



# 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 excellence and structure research and doctoral training in Europe, extending the traditional academic research training setting. Researchers will thus have **enhanced career perspectives in both the academic and non-academic sectors**.

ITN supports competitively selected **joint research training and/or doctoral programmes**, implemented by partnerships of universities, research institutions, businesses, SMEs, and other socio-economic actors from **different countries across Europe and beyond**. The programme should exploit complementary competences of the participating organisations, and enable **sharing of knowledge, networking activities, the organisation of workshops and conferences**.

Training responds to well identified needs in defined research areas, with appropriate references to inter- and multidisciplinary fields and follows the **EU Principles for Innovative Doctoral Training**. It should be primarily focused on scientific and technological knowledge through research on **individual, personalised projects**. In order to **increase the employability of the researchers**, the research training should be complemented by the meaningful exposure of each researcher to the **non-academic sector**.

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 of at least three organisations from three different EU Member States (MS) or H2020 Associated Countries (AC).
- **European Industrial Doctorates (EID)**  
Consortia of at least two organisations from two different MS or AC, one 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 organisation.
- **European Joint Doctorates (EJD)**  
Networks of at least three organisations from three different MS or AC entitled to award doctoral degrees.

### FACTS

**Specific Programme:** Excellent Science: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

**Project duration:** max. 48 months

**Duration of recruitment:** 3 to 36 months

**Budget:** EUR 530 million (2020)

**Next Call:** H2020-MSCA-ITN-2020

**Call opens:** 12 September 2019

**Deadline:** 14 January 2020



## ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS & DEFINITIONS

- Researchers supported through an ITN must be **early-stage researchers**, i.e. 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.
- **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. This includes all fields of future workplaces of researchers, from industry to business, government, civil society organisations, cultural institutions, hospitals, 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*	3.270 €
Mobility allowance	600 €
Family allowance	500 €

\* A correction coefficient applies to the living allowance, reflecting the cost of living of the host country (e.g. Austria: 106.7%)

### Contribution to the host institutions [person/month]:

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

## LINKS

<https://www.ffg.at/europa/h2020/msca/itn>

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/actions/research-networks\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/actions/research-networks_en)

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