



# Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Postdoctoral Fellowships (HE 2nd call)



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# Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF): Objectives

- Foster excellence through the implementation of a research project;
  - Enhance the creative and innovative potential of researchers holding a PhD (training on transferable skills & career development);
  - Focus on i3 (international, inter-sectoral, interdisciplinary) mobility;
  - Bridges with and exposure to the non-academic sector.
- All scientific fields (including Euratom-related areas)

# Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF) 2022 Call

## Call planning

Call Opening:	<b>12 May 2022</b>
Call Deadline:	<b>14 September 2022</b>
Evaluation period:	<b>October 2022 – January 2023</b>
Launch Grant preparation:	<b>February 2023</b>
Project Starting dates:	<b>March 2023 - September 2024</b>



# Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF): Types of Action

PF is a mono-beneficiary action to support post-doctoral research and careers and has the following options:

- ✓ European Postdoctoral Fellowships coming to Europe from any country in the world or moving within Europe;
- ✓ Global Postdoctoral Fellowships outside EU Member States and Horizon Europe AC.

# Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF): Participation

## Participating organisations\*

- Legal entity in an EU Member State or HE Associated country

## Researchers:

- in possession of PhD at the call deadline (successful defense before call deadline);
- up to 8 years research experience after PhD (exceptions: career breaks, work outside research, research outside Europe for reintegrating researchers,...)
- **Nationality:**
  - **EFs:** any nationality
  - **GFs:** nationals or long-term residents of MS or HE AC \*;
- **Mobility rule:** not resided/had main activity in the country of
  - **EFs** the beneficiary
  - **GFs** host organisation for more than 12 months in the 36 months before call deadline

\* *Organisation: legal entity established in Specific eligibility criteria for PFs supported by Euratom:  
an EU Member State or Euratom AC  
Researcher: nationals or long-term residents of an EU Member State or a Euratom AC*



# Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF): Conditions

## Duration

- **EFs:** 12-24 months;  
**GFs:** 24-36 months (12-24 outgoing phase + 12 months mandatory return)

## Secondments (non compulsory) Worldwide

- **EFs:** not more than 1/3 of total of project
- **GFs** not more than 1/3 of total of outgoing phase + a max 3 months at beginning of the project at the beneficiary (to be deducted from the outgoing phase)  
**Note:** encoded in Part A (Call specific questions)

## Non academic placement (NAP) (non compulsory) EU MS or HE AC

- Additional period of max 6 months after project completion  
**Note:** encoded in part A as participant organisation + letter of commitment

# ERA Fellowships (widening activities)

- No separate application or evaluation – integral part of the MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships call application form;
- For specific countries\* – available in Work Programme;
- Must be submitted by a host institution from a ‘Widening’ country;
- Only for EFs, GFs don’t qualify;
- Only proposals scoring over 70% in the PF call will be considered and failed to reach an adequate place in the ranking to be funded under that call;
- Timing aligned with PF call.

**NOTE:** “call specific question” to be completed in the PF submission for EF to indicate willingness to participate in this call (only if host organisation is a qualifying country)

- *Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and all Associated Countries with equivalent characteristics in terms of R&I performance (Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Kosovo 2, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, Morocco, Tunisia, Ukraine, Faroe Islands) and the Outermost Regions (defined in Art. 349 TFEU). Guadeloupe, French Guyana, Réunion, Martinique, Mayotte and Saint Martin (France)*



# Evaluation and award criteria

Excellence	Impact	Quality and efficiency of the implementation
Quality and pertinence of <b>the project’s research and innovation objectives</b> (and the extent to which they are ambitious, and go beyond the state of the art)	Credibility of the measures to <b>enhance the career perspectives and employability</b> of the researcher and contribution to his/her skills development	Quality and effectiveness <b>of the work plan</b> , assessment of risks and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages
<b>Soundness of the proposed methodology</b> (including <i>interdisciplinary</i> approaches, consideration of the <i>gender</i> dimension and other <i>diversity</i> aspects if relevant for the research project, and the quality of <i>open science</i> practices)	Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise <b>expected outcomes and impacts</b> , as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan, including communication activities	Quality and capacity of <b>the host institutions and participating organisations</b> , including hosting arrangements
Quality of the <b>supervision, training and of the two-way transfer of knowledge</b> between the researcher and the host	The magnitude and importance of the project’s contribution to the <b>expected scientific, societal and economic impacts</b>	
Quality and appropriateness of the <b>researcher’s professional experience</b> , competences and skills		
50%	30%	20%



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## Novelties

- **Resubmissions**

Proposals, with same host organisation (and for GFs also the same associated partner hosting the outgoing phase) and the same researcher, submitted to the PF 2021 call and having received a score of less than 70% must not be resubmitted.

- **Non-academic placements**

If the placement does not meet the requirements (missing letter of commitment or taking place in an academic organisation or in a Third Country), the proposal will be evaluated without taking into account the non-academic placement. This might affect the final score.

- **Secondments vs NAPs**

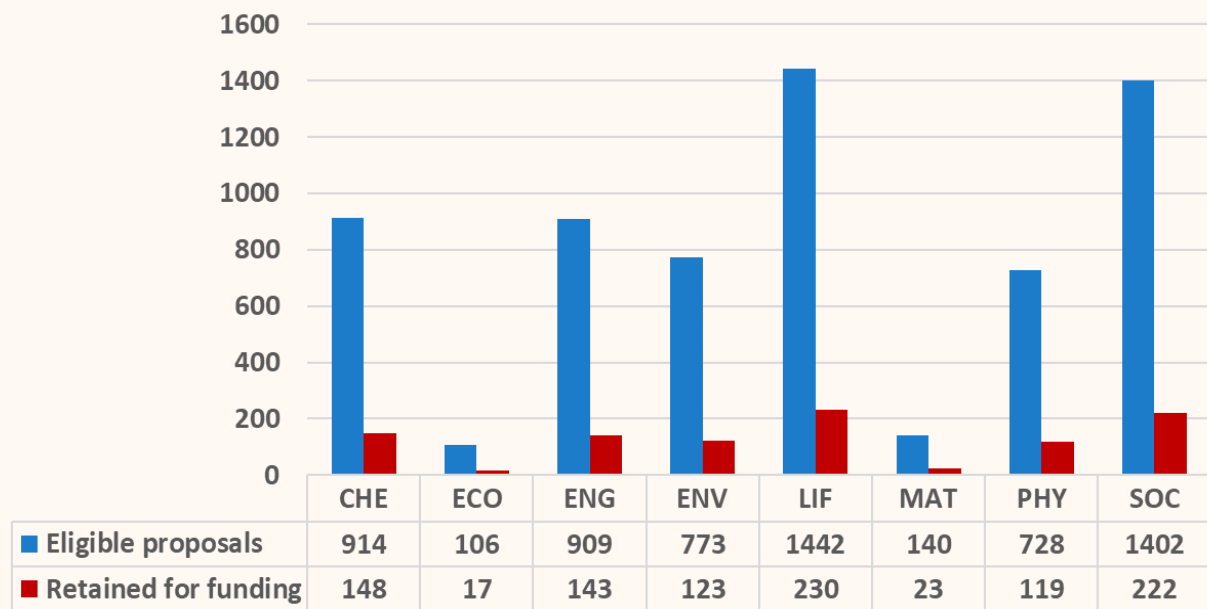
Better guidance and instructions on how to properly encode this information to be found in the submission forms

# Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF) 2021 Call

## Results - EF

Action	Eligible proposals	Main list
PF-EF	7439	1025
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>8247</b>	<b>1156</b>

Panel	Success rate EF
CHE	13,94%
ECO	13,82%
ENG	13,59%
ENV	13,73%
LIF	13,76%
MAT	14,11%
PHY	14,05%
SOC	13,67%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>13,78%</b>

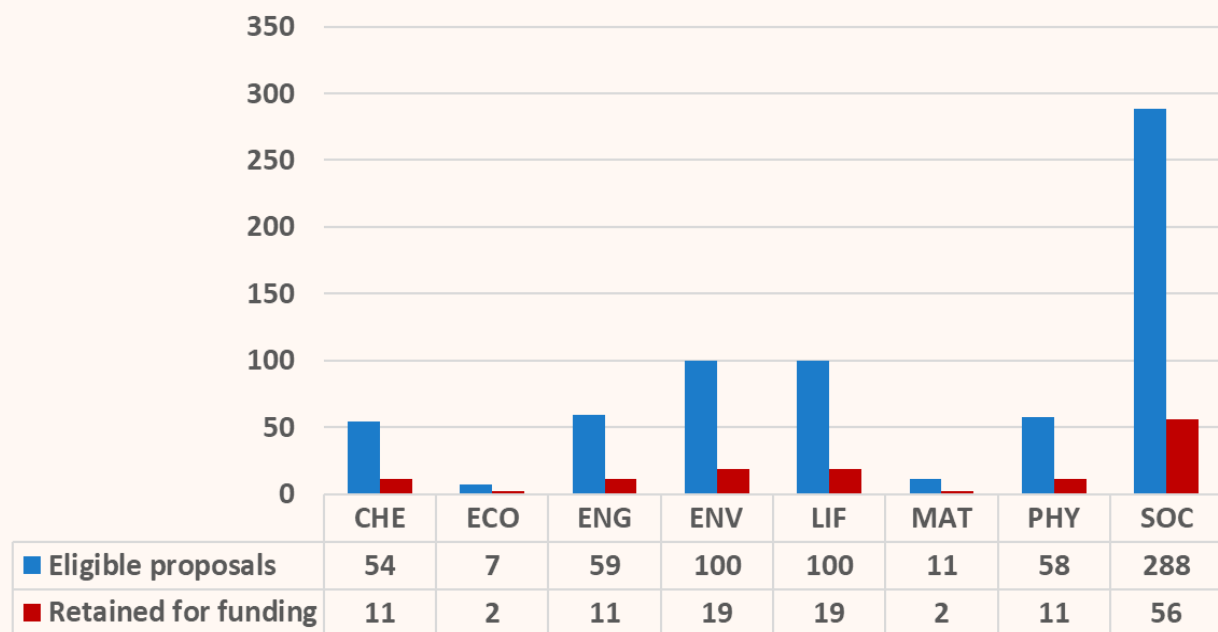


# Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF) 2021 Call

## Results - GF

Action	Eligible proposals	Main list
PF-GF	808	131
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>8247</b>	<b>1156</b>

Panel	Success rate GF
CHE	16,92%
ECO	22,22%
ENG	15,71%
ENV	15,97%
LIF	15,97%
MAT	15,38%
PHY	15,94%
SOC	16,28%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>16,21%</b>





# Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF) 2021 Call

MSCA-PF-2021: Cumulative percentage of proposals above threshold, with a given score or higher (funding range marked in green)																
Number of eligible proposals	1062 proposals	123 proposals	1052 proposals	896 proposals	1672 proposals	163 proposals	847 proposals	1624 proposals	65 proposals	9 proposals	70 proposals	119 proposals	119 proposals	13 proposals	69 proposals	344 proposals
Cut off score for funding*	92,8	92,0	92,8	93,6	94,4	92,4	92,2	93,6	92,0	83,8	95,0	95,8	95,8	92,0	94,2	92,8
Score equal to or above	EF-CHE	EF-ECO	EF-ENG	EF-ENV	EF-LIF	EF-MAT	EF-PHY	EF-SOC	GF-CHE	GF-ECO	GF-ENG	GF-ENV	GF-LIF	GF-MAT	GF-PHY	GF-SOC
100	0,38%	0,00%	1,05%	0,56%	0,66%	1,84%	0,12%	0,92%	1,54%	0,00%	1,43%	0,84%	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%	0,58%
99	1,41%	0,00%	1,43%	1,34%	1,50%	3,68%	0,71%	1,91%	1,54%	0,00%	2,86%	3,36%	2,52%	0,00%	1,45%	2,03%
98	3,39%	0,81%	3,23%	3,01%	3,95%	4,29%	2,01%	3,88%	1,54%	0,00%	8,57%	7,56%	5,04%	7,69%	1,45%	4,36%
97	5,08%	3,25%	4,75%	5,47%	6,22%	7,36%	2,72%	5,79%	3,08%	0,00%	10,00%	9,24%	10,08%	7,69%	2,90%	6,40%
96	7,53%	6,50%	6,75%	7,25%	9,15%	8,56%	4,13%	8,25%	6,15%	0,00%	14,29%	14,29%	15,13%	7,69%	2,90%	9,30%
95	9,23%	6,50%	9,32%	9,82%	11,66%	9,20%	6,73%	10,65%	6,15%	0,00%	15,71%	21,85%	18,46%	7,69%	7,25%	11,34%
94	11,02%	8,13%	11,60%	12,61%	15,31%	9,82%	9,21%	12,97%	7,69%	0,00%	18,57%	25,21%	21,85%	7,69%	17,39%	13,95%
93	13,65%	10,57%	13,50%	16,07%	19,08%	12,88%	11,92%	15,83%	13,85%	0,00%	24,29%	27,73%	26,89%	7,69%	23,19%	15,99%
92	16,10%	15,45%	15,68%	19,98%	22,13%	15,34%	14,76%	18,90%	16,92%	11,11%	30,00%	31,93%	31,09%	15,38%	27,54%	17,44%
91	18,83%	16,26%	18,54%	23,44%	24,58%	17,79%	18,06%	21,80%	24,62%	11,11%	32,86%	33,61%	32,77%	15,38%	36,23%	21,22%
90	20,90%	16,26%	20,44%	27,34%	27,63%	22,70%	21,61%	23,95%	30,77%	11,11%	37,14%	36,13%	35,29%	15,38%	43,48%	22,67%
89	23,73%	17,89%	22,43%	29,91%	31,04%	28,22%	25,62%	26,29%	33,85%	11,11%	38,57%	39,50%	39,50%	15,38%	46,38%	25,87%
88	26,18%	18,70%	24,81%	32,48%	33,79%	29,45%	29,16%	28,45%	36,92%	11,11%	40,00%	42,86%	43,70%	23,08%	50,72%	29,07%
87	28,15%	23,58%	27,47%	35,94%	36,78%	32,52%	32,35%	30,85%	38,46%	11,11%	41,43%	46,22%	44,54%	30,77%	50,72%	31,10%
86	31,73%	25,20%	30,42%	39,17%	39,29%	36,20%	34,12%	32,82%	40,00%	11,11%	45,71%	51,26%	45,38%	38,46%	52,17%	32,56%
85	34,46%	27,64%	32,70%	41,52%	41,93%	38,65%	38,72%	34,85%	44,62%	11,11%	48,57%	53,78%	47,90%	53,85%	60,87%	35,76%
84	37,29%	31,71%	34,89%	44,08%	45,16%	42,94%	42,15%	37,32%	50,77%	11,11%	51,43%	57,98%	49,58%	53,85%	62,32%	37,21%
83	40,30%	33,33%	36,88%	45,76%	47,73%	45,40%	45,57%	39,66%	52,31%	22,22%	55,71%	60,50%	52,94%	53,85%	66,67%	40,12%
82	44,16%	36,59%	39,26%	49,55%	50,30%	47,85%	49,23%	42,36%	56,92%	22,22%	57,14%	64,71%	54,62%	61,54%	66,67%	43,60%
81	46,89%	39,84%	42,21%	53,46%	53,23%	53,99%	52,54%	45,38%	60,00%	22,22%	57,14%	66,39%	62,18%	61,54%	68,12%	46,80%
80	49,62%	44,72%	43,82%	56,81%	55,68%	55,21%	55,73%	47,17%	60,00%	33,33%	58,57%	68,91%	68,07%	61,54%	72,46%	49,13%
79	52,92%	47,15%	47,15%	58,26%	58,37%	59,51%	58,80%	49,88%	60,00%	44,44%	62,86%	70,59%	69,75%	61,54%	73,91%	50,87%
78	56,03%	49,59%	48,95%	60,83%	61,18%	61,96%	61,39%	52,22%	60,00%	55,56%	64,29%	73,11%	70,59%	76,92%	75,36%	53,20%
77	59,23%	52,03%	50,86%	62,72%	64,35%	66,26%	64,58%	54,68%	63,08%	55,56%	67,14%	77,31%	73,95%	76,92%	79,71%	55,52%
76	62,24%	54,47%	52,95%	64,73%	67,17%	67,48%	66,71%	56,85%	64,62%	55,56%	71,43%	79,83%	75,63%	76,92%	81,16%	57,56%
75	63,75%	56,10%	55,13%	66,74%	69,20%	71,78%	68,71%	59,11%	64,62%	55,56%	72,86%	80,87%	78,47%	84,62%	82,61%	59,59%
74	65,82%	59,35%	57,32%	67,86%	70,93%	73,01%	70,96%	60,78%	69,23%	55,56%	74,29%	82,35%	77,31%	84,62%	82,61%	61,34%
73	67,89%	61,79%	59,41%	69,08%	72,19%	74,23%	73,67%	62,68%	70,77%	55,56%	78,57%	83,19%	79,83%	84,62%	84,06%	63,08%
72	69,77%	62,60%	61,69%	70,76%	73,86%	76,07%	75,80%	64,22%	72,31%	66,67%	80,00%	83,19%	81,51%	84,62%	86,96%	65,70%
71	71,94%	65,85%	63,78%	72,21%	75,42%	77,91%	77,69%	65,52%	75,38%	66,67%	81,43%	84,87%	84,03%	84,62%	88,41%	66,28%
70	74,11%	68,29%	65,40%	74,44%	77,27%	79,75%	79,46%	67,67%	76,92%	66,67%	82,86%	87,39%	85,71%	84,62%	88,41%	69,77%
Percentage of proposals below threshold (<70)	25,89%	31,71%	34,60%	25,56%	22,73%	20,25%	20,54%	32,33%	23,08%	33,33%	17,14%	12,61%	14,29%	15,38%	11,59%	30,23%

# How to apply?

All calls are published on the [Funding and Tenders Portal](#)

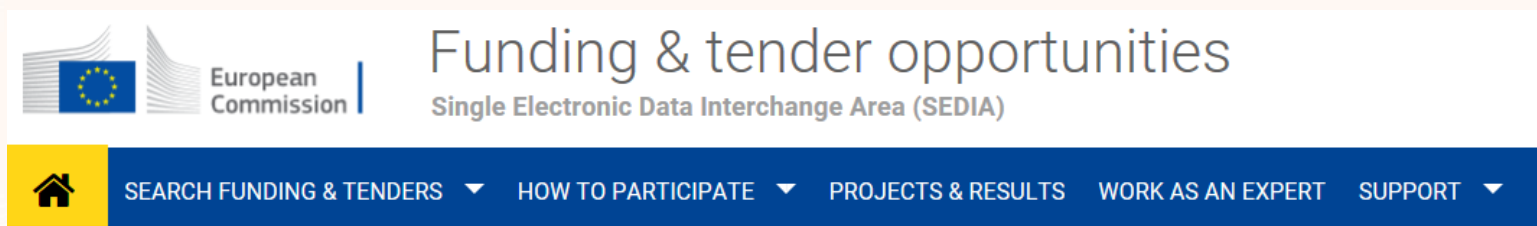
- Applications are submitted through the portal



The screenshot displays the top section of the European Commission's Funding & tender opportunities portal. At the top left is the European Commission logo. The main header reads 'Funding & tender opportunities' with the subtitle 'Single Electronic Data Interchange Area (SEDIA)'. Below this is a dark blue navigation bar with a home icon and links: 'SEARCH FUNDING & TENDERS', 'HOW TO PARTICIPATE', 'PROJECTS & RESULTS', 'WORK AS AN EXPERT', and 'SUPPORT'. A yellow banner below the navigation bar contains a warning icon and text: 'Proposal Submission System will be unavailable on **Monday 22th from 17:30 to 20:00 (CET)**, while system maintenance is being performed. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.' Below the banner is a section titled 'Find calls for proposals and tenders' which contains a search bar with the text 'Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions' and a yellow 'Search' button with a magnifying glass icon.



# How to apply?



## Part A (structured data)

This image shows a screenshot of the 'General information' section of the proposal submission form. It includes fields for 'Call: H2020-MSCA-RISE-2019', 'Topic: MSCA-RISE', 'Type of action: MSCA-RISE', 'Proposal number', 'Proposal title', and 'Deadline ID: H2020-MSCA-RISE-2019'. A 'new' badge is visible next to the 'Proposal number' field. Below the form fields is a table with columns for 'Action' and 'Title'. The table contains several rows of data, including 'Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions', 'Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE)', 'Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions', 'Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE)', 'Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions', 'Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE)', and 'Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions'.

## Part B (description of action)



**10 page  
limit**



# Proposal Submission- Part B

## Part B-1

- strictly restricted to 10 pages;
- a cover page, table of contents, ...on page 1, 2, **will** count towards the page limit and automatically result in excess pages that cannot be evaluated;
- the Part B-1 should start with “1. Excellence” (instructions, definitions to be deleted before submission).

## Part B-2

- no page restriction;
- Participating organisations (max 1 page for beneficiary, max ½ page others);
- Researcher's CV;
- Letters of commitment (host for outgoing phase of GF or non-academic placement host)
- Ethics & Security (additional info, if needed)

# Do's and Dont's

## FORMAT

- Read very carefully all available material and follow it closely;
- Check carefully eligibility;
- Stick to the format requested (font size and page numbers);
- Make sure the layout is clear and not too busy/confused

## CONTENT

- Think about the objectives of the MSCA;
- Make sure you cover all aspects as outlined and in a clear way;
- Have in mind the evaluation criteria;
- A clear Gantt Chart is essencial;
- Good and clear letters of commitment are important.

Think about the evaluators

