



MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS INNOVATIVE TRAINING NETWORKS (ITN)

The aim of Innovative Training Networks (ITN) is to **train a new generation of creative, entrepreneurial and innovative early-stage researchers**. ITN will **raise the quality of research and doctoral training**, extending the traditional academic research training setting and equipping researchers with the **right combination of research-related and transferable competences**. Researchers will thus have **enhanced career perspectives in both the academic and non-academic sectors**.

ITN financially supports competitive networks of organisations from the academic and the non-academic sector, located in different countries, which build together a joint training and/or doctoral programme. This programme must respond to specific needs in scientific and technological areas and include transferable skills common to all fields (e.g. entrepreneurship, communication etc.). Alike the other Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, ITN follows a **bottom-up approach**, i.e. research fields are chosen freely by the applicants.

ITN partnerships may take one of the three forms:

» **European Training Networks (ETN)**

Networks with at least three participants from three different EU Member States (MS) or Associated Countries to Horizon 2020 (AC);

» **European Industrial Doctorates (EID)**

Consortia of at least two partners from two different MS or AC, one partner being from the academic sector, one from the non-academic sector. Recruited researchers must spend at least 50% of their time at the non-academic partner;

» **European Joint Doctorates (EJD)**

Networks with at least three participants from three different MS or AC entitled to award doctoral degrees.

ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS & DEFINITIONS

- » Early-stage researchers are at the time of recruitment in the first 4 years of their research career and not yet awarded with a PhD.
- » Eligible researchers can be of any nationality, but they must not have worked or resided in the country of destination for more than 12 months in the past 3 years.
- » The duration of recruitment can be from 3 to 36 months.

FACTS

Specific Programme: Excellent Science:
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

Project duration: max. 48 months

Budget: EUR 430 million (2017)

Next Call: H2020-MSCA-ITN-2017

Call opens: 15th of September 2016

Deadline: 10th of January 2017



Academic/Non-Academic sector

- » Academic sector: Public or private higher education establishments awarding academic degrees, public or private non-profit research organisations whose primary mission is to pursue research, and international European interest organisations.
- » Non-Academic sector: Any socio-economic actor not included in the academic sector (e.g. private enterprise companies, hospitals, museums, ministries, etc.)

FUNDING

The contribution of the European Commission covers the activities of the recruited researchers as well as part of the costs for the implementation of the project:

Contribution to the researchers [person/month]:

Living allowance*	3.110 €
Mobility allowance	600 €
Family allowance	500 €

* A correction coefficient is applied to these figures, reflecting the cost of living of the host country (e.g. Austria: 104,8%)

Contribution to the host institutions [person/month]:

Research, training and networking costs	1.800 €
Management and indirect costs	1.200 €

LINKS

www.ffg.at/content/msca
<http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/>
<http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/h2020-section/marie-sklodowska-curie-actions>
http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/pdf/research_policies/Principles_for_Innovative_Doctoral_Training.pdf
<http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/index.cfm/rights/europeanCharter>

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