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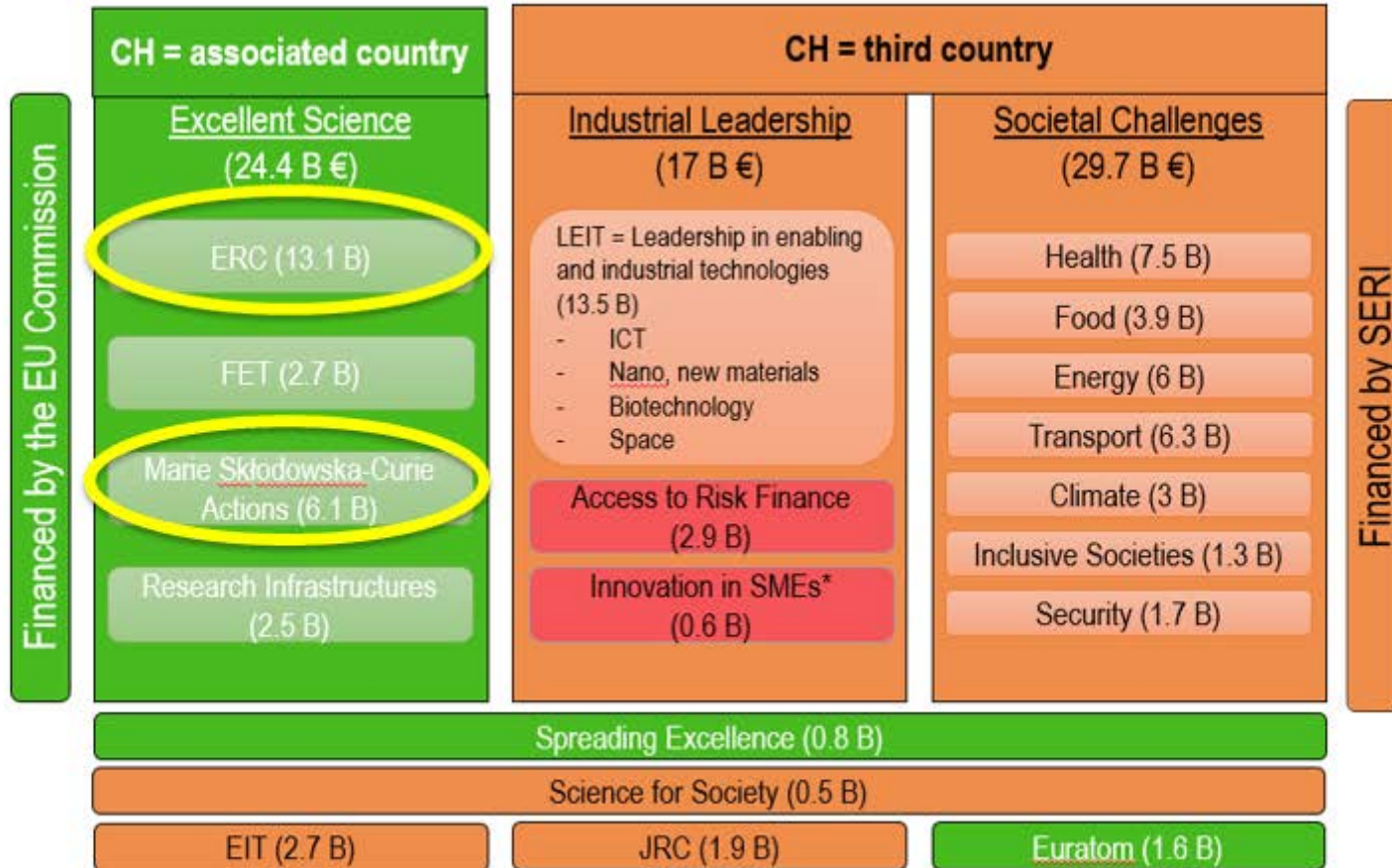
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-  Marie **Skłodowska-Curie** Individual Fellowships (IF)
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submission and useful links
-  European Research Council: ERC Starting Grants &
Consolidator Grants (StG/CoG)

H2020 & Status of Switzerland



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Marie **Skłodowska**-Curie Actions (MSCA)

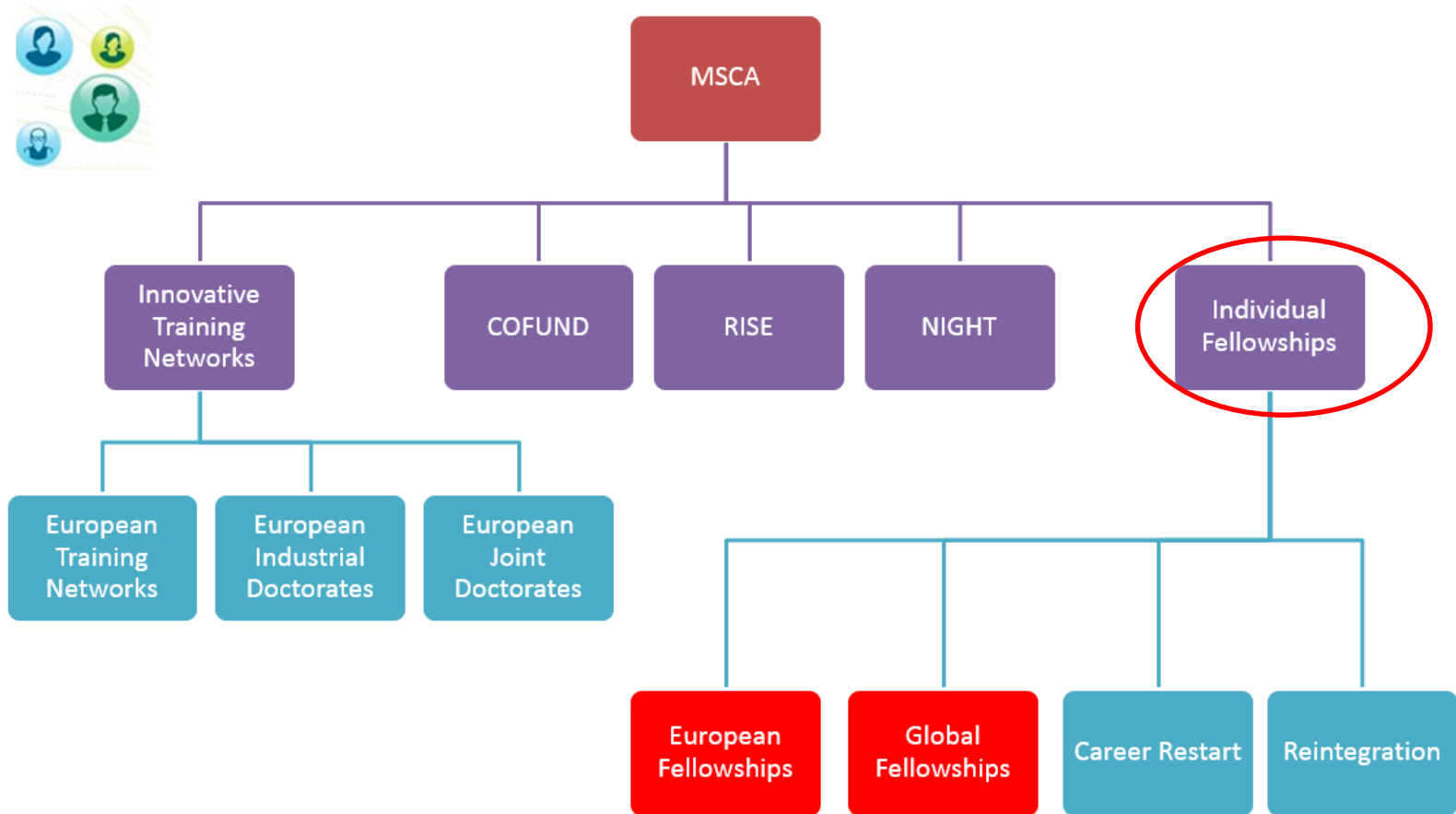
Marie Skłodowska-Curie: A Mobile Researcher



“After all, science is essentially international, and it is only through lack of the historical sense that national qualities have been attributed to it.”

Marie Skłodowska Curie (1867-1934) moved from Poland to France in 1891. She was convinced that Science is essentially international and stated this while serving in the 1920s on the Council of the League of Nations and on its international committee on intellectual cooperation. She was the first and only woman to be awarded 2 Nobel Prizes in two different fields: Physics (1903) and Chemistry (1911).

Marie **Sklodowska**-Curie Actions



MSCA Individual Fellowships (deadline: 10/09/2015)

Key Features

- Individual, **transnational** fellowships for the best or most promising researchers
- Focus on career development
- Bottom-up schemes (all fields of science, any topic)
- 2 schemes: European Fellowships (EF) and Global Fellowships (GF)
- Separate panels for Career Restart (CAR) and Reintegration within EF
- 3 to 6 months secondment options within Europe and in another sector

2014 Success Rates

- EF : 18.6%
- GF: 11.5%
- 2014 call: 7'409 submissions and 1306 projects funded



Eligibility criteria

- **No age limit** for researchers (but full-time equivalent research experience)
- At the time of the submission deadline, you have to be in possession of a **doctoral degree** or have at least **4 years of full-time equivalent research experience** (measured from the date when a researcher obtained the degree which would formally allow him/her to embark on a doctorate).

Depending on the scheme (EF or GF):

- **Nationality**
- **Mobility**



European Fellowships (EF)

- Duration: 12 to 24 months
- Any nationality
- Mobility Rules
 - Open to researchers either coming to Europe or moving within Europe
 - The researcher must not have lived, worked or studied in the European MS or AC * - where she/he wants to carry out the fellowship - for more than 12 months during the 3 years prior to the submission deadline



* MS = Member State
AC = Associated Country

Global Fellowships (GF)

- Duration: 12 to 24 months in a Third Country (TC) for the outgoing phase + mandatory 12 month return phase in Europe (MS or AC)
- The researcher must be **national or long-term resident of a MS or AC**
 - **Long-term residents** are researchers who spent a period of full-time research activity of at least 5 consecutive (without breaks in research) years in one or more MS or AC.
- Mobility Rule
 - The researcher must not have lived, worked, or studied in the Third Country where she/he wants to carry out the outgoing phase- for more than **12 months during the 3 years prior to deadline**

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Proposal structure



A. Administrative form

1. General Information
2. Administrative data of participating organisation(s)
3. Budget (flat rate!)
4. Ethics
5. Call specific questions

B. Proposal

List of participants

1. Excellence
2. Impact
3. Implementation
4. CV of the experienced researcher
5. Capacities of the participating organisation(s)
6. Ethical aspects
7. Letters of commitment of partner organisations

} 10 pages max

→ GF only

C. Annex

Ethics – Supporting documents (if applicable)

Budget

EU Contribution – monthly amounts in Euro

Categories of eligible costs	Costs of researchers			Institutional costs	
	Living allowance	Mobility allowance	Family allowance	Research, training and networking costs	Management and indirect costs
IF (100%)	4 650	600	500	800	650

Social charges are included

Country Correction Coefficients (applicable to Living Allowance):

CH: 113.1% (5'259€)

DE: 98.8%

FR: 111.0%

IT: 106.7%

UK: 120.3%

US: 99.4%

Ex.: Budget of a Global Fellowship


European Commission - Research - Participants
Proposal Submission Forms
 Research Executive Agency

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Proposal ID **SEP-210286495** Acronym **tbc** Go to

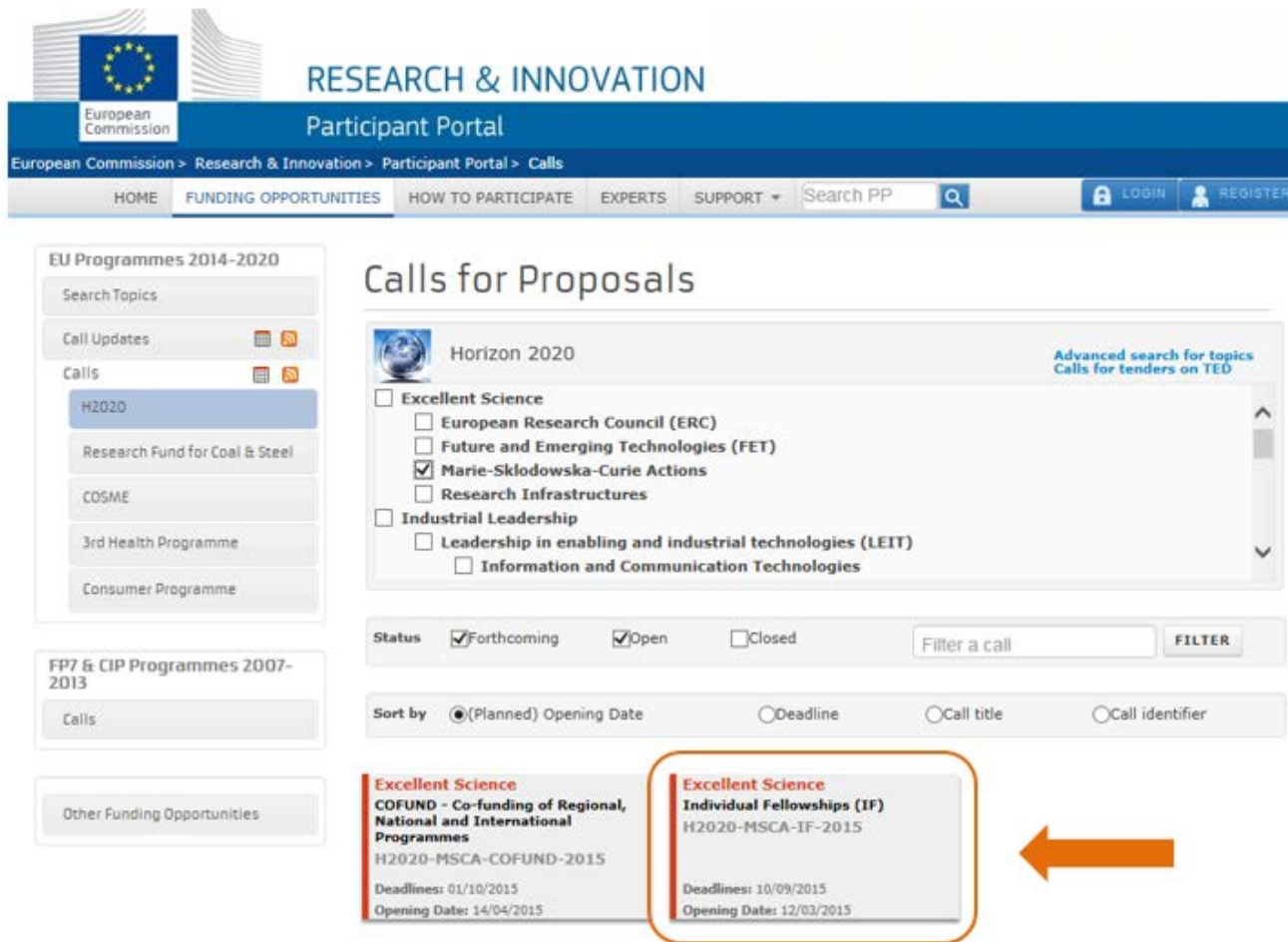
3 - Budget

Is the Researcher eligible for family allowance? Yes No

Participant Number	Organisation Short Name	Country	Country Coefficient	Number of Months	Researcher Unit Cost			Institutional Unit Cost		Total
					Living Allowance	Mobility Allowance	Family Allowance	Research, training and networking costs	Management and Overheads	
1	UNIVERSITE DE LAUSANNE	CH	1,131	12	63109,80	7200,00	6000,00	9600,00	7800,00	93709,80
2	Harvard Medical School	US	0,994	24	110930,40	14400,00	12000,00	19200,00	15600,00	172130,40
Total				36	174040,20	21600,00	18000,00	28800,00	23400,00	265840,20

Partner Organisation from Third Country does not sign the Grant Agreement, does not recruit the researcher and does not directly claim costs from the action. The entire EC contribution is transmitted to the Host organisation located in Members States or Associated Countries.

Submission via the Research Participant Portal



The screenshot shows the Research Participant Portal interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the European Commission logo and the text "RESEARCH & INNOVATION Participant Portal". Below this, there is a breadcrumb trail: "European Commission > Research & Innovation > Participant Portal > Calls". The main navigation menu includes "HOME", "FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES", "HOW TO PARTICIPATE", "EXPERTS", "SUPPORT", a search box labeled "Search PP", and "LOGIN" and "REGISTER" buttons.

The main content area is titled "Calls for Proposals". It features a sidebar on the left with "EU Programmes 2014-2020" (including H2020, Research Fund for Coal & Steel, COSME, 3rd Health Programme, and Consumer Programme) and "FP7 & CIP Programmes 2007-2013" (including Calls and Other Funding Opportunities).

The main content area displays a list of calls for proposals under the "Horizon 2020" heading. A search filter is applied to "Marie-Sklodowska-Curie Actions". The list shows two calls:

- Excellent Science**
COFUND - Co-funding of Regional, National and International Programmes
H2020-MSCA-COFUND-2015
Deadlines: 01/10/2015
Opening Date: 14/04/2015
- Excellent Science**
Individual Fellowships (IF)
H2020-MSCA-IF-2015
Deadlines: 10/09/2015
Opening Date: 12/03/2015

An orange arrow points to the second call, "Excellent Science Individual Fellowships (IF) H2020-MSCA-IF-2015".

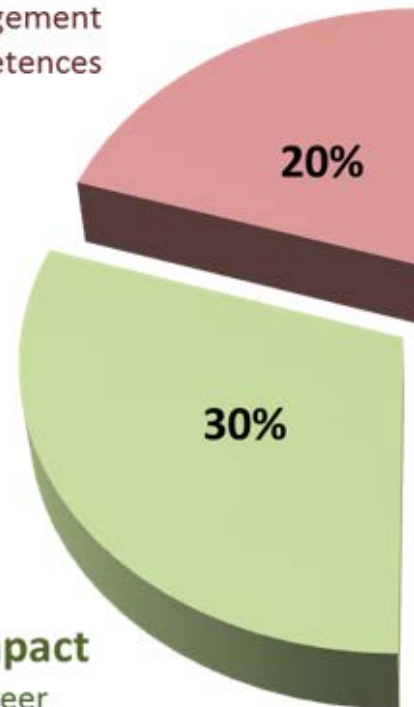
Evaluation criteria

[Self-evaluation form](#)



Implementation

Coherence
Management
Competences



Impact

Career
Society
Dissemination

Excellence

Originality
Knowledge
Supervision

More information in following documents:

[MSCA Work Programme 2014-2015](#)

[MSCA IF Guide for Applicants 2015](#)

8 Panels

- Chemistry (CHE)
- Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC)
- Economic Sciences (ECO)
- Information Science and Engineering (ENG)
- Environment and Geosciences (ENV)
- Life Sciences (LIF)
- Mathematics (MATH)
- Physics (PHY)
- Separate multidisciplinary panels for the Career Restart & Reintegration panels

Tips



Follow the exact structure of the Guide for Applicants

Details, details, details!
Evaluators can only judge upon the information you give them!

The proposal has to be understandable for experts as well as for generalists (counts also for abbreviations)

Spoon-feed the evaluators with the information. It is your task to make your text comprehensible, not their task to search for information

Don't forget a single achievement and document enough, even if they seem natural to you

Make little appetizers: subtitles, paragraphs, graphs...
Nice lay-out!

Tips



Respect page limits
and proposal
structure!

Address all criteria
and sub-criteria

Only apply if you
have a first-author
or senior-author
paper

Don't only rely on your
good CV and publications,
but highlight quality of
your training and
productivity

Don't just
"recycle" other
grant
applications

Explain well the
quality of the
institution and its
relevance to YOUR
application

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships

- **Next Deadlines** – 10th September 2015 and September 2016

Status of Switzerland may change in 2017

- Expected **project start date** – 1st June 2016
- Submission via the **Research Participant Portal**



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MSCA Useful Links

EU

[Individual Fellowships Call](#)

[MSCA Website](#)

[MSCA Work Programme 2014-2015](#)

[MSCA IF Guide for Applicants 2015](#)

[Evaluation Criteria](#)

[EURAXESS](#)

[The European Commission's Horizon 2020 Enquiry Service](#)

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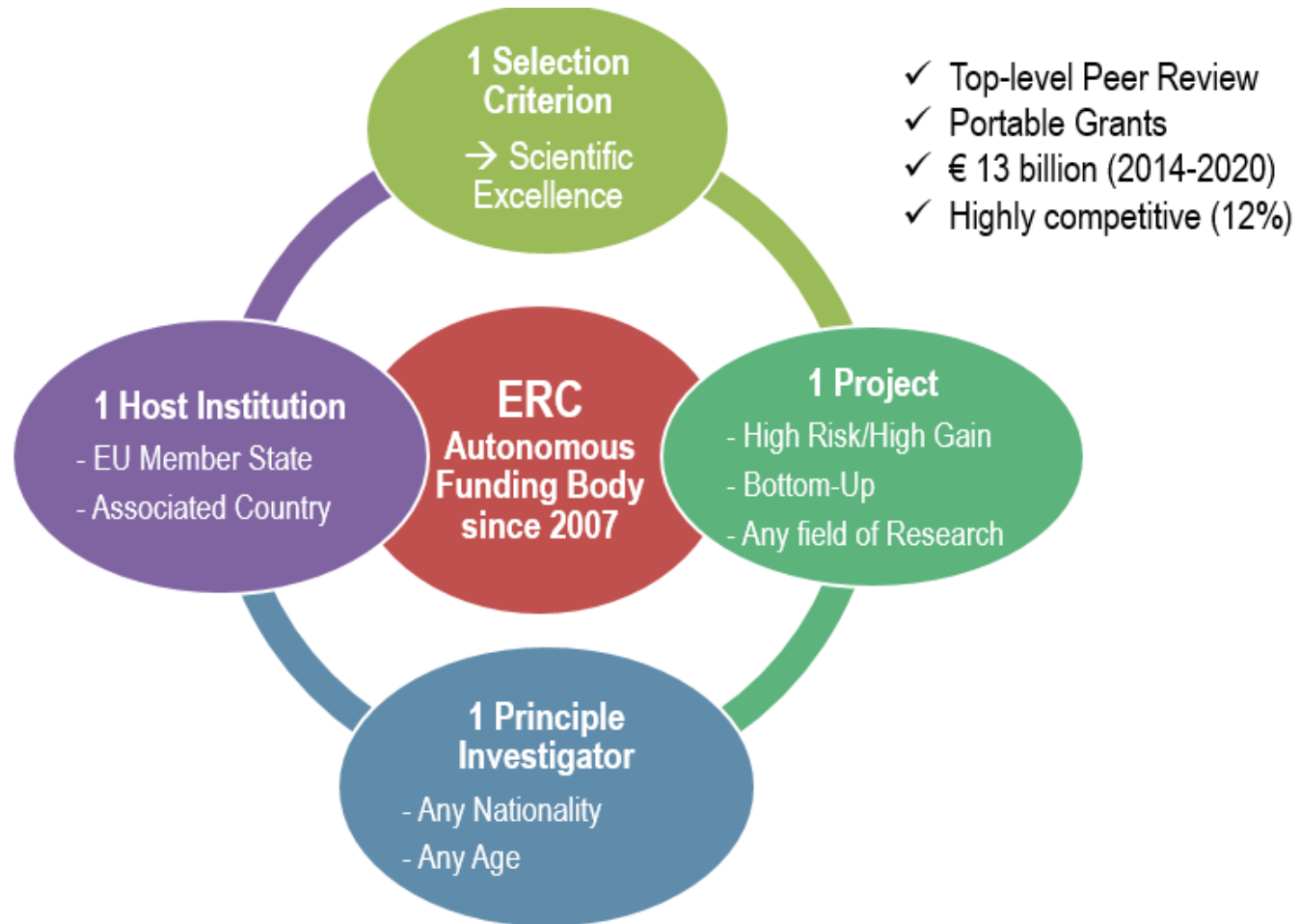
[Euresearch MSCA](#)

[MSCA Blogspot CH](#)

[IF Webinar](#)

European Research Council

ERC in a nutshell



ERC Funding schemes

erc.europa.eu

Starting Grants

ERC-2015-StG

17 November 2015

≥ 2 and ≤ 7 years after PhD

(+2y for MD)

€ 1.5 Mio to € 2.0 Mio

Up to 5 years

Total: € 430 Mio (330 grants)

Consolidator Grants

ERC-2015-CoG

2 February 2016

➤ 7 and ≤ 12 years after PhD

➤ (+2y for MD)

€ 2.0 Mio to € 2.75 Mio

Up to 5 years

Total: € 585 Mio (330 grants)

Advanced Grants

€ 2.5 Mio to € 3.0 Mio

Total: € 630 Mio (280 grants)

Proof-of-Concept

€ 150'000 for ERC holders

Total: € 20 Mio (130 grants)

Eligibility criteria



ERC Workprogramme 2016 (should be available on the 23rd July on the Participant Portal)
ERC Information for Applicants 2016 (idem)
ERC Self-Assessment (idem)

- Commit a minimum **50%** of your working time on the ERC project
- Spend a minimum of **50%** of their total working time in an EU Member State or Associated Country
- Have shown the potential for research independence and evidence of maturity
- Have produced at least one important publication without participation of their PhD supervisor

Evaluation criteria

Research Project

Your project must make a difference!

- Ground-breaking nature
- Important challenges and ambitious objectives
- Potential impact
- Novel scientific approaches
- High risk / high gain
- Feasibility and appropriateness of methodology

Principle Investigator

You are the right person to get the grant!

- Ability to propose and conduct ground-breaking research
- Past achievements go beyond the state-of-the-art
- Evidence of creative, independent thinking
- Level of commitment

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Part B1

Section a: Extended Synopsis (*5 pages*)

Section b: CV (*2 pages*), ongoing and submitted grants

Section c: Early achievements track-record (*2 pages*)

Part B2 (*15 pages*)

Section a: State-of-the-art and objectives

Section b: Methodology

Section c: Resources incl. budget table

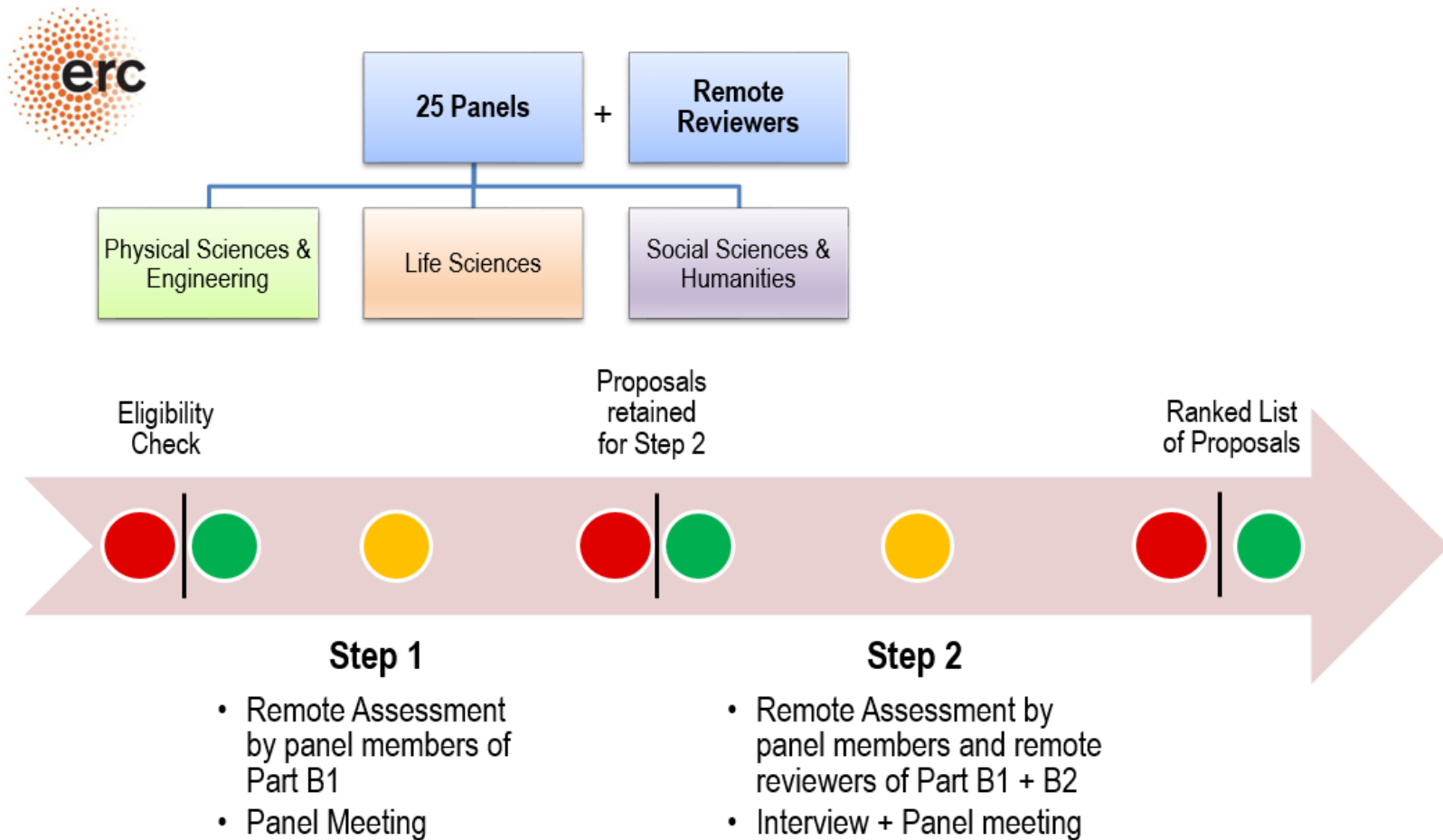
C. Supporting documents

Host Support letter

PhD certificate

Ethics self-assessment: if applicable

2-step evaluation



Tips



Clear objectives
and realistic
work-plan

Why Now?
Why You?
Why this project

Highlight your
independency

Demonstrate
feasibility of the
high-risk, high-
gain project

Novel and
ground-breaking
research

Potential impact
on science and
utility for society

Added value of
ERC grant for
career of PI

Crystal clear
title and
abstract

Tips



Submit a few days before the deadline

Use ERC budget calculator made by Euresearch

Inform / Contact Euresearch well in advance

Stick to MAX. page number

Ask Host Support Letter 2 weeks before the deadline

PIC UNIL
999841469

PIC CHUV
999600909

Indicative Deadlines

Submission deadlines

StG: 17 November 2015

CoG: 2 February 2016

Status of Switzerland may change in 2017

Expected project start dates:

StG: 1st January 2017

CoG: 1st April 2017

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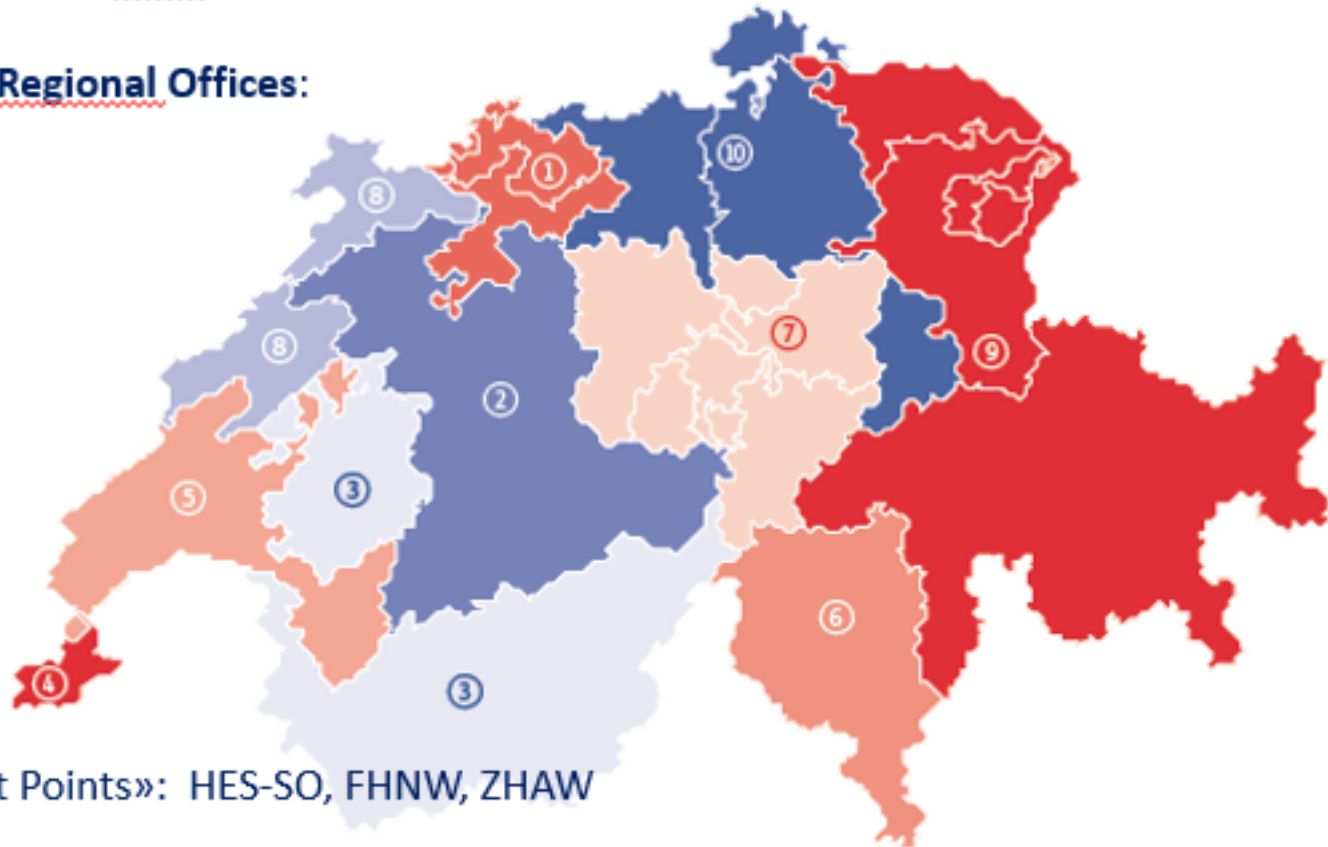
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+ Swisscore, Contact Office for European Research, Innovation and Education (Brussels)

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Choose appropriate keywords to obtain targeted information.

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& good luck !