

MSCA Doctoral Networks

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Webinario Nacional MSCA DN 2026

29 Mayo 2026

29 de mayo de 2026

Agenda

10.00h	Bienvenida
10.05h	MSCA DN 2026: aspectos generales de la convocatoria y claves para la preparacion de propuestas MSCA NCP España
11.00h	Caso de éxito: PacificPeopleForest (HORIZON-MSCA-2024-DN) María Cruz Berrocal. Incipit-CSIC EXODOCS (HORIZON-MSCA-2024-DN) Guillermo López-Reyes. Universidad de Valladolid
11.30h	Preguntas
11.45h	Fin de la sesion

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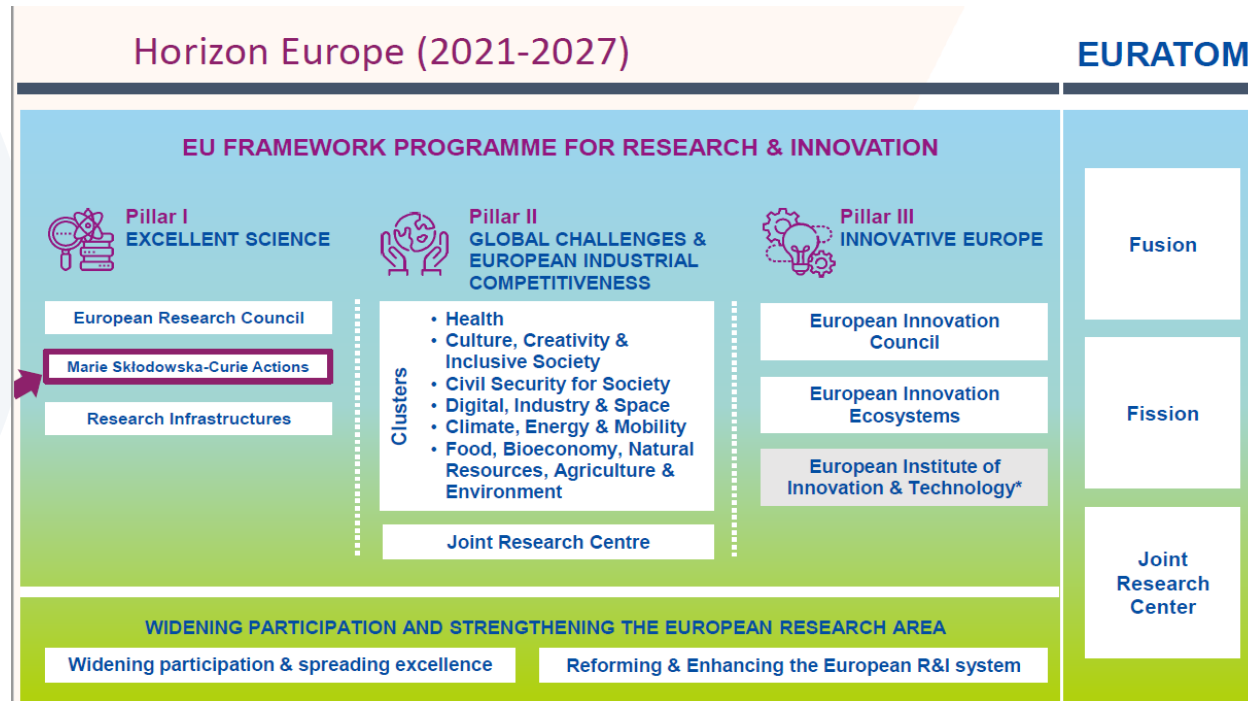


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MSCA: key information

MSCA budget: 6,6B€



Horizon Europe MSCA (up to 2024):

- ≈450 doctoral programmes funded
- ≈5,000+ Doctoral Candidates supported
- ~€1.4–1.5 billion invested in doctoral training
- ~50% involvement of non-academic sector
- Extremely competitive (10–14% success rate)

Horizon Europe will have a budget of **around €95.5 billion** for 2021-2027

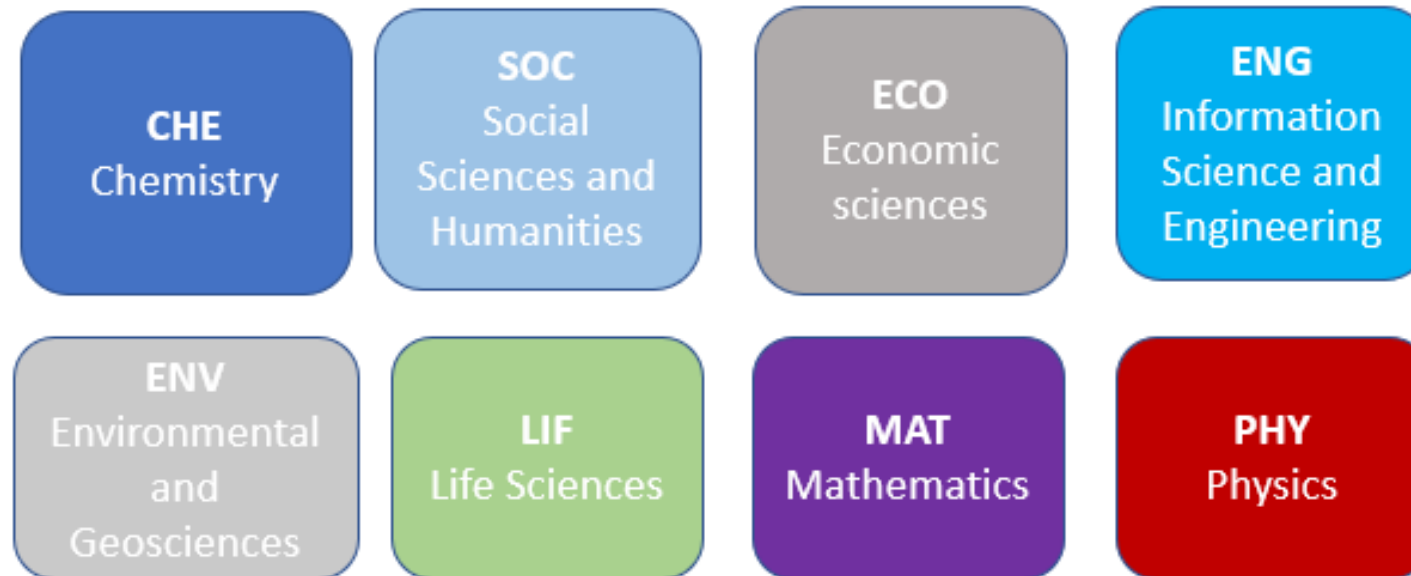
MSCA: A global research and training programme



- ✓ Impact in R+D+I
- ✓ Impact on researchers
- ✓ Impact on institutions

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)

Programme open to all thematic areas



Calendar 2026

16 Dec MSCA COFUND 2026 08 Apr

16 Dec MSCA SE 2026 16 Apr

09 Apr MSCA PF 2026 09 Sep

28 May MSCA DN 2026 24 Nov



2026

Calendar 2027

08 Dec MSCA CHOOSE EUROPE 2027 06 Apr

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15 Dec MSCA SE 2027 15 Apr

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2027

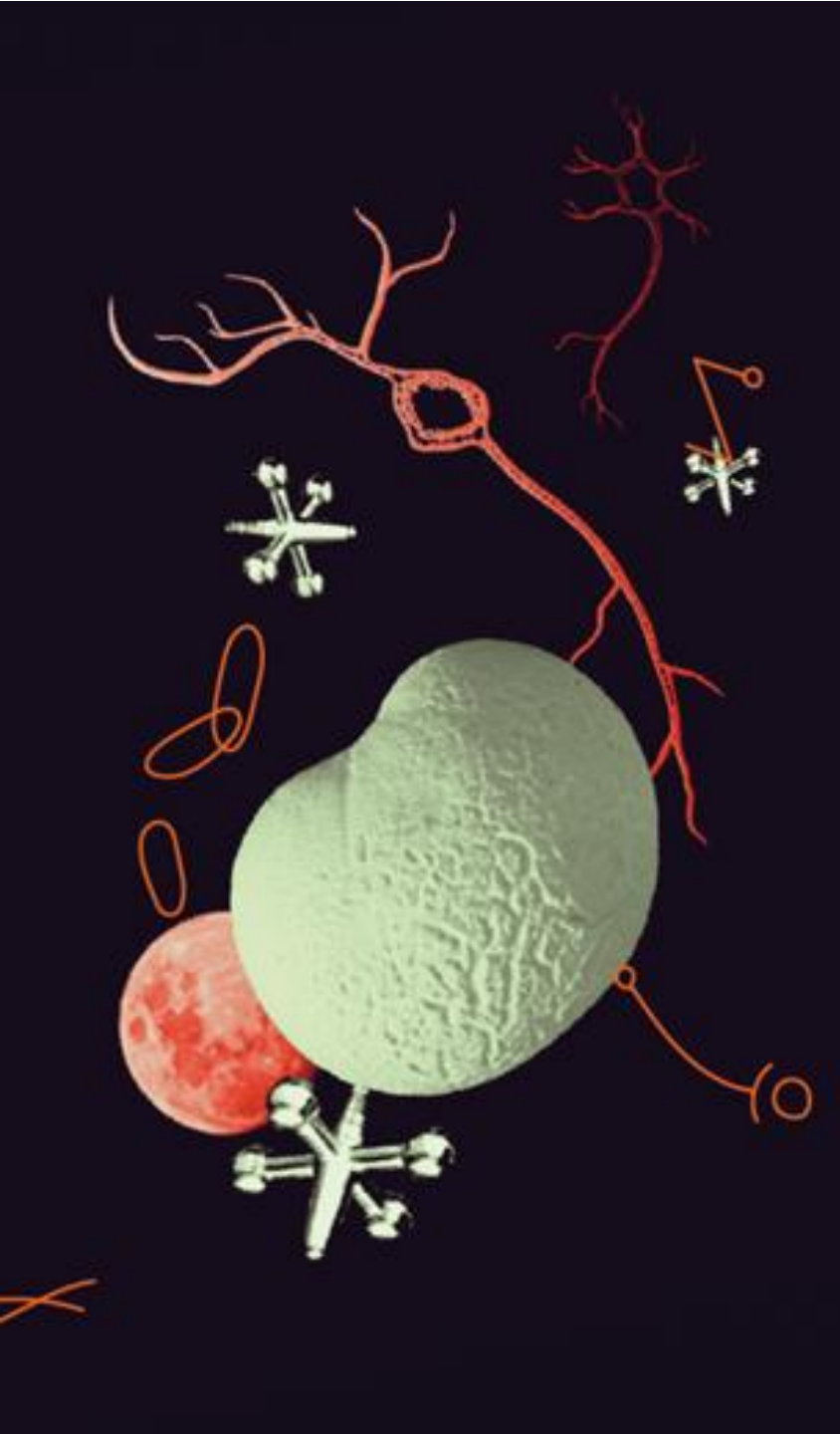
Doctoral Networks 2026

Indicative timeline

- 28 May 2026: launch of the call for proposals (TBC)
- 24 November 2026: deadline for submitting proposals (TBC)
- April 2027: notification of call results to applicants (TBC)
- July 2027: grant agreement signature for successful projects (TBC)
- August 2027: first EU-funded projects start (TBC)

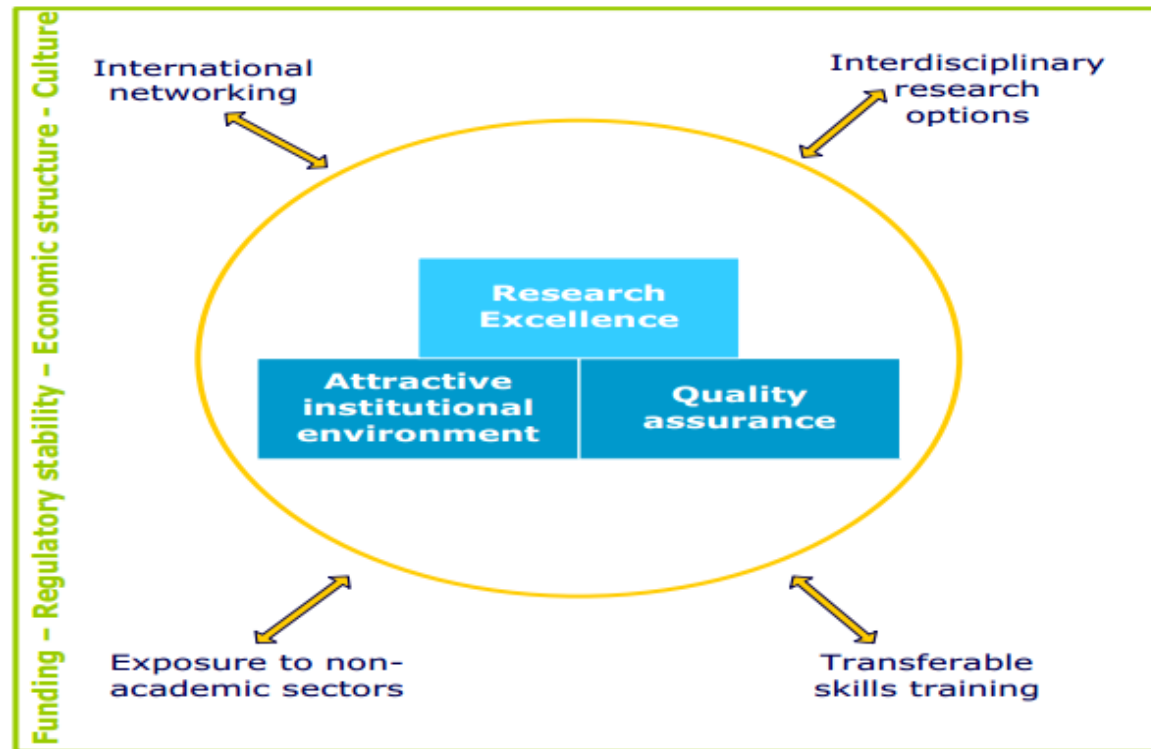
Indicative budget

EUR 593.034 million (TBC)



Doctoral Networks: objective

The objective of Doctoral Networks is to develop and implement excellent and innovative doctoral programmes through partnerships of organisations from different sectors and disciplines across Europe and beyond.



Doctoral Networks: expected impacts

For Doctoral Candidates:

- New **research and transferable skills and competencies**, which contribute to their **employability** inside and outside the academia;
- **New knowledge** that allows the **transfer** of ideas to products and services, when relevant;
- Increased **communication and collaboration capabilities** with scientific peers and the general public, in order to maximize the **impact** of their research and innovation activities.

For the institutions participating:

- Improving the **quality, relevance and sustainability of predoctoral training programs** and supervision mechanisms;
- Improvement in **cooperation and knowledge transfer** between sectors and disciplines;
- Increase the **integration of training and research activities** between participating organizations;
- Increase in **R&D&I capabilities**;
- Greater **internationalization and attraction capacity**;
- Strengthen the **research-education connection** of participating organizations.

Not a research project, but a training in research programme

MSCA Doctoral Networks: Modalities

Maximum 540 PMs

Doctoral Networks (Standard)

A consortium of minimum 3 entities from 3 different countries, and from the academic and non-academic sectors that offer innovative doctoral training linked to a university (PhD awarding)

Recruitment of max. 15 doctoral candidates per project funded

Action: 48 meses

Recruitment: 3-36 months

Industrial Doctorates

Doctoral candidates will spend at least **50% of the contract in the non-academic sector** to develop capabilities thanks to joint supervision between entities from these two sectors

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Joint Doctorates

Integrated doctoral training that will lead to the obtaining of **double, multiple, joint doctorates** and with joint selection and supervision by the institutions

Recruitment of max. 11 DCs (48 months) -or e.g., 6 (48) + 7(36)-per project funded

Action: 60 meses

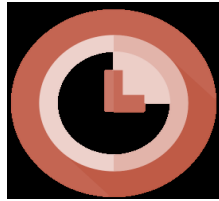
Recruitment: 3-48 meses

Network-wide and institutional training

Training on academic/technical & transferable skills

International and intersectoral secondments (no limits in ID & JD; **50% Standard DN**)

Doctoral Networks: Main features



DURATION
4 -5 years



CONSORTIUM
Minimum 3 organizations
from 3 different European
countries (1 MS)



**DOCTORAL CANDIDATE
CONTRACT**
From 3 to 36 / 48 months

- Maximum 540 PMs per project.
- **Beyond minimum consortium, beneficiaries from Third Countries could join (low and middle income)**
- Maximum 40% of the total budget of a project can go to the same country
- Resubmission restrictions to proposals scoring <80% en DN 2025 (equal or similar +70% of the beneficiaries are the same)
- Associated partners (hosting secondments, offering trainings, etc.) from any part of the world and any sector

Doctoral Networks – Participants

	Beneficiaries	Associated Partners
Academic/Non-academic	✓	✓
Signatories of the Grant Agreement	✓	✗
Recruitment of researchers	✓	✗
Training and/or hosting of seconded researchers	✓	✓
Participation in Supervisory Board	✓	✓
Directly claim costs	✓	✗

- PhD granting institutions as Beneficiaries or as Associated partners
- No limit in Associated Partners, but with a clear role

Doctoral Networks – Participants

Post-pandemic resilient communities: is the informal economy a reservoir for the next generation of digitalized and green businesses in the Global South? | PRESILIENT | Project | Fact Sheet | HORIZON | CORDIS | European Commission

Beneficiaries

DUBLIN CITY UNIVERSITY Net EU contribution ⓘ
€ 572 976,00

Total cost ⓘ
No data

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 Glasnevin
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Region
 Ireland > Eastern and Midland > Dublin

Activity type
 Higher or Secondary Education Establishments

Links
[Contact the organisation](#) [Website](#)
[Participation in EU R&I programmes](#)
[HORIZON collaboration network](#)

Participants (13)

Sort alphabetically	Sort by Net EU contribution	Expand all
	SVEUCILISTE U SPLITU EKONOMSKI FAKULTET Croatia	Net EU contribution ⓘ € 116 316,00
	PARTNERE NE ZGJIDHJE DHE ZHVILLIM Albania	Net EU contribution ⓘ € 106 218,00
	CENTRO PER LA COOPERAZIONE INTERNAZIONALE Italy	Net EU contribution ⓘ € 389 156,40
	RIJKSUNIVERSITEIT GRONINGEN Netherlands	Net EU contribution ⓘ € 274 370,40
	INSTITUT ZA JAVNE FINACIJE Croatia	Net EU contribution ⓘ € 232 632,00

Associated Partners

Partners (15)

Sort alphabetically	Sort by Net EU contribution	Expand all
	DIPLOMACY SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION OF KENYA Kenya	Net EU contribution ⓘ € 0,00
	UNIVERSITE CHOUAIB DOUKKALI Morocco	Net EU contribution ⓘ € 0,00
	Laboratoire d'Analyse des Politiques de Developpement of Cheikh Anta Diop University Senegal	Net EU contribution ⓘ € 0,00
	Barnabas Research and Training Institute Zambia	Net EU contribution ⓘ € 0,00
	UNIVERSITAS BRAWIJAYA Indonesia	Net EU contribution ⓘ € 0,00
	SIAR RESEARCH AND CONSULTING LLC Kyrgyzstan	Net EU contribution ⓘ € 0,00

Doctoral Networks: Researchers recruited



No PhD degree at the time of the recruitment

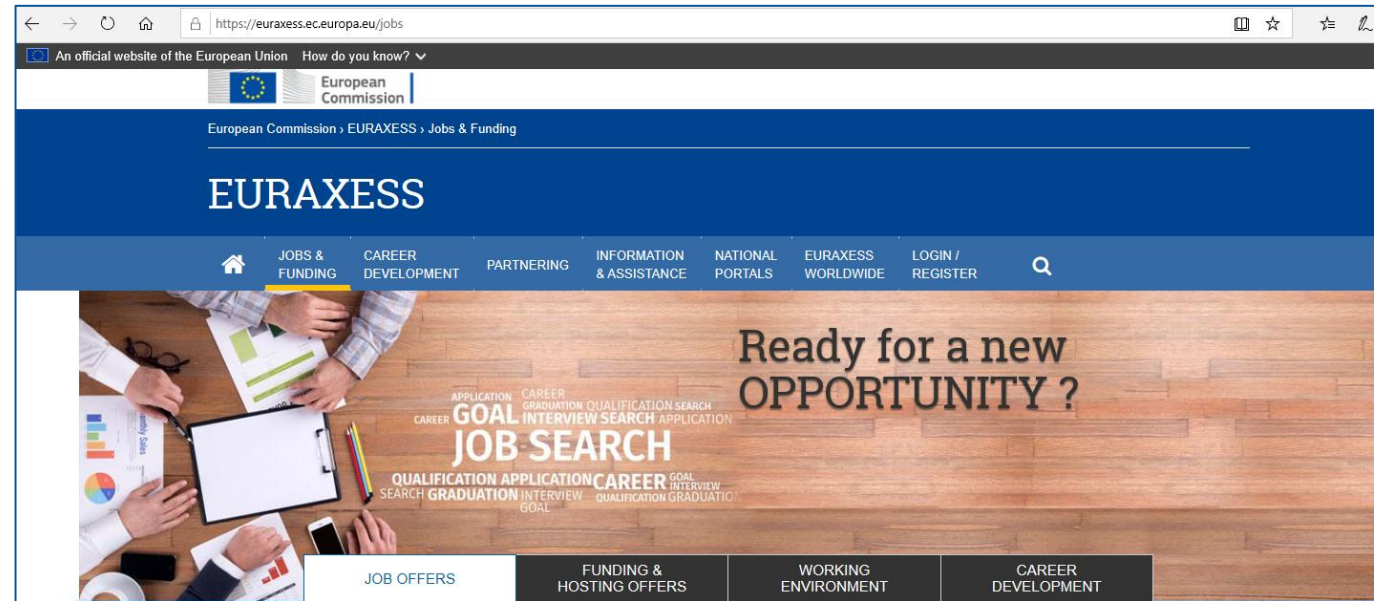
Enrolled in a doctoral programme leading to a PhD degree (at least 2, in different countries, for Joint Doctorates)

Any nationality



Mobility rule: The doctoral candidate must not have resided or carried out their main activity in the country of the recruiting entity for more than 12 months in the last 36 months prior to the recruitment date.

Doctoral Networks: Open, transparent and merit-based recruitment



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Doctoral Networks: Funding

Researcher unit contributions (Person-Month)					Institutional unit contributions (PM)	
Living allowance*	Mobility allowance	Family allowance (if applicable)	Long-term leave allowance (if applicable)	Special needs allowance (if applicable)	Research, training and networking contribution	Management and indirect contribution
EUR 4.250	EUR 710	EUR 660	EUR 4.720 x % covered by the beneficiary	Requested unit x (1/number of months)	EUR 1 600	EUR 1 200

- (*) Country correction coefficient applies to living allowance
- Funding assigned exclusively based on number of DCs and months of contract
- Internal redistribution of Institutional costs is allowed (e.g., recruitment of project manager, organising network-wide trainings, hosting doctoral candidate secondments). **Partnership Agreement recommended.**

Doctoral Networks: Proposal



Part A - administrative forms

filled *on-line* on the *Funding & Tenders Opportunities Portal*



Part B1 - the proposal, max 34 pages (PDF uploaded)

Start page, table of contents, list of participating organisations

Excellence

Impact

Implementation, incl. Gantt Chart

Maximum 30 pages



Part B2 - no page limit, PDF uploaded

Network organisation

Supervisory Board

Environmental aspects in light of the MSCA Green Charter

Participating organisations (1 pg per beneficiary, ½ pg per associated partner)

Letters of pre-agreement (for DN-JD)

RAISE DN for applicants of HORIZON-RAISE 2026-01-MSCA

Novelty 2026!

Resource for AI Science in Europe

RAISE DN 2026 call

Funding for projects that aim to apply AI in their scientific research & for those focused on developing new AI tools, systems and methodologies.

- **Indicative budget: €30 million** (funding from Pillar 2, Cluster 4)
- **Call for proposal dates: 28 May 2026 – 24 November 2027**
- **How to apply:** Applications must be submitted through the MSCA DN 2026 call. At proposal stage, applicants will be able to declare their interest in being considered for the RAISE Doctoral Networks and, if so, they should demonstrate that their proposal falls within the scope of the RAISE call.

[EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#)

Doctoral Networks: Proposal

Application forms

Proposal ID **SEP-210898316**

Acronym **MSCA-DN-SIMULACIO!**

3 - Budget

Participant number	Organisation short name	Role	Country	Country correction coefficient	Academic sector	IO	No of recruited researchers	Number of person months	Contributions for recruited researchers			Institutional contributions		Total
									Living allowance	Mobility allowance	Family allowance	Research, training and networking costs	Management and indirect costs	
1	FEICYT	Coordinator	ES	0.913	Yes	No	5	36	111751.20	21600	17820	57600	43200	251971.20
2	CSIC	Partner	ES	0.913	Yes	No	5	36	111751.20	21600	17820	57600	43200	251971.20
3	MADRIMASD	Partner	ES	0.913	No	No	5	36	111751.20	21600	17820	57600	43200	251971.20
4	EFFECTIA INNOVATION SOLUTIONS SL	Associated	ES	0.913	No	No	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0.00
Total							15	108	335253.60	64800	53460	172800	129600	755913.60



- Outdated unit costs & ccc
- Not a valid consortium

Doctoral Networks: Evaluation criteria

Criteria	Weight	Priority (ex.aequo)
Excellence	50%	1
Impact	30%	2
Implementation	20%	3

Excellence

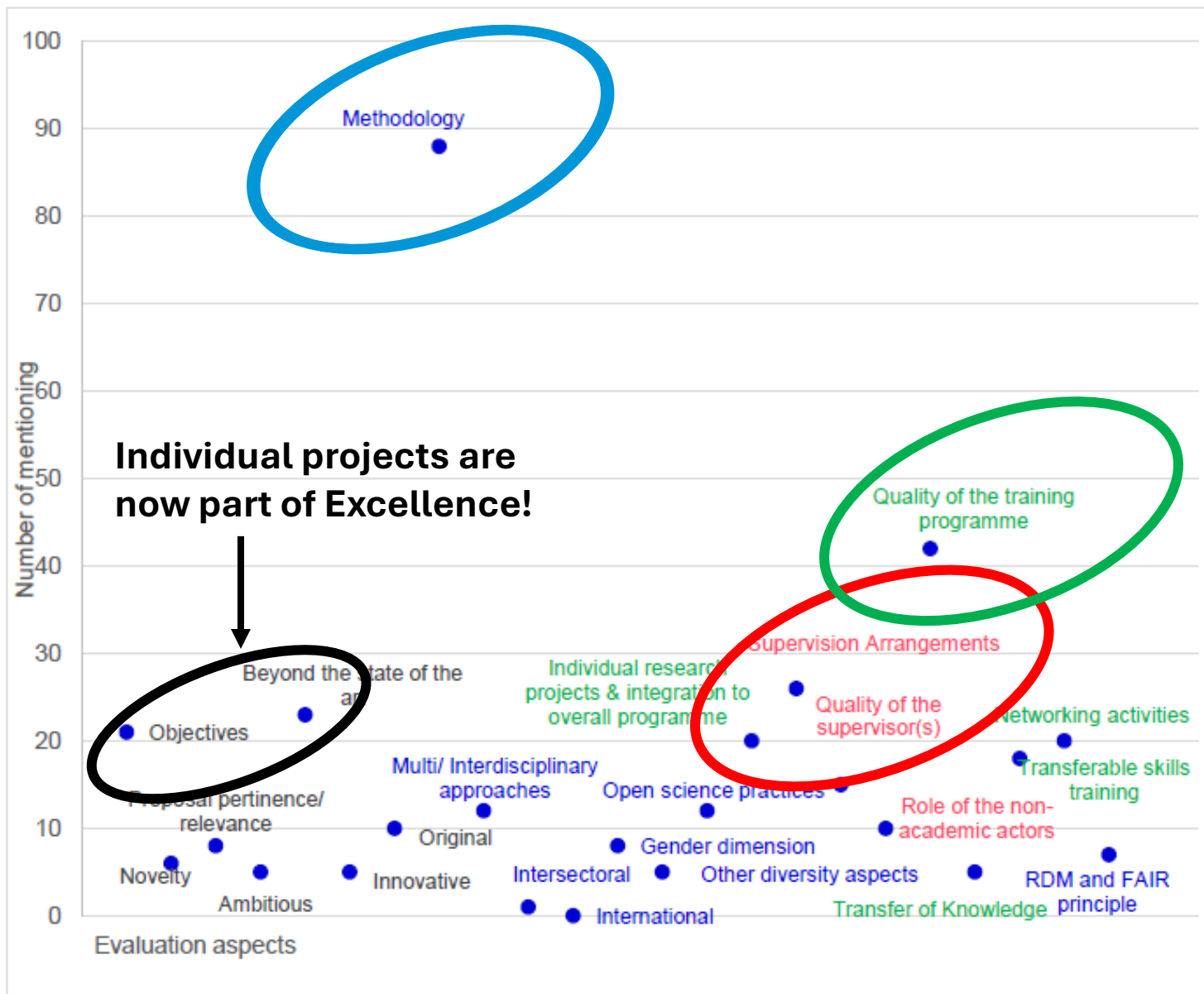
Quality and pertinence of the project's **research and innovation objectives** (and the extent to which they are ambitious, and go beyond the state of the art)

Soundness of the proposed **methodology** (including interdisciplinary approaches, consideration of the gender dimension and other diversity aspects if relevant for the research project, and the quality of open science practices)

Quality and credibility of the **training programme** (including transferable skills, inter/multidisciplinary, inter-sectoral and gender as well as other diversity aspects)

Quality of the **supervision** (including mandatory joint supervision for industrial and joint doctorate projects)

Excellence Weaknesses



- **Black font** is related to the scientific quality
- **Blue font** is related to the methodology soundness
- **Green font** is related to the training quality
- **Red font** is related to the supervision quality

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Impact

Contribution to structuring doctoral training at the European level and to **strengthening European innovation capacity**, including the potential for:

- a) meaningful **contribution of the non-academic sector** to the doctoral training, as appropriate to the implementation mode and research field
- b) developing **sustainable elements** of doctoral programmes

Credibility of the measures to enhance the **career perspectives and employability** of researchers and contribution to their skills development

Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise expected outcomes and impacts, as set out in the **dissemination and exploitation plan**, including **communication** activities

The magnitude and importance of the project's contribution to the expected **scientific, societal and economic impacts**

Redes Doctorales: Criterios de Evaluación

Criteria	Weight	Priority (ex.aequo)
Excellence	50%	1
Impact	30%	2
Implementation	20%	3

Quality and efficiency of the implementation

Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, assessment of **risks** and appropriateness of the **effort** assigned to work packages

Quality, capacity and role of each **participant**, including hosting arrangements and extent to which **the consortium** as a whole brings together the necessary expertise

DN 2025 call – results

Panel	Eligible proposals	Cut-off score	Funded projects	Success rate
CHE	184	94,8	17	9,24%
ECO	27	89,8	2	7,41%
ENG	600	96,2	53	8,83%
ENV	126	97,8	11	8,73%
LIF	369	95,0	32	8,67%
MAT	11	96,6	1	9,09%
PHY	101	95,4	9	8,91%
SOC	184	93,6	16	8,70%
TOTAL	1602		141	8,80%

Resources: National Contact Points



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National Expert

Fundación
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Laura Rivero
NCP MSCA

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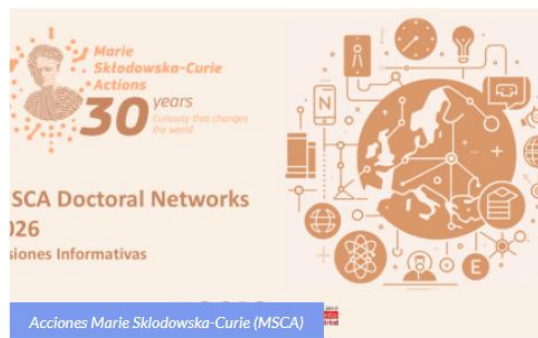


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Resources: Horizonte Europa



Sesiones informativas y documentación de apoyo Convocatoria Redes de Doctorado MSCA 2026

13 de Abril de 2026

La Convocatoria Redes de Doctorado MSCA Doctoral Networks DN 2026 abrirá el próximo 28/05/2026, tiene fecha de cierre 24/11/2026 y cuenta con un...



Sesiones informativas y documentación de apoyo. Convocatoria Proyectos Posdoctorales MSCA 2026

09 de Abril de 2026

La Convocatoria Proyectos Posdoctorales (MSCA PF 2026) con fecha de apertura del 09/04/2026 y fecha de cierre 09/09/2026 cuenta con un presupuesto de...



Resources: F&T PORTAL

- Information about the call
- Documentation
 - Application template (PDF)
 - Guide for Applicants
- Start application
- FAQ
- Partner search

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General information

Programme
Horizon Europe (HORIZON)

Call
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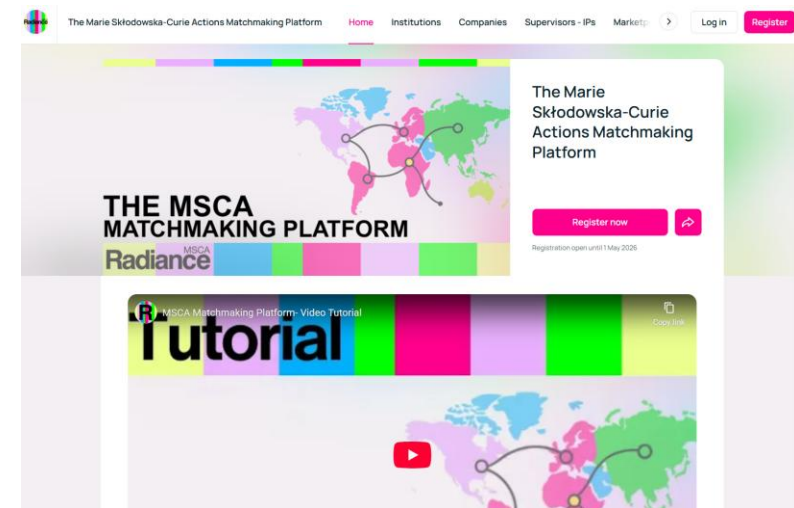
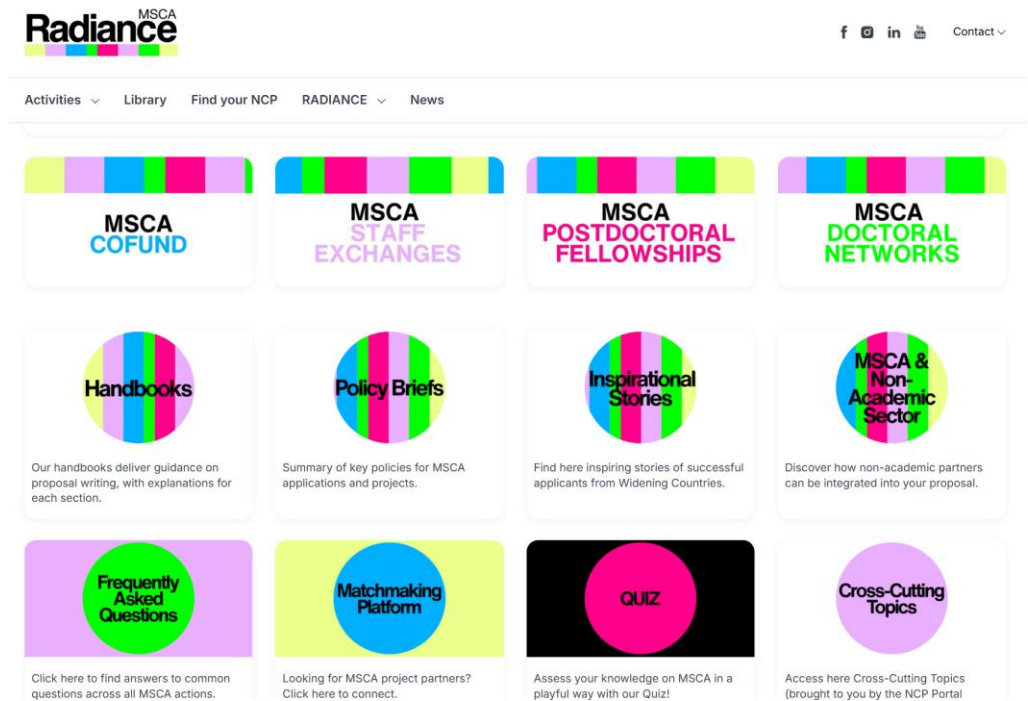
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Type of action HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-DN-ID HORIZON TMA MSCA Doctoral Networks - Industrial Doctorates	Type of MGA HORIZON Unit Grant [HORIZON-AG-UN]	Forthcoming
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Resources: RADIANCE

MSCA NCP Network project:

- Materials to support NCPs and applicants
 - **Handbooks** to prepare proposals
 - NCP contacts
- MSCA Matchmaking platform
- <https://horizoneuropencpportal.eu/msca>



<https://www.b2match.com/e/radiance-msca>

Gracias

