

FP7 People

Mobility Services – Marie Curie Actions



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“After all, science is essentially international, and it is only through lack of the historical sense that national qualities have been attributed to it.” Marie Curie

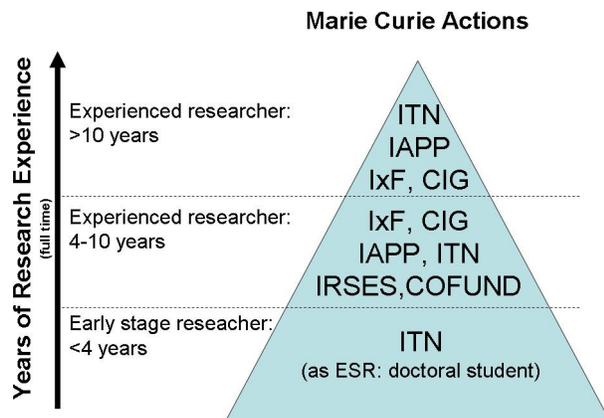
What is PEOPLE?

In the 7th Framework Programme for Research & Development of the European Union (FP7), Marie Curie Actions have been grouped under the programme PEOPLE. Marie Curie Actions seek to make Europe more attractive for researchers and establish a “**brain circulation**” within the EU-27 Member States (MS) and Associated Countries (AC). It means that first and foremost, the mobility rule applies: researchers must change country. Beside the **trans-national mobility**, the Marie Curie Actions also aim to foster the **inter-sectoral mobility** between academic and private sectors. These twofold mobility objectives contribute to make research career more attractive, which is crucial for Europe. The Marie Curie Actions follow a **bottom-up approach**, e.g. research fields are chosen freely by applicants. All domains of research are eligible. Depending on the Marie Curie Action, a project lasts between **two and four years**.

These terms and acronyms are all synonymous:
 PEOPLE = Marie Curie Actions = MC = Mobility Services = Human Resources & Mobility

Which Marie Curie Action is for you?

Researchers addressed under PEOPLE are classified on the basis of professional experience (full-time equivalent). Researchers already in possession of their PhD with max. 10 years research experience are considered as experienced researchers.



IxF: Individual Fellowships (IEF, IOF, IIF)

What are the main Marie Curie Actions?

They are two categories of Actions:

- **Individual driven actions:**

IEF: Intra-European Fellowship	To help <i>experienced researchers</i> to get new skills. Mobility rule applies: researchers have to move from an MS/AC to another MS/AC. No nationality restriction
IOF: International Outgoing Fellowship	To reinforce the <i>international dimension</i> in the career of European researchers willing to acquire new skills in a top research institution based in a third country. Mobility rule applies: 2 years in a third country + 1 year in an MS/AC. Nationals of third countries are eligible if active in Europe for the last 5 years
IIF: International Incoming Fellowship	To attract top-class <i>researchers currently active in a third country</i> and make them undertake research in Europe. Mobility rule applies: 1-2 year in an MS/AC. No nationality restriction
CIG: Career Integration Grant	To encourage researchers establish themselves in a stable position in a MS/AC, after a period of mobility. No nationality restriction

- **Host driven actions:**

IAPP: Industry-Academia Partnerships & Pathways	Consortium that aims to foster cooperation between public research organisations and private sector, in particular SMEs. Mobility rule applies to seconded staff. No nationality restriction
ITN: Initial Training Networks	Consortium that aims to improve <i>career perspective</i> of early-stage researchers in both public & private sectors. Mobility rule applies to recruited staff. No nationality restriction
COFUND Cofunding of national programmes	Mono-beneficiary action addressed to public R&D organisations that finance and manage fellowship programmes. Mobility rule applies to recruited staff. No nationality restriction
IRSES: International Research Staff Exchange Scheme	Consortium that aims at strengthening research partnerships through <i>staff exchanges</i> between Europe and third countries. Mobility rule applies to seconded staff. No nationality restriction



How does it work (applying for MC)?

Obtaining money from the European Commission can take roughly 12 months. Typically, the majority of the effort for the applicant/s is in the first six of these months, see "Prepare" below:



Typical successful application timeline

What funding can you expect?

Researchers can obtain a yearly living allowance as follows:

Years Experience	Salary/yr (euro)	Researchers Categories
0-4 research	€38'000	Early stage researcher
4-10 research	€58'500	Experienced researcher
10 years or more	€87'500	Very experienced res.

A correction coefficient of 109.9% applies for Switzerland (WP 2011). Example: €38'000*1.099= €41'762

For more details see page 4 of this R&D Guide and/or Annex 3 of the [Work Programme 2011](#)

What is new in 2011?

Based on the [Work Programme 2011](#):

- The time between call publication and call deadline has been increased beyond the standard 3 months. IAPP: 4.5 months; ITN: 6 months; Fellowships: 5 months
- The number of cost categories has been reduced and the use of flat rate has been generalised wherever possible
- IRG and ERG have been refocused into a single action: Career Integration Grant (CIG) aiming to provide researchers who have been offered a stable position in Europe with their own research budget.
- In IOF, the nationality rule has become more flexible: researchers nationals of third countries who have been carrying out their main activity in Europe for at least 5 years are now eligible too.
- The target of at least 40% participation by women is maintained

When can you apply?

Calls are published annually, and close with deadlines some months later. Future calls are expected on a similar timetable until 2013. All calls are in the Work Programme 2011; find the current open calls here: <http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/calls>

Calls & indicative budget in 2011 (in euro)

MC Action	Call open	Call deadline	Indic. budget
IAPP	20.07.2010	07.12.2010	€80 mio
NIGHT	28.09.2010	12.01.2011	€4 mio
ITN	20.07.2010	26.01.2011	€318 mio
EURAXESS	14.10.2010	27.01.2011	€3 mio
COFUND	20.10.2010	17.02.2011	€90 mio
CIG	20.10.2010	08.03.2011 06.09.2011	€40 mio
IRSES	20.10.2010	17.03.2011	€30 mio
IEF	16.03.2011	11.08.2011	€110 mio
IIF	16.03.2011	11.08.2011	€40 mio
IOF	16.03.2011	11.08.2011	€40 mio

What are your chances for success?

Marie Curie Actions are competitive; some of them are even very competitive! In order to increase your chances for success, **prepare yourself very well and in due time!** Please contact us (see page 4) to find out more about workshops and other services provided by Euresearch

Have a look on the **overall success rate** of the last calls [(proposals retained for funding/total of evaluated proposals) X 100]:

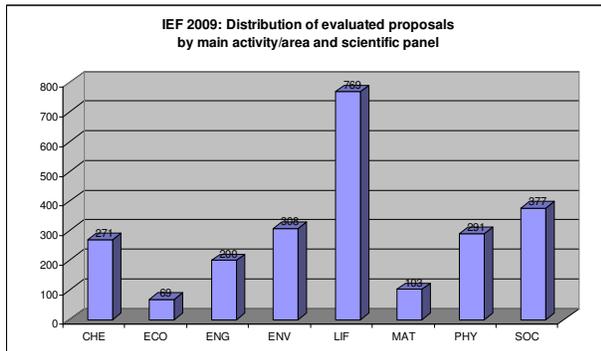
IEF Call 2009: 24%
 IOF Call 2009: 20%
 IIF Call 2009: 15%
 CIG: n.a.
 IAPP Call 2009: 16.6%
 ITN Call 2010: 7.4%
 COFUND Call 2010: 34%
 IRSES Call 2010: 53%

How do you find out about applying?

- Get the necessary documentation on <http://cordis.europa.eu/calls>. The two most important documents for getting started are the Guide for Applicants and the [Work Programme 2011](#).
- Get an [EPSS account](#). All Marie Curie applications are made electronically via the EPSS and exploring the submission process is an excellent way to prepare.
- Speak to people who have previously applied, even unsuccessfully. They may re-read your draft proposal.
- Be aware that you will have to present excellent research and training (personal career progression) plans.

What if your project is between two fields?

In order to cope with Marie Curie proposals from any field, each proposal submitted is assigned a panel. The budget for each action is distributed with respect to the proportion of applications received by each panel. Tip: Be evaluated by panels that receive more applications than others.

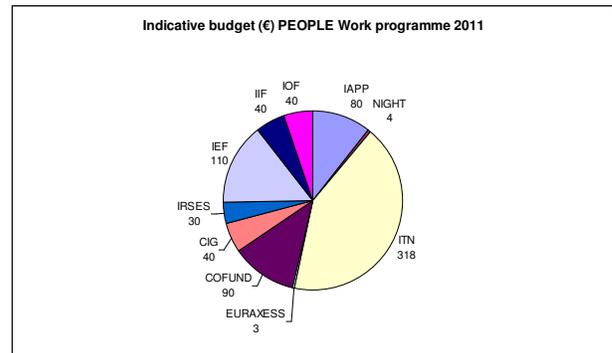


Extra tips to help you make your selection

- Contact the National Contact Point for Marie Curie Actions, Dr. Juliane Sauer to get privileged information on the Action you want to apply for: juliane.sauer@euresearch.ch
- The nearest Euresearch Regional Office helps you with implementation of your project: <http://www.euresearch.ch/ro>
- Marie Curie Actions are highly competitive: do your readings, prepare yourself well and ask for support!
- You find Information Sheets and Guide for Applicants on our web site: www.euresearch.ch/people

What else should you know?

- Your project should have a **clear European benefit** e.g. increase competitiveness or support European policy
- Always have a **“Plan B”** e.g. foundations in Switzerland: <http://www.edi.admin.ch/esv/00475/00698/index.html?lang=de>
- The top three MC budgets are ITN (€318 mio), IEF (€110 mio) and COFUND (€90 mio).



Overall 2011 Budget
(based on the Work Programme 2011 : total €755 mio)

FAQ

Q: I have a medical doctorate and 2 years research experience. Can I apply for an IEF?

A: Unfortunately you do not satisfy the ER conditions. Please wait until you have 2 more years research experience.

Q: As a researcher in a private Swiss company for five years but without a Ph.D., can I get funding to go to Boston, MA (USA) to obtain new knowledge via an IOF?

A: Yes.

Q: Is this R&D Guide a reference document?

A: No. It is a beginner's guide intended for those with little or no previous experience with Marie Curie actions. Please always refer to official European Commission documents in case of doubt.

What yearly gross income can you expect as a Marie Curie fellow?

These indicative examples will give you an idea:

- As an **early-stage researcher** recruited in an ITN (0-4 years research experience):

A	Yearly living allowance	€38'000 * 1.099 = €41'762
B1	Monthly mobility allowance for a researcher without family	12 * (€700* 1.099) = €9231.6
B2	Monthly mobility allowance for a researcher with family	12 * (€1000* 1.099) = €13'188
A + B1	Annual gross income for a researcher without family	€50'993.6
A + B2	Annual gross income for a researcher with family	€54'950

- As an **experienced researcher** awarded with an IEF, IOF or IIF (with PhD and/or 4-10 years research experience):

A	Yearly living allowance	€56'400 * 1.099 = €61'983.6
B1	Monthly mobility allowance for a researcher without family	12 * (€700* 1.099) = €9231.6
B2	Monthly mobility allowance for a researcher with family	12 * (€1000* 1.099) = €13'188
A + B1	Annual gross income for a researcher without family	€71'215.2
A + B2	Annual gross income for a researcher with family	€75'171.6

- As a **more experienced researcher** seconded in a IAPP (with > 10 years research experience):

A	Yearly living allowance	€84'500 * 1.099 = €92'865.5
B1	Monthly mobility allowance for a researcher without family	12 * (€700* 1.099) = €9231.6
B2	Monthly mobility allowance for a researcher with family	12 * (€1000* 1.099) = €13'188
A + B1	Annual gross income for a researcher without family	€102'097.1
A + B2	Annual gross income for a researcher with family	€106'053.5

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How do you find partners, for example, to join an ITN consortium?

- Checking funded projects on [CORDIS](#)
- Checking open positions on [Euraxess](#)
- Contacting researchers/private industries you know personally
- Attending conferences and events
- Searching the project databases of former successful EU projects
- Reading about the experiences of others who have obtained EU funding
<http://www.euresearch.ch/partnersearch>

What are the key websites?

- People-Marie Curie Actions-Mobility Services on Cordis : <http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/people/>
- Euraxess : <http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess>
- Euraxess Switzerland : www.euraxess.ch
- Marie Curie Fellowship Association (MCFA) : <http://mcfa.eu/>

What other areas of FP7 might you apply for?

If you are one of the best in your field, consider the Ideas Programme from the **European Research Council** that supports excellent researchers close to or at the Professor level to establish or increase the size of their team.
<http://www.euresearch.ch/erc>

How can Euresearch help you?

- General information and support via your Regional Office: Basel, Bern, Geneva, Fribourg, Lausanne, Lugano, Luzern, Neuchatel, St. Gallen, Zürich
<http://www.euresearch.ch/ro>
- Personalised information by Email via your profile at <http://www.euresearch.ch/login/>
- More information about services via our other R&D Guides, Management Guides and Participation Guides
- Marie Curie Information Sheets
<http://www.euresearch.ch/people>
- Information & Training
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