# Taller de preparación de solicitudes para Supervisores y Candidatas/os

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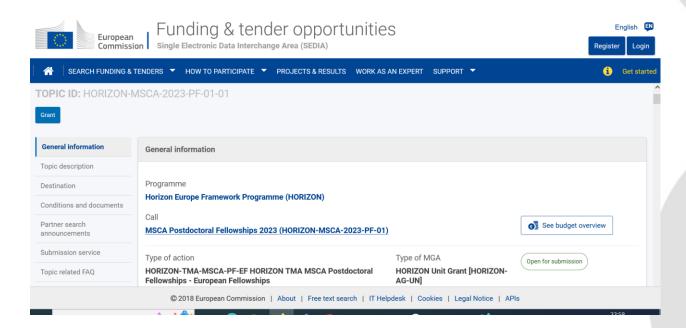
### MSCA PF 2023 – 260 million euros



Deadline for submitting proposals: 13 September 2023 (17:00 Brussels time)

### **Budget**:

- European Fellowships: € 221,4 mil. €€
- Global Fellowships: € 39 mil.





# MSCA PF 2023: Novelties

HISTORY OF CHANGES				
Version Publication Date		Change		
1.0	22 June 2021	Initial version (2021 call)		
1.1	11 May 2022	Addition of definition of Gender Equality Plan     Revision of definition of Associated Partners for submission purposes     Addition of procedure for the evaluation of resubmitted proposals     Revision of eligibility of non-compliant non-academic placements     Addition of Doctoral degree as eligibility criterion     Clarification on how to encode secondments and non-academic	4 4 6 7 7,9	
		placements Clarification on short visits Clarification on secondments for GF Clarification on description of secondments and non-academic placements in part B2 Clarification on how to apply for EURATOM funding Clarification on part B2 content Clarification on abstract content Link to 8-years research experience calculation tool added Link to FAQs	11 11-12 12 13 14 15 16	
1.2	06 July 2022	Clarification on the conditions for a successful PhD defence	7, 8, 9	
2.0	03 April 2023	Link to Horizon Europe general Annexes updated to 2023-2024 version  Statement on the evaluation of eligible resubmissions  Removal of the requirement to include a letter of commitment for non-academic placements  Secondment and non-academic placement table divided into "general principles" and "how to fill in the application/submission forms"  Rephrasing of secondment at the start of the fellowship for Global fellowship  Reference to Part A, section 5, question on secondment removed  Reference to the new section on "Environmental considerations in light of the MSCA Green Charter" added.	5 6 6,12 11,12 11 12	

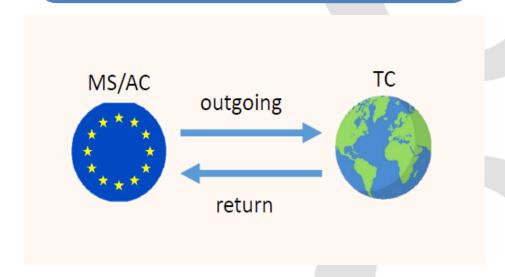
# MSCA PF 2023: Two implementation modes

European Fellowships (EF) 12 – 24 months in Europe

# Move to Ms/Ac Any nationality Move country Move country

### **Global Fellowships (GF)**

12-24 months outside of Europe + 12 months return phase in Europe



- ✓ The researcher can only apply for one mode
- ✓ No restriction on numbers for supervisors (ensure mentoring capacity)
- ✓ Resubmission restriction: 70% score min. last year (same researcher, same institution)



### MSCA PF 2023: How does it work?

### Beneficiary located in Spain

Receives funds, signs GA, recruits, supervises and trains fellow

### **Sectors**

Academia /Non Academia

### **MSCA PF 2023**

### Researchers

Candidate who owns the idea

Supervisor at the institution

### **Associated Partner**

Outgoing Phase of a Global Secondments and Placements



Letters of Commitments are compulsory ONLY for the Associated Partners of the outgoing pase of the Global Fellowships (GF)



# MSCA PF 2023: who can apply

### Research experience

Holding a PhD degree or having defended thesis

### Research experience

Max. 8 years FTE research experience (exceptions)

### Researcher

### **Mobility**

Not more than 12/36 months (EF vs. GF)

### **Nationality**

Open to all nationals EF, restrictions for GF

Eligibility aspects measured at call deadline (13/09/2023)



# MSCA PF 2023: Having obtained the PhD and having not more than 8 years of research experience by 13/09/2023

### **Exceptions can apply**

- Maternity leave: 18 months for each child born after the PhD Award date
- Paternity leave: exact duration per child born after the PhD Award date
- Long term sick leave
- Time spent not working in research
- Compulsory national service
- Research in a non-associated Third Country (TC), only for nationals or long term residents of MS/AC wishing to reintegrate in Europe: they must be based in the TC at the call deadline of have directly moved to Europe within the 12 month period immediately prior to the call deadline

### How can you calculate this 8 years period?

- REA Guidelines (MSCA-PF 2023)
- REA Self-assessment tool (MSCA-PF 2023)



### MSCA PF 2023: secondments and placements

	SECONDMENT	NON-ACADEMIC PLACEMENT	
What?	Aligned with the research objectives, will enhance the triple I dimension of the project, adding value and impacting in the results	This incentive aims at promoting career moves between sectors and organisations and thereby stimulate innovation and knowledge transfer while expanding career opportunities for researchers.	
When?	<ul> <li>EF: Anytime during the project</li> <li>GF: only possible during the outgoing phase ( a possible 3 months can be initially spent at the beneficiary in Europe)</li> <li>In both modes, secondments can be divided into several periods</li> </ul>	Part of the proposal that takes place at the end of the standard EF/PF duration	
Where?	Anywhere in the world, in any sector	In Europe, in the non-academic sector	
Timing	<ul> <li>EF: Up to 1/3 of the total standard duration</li> <li>GF: Up to 1/3 of the outgoing phase duration</li> </ul>	Up to 6 months	

- ✓ In both cases, the supervisor is key
- ✓ Different from "short stays" or "field work"
- ✓ Have to be described in Part B, no letter of commitment is needed



# MSCA PF 2023: EF Example

	Researcher Unit Cost (person/month)			Institutional Unit Cost (P/M)		
MSCA	Living Allowance*	Mobility Allowance	Family Allowance	Research, training and networking	Management and overheads	
PF	5.080	600	660	1.000	650	
PF ES	4.638,04	600	660	1.000	650	
PF 24 months ES	111.312,96	14.400	15.840	24.000	15.600	
TOTAL PF 2 years	181.152,96€					

### **RESEARCHER UNIT COST**

### **Living Allowance:**

- CCC: country correction factor applies (host country) 91,3
- Gross EU contribution living allowance (- cuota patronal, taxes, S.S...) before taxes!

### **INSTITUCIONAL UNIT COST**

### Research, training and networking costs:

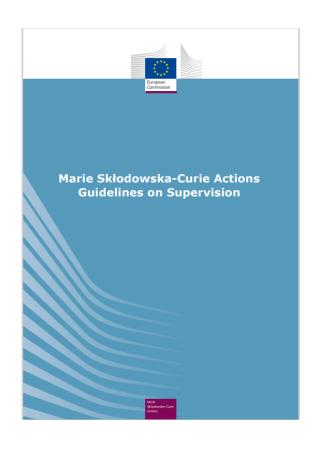
 Purchase of material, organisation and travel to events, payment of conferences fees, etc.

### Management and overheads:

• Indirect costs for institutions



### The relevance of supervisors



- In line with the principles of the C&C, MSCA beneficiaries must ensure adequate supervision or mentoring and appropriate career guidance
- Code of good practice that complements other initiatives and codes of practice, which exist at institutional level
- The degree and form of supervision may vary according to disciplines, researcher's experience, type of programme or personality/skills factors
- Relevant tips that differentiates the role of supervisors, researchers and host institutions

MSCA Guidelines on Supervision | Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (europa.eu)



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### **Proposal structure**





### **Part A** – administrative forms

are filled *on-line Funding&Tenders* 

General Information about the Proposal including Abstract (max. 2 000 characters), Administrative data on participating organisations, Budget, Ethics issues table, Call specific questions



### Part B1 — the proposal (max 10 pages PDF uploaded)

- 1. Excellence
- 2. Impact
- **3.** Implementation, incl. Gantt Chart

- 10 pages total
- No section page limit
- excess pages will automatically be disregarded

No overall page

limit applied





- 4. CV of the Researcher
- 5. Capacities of the Participating Organisations
- 6. Ethical aspects
- 7. Security screening
- 8. Environmental considerations in light of the Green Charter
- 9. Letter of Commitment of Partner Organisations → GF





# MSCA PF 2023 Evaluation Criteria

EXCELLENCE	IMPACT	QUALITY AND EFFICIENCY OF THE IMPLEMENTATION	
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)	Credibility of the measures to enhance the career perspectives and employability of the researcher and contribution to his/her skills development	Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, assessment of risks and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages	
interdisciplinary approaches, consideration of the gender	measures to maximise <b>expected outcomes and impacts</b> , as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan, including communication	Quality and capacity of the host institutions and participating organisations, including hosting arrangements	
Quality of the supervision, training and of the two-way transfer of knowledge between the researcher and the host	·		
Quality and appropriateness of the researcher's professional experience, competences and skills			
50%	30%	20%	

### **MSCA PF 2023: EXCELLENCE - KEY ASPECTS**

### 1.1.

- ✓ Introduction, overview
- ✓ Innovative project, objectives identified and realistic, convincing state of the art
- ✓ Alignement with public initiatives (SDG, EU missions...)

### 1.2.

- ✓ Concrete and adecuate methodology (identify mechanisms, techniques ... relatives to RO in 1.1.)
- ✓ What about interdisciplinarity?
- ✓ Diversity and gender
- ✓ Open Science and FAIR data management.

### 1.3.

- ✓ Supervisor (s) main Info + rol in Career Development Plan + B2.5
- ✓ Detailed Info about scientific and transversal skills (link for 2.1)
- ✓ Secondments, non-academic placement, fieldwork, etc ...
- ✓ Knowledge transfer, match and complementarity supervisor/fellow.

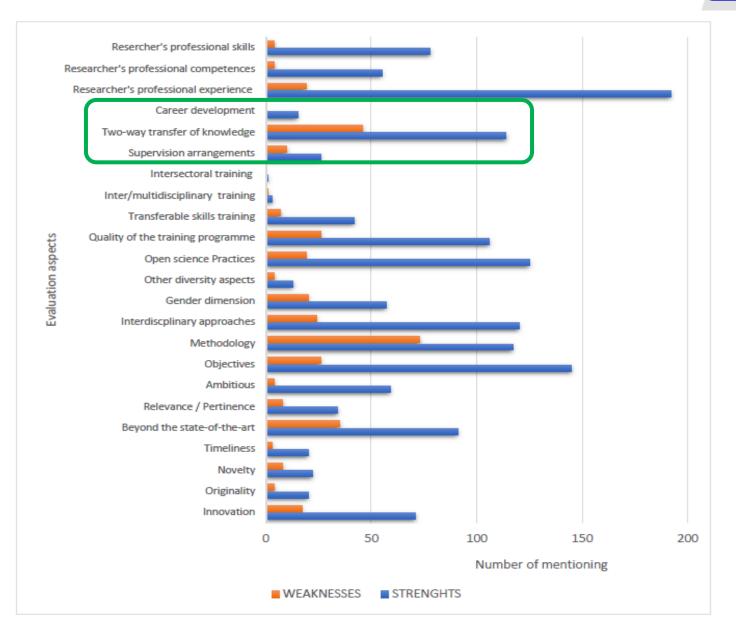
### 1.4.

Alignement profile of the fellow - project (in line with CV Part B2)



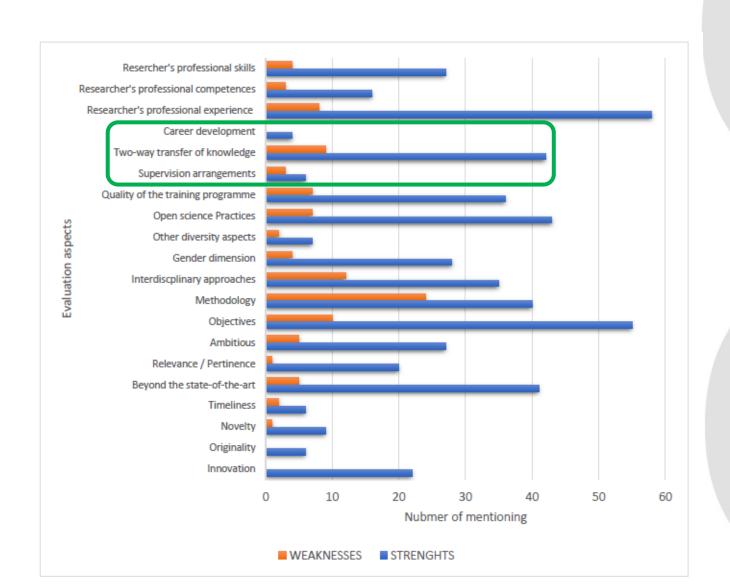
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### **MSCA PF 2023: IMPACT - KEY ASPECTS**

- 2.1. How does the Excellence section impact this section:
  - ✓ What skills will be obtained? Medium Long term thinking.
  - ✓ Employability in and outside academia (concrete examples)
  - ✓ Impact of the collaborations (triple i)
- 2.2. Exploitation, Dissemination and Communication plans: realistic and concrete.
  - ✓ Indicators
  - ✓ Different audiences (all matter): scientific communities, final users, industry, citizens, etc.
  - ✓ Actions and channels will vary (publications, open days, B2B, etc. )
  - ✓ Use tables separating each sub-criteria
  - ✓ IPR management. To be adjusted to the project. Liaison with OTRI/ Legal Dpt. Of institution (describing expertise)
- 2.3. Different impacts might be mentioned.
  - ✓ Alignement with public policies (Missions, SDG ...etc)
  - ✓ Difference between output outcome impact





### **Some concepts**

Outputs

— SR(I)As

- Training

— PhDs

— etc.

Databases

Collaborative projects

### Outcomes (intermediate impacts)

- Science impacts
- Organisational
- Capacity building
- Structural impacts
- Economic impacts
- Symbolic impacts
- Training impacts
- Connectivity impacts

### I<mark>mpacts</mark> (gl<mark>o</mark>bal, long-term)

- Economic impacts
- Societal impacts
- Innovation impacts
- Policy / conceptual impacts
- Organisational
- Cultural impacts
- Health impacts
- Enduring connectivity
- Environmental impacts

# EXAMPLES of outcomes and impacts per different type of beneficiary

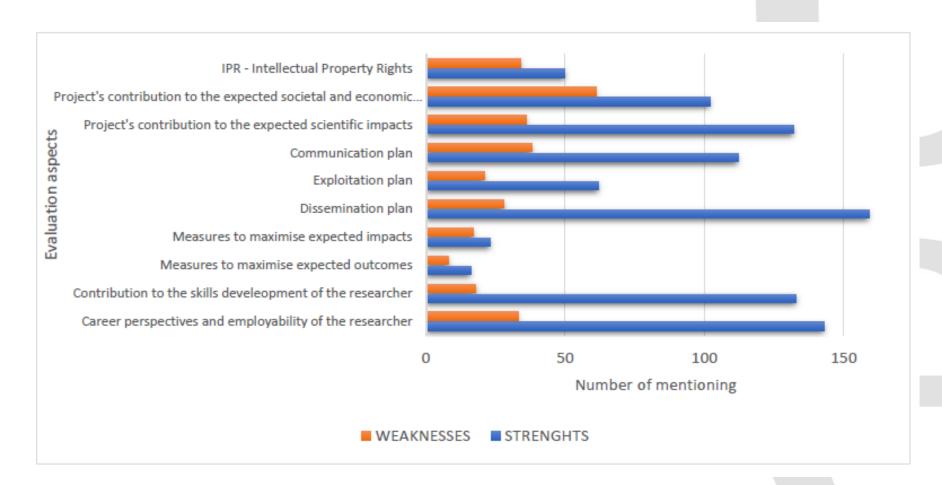
Type of beneficiary	Outcomes	Intermediate impacts	Global impacts
Research organisation	new technology, new data/method, formal publications, patents	additional research income, commercial income, increased research capacity, spin-off businesses, enhanced reputation	new research trajectories, new solutions for socio-environmental challenges, economic spill-overs to industry
Industrial organisation	new product/service, new technical process, new organisational process, patent, improved capacities	increased turnover/ profit, new jobs, protection of existing jobs, increased market share, geographic expansion	economic spill-overs to other businesses, new solutions for socio-economic challenges
Public service organisation	new methods/services, new organisational process	improved service quality, reduced cost of service delivery	improved health, safety, security and/or quality of life for citizens
Public administration	improved scientific evidence, new organisational process	improved governance, reduced administration costs, evidence-based policy making	improved economic, social and/or environmental impacts
Societal organisation	improved scientific evidence, improved services, improved capacities	increased influence	improved standards/ regulations, improved quality of life
Environmental organisation	improved scientific evidence, improved services, improved capacities	increased influence	improved standards/ regulations, reduced environmental impacts





# Impact – Strengths and weaknesses of the European Fellowships

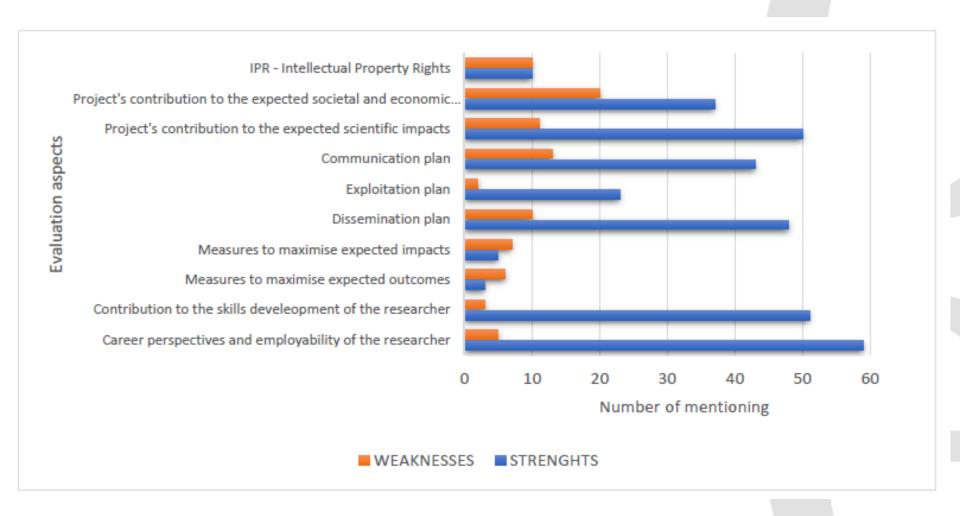






# Impact – Strenghts and weaknesses of the Global Fellowships







### MSCA PF 2023: IMPLEMENTATION – KEY ASPECTS

### 3.1.

- ✓ Coherence for WP, tasks, deliverables, milestones + cross-references and consistency with Sections 1. and 2.
- ✓ PM to be indicated for fellow + institutional support
- ✓ Detailed GANTT Chart
- ✓ Careful with risk management: ensure Plan B and be concrete about it.

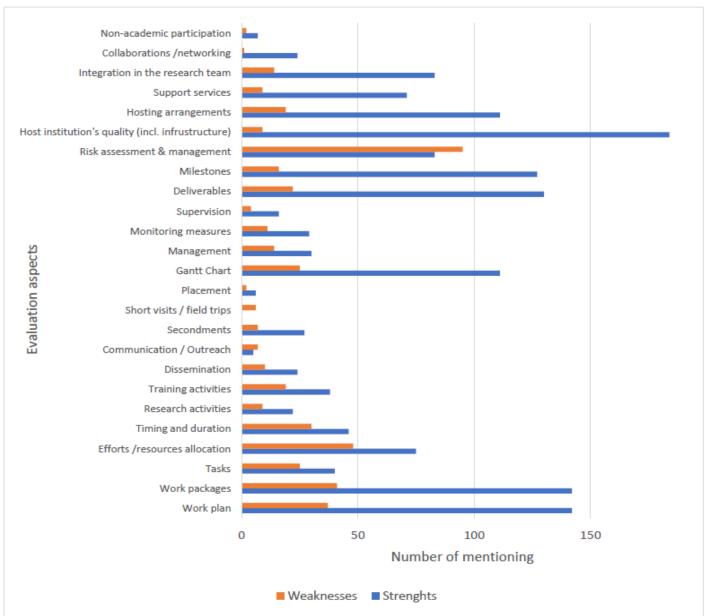
### 3.2.

- ✓ Info on infrasctructures for fellow at host + associated partners (if aplicable)
- ✓ Support measures to host fellows (group + institutions)



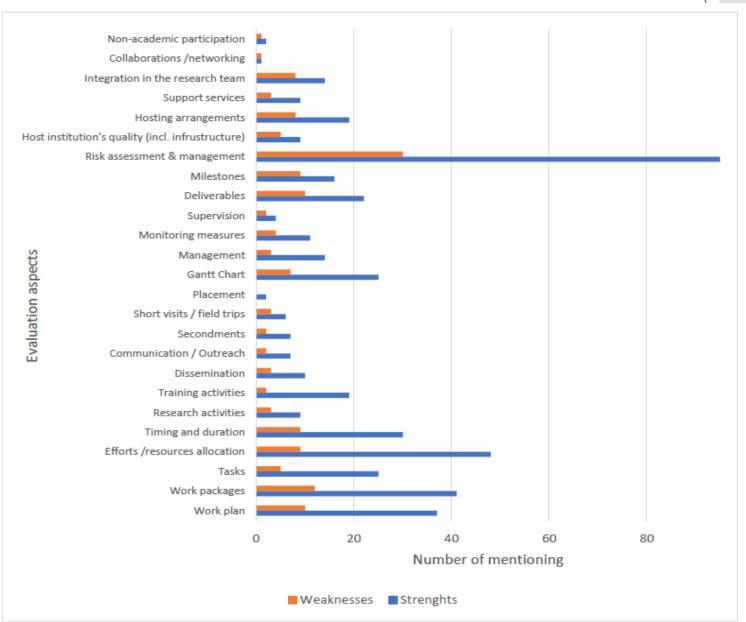
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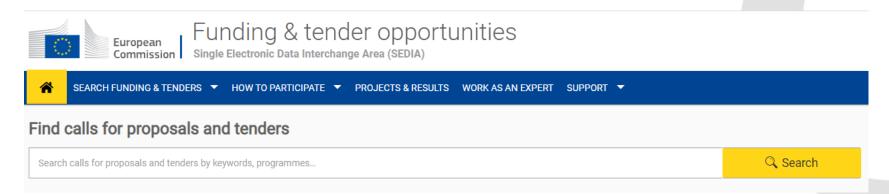


### Implementation – Strengths and weaknesses of the Global Fellowships





# Portal Funding and Tender Opportunities (FTOP)



- Portal where all EU calls are published
- Official documentation for MSCA Call

https://ec.europa.eu/info/fundingtenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home



### Official documentation: EC and REA



Introduction

Doctoral Networks - call 2021

Postdoctoral Fellowships – call 2021

Staff Exchanges - call 2021

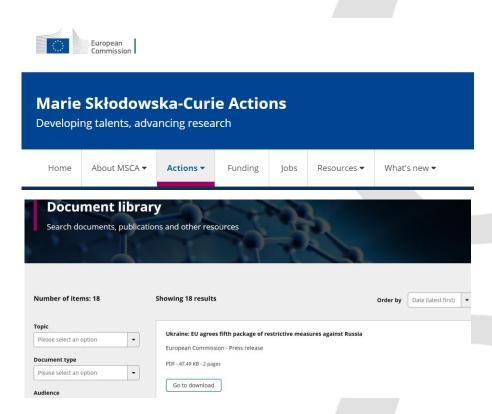
COFUND - call 2021

MSCA and Citizens – call 2021

What happens next

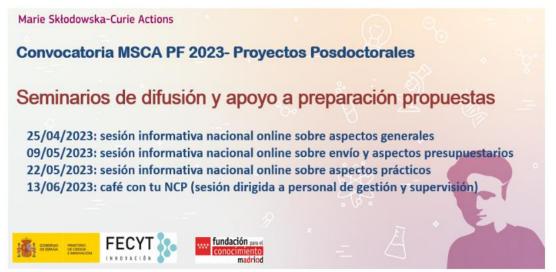
### Research Executive Agency (REA)





**MSCA European Commission** 

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# ¡Muchas gracias!

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