Opportunities under Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

Dalibor P. Drljača, PhD IT

MSCA GLOPOL

Regional Liaison Officer for Eastern Partnership and Ukraine

Regional Liaison Officer for Western Balkans





About MSCA GLOPOL project

MSCA Doctoral Networks

MSCA Staff Exchange





MSCA Global Cooperation: Policy Enhancement and Strategic Promotion Promotion



POLICY

Monitor participation trends and cooperation challenges in MSCA bilateral and bi-regional partnerships



POLICYMAKERS

Shape research policy and foster innovation ecosystems that support international scientific cooperation.

What is MSCA-GLOPOL?

36-month project that strengthens international cooperation in across 20 key partner countries and 6 regions.



PROMOTION

Coordinate with local information networks to ensure wider, more effective promotion of MSCA opportunities for institutions.



INSTITUTIONS

Strengthen international partnerships and enhance research capacity through strategic MSCA collaboration



SYNERGY

Align MSCA activities with other EU research and innovation initiatives for maximum impact.



FUNDING BODIES

Maximise research investment impact through coordinated international funding strategies and partnerships.

RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

Accelerated scientific breakthtoughs through global collaboration

POLICY ENHACEMENT

Evidence based recommendations improving bilateral cooperation frameworks

INSTITUTIONAL ENGAGEMENT

Stakeholders mapping and coordinated promotion groups

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

Enhanced collaboration between European and international institutions based on research priorities





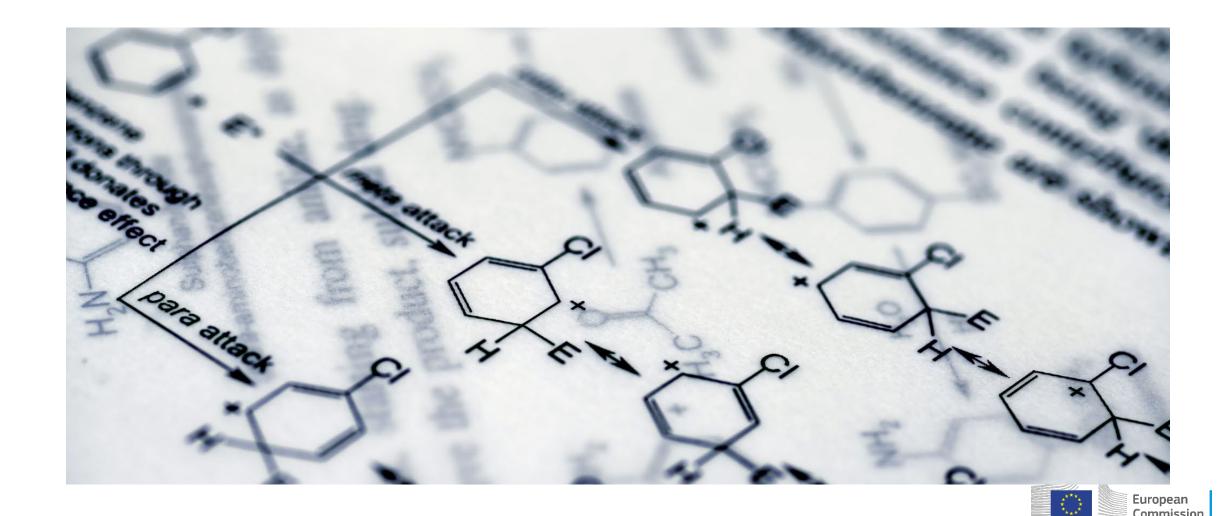


MSCA-GLOPOL geographical coverage





MSCA Doctoral Networks (DN)





Why MSCA is important?!

Why is MSCA the most international EU programme?

- Truly global
- Excellence-driven
- Partnership-focused
- Impact-oriented

What makes MSCA unique?

- Bottom-up and flexible
- International, intersectoral, interdisciplinary (31)
- All career stages
- Attractive conditions
- Industry-friendly
- Excellence and impact

Key features that benefit organisations

For ACADEMIC institutions:

- Attract and retain top talent
- Enhance international reputation
- Build strategic partnerships
- Develop institutional capacity

For NON-ACADEMIC organisations:

- Access cutting-edge research
- Innovation and technology transfer
- Develop R&D capacity
- Connect with academic expertise

For all organisations:

- Staff development
- Knowledge exchange
- Networking opportunities
- Addressing global challenges



Fact!

- Researcher particiapted in MSCA SE projects inFP5 and FP7
- FP5-HUMAN POTENTIAL Programme for research,
 technological development and
 demonstration on "Improving
 the human research potential
 and the socio-economic
 knowledge base" (1998-2002)
- FP7-PEOPLE-2013-IRSES Marie
 Curie Action "International
 Research Staff Exchange
 Scheme"

The Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences 2025

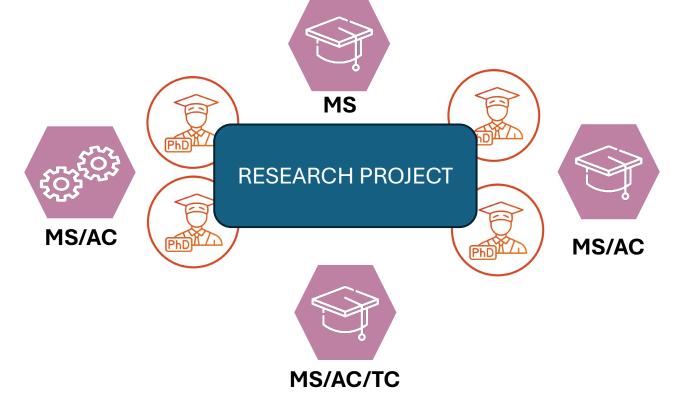






What are MSCA DN?

- ✓ One consortium
- Proposing a research project
- With interlinked individual PhD research projects
- ✓ For doctoral candidates.





Doctoral Networks

Up tp 540 person months (max. 36 months fellowship duration)

Participants implement a joint research programme

DN-ID

Industrial Doctorates

up to 540 person months min.50% time spent in non-academic sector

Doctoral training with the non-academic sector

DN-JD

Joint Doctorates

up to 540 person months joint, double or multiple doctoral degrees

Doctoral programme to deliver joint degrees





Indicative timeline

MOBILITY RULE: Doctoral Candidates must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the recruiting beneficiary for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately before the recruitment date

2025 budget 598 MEUR



MSCA Doctoral Networks 2025

Reference: HORIZON-MSCA-2025-DN-01-01

Opening date: 28 May 2025, 0:00 CEST

Deadline: 25 November 2025, 17:00 CET

Extended deadline: /



May 2025:

Launch of the call for proposals



November 2025: Deadline for submitting proposals



April 2026: Notification of call results to applicants



July 2026: Grant agreement signature for successful projects

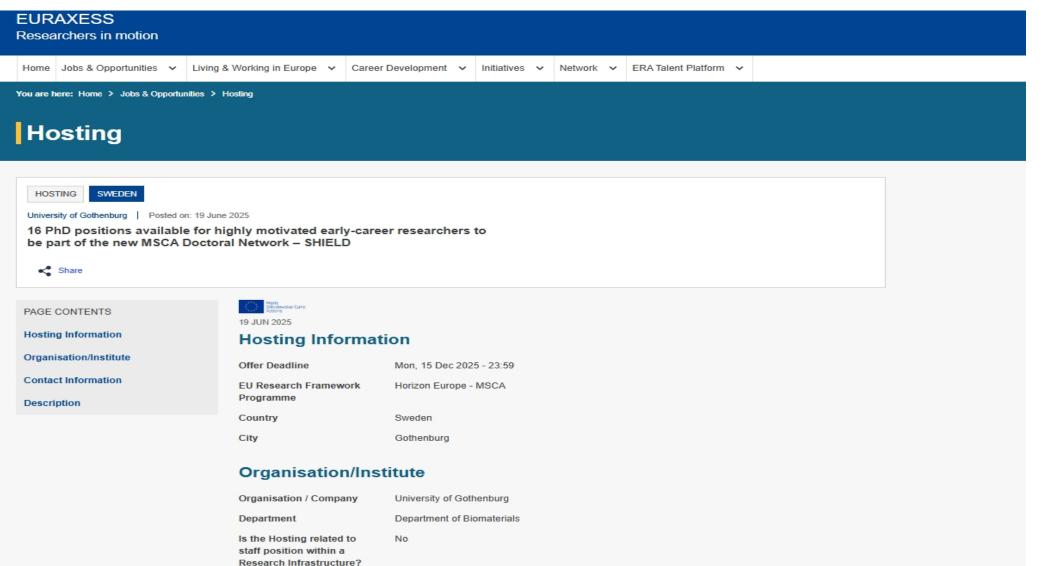


August 2026: First EU-funded projects start



Vacancies – PhD position

• EURAXESS portal: https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs







MSCA DN participation benefits

For Researchers (Doctoral Candidates)

- Fully Funded PhD
- International Mobility
- Interdisciplinary & Intersectoral Training
- Career Development & Employability
- Access to Leading Supervisors
- Networking Opportunities
- Open Science & Responsible Research Skills
- Cultural & Personal Growth

For Organisations (Universities, Research Centres, Companies, NGOs)

- Access to Excellent Talent
- Enhanced Research Capacity
- Strategic Partnerships
- Increased Visibility & Reputation
- Strengthened Proposal Writing & Project Management
- Innovation Boost
- Alignment with EU Priorities
- Sustainability & Legacy





MSCA Staff Exchange (SE)







What is MSCA SE?



Research & Innovation mobility action (international and intersectorial)



It equips researchers and organisations worldwide with advanced skills and cross-cutting knowledge



It fosters mobility within entities from both: academic and private sectors



Can be combined with other programmes (synergy)





Key features







with different scientific panels

TOP UP ALLOWANCE

staff allowance organisation



SECONDMENTS

1-12 months per staff

- Interdisciplinary
- Intersectoral
- International



DURATION

4 years 360 person-months per project





Eligible staff for exchange



Seconded staff members

Any type of staff involved in R&I activities (researchers, administrative staff, managerial staff, technical staff)

Each staff member is seconded for a period of 1 to 12 months (may be split into several stays *)

* With one or several beneficiaries or associated partners.

Researchers at any career stage (from doctoral candidates to postdoctoral researchers)

Staff needs to be devoted **full-time** to the action during the secondment

Actively engaged in research and/or innovation activities for at least

1 month prior at the sending

institution

After the secondment, staff should return to their sending organisation





MSCA SE participation benefits

For Researchers	International mobility
	Career development and employability
	Networking opportunities
	Interdisciplinary experience tackling challenges
	Exposure to non-academic sector
	Funding and support /funds for research
	Cultural enrichment
For Organisations (Universities, Research Institutes, SMEs, NGOs)	Strengthened collaboration and long-term partnerships
	Capacity building
	Access to expertise
	Enhance international visibility
	Increase innovation potential
	Funding for exchanges
	Reinforcement of institutional excellence



Indicative timeline

MSCA Staff Exchanges 2025

Reference: HORIZON-MSCA-2025-SE-01-01

Opening date: 27 March 2025, 0:00 CET

Deadline: 8 October 2025, 17:00 CEST

📋 Extended deadline: /



HORIZON-MSCA-2025-SE-01-01





Thank you









Dalibor P. Drljača

MSCA GLOPOL project
Regional Liaison Officer for Eastern Partnership and Ukraine
Regional Liaison Officer for Western Balkans

dalibor.drljaca@pracsis.be

Get involved

Website: www.msca-glopol.eu

Email: contact@msca-glopol.eu

Bluesky: msca-glopol.bsky.social

LinkedIn: msca-glopol



MSCA-GLOPOL is funded by the European Union. Views and opinions expressed are, however, those of the author(s) only and do not necessarily reflect those of the European Union or the European Research Executive Agency (REA). Neither the European Union nor the granting authority can be held responsible for them.