



# MSCA

## Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

*Developing talents, advancing research*



## The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Seal of Excellence

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# The MSCA Seal of Excellence



★ SEAL OF ★  
EXCELLENCE

- **Quality label** awarded to high-quality project proposals (evaluation score equal or above to 85%) which could not be funded due to budget constraints
- Helps researchers secure funding from other funding bodies, taking advantage of the EU evaluation process
- Helps **increase participation** and overall success rates
- Increases the **attractiveness** of hosting countries, regions and institutions, particularly widening countries (currently 8 out of the 15 countries with support schemes in place)
- Over **11,900 Seals of Excellence** awarded under Horizon 2020

# The MSCA SoE under Horizon Europe

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- Seal of Excellence awarded for **MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships** and **COFUND**
- Same evaluation score threshold: proposals with a score equal or above 85%, but which could not be funded
- **3,584 Seals of Excellence** awarded under HE (2021 and 2022 PF calls as well as 2021 COFUND calls)
- Next Seals of Excellence to be awarded in December for COFUND 2022 call



# MSCA SoE funding schemes

## Funding opportunities under Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

List of national and regional support programmes for Seal of Excellence holders under Marie-Skłodowska-Curie Actions



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## What you can find on this page

The list below provides regularly updated information we receive about available support at national/regional level for MSCA proposals with a Seal of Excellence.

A number of other countries have suggested that recipients may wish to contact the National Contact Point in your host country to check if there are funding possibilities available.

[National Contact Points](#)

## Belgium (Flanders)

As from the 2018 call for Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions Individual Fellowships, up to 8 candidates with the highest scores on the reserve list will be picked up by the FWO.

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/funding/funding-opportunities/seal-excellence/funding-opportunities-under-msca\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/funding/funding-opportunities/seal-excellence/funding-opportunities-under-msca_en)

# MSCA SoE funding schemes

 **23 schemes** across **15 countries** for **Postdoctoral Fellowships**, using different funding sources



Recovery and Resilience Facility funding

Cohesion funding (ERDF, ESF+)

National funding

Regional funding

Institutional funding



IT, RO, SI, ES, LT, SK (2023)

CY (ERDF), CZ (ERDF), FR (ERDF), LT (ESF+ until 2022)

BG, PL, SE, SI

BE-Flanders, IT-Bolzano, IT-Lombardy, DE-Hessen

AT, IT (universities, research institutions, foundations)

CH scheme may resume if an association agreement to Horizon Europe is concluded

 **2 schemes** for **COFUND**: SI (national funding), CZ (ERDF)

# MSCA SoE funding schemes



## 9 schemes in Italy

- Italian Ministry of Research
- University of Siena
- University of Trento
- University of Padova
- Politecnico di Milano
- University La Sapienza
- Province of Bolzano
- Fondazione Regionale Per La Ricerca Biomedica
- Fondazione Compagnia di San Paolo



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Compagnia  
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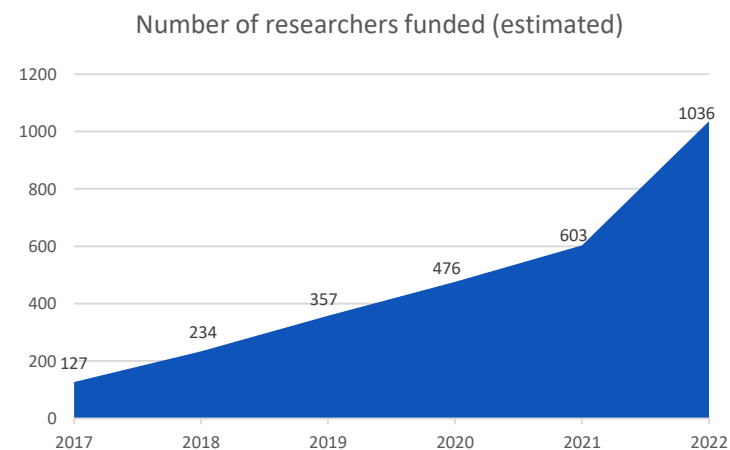
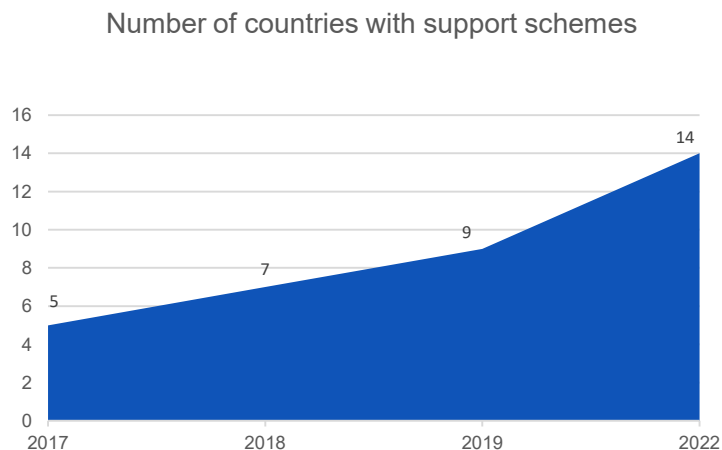
Fondazione  
Regionale  
per la  
Ricerca  
Biomedica



Regione  
Lombardia

# MSCA SoE funding schemes

- From five (CY, CZ, IT, SE, SI) to **15 countries**
- **11 new schemes** announced over the past year: nine for Postdoctoral Fellowships (AT, SK, RO, IT, SI, ES, two in FR, DE); and two COFUND schemes (SI, CZ)
- From 127 total supported researchers in 2017 to at least **1,137 in 2023**



# MSCA SoE funding schemes

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- New schemes recently launched in the context of **national Recovery and Resilience Facility (RFF) plans**: RO, IT, ES, SI, LT
- Similar initiative expected in SK this year



- Funding awarded to MSCA Seal of Excellence projects under both Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe covered by EU 2021/1237-GBER (art. 25b) and therefore exempted from notification requirement





Thank you!



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