

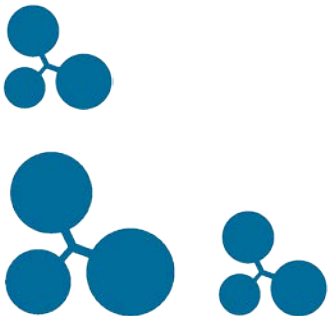
European Funding Opportunities for Students, Postdocs & Researchers of All Nationalities



- EURAXESS – Researchers in Motion initiative
- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)
- European Research Council Grants (ERC)



◦ What can EURAXESS do for you?



What is EURAXESS?



EURAXESS – Researchers in Motion
Project since 2004



Goals:

- Support research careers
- Help researchers move to Europe

Offer information and services

40 European countries + 6 non-European + European
Commission



How can EURAXESS help?



JOBS: helps you find jobs and funding opportunities



SERVICES: more than 500 people in 40 countries to assist you



RIGHTS: looks after your rights as a researcher



LINKS: connecting researchers of all nationalities abroad

EURAXESS Links North America

- **We work with:** researchers, research administrators, EU Delegations, EU embassies and consulates, European Commission, MSCA, ERC and bilateral projects
- **We offer:** monthly newsletter, networking platforms, up-to-date information on EU fellowships and grants, events
- **You can join:** sign-up to our community online or mailing list, follow us on social media



ALL SERVICES ARE FREE

- **Marie Skłodowska-Curie
Actions**

What are the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions?

Objectives

‘Ensure the optimum development and dynamic use of Europe’s intellectual capital to generate new skills, knowledge and innovation.’

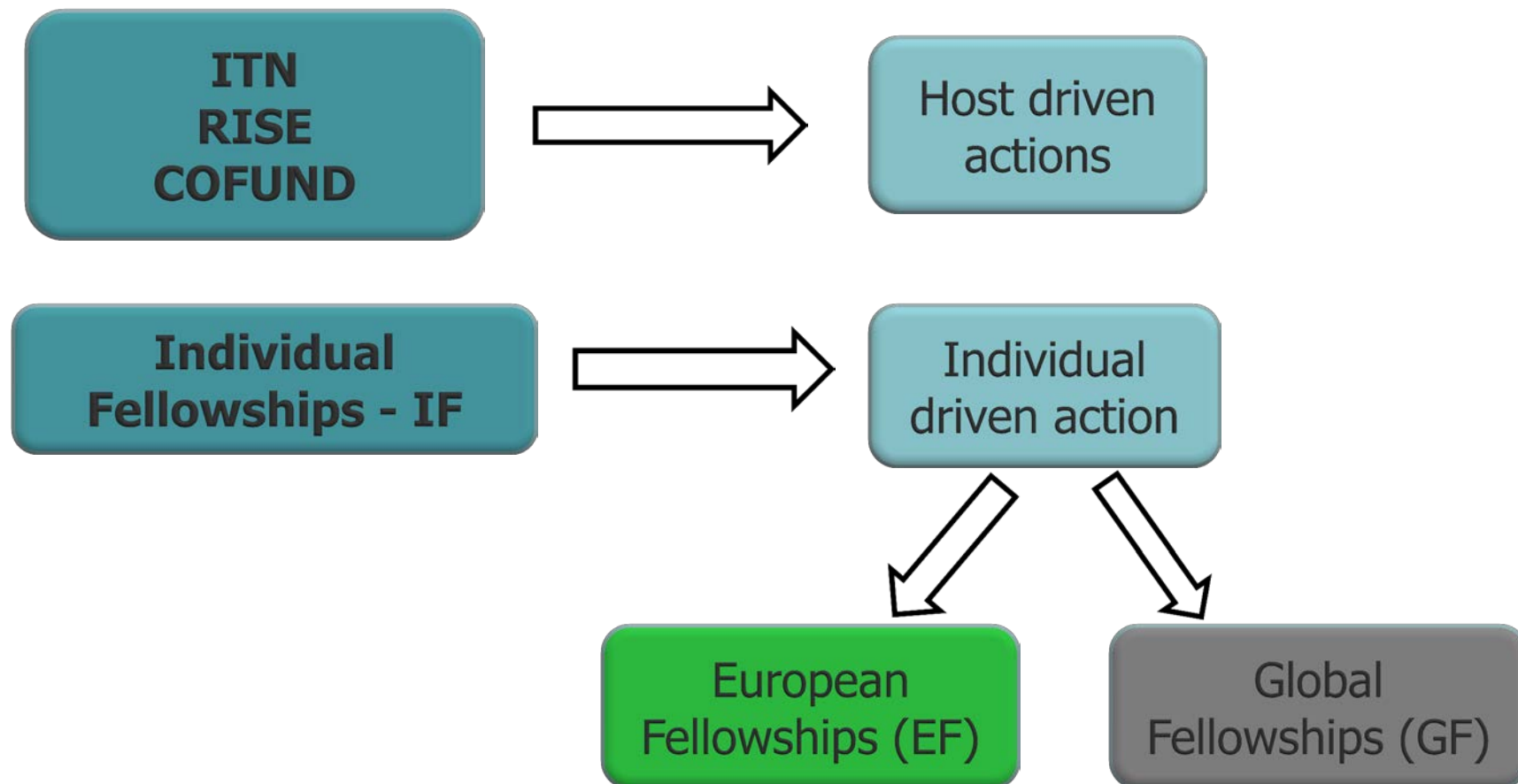
- **Budget 2014-2020: €6.162 billion**
- Mobility is a key requirement
- Open to researchers/staff of any nationality
- Open to all domains of research and innovation
- Bottom-up approach

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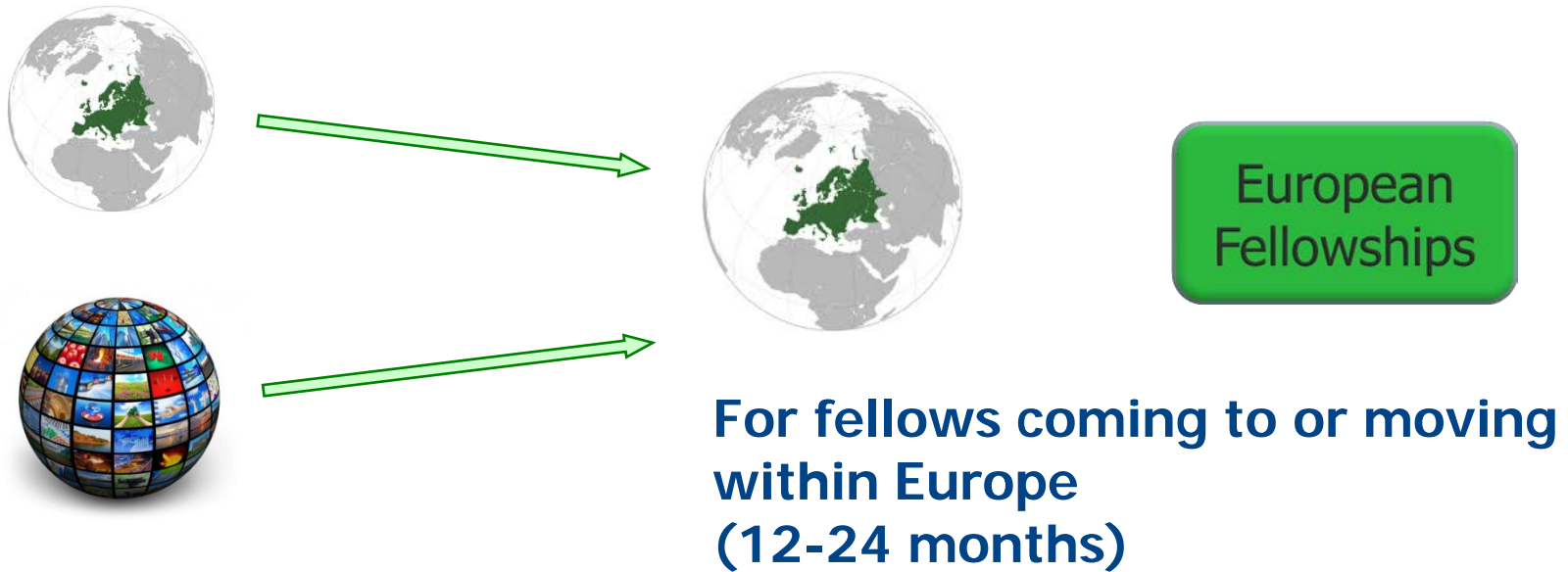
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

Innovative Training Networks	ITN early-stage researchers (< 4 years)	Doctoral and initial training: European Training Networks, European Industrial Doctorates, European Joint Doctorates
Individual Fellowships	IF experienced researchers (> 4 years)	Support for experienced researchers to undertake international and inter-sector mobility, incl. career restart and reintegration
Research and Innovation Staff Exchange	RISE	International and inter-sector cooperation through the exchange of staff
Co-funding of programmes	COFUND	Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- doctoral programmes (ESR)- fellowship programmes (ER)

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions



Individual Fellowships (IF)



Individual Fellowships (EF & GF)

- **Mobility rule:** Applicants must not have resided or carried out their main activity in the country of the host organisation for *more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the call deadline*
- **Any scientific domain:** 8 scientific panels covering all possible research subjects: CHE, ECO, ENG, ENV, LIF, MAT, PHY, SOC
- **Duration:** 1-2 years (EF); 1-2 years + 1 year return phase (GF)
- Focus on **career development**
- Open to hosts from both **academic** and **non-academic** sectors
- **Secondments** to / from the non/academic sector: **3 – 6 months**
- Strengthening **networking capabilities** both for researchers and for organisations involved
- Separate multidisciplinary panels for **Career Restart** and **Reintegration**

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

The Financial Dimension

Monthly rates

Research, networking, training costs	800 €	Living allowance*	4650 [§] €
Management and indirect costs	650 €	Mobility allowance	600 [§] €
		Family allowance	500 [§] €

* Living allowance subject to country correction coefficient

[§] Amount quoted is gross amount before deductions

US host institutions in FP7/H2020

- **FP7 – 681 fellows in 163 institutions**
 1. The Regents of the University of California: 122
 2. President and Fellows of Harvard College: 58
 3. MIT Corporation: 47

- **H2020 (1st call) – 78 fellows in 45 institutions**
 1. The Regents of the University of California: 16
 2. President and Fellows of Harvard College: 7
 3. New York University: 4

Timeline for MSCA IF 2015



Budget: 215million EUR
(Global Fellowships: 27million EUR)

- **European Research Council**

European Research Council

- The ERC supports **excellence in frontier research** through a bottom-up, individual-based, pan-European competition

Budget: €13.09 billion (2014-2020) - 1.87 billion €/year

Legislation

- Scientific governance: independent Scientific Council with 22 members; full authority over funding strategy
- Support by the ERC Executive Agency (autonomous)
 - Excellence as the only criterion

Strategy

- Support for the individual scientist – no networks!
 - Global peer-review
 - No predetermined subjects (bottom-up)
- Support of frontier research in all fields of science and humanities

European Research Council

ERC calls are open to researchers of **any nationality, age or current place of work** in the world (with at least 50% of work time in Europe)

ERC offers independence, recognition & visibility

- to work on a research topic of **own choice**, with a team of **own choice**
- to gain true **financial autonomy** for 5 years
- to negotiate with the host institution the **best conditions** of work
- to attract **top team members** (EU and non-EU) **and collaborators**
- to move with the grant to any place in Europe if necessary (**portability of grants**)
- **to attract additional funding and gain recognition**; ERC is a quality label

European Research Council

Starting Grants

starters (2-7 years
after PhD)
up to €2.0 Mio for 5
years

Consolidator Grants

consolidators (7-12
years after PhD) up
to €2.75 Mio for 5
years

Advanced Grants

track-record of
significant
research
achievements in
the last 10 years
up to €3.5 Mio for 5
years

Proof-of-Concept

bridging gap between research - earliest
stage of marketable innovation
up to €150,000 for ERC grant holders
for 18 months

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Role of the Host Institution

- Is located in an EU Member State or an Associated Country
- Hosts the PI for the duration of the project
- Is a legal entity: university, research center, business research unit, etc.
- Is committed to ensure that the PI may:
 - Apply for funding independently
 - Manage research and funding project
 - Publish independently as senior author
 - Have access to reasonable space and facilities
- Signs Grant Agreement
- Overhead: 25%

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"Excellence is the Sole Criterion of Evaluation"

Evaluation of excellent quality at two levels:

➤ Excellence of the Research Project

- ✓ Ground-breaking nature
- ✓ Potential impact
- ✓ Scientific approach

➤ Excellence of the Principal Investigator

- ✓ Intellectual capacity
- ✓ Creativity
- ✓ Commitment

Referees and panels evaluate and score **each criterion**, and then rank the proposals according to these results.

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Main features of the evaluation process

- Goal of the evaluation: select the best frontier research proposals
- Only evaluation criteria: **excellence**
- Method: **peer review**
- Structure: 25 panels distributed in 3 scientific domains (10 Physical Sciences, 9 Life sciences and 6 Social Sciences and Humanities)
- Each panel consists of 1 panel chair and 12-16 panel members

What makes
ERC evaluation
exceptional?

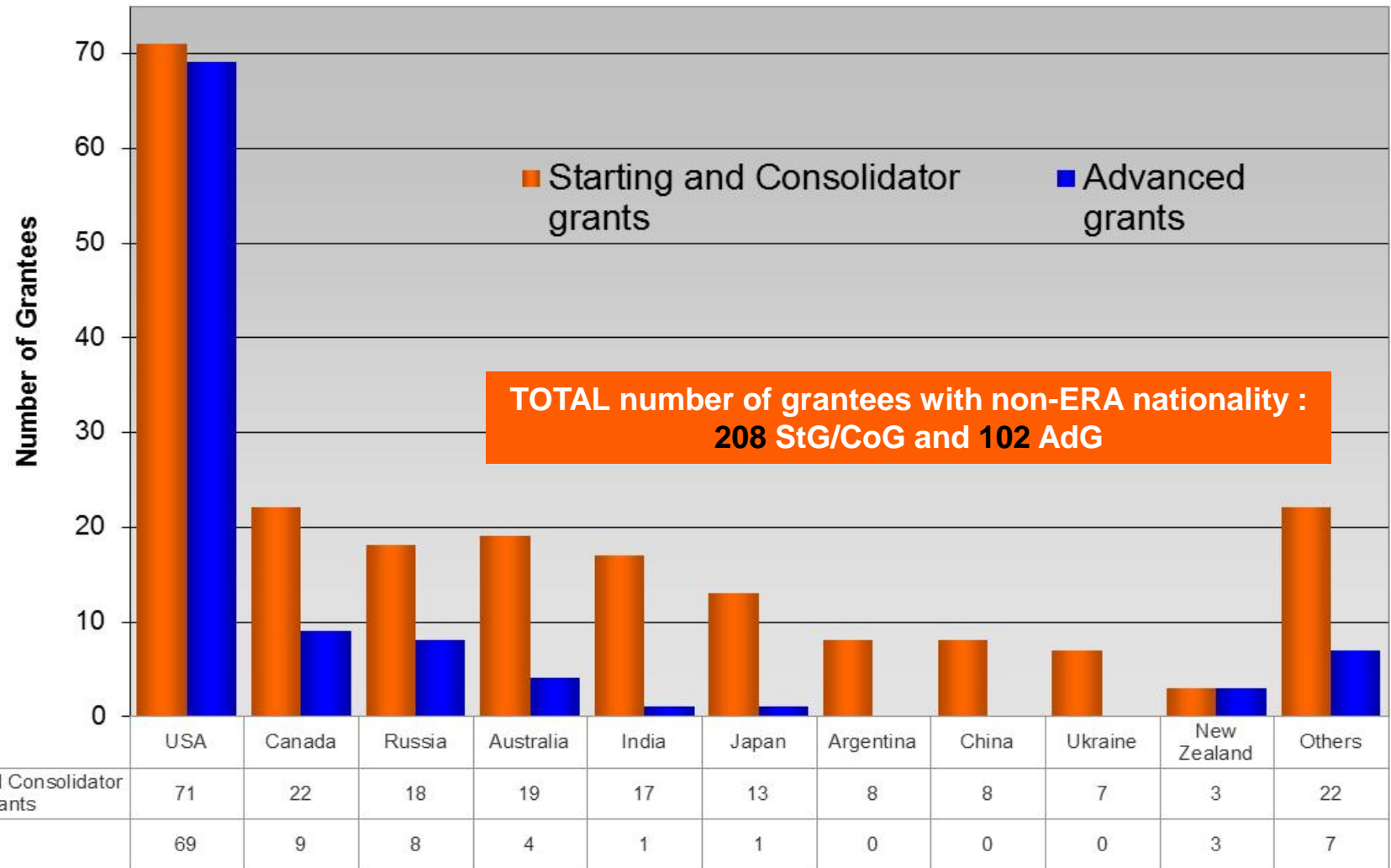


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Review procedure

ERC achievements and participation of non-ERA nationals

ERC Grantees with a non-ERA Nationality*

ERC StG, CoG and AdG calls 2007-2013



*) nationality as last declared by the principal investigator

Nationality

Data as of 26/05/2014

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ERC calls	Budget	Call Opening	Submission Deadline(s)
Starting Grants ERC-2016-StG	485 M€	29 July 2015	17 November 2015
Consolidator Grants ERC-2016-CoG	M€	15 October 2015	2 February 2016
Advanced Grants ERC-2016-AdG	M€	24 May 2016	1 September 2016
Proof of Concept ERC-2015-PoC	20 M€	7 November 2014	1 October 2015

How to connect with us?



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EURAXESS Links – Internationally Mobile Researchers
– (subgroup: EURAXESS Links North America)



YouTube Channel



Join our North America Community

Useful links

- EURAXESS: www.euraxess.org
- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions: <http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/>
- European Research Council: <http://erc.europa.eu/>
- Horizon 2020: <http://ec.europa.eu/programme>
- Projects Bilateral Transatlantic Cooperation with the EU
 - BILAT USA 2.0: <http://www.euussciencetechnology.eu/>
 - ERA-Can+: <http://www.era-can.net/>
- Bridge between researchers and policy-makers in Europe
 - Voice of the Researchers: <http://voice.euraxess.org/>



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BILAT  USA 2.0

 ERA-Can+
Advancing EU-Canada Collaboration
in Research and Innovation

EURAXESS Science Slam 2015 – 3rd Edition



- **Test YOUR Science Communication skills**
- **Show YOUR research to the World!**
- **Open to ALL researchers from ALL OVER North America (Deadline: 21 September)**
- **5 finalists** selected to go to the finals
- **1st Prize : Free trip to Europe**
 - Visit a European Research Institution of YOUR choice + Meet with experts!
 - Meeting with the European Commission policy officers

Thank you!

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