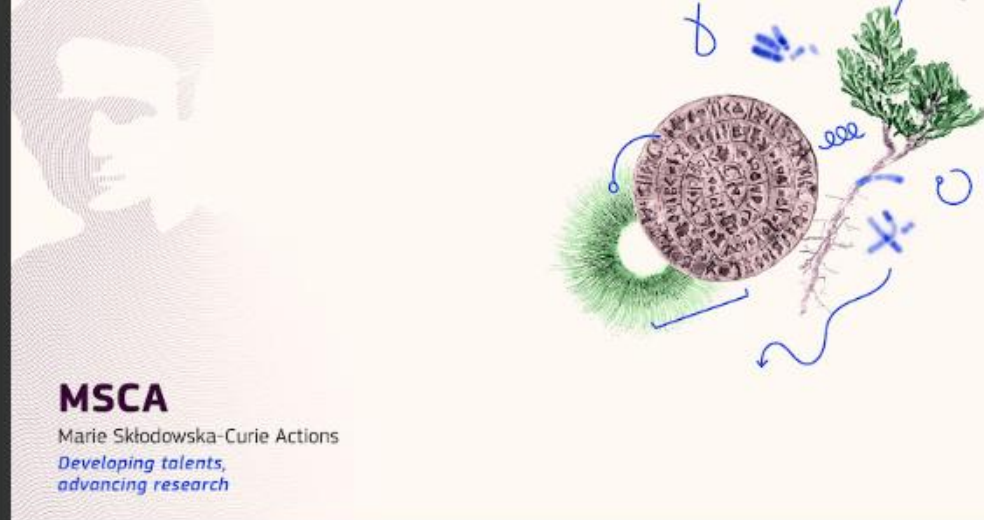
- [Gender Policy Brief](#)
- [Green Deal Policy Brief](#)
- [Missions Policy Brief](#)
- [Open Science Policy Brief](#)
- [Synergies Policy Brief](#)

## MSCA-NET Platforms to find a Host Institution for your project

### Matchmaking Platform

The MSCA matchmaking platform brings together fellows, companies, supervisors, etc. You can generate new contacts in the upcoming MSCA calls for 2022 and beyond.

[MSCA-NET Matchmaking Platform](#)



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Najnovejše informacije o vsebini, razpisih in dogodkih o programu MSCA v Obzorju Evropa, dr. Stojan Sorčan, nacionalna kontaktna točka (MVZI)

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petek, 24. november 2023

### Intervju z dr. Rodrigom Guterrez-Dominguez iz Evropske raziskovalne agencije o razpisu MSCA izmenjave osebja



Dr. Rodrigo Guterrez-Dominguez bo 4. decembra 2023 aktivno sodeloval na delavnici o pripravi projektov MSCA izmenjava osebja na MVZI. V pripravah na delavnico sem z njim opravil naslednji razgovor:

#### Arhiv spletnega dnevnika

- ▼ 2023 (82)
  - ▶ december (1)
  - ▼ november (15)
    - Odgovori na pisna vprašanja prijaviteljev delavnic...
    - Intervju z dr. Rodrigom Guterrez-Dominguez iz Evr...
    - Riga Stradins University (Laboratory of Molecular ...
    - Na Univerzi v Mariboru o pomenu dobrega mentorstva...
    - Ponovitev delavnice za MSCA izmenjave osebja s kra...
    - Delavnica za pripravo predlogov projektov razpisa ...
    - Evropski dogodek: Staff Exchanges Info Session 8 D...
    - Evropski dogodek: MSCA STAFF EXCHANGES CALL 2023 -...
    - Nekaj podatkov o slovenskih prijavih na razpise MS...
    - Izšla je novembrska številka MSCA Newsletter

[Najnovejše informacije za javnost, NCP MSCA v Obzorju Evropa](#)  
 [\(ncpmscaslovenija.blogspot.com\)](http://ncpmscaslovenija.blogspot.com)



# A few questions from the audience - 1

1. How many **partners** are needed for a potentially successful project application?
2. What is the desired ratio of partners from **academia and industry**?
3. How to find an **industry partner**?
4. To what extent does the applicant's **research performance** contribute to the success of the application?
5. How important is **research excellence** in the evaluation (compared to other criteria) and how is it measured?

## A few questions from the audience - 2

6. How does **the experience of the technical staff** influence the selection, e.g. if he/she has only been in a research-related position for a short time (this reduces the chance of success)?
7. What is the success rate of exchanges (approved applications) **for technical staff**?
8. What does **the length of the exchange** depend on? Is it a factor in the success of an application or does a longer exchange mean a higher chance of a successful application?
9. Can we carry out **research work** that we are already doing in other ongoing projects as part of this staff exchange?

# A few questions from the audience - 3

10. **How much time in prior** should be planned for the preparation of the application?
11. Is there any way to have partners from Canada?
12. What are **the specific criteria** that the evaluators are looking for?
13. Who is responsible for the **total project costs** and the overall project, including transportation and accommodation?
14. How do you evaluate the project and the **output after completing a project** such as a research article or a patent?

# A few questions from the audience - 4

15. How to **motivate/commit** staff for such visits, how to realistically **plan the durations**, how to mitigate **change** - are there potential/foreseen collaborations between **MSCA staff and MSCA DN** ?

16. How does the **call relate to European alliances/European universities**, in other words is it an advantage or not to connect a proposal **to an alliance network**?

17. What gives the **significant advantage** from the proposal **quality perspective**, in other words what is the **first quality criteria that the reviewers look at**?



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