





MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF)



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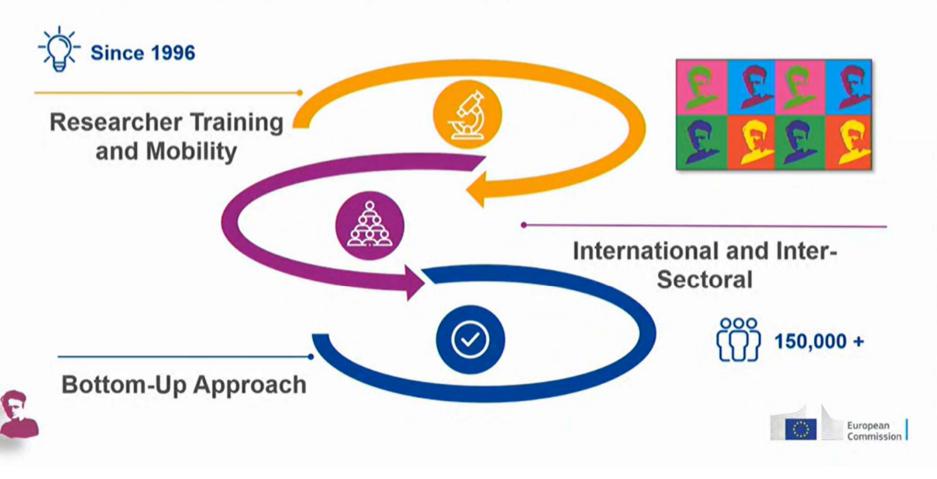
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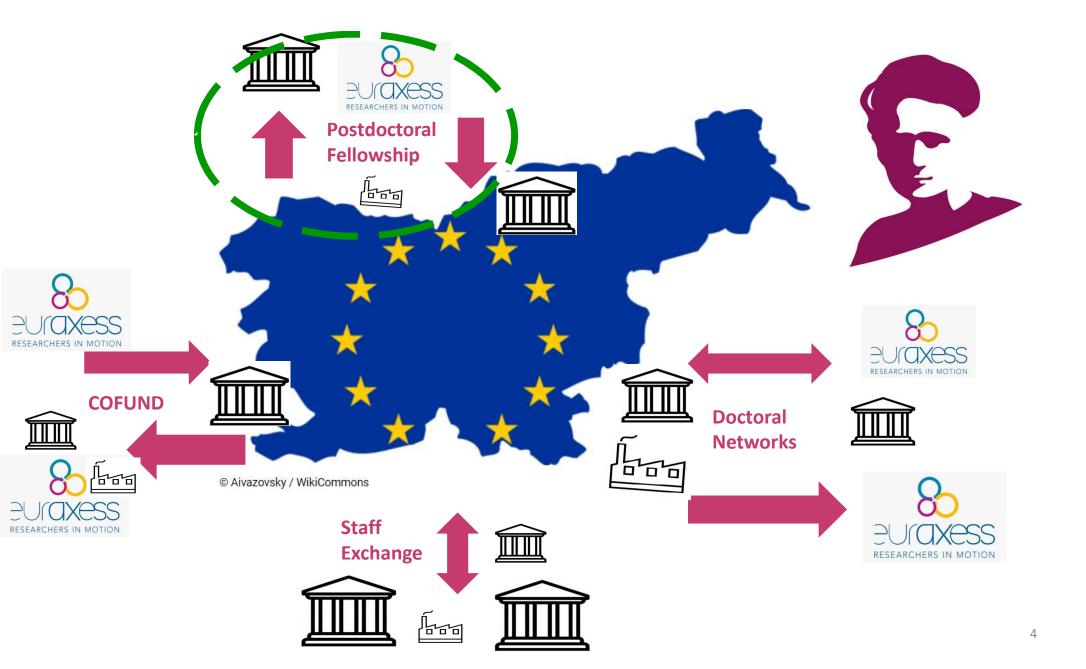








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Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions **MSCA-NET** Potential career development of researchers in all career stages. **European Research Council** (from students to participating in **ERC** excellent science (MSCA) and ground breaking science (ERC) **Postdocs** Marie Skłodowska Experienced researchers Curie actions **Doctoral students** Erasmus + Young postdocs Students Doctoral students

- EU's reference programme for doctoral and postdoctoral training, contributing to:
- ✓ A highly skilled research-based human capital able to detect and tackle upcoming challenges, communicate scientific evidence to policy-makers and the public, and work across disciplines
- ✓ Develop excellent doctoral programmes enhancing the global attractiveness and visibility of institutions involved in them
- ✓ Provide researchers with skills needed in the labour market, to innovate and to convert knowledge and ideas into products and services for economic and social benefit
- ✓ Promote the EU's global attractiveness for talents







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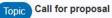
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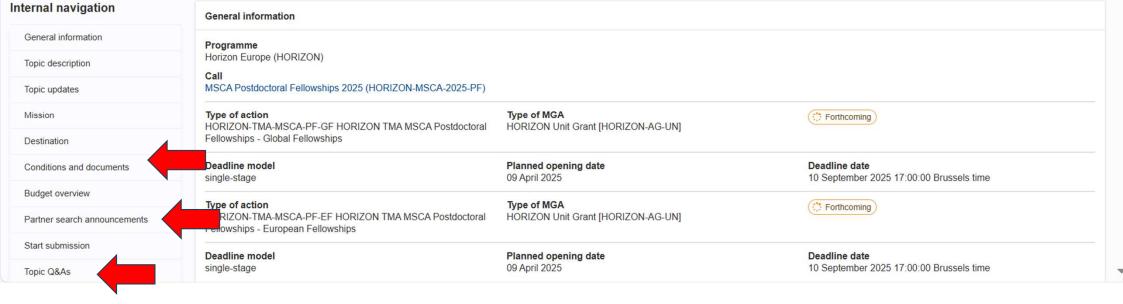
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MSCA PF

Main Objective

Enhance the creative and innovative potential of researchers holding a PhD, wishing to acquire new skills through advanced training, international, interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral mobility... through the implementation of an original and personalised research project."

Budget (PF-2025): EUR 404.29 million

- EUR 343.65 million European Fellowships (EF)
- EUR 60.64 million Global Fellowships (GF)

Call opening: 8 May 2025

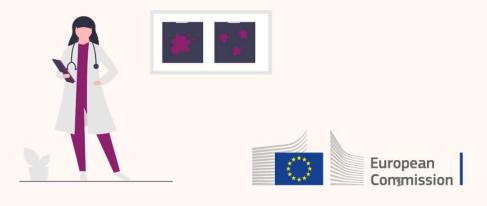
Call deadline: 10 Séptember 2025



MSCA PF

Mono-beneficiary

- Host organization in EU Member State (MS) or Horizon Europe Associated Country (HE AC)
- For one excellent researcher
 - of any nationality (with restrictions for GF and Euratom)
- Open to all research domains



MSCA PF Expected impacts

Enhance researchers' innovation potential

Strengthen EU R&I human capital

Enhance **R&I quality** for EU competitiveness

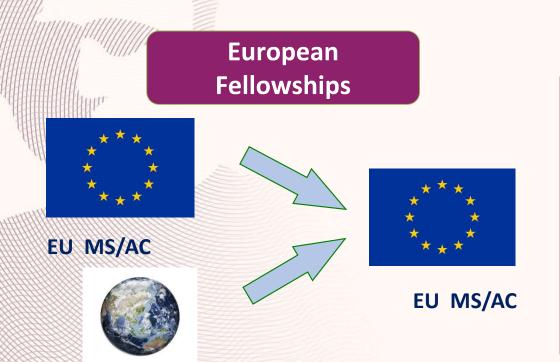
Facilitate **knowledge transfer** across the ERA

Boost EU **R&I attractiveness** and improve researchers' work conditions

Foster a culture of **open science**, **innovation** and **entrepreneurship**



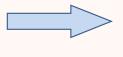
MSCA PF - Types



Global Fellowships

Outgoing phase: 12-24m







EU MS/AC

Third Country

Return phase: 12m

Third Country

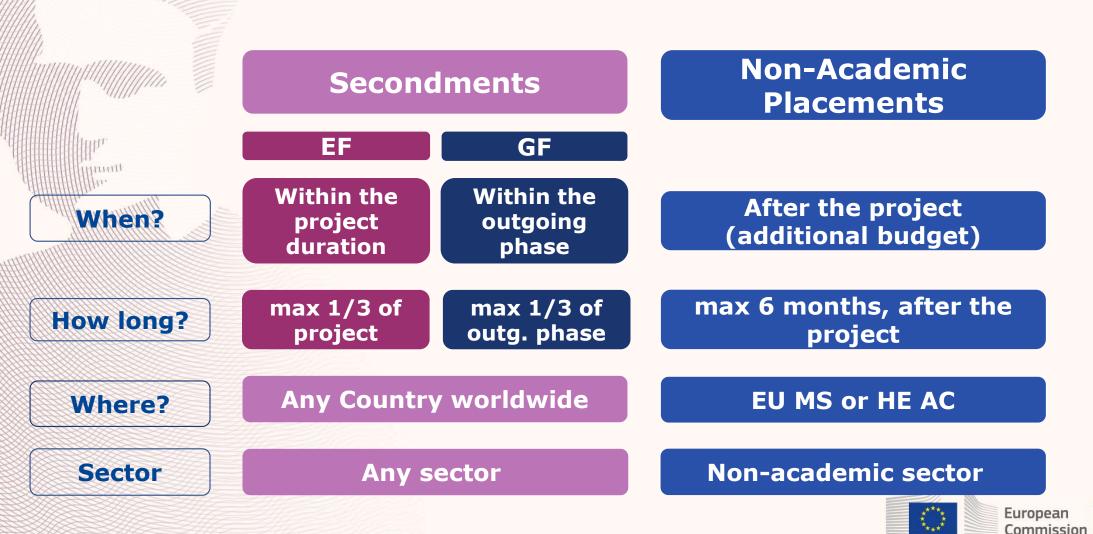
Duration: 12-24m

+ Non-Academic Placement Max. 6m

Duration: 24-36m



Secondments and NAPs



Eligible Researchers

EF GF

any nationality

nationals or long-term residents of MS or HE AC

with a doctoral degree prior to call deadline

max 8 years FTE research experience after PhD

compliant with MSCA mobility rule



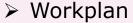
MSCA PF Project Budget -Unit (Month) Contributions

| Contributions for the recruited researcher | | | | | Institutional unit contributions | |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|--|---|--|-------------------|
| Living Allowance | Mobility Allowance | Family Allowance | Long-term leave allowance (if applicable) | Special needs allowance (if applicable) | Research, training and networking (RTN) | Mgmt and indirect |
| €5,990* | €710 | €660 | €6700 x % covered by beneficiary | Requested unit x (1/number of months) | €1,000 | €650 |



^{*}Living Allowance is a gross amount corrected by a country correction coefficient (CCC)

MSCA PF Evaluation criteria



Quality of host institutions and APs

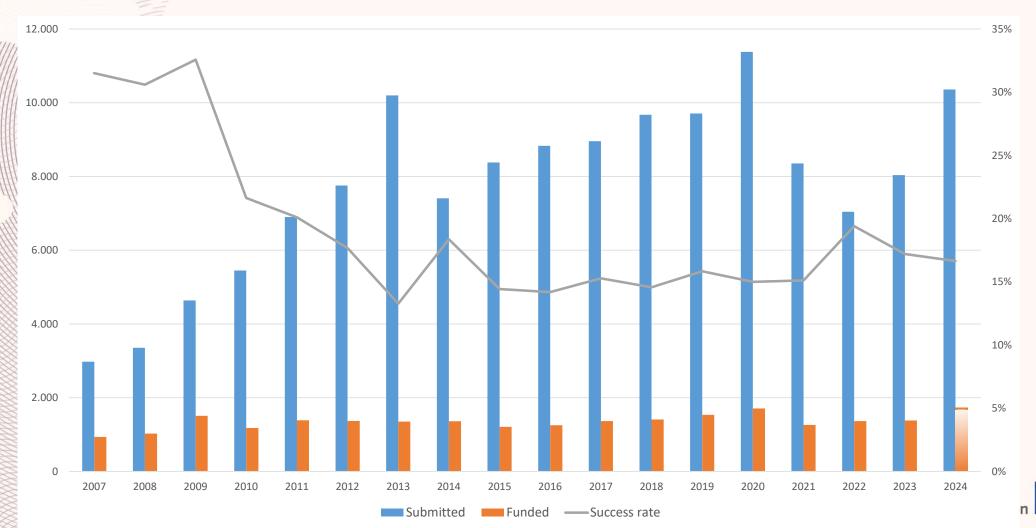
- Career perspectives and skills development
- Dissemination and exploitation
- Scientific, societal and economic impact

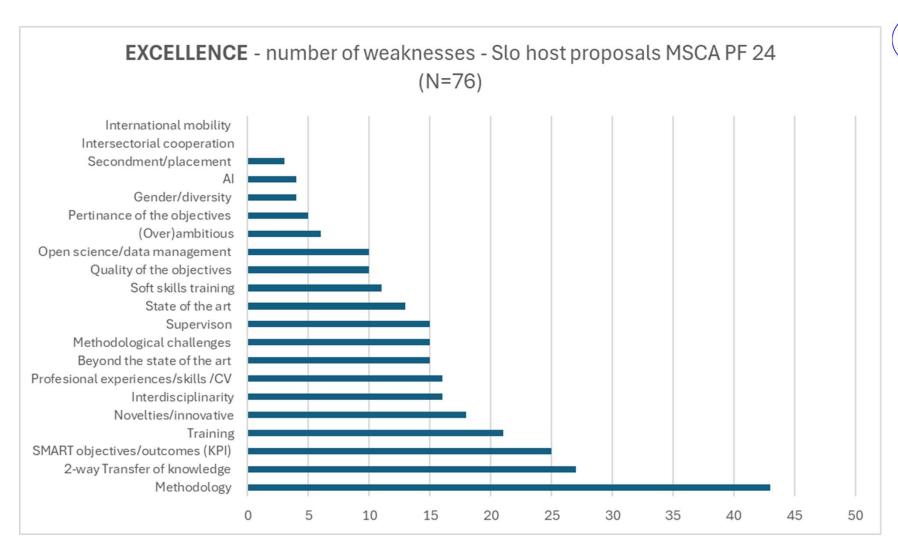


- Research and innovation objectives
- Methodology
- Supervision, training programme and knowledge transfer
- Researcher's experience and skills



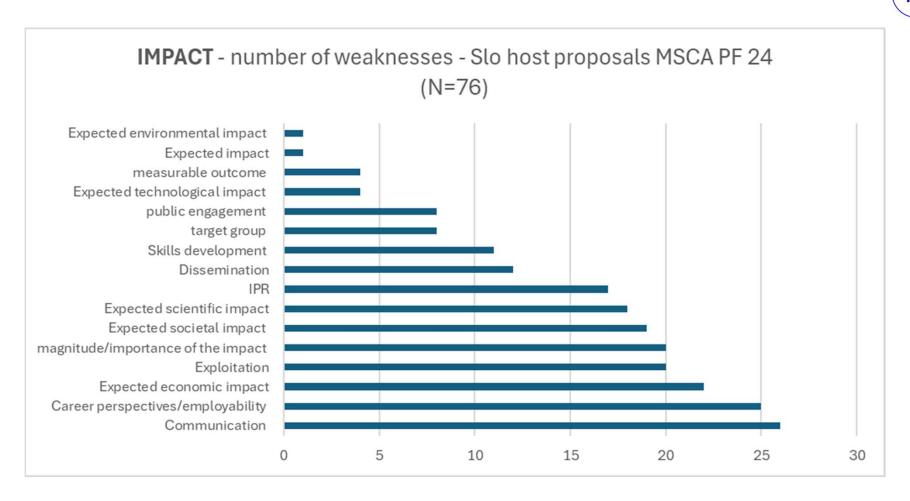
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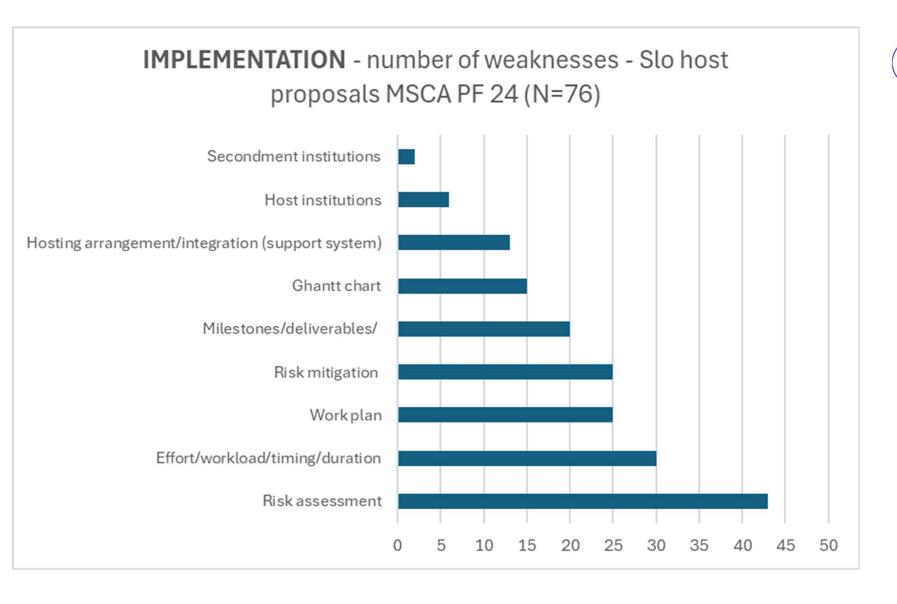




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Unraveling the Photochemistry of Radiosensitizers and Radioprotectors in Free Biomolecular Complexes

Fact Sheet

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Objective

Dramatically increasing cancer cases around the world call for extra research efforts to improve cancer therapies. Radiation therapy or radiotherapy is one of the most common treatment methods. A way to enhance radiotherapy is inserting 'radiosensitizers (RSs)' and 'radioprotectors (RPs)' into the patient's body. RSs in tumor cells make them more sensitive to radiation damage, allowing one to use reduced radiation doses, thus minimizing side effects. In contrast, RPs inhibit the damage of healthy cells from radiation. RSs and RPs are actively studied mostly in clinical trials. However, the fundamental mechanisms causing damage or death of cancer cells are not fully understood. Therefore, this project aims at elucidating the elementary steps of radiation damage, their enhancement by RSs, and their inhibition by RPs. The technique combines beams of mixed molecular clusters and doped helium nanodroplets uniquely with synchrotron spectroscopy, electron spectroscopy, and ion mass spectrometry. The main goals are to unravel the photochemistry of selected organic RS compounds (nimorazole, NIMO, bromoadenine, WR-1065 dihydrochloride), metal ions (Mg2+, Ca2+, K+), and gold (RS) and silver (RP) nanoparticles in the state of controlled microhydration and contact with DNA components (thymine, cytosine, tetrahydrofuran). Emission of slow electrons, water fragmentation, and anions formation are observables for radiation damage enhanced by RSs. A time-resolved experiment on the tetrahydrofuran-water complex will elucidate the ultrafast dynamics of intermolecular energy transfer causing dissociation, a mechanism recently identified to play an important role in radiation damage. A better understanding of the radiochemistry of RPs and RSs obtained with this project may help develop new schemes for efficient cancer treatment and identify new types of molecules or nanoparticles with improved RS or RP properties.

Project Information Photochem-RS-RP Grant agreement ID: 101068805 10.3030/101068805 Project terminated on 31 July 2023 EC signature date 29 May 2022 Start date End date 1 July 2022 30 June 2024 Funded under Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Total cost No data **EU** contribution € 230 774,40 Coordinated by AARHUS UNIVERSITET Denmark

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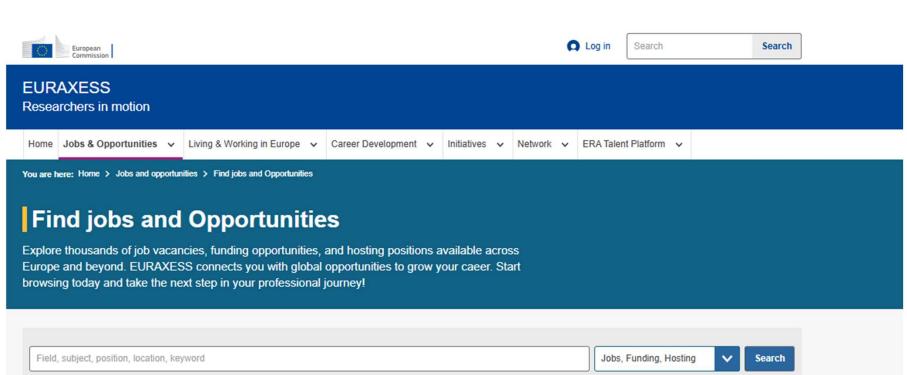


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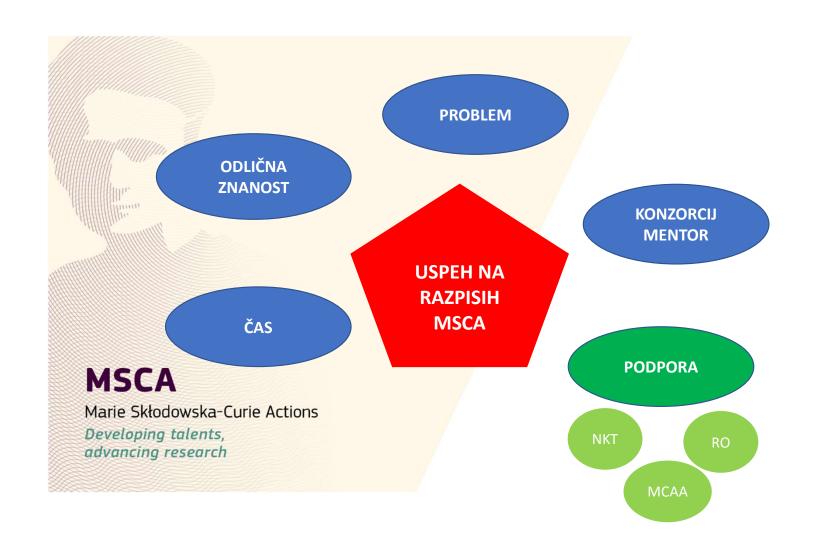
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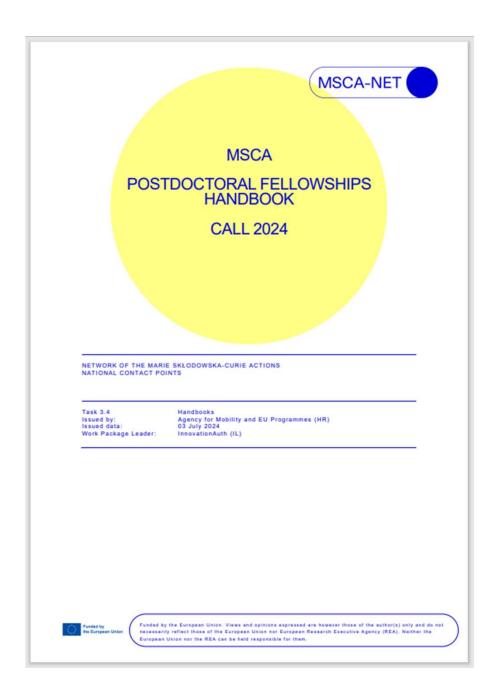
- 1. Get familiar with how funding works
- 2. Make sure you can apply
- 3. Find a host organisation and supervisor
- 4. Start drafting your application
- 5. Check your application with the experts
- 6. Send your application



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Part B-1

1. Excellence #@REL-EVA-RE@#

- 1.1 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) #@QUA-LIT-QL@#

 At a minimum, address the following aspects:
 - Describe the quality and pertinence of the R&I objectives; are the objectives measurable and verifiable? Are they realistically achievable?
- Explain the research context of your project and introduce your project's subject.
- Explain the importance of the research being carried out and how it addresses a challenge/priority at a global/European level.
- Describe the specific research objectives (ROs) of the project. These should give the evaluator an insight into what research will be carried out during the project and should be feasible.
- ➤ Each research objective ideally should correspond to the research work packages. For example, research objective 1 is the objective for research WP 1. Number the objectives O1, O2, O3 etc. and include the corresponding work package in brackets at the end of each objective (e.g. WP1).
 - Describe how your project goes beyond the state-of-the-art, and the extent to which the proposed work is ambitious.
- Break the state-of-the-art (SOA) into separate short paragraphs, each focussing on a specific research objective of the project.
- For each paragraph, briefly outline the current level of knowledge in the research area and





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The central objective of the RADIANCE project is to facilitate the transnational cooperation between MSCA National Contact Points in order to achieve a consistent and harmonized level of NCP support for applicants.

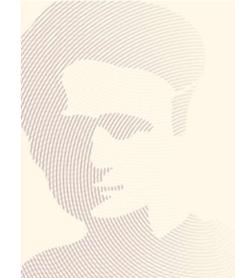
The project is coordinated by Euresearch in Switzerland and is realized with 19 Beneficiaries and 6 Associated Partners from Europe and beyond.

You will find here various, useful outcomes from the project for NCPs but also researchers interested in MSCA projects.

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