



## The Horizon 2020 COFUND programme at a glance

<b>Programme</b>	Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions (MSCA) – Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes (COFUND)
<b>Funding agency</b>	European Commission - Directorate-General Education and Culture (DG EAC) Implementation via the Research Executive Agency (REA)
<b>Objectives</b>	Co-funding of either (A) Doctoral programmes or (B) Fellowship programmes on regional, national or international level. The objectives are to foster: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High-quality training and career development of researchers</li> <li>• Mobility of researchers (across borders and between academic institutions and private enterprises)</li> </ul>
<b>Themes</b>	Free choice of research areas (bottom-up)
<b>Timing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call for proposals: One call for proposals a year.</li> <li>• Proposal submission: One submission deadline a year</li> <li>• Project start: Maximum 8 months after proposal submission (planned)</li> </ul>
<b>Consortium</b>	Single organisation (typically University) as full partner + wider set of collaboration partners (e.g., partners providing secondment opportunities or specialised training)
<b>Duration</b>	Usually 5 years, although a shorter duration between 3 and 5 years is possible
<b>Funding rates</b>	Fixed rates per researcher per month, depending on the type of researchers to be recruited (doctoral students or post-docs)
<b>Funding</b>	Max. € 10 million
<b>Success criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scientific, technological and training quality (“Excellence”)</li> <li>• Potential for leveraging complementary funding for doctoral or post-doc programmes (“Impact”)</li> <li>• Capacity of applicant and sound programme organisation (“Implementation”)</li> </ul>
<b>Success rate</b>	Approximately 25%
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/about/cofunding_en">http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/about/cofunding_en</a>

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