



**TÜBİTAK**

**HORIZON 2020:**

**MARIE SKLODOWSKA CURIE ACTIONS**

**RESEARCH AND INNOVATION STAFF EXCHANGE**

**(RISE)**

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### **MARIE SKLODOWSKA CURIE ACTIONS**

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions ensure excellent and innovative research training as well as attractive career and knowledge-exchange opportunities through cross-border and cross-sector mobility of researchers, to better prepare them for current and future societal challenges.

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions are open to researchers and innovation staff at all stages of their career, as well as to universities, research institutions, research infrastructures, businesses, and other socio-economic actors from all countries, including third countries. Attention is paid to encouraging the strong participation of industry, in particular SMEs, for the successful implementation and impact of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions.

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions support researchers to establish themselves on a more stable career path and to ensure that they can achieve an appropriate work/life balance, taking into account their family situation.

**Mobility** is a key requirement in the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions. Researchers receive funding on the condition that they move from one country to another to broaden or deepen their competences.

### **RESEARCH AND INNOVATION STAFF EXCHANGE (RISE)**

The RISE scheme will promote international and inter-sector collaboration through research and innovation staff exchanges, and sharing of knowledge and ideas from research to market (and vice-versa) for the advancement of science and the development of innovation.

The scheme fosters a shared culture of research and innovation that welcomes and rewards creativity and entrepreneurship and helps to turn creative ideas into innovative products, services or processes.

#### **Call Schedule:**

<u>Publication date:</u>	11 December 2013
<u>Deadline:</u>	24 April 2014 at 17.00.00 Brussels time
<u>Indicative budget:</u>	EUR 70 million from the 2014 budget
<u>Duration:</u>	The maximum duration of support will be four years

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**Scope:** RISE involves organisations from the academic and non-academic sectors (in particular SMEs), based in Europe (EU Member States and Associated Countries) and outside Europe (third countries). Support is provided for the development of partnerships in the form of joint research and innovation activities between the participants. This is aimed at knowledge sharing via international as well as intersectoral mobility, based on secondments of research and innovation staff (exchanges) with an in-built return mechanism. Activities can focus either on one dimension of mobility (intersectoral / international), or include a combination of both. Exchanges can be for both early-stage and experienced researchers' levels and can also include administrative, managerial and technical staff supporting the research and innovation activities of the proposal. Support for the exchanges between institutions in the EU Member States and Associated Countries covers only intersectoral secondments. Exchanges with institutions from third countries can be intersectoral secondments as well as secondments within the same sector.

**Expected impact:**

- ✚ Research and innovation activities under RISE are expected to build or enhance new and existing networks of international and intersectoral cooperation. They will significantly strengthen the interaction between organisations in the academic and non-academic sectors, and between Europe and third countries.
- ✚ In terms of knowledge sharing and broad skills development, they will better align different cultures and expectations, with a view to a more effective contribution of research and innovation to Europe's knowledge economy and society.

**Eligible Organizations:** For the purposes of RISE, two different types of organisations are eligible and distinguished according to their sector:

- ✚ Academic sector;
- ✚ Non-academic sector.

Before applying, each organisation has to register and is automatically classified in one of the two sectors on the basis of the Participant Identification Code (PIC) assigned during the validation process. Organisations are considered belonging to the academic sector if they have been assigned to one of the three categories mentioned below:

- ✚ Public or private higher education establishments awarding academic degrees;
- ✚ Public or private non-profit research organisations whose primary mission is to pursue research;
- ✚ International European Interest Organisations.

All other organisations are by default non-academic.

Each organisation has to register only once through the Participant Portal.

Secondments may be split into several stays between 1 and 12 months for a person involved in the project and not going beyond the project duration. There should be more than one research staff involved in the secondments. The splits must be justified and considered beneficial for the transfer of knowledge activities.

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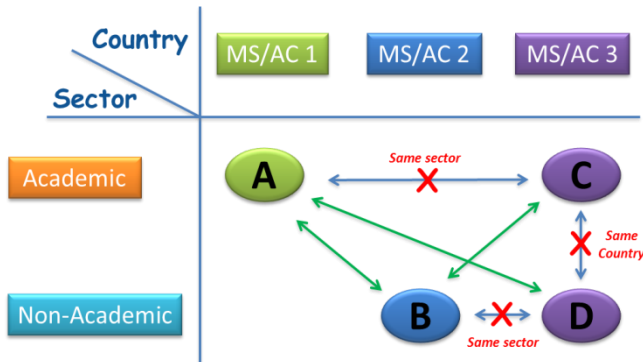
There is no maximum size fixed for the number of participants in RISE. However, there is an upper limit of a maximum of 540 person-months per project regarding the number of secondments reimbursed. There is no minimum number of secondments but the project should have a substantial impact as it is highlighted in one of the evaluation criteria.

**Eligible Researchers:** Actively engaged in or linked to research/innovation activities for at least 6 months prior to first secondment - Types of staff members:

- ✚ ESR (no PhD and < 4 years' experience)
- ✚ ER (PhD or > 4 years' experience)

- ✚ Managerial staff
- ✚ Administrative or Technical staff

### Intra-European Exchanges

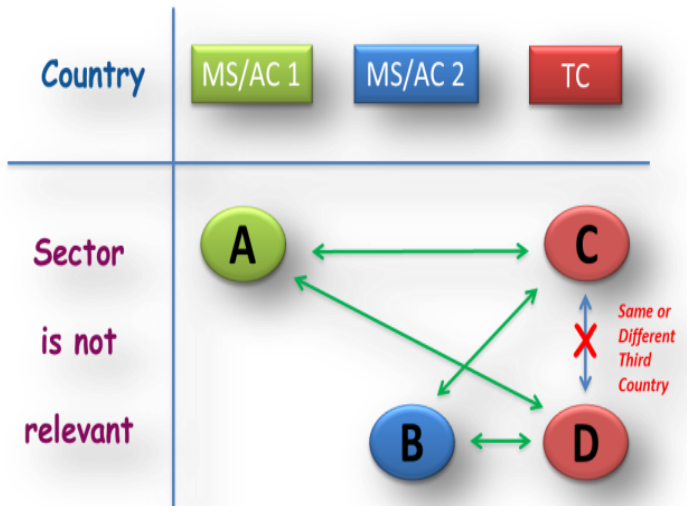


### Intra-European Exchanges

Exchanges between European organisations are possible if there are established in different countries and are from different sectors. Intra-European secondments within the same sector or within the same country are not eligible for funding and must not be listed in the proposal (neither part A or Part B).

### Europe-Third Countries Exchanges

Secondments between MS/AC are not dependent on the sector of the organisations. Secondments from a TC to a MS/AC are only eligible for funding for some TCs (listed in Annex A of the WP). However, all secondments from TC to MS/AC must be indicated in the proposal as they will have an influence on the evaluation, even for those not eligible for EU funding. Secondments between TCs or within the same TC have no influence on the evaluation and therefore must not be included in the proposal (neither part A or Part B).



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**EU Contribution:** The financial contribution to a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Research and Innovation Staff Exchange project is calculated on the basis of a unit cost. A unit cost is a fixed amount per person-month of secondment. The EU contribution is calculated by multiplying the unit cost by the number of completed secondment-months.

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action	Staff member unit cost * <i>person/month</i>  Top-up allowance	Institutional unit cost * <i>person/month</i>	
		Research, training and networking costs	Management and indirect costs
Unit Costs for RISE	2 000	1 800	700

- ✚ The *Staff member unit cost* is a top-up allowance intended to support travel, accommodation and subsistence costs for the staff member during the secondment. The salary of the seconded staff is not covered by the EU contribution. Therefore, the beneficiaries and partner organisations are expected to continue paying their salary during their stay abroad.
- ✚ The research, training and networking costs cover the costs of research and innovation related activities of the project such as purchasing of consumables, laboratory costs, participation to conferences, workshops and networking activities.
- ✚ *Management and indirect costs* cover all general costs connected with the organisation and implementation of the secondments (administrative and financial management, logistics, ethics, human resources, legal advice, documentation, etc.)

#### Definitions used throughout this Guide:

- ✚ **Other Third Countries (OTCs)** are countries which are neither EU Member States (MS) nor associated to Horizon 2020 (ACs). Some OTCs appear in the list of countries receiving funding, provided in the General Annexes to the Work Programme.
- ✚ **Coordinator** is the participant who is taking the lead in the preparation of the proposal as the "proposal coordinator". For a given proposal, the coordinator acts as the single point of contact between the participants and the Research Executive Agency (REA).
- ✚ **Beneficiaries** are organisations that are full partners of a network and are signatories to the Grant Agreement. They contribute directly to the implementation of the research training programme by appointing, supervising, hosting and training researchers. They may also provide secondment opportunities. Beneficiaries take complete responsibility for executing the proposed programme and other requirements of the project. **Partner organisations** are not signatories to the Grant Agreement and do not employ the researchers within the project. Partner organisations provide additional training and host researchers during secondments.

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