

MARIE CURIE: Innovative training networks (ITN)

- **Closing date** 9 April 2014 at 17.00 Brussels time
- **Information on the outcome of the evaluation** September 2014
- **Indicative date for the signing of grant agreements** December 2014
- **Purpose** of this call is to train a new generation of creative, entrepreneurial and innovative early-stage researchers, able to face current and future challenges and to convert knowledge and ideas into products and services for economic and social benefit
- **Structure - ITN project proposals may take one of three forms:**
 1. **European Training Networks (ETN)** must be composed of at least three beneficiaries established in at least three different EU MS or AC¹. The consortium between 6 and 10 beneficiaries is recommended.
 2. **European Industrial Doctorates (EID)** these have the objective of training highly-skilled researchers and stimulating entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation in Europe. At least two beneficiaries established in two different MS or AC. At least one beneficiary must be entitled to award doctoral degrees and at least one beneficiary must come from the non-academic sector, primarily enterprise.
 3. **European Joint Doctorates (EJD)** these networks are composed of at least three beneficiaries from different EU MS or AC which are entitled to award doctoral degrees.

The overall EU contribution per grant agreement is limited to the recruitment of a maximum of:

- 540 researcher-months for all ETNs and EJDs, as well as for EIDs with more than 2 beneficiaries
- 180 researcher-months for EIDs with 2 beneficiaries. The expert evaluators will carefully consider the requested number of researcher-months in the light of the capacities of the hosts.

Project length – 48 months, recruitment of early researchers is supported in the period 3 – 36 months.

¹ MS = Member state, AC = Associated country

Participants

- Beneficiaries -signatories to the Grant Agreement. They provide secondment opportunities and ensure transfer of knowledge. Beneficiaries take complete responsibility for executing the proposed project and other requirements of the Grant Agreement,
- Partner organisations contribute directly to the implementation of the research programme by supervising, sending/hosting and training staff members. They provide secondment opportunities as well as ensure transfer of knowledge. Partner organisations are located in TC and are not signatories to the Grant Agreement

Eligible researchers

- all recruited researchers must be „**early stage researchers**“ (shall be in the first four years of their research careers and not yet have been awarded a doctoral degree)
- researcher can be of any nationality, he/she is obliged to complete an international mobility in a different country
- researcher must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of their host beneficiary for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the reference date.

Eligible organisations

- academic sector – public and private organisations eligible to award academic titles, non-profitable research organisations
- non – academic sector – private enterprises, non – profitable and charity organisations, museums, hospitals, international organisations

Activities

Research and educational activities:

- education through research – individual projects
- development of research activities for the whole network – workshops, summer schools
- knowledge exchange within the network
- invitation of the researchers

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http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/doc/call/h2020/h2020-msca-itn-2014/1587860-itn_2014_-_guide_for_applicants_-_for_publication_en.pdf

Financial aspects

- The financial support for Marie Skłodowska-Curie ITNs is calculated on the basis of eligible researcher-months and takes the form of grants covering up to 100% of the costs. Funding is exclusively in the form of unit costs

One unit is defined as one researcher-month. The unit costs are divided into two groups: researcher unit costs and institutional unit costs.

Researcher unit costs

- **monthly living allowance – 3110 €/month** – This amount is then adjusted through the application of a correction coefficient for the cost of living according to the host country
- **mobility allowance – 600 €/ month**/per every participant adjusted by the coefficient
- **family allowance - 500€/ month** – fixed amount not adjusted by the coefficient

Institutional unit costs:

Research, Training and Network Costs

- **1800 € per researcher month** – can be used for expenses related to research costs, cost for visiting researchers, etc.,
- **1200 € per one researcher month** – to be used for management of the project

- **Evaluation criteria**

- Quality, innovative aspects and credibility of the research programme
- Impact enhancing research- and innovation-related human resources, skills, and working conditions to realise the potential of individuals and to provide new career perspectives
- Implementation – Overall coherence and effectiveness of the work plan

(Evaluation criteria, specific part, Annex 2)
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- **More information**

Link to the Call where the Guide for applicants can be downloaded:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/calls/h2020-msca-itn-2014.html#tab2>

Other opened calls of the Horizon 2020 programme

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/index.html>

List of countries and rules for financing, page 3:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/doc/call/h2020/common/1587809-18_general_annexes_wp2014-2015_en.pdf