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it is a pleasure for the Latin American and Caribbean Network of National Contact Points (Red LAC NCP) to greet you and share with you bulletin No. 19. Our objective as a Network is to strengthen the capacities of the National Contact Points of Latin America and the Caribbean, so that everyone is in the best conditions to disseminate, inform and assist researchers, public and private organizations, civil society associations, promoting their participation in the framework programs of the European Union.

With this newsletter we try to bring information to researchers, universities, companies, civil society organizations and any other type of institution that tends to promote science, technology and innovation in the Latin American and Caribbean region.

Our team works directly with all NCPs, authorities, institutions and researchers in Latin America and the Caribbean. For this second semester of the year we will try to reinforce the task that we have been developing. We will continue working to revitalize the network, increase the region's participation in the Horizon Europe Program and face new challenges.

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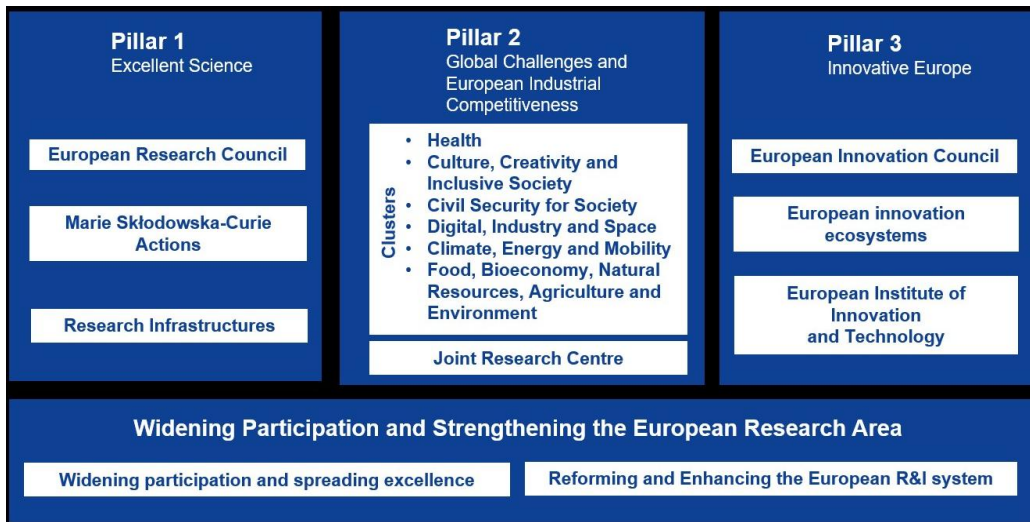
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Horizon Europe - Opportunities for Researchers

(2021 - 2027) - €95,517,000



Horizon Europe Program is the fundamental instrument for carrying out the R & D & I policies of the European Union. The general objective is to achieve a scientific, technological, economic and social impact of the EU's investments in R&I, thus strengthening its scientific and technological bases and promoting the competitiveness of all Member States.

Horizon Europe has a structure based on three pillars:

Pillar 1, **Excellent Science**, which through the European Research Council (ERC) finances research projects on the frontier of knowledge designed and directed by researchers. It also supports the professional development and training of research staff, through the international and intersectoral mobility activities of the **Marie Skłodowska-Curie (MSCA) program** and invest in improving and optimizing transnational **access to world-class research infrastructures**.

Pillar 2, **Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness**, finances research within social challenges, reinforces industrial technological capabilities and establishes missions with ambitious objectives oriented towards major global challenges (health, climate change, renewable energy, mobility, security, digital, materials, etc.) In this pillar we also have the **Joint Research Center (JRC)** that assist the EU and national governments in their decision-making by providing them with scientific evidence and technical support.

Pillar 3, **Innovative Europe**, aims to make Europe a pioneer power in market-making innovation and the growth of innovative SMEs through the European Innovation Council (EIC). Additionally, the **European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)** will continue to promote the integration of research, higher education and entrepreneurship through Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KIC).



These three pillars be based on a horizontal program, **expanding participation and strengthening the European Research Area (ERA)**.

For the modality of collaborative projects, there are three types of actions:

- **Research and Innovation Actions (RIA)** provide funding for research projects that address clearly defined challenges, which can lead to the development of new knowledge or new technologies.
- **Innovation Actions (IA)** funding is focused on activities closer to the market, such as prototyping, testing, demonstration, pilot testing, scale; either to produce new products or services or to improve them.
- **Coordination and Support Actions (CSA)** offer accompanying measures to support Research and Innovation (there is no research involved). Activities may include standardization, outreach, awareness and communication, networking, coordination or support services, policy dialogues and mutual learning exercises and studies.

Remind them that participation in Horizon Europe program is open to all Latin America and Caribbean countries. However, European Union funding is not automatically available for Brazil, Mexico, Chile and Uruguay and in the Caribbean countries for Aruba, Antigua and Barbuda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Trinidad and Tobago. In these cases, participant institutions are: companies, universities, research centers, associations, public administrations, or any other type of institution that has legal entity should cover the financing costs through the mechanisms established in each country.

Pillar II of Horizon Europe is subdivided into 6 clusters, to address global challenges, prior to seeing the calls that are open and close to applying, it is important to remind you that the deadline to apply for them is more than two months, in Virtue that the process of searching for partners, drafting and preparing it implies a lot of work time, **however for your knowledge the open calls are.**

For cluster 1 health, cluster 2 culture, creativity and inclusive society, cluster 4 digital, industry and space and cluster 6 food, bioeconomy, natural resources, agriculture and environment, there are currently no open calls for international cooperation.

Cluster 3 Civil Security for Society



I) HORIZON-CL3-2022-INFRA-01-01 Integrated nature-based solutions to protect local infrastructure

Opening: June 30, 2022

Closing: November 23, 2022 17:00 Brussels time

Type of action: RIA

Budget: €5,000,000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2022-infra-01-01>

II) HORIZON-CL3-2022-FCT-01-06 Effective fight against illicit drug production and trafficking

Opening: June 30, 2022

Closing: November 23, 2022 17:00 Brussels time

Type of action: IA

Budget: €15,000,000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2022-fct-01-06>

III) HORIZON-CL3-2022-DRS-01-05 Improved impact forecasting and early warning systems supporting rapid deployment of first responders to vulnerable areas

Opening: June 30, 2022

Closing: November 23, 2022 17:00 Brussels time

Type of action: IA

Budget: €10,000,000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2022-drs-01-05>



IV) HORIZON-CL3-2022-DRS-01-07 Enhancing international cooperation to address gaps in first responder capacity

Opening: June 30, 2022

Closing: November 23, 2022 17:00 Brussels time

Type of action: RIA

Budget: €5,000,000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2022-drs-01-07>

V) HORIZON-CL3-2022-DRS-01-08 Increased situational awareness and preparedness of first responders and better capabilities to minimize reaction time in urban areas in the event of CBRN-E related events

Opening: June 30, 2022

Closing: November 23, 2022 17:00 Brussels time

Type of action: IA

Budget: €11,000,000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2022-drs-01-08>

VI) HORIZON-CL3-2022-DRS-01-01 Improving citizen preparedness in the event of a disaster or crisis-related emergency

Opening: June 30, 2022

Closing: November 23, 2022 17:00 Brussels time

Type of action: IA

Budget: €10,000,000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2022-drs-01-01>

VII) HORIZON-CL3-2022-FCT-01-07 Effective fight against human trafficking

Opening: June 30, 2022

Closing: November 23, 2022 17:00 Brussels time

Type of action: IA

Budget: €15,000,000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2022-fct-01-07>

VIII) HORIZON-CL3-2022-FCT-01-05 Effective fight against corruption.

Opening: June 30, 2022

Closing: November 23, 2022 17:00 Brussels time

Type of action: IA

Budget: €15,000,000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2022-fct-01-05>

Cluster 5 Climate, Energy and Mobility



I) HORIZON-CL5-2022-D3-03-02 International best practices to scale up sustainable biofuels

Opening: September 05, 2022

Closing: January 10, 2023 17:00 Brussels time

Type of action: RIA

Budget: €9,000,000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl5-2022-d3-03-02>

II) HORIZON-CL5-2022-D6-02-05 Advanced multimodal network and traffic management for seamless door-to-door mobility for passengers and freight

Opening: April 27, 2022

Closing: September 06, 2022 17:00 Brussels time

Type of action: RIA

Budget: €15,000,000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl5-2022-d6-02-05>

III) HORIZON-CL5-2022-D4-02-01 Designs, materials and solutions to improve the resilience, preparedness and response capacity of the built environment for climate adaptation (Built4People)

Opening: September 05, 2022

Closing: January 24, 2023 17:00 Brussels time

Type of action: IA

Budget: €15,000,000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl5-2022-d4-02-01>



IV) HORIZON-CL5-2022-D3-02-02 Modeling of the AU-EU energy system

Opening: May 26, 2022

Closing: October 27, 2022 17:00 Brussels time

Type of action: RIA

Budget: €5,000,000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl5-2022-d3-02-02>

V) HORIZON-CL5-2022-D3-02-01 Digital solutions to define synergies in international renewable energy value chains

Opening: May 26, 2022

closing: October 27, 2022 17:00 Brussels time

Type of action: RIA

Budget: €9,000,000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl5-2022-d3-02-01>

Information sessions on Horizon Europe for Latin America and the Caribbean

I) Quantum Latino

From June 8 to 10, 2022, the second edition of “Quantum Latino” took place, the largest quantum event in Latin America, a hybrid conference held by Quantum-South and QURECA, the Unconventional Computing Lab. It was designed to raise awareness and promote quantum technologies and build a connected quantum community. Through these idea researchers, entrepreneurs, start-ups and industry collaborators participated.

The event was presented virtually and in person at the Campus of the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Montevideo in the LATU Park.

The LAC NCP Network team participated in the event with the aim of informing participants about the Horizon Europe program and motivating them to participate in it.

II) Horizon Europe and opportunities for research cooperation

On June 28, 2022, the CarIPI project organized its first online session to promote research cooperation opportunities between the European Union (EU) and the CARIFORUM countries. Maite Irazábal participated on behalf of the LAC NCP Network team.

Researchers, research institutions, industry representatives and private sector stakeholders from the Caribbean region participated in the session. The objective was to motivate them to participate in financing strategies and in the different collaboration opportunities existing in international cooperation programs financed by the EU.

More information and access to the presentations made, in the following link: <https://internationalipcooperation.eu/en/caripi/activities/horizon-europe-and-opportunities-research-cooperation-part-i>

III) Research in Europe

On June 30, 2022, the talk "Research in Europe" was held, organized by the Euraxess LAC team together with the LAC NCP Network and Enrich in LAC.

European and Latin American representatives from the Enrich in LAC team and the LAC NCP Network participated. The objective of the speakers was to show the Latin American and Caribbean audience a general overview of the European innovation ecosystem and why Europe is the best partner to develop projects in the area of innovation.



In this sense, information was provided on financing opportunities, the programs in which they can participate; such as: Horizon Europe, Eureka and what are the relevant financing lines at the bilateral level between agencies, among other topics.

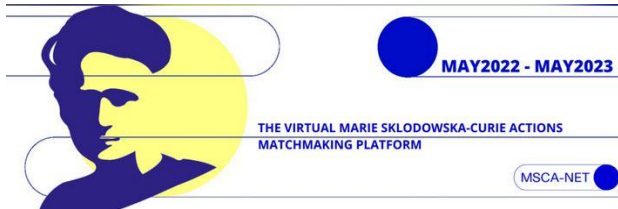


The session was conducted by Marianne Vaske on behalf of the DLR in Germany, Marco Quirino, Director of the Enrich in LAC Project and Maite Irazábal on behalf of Enrich in LAC and the LAC NCP Network.

The link to the recording of the event is: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HNPn6O_fs_U

New Exchange platforms Horizon Europe MSCA matchmaking

MSCA matchmaking platform



MSCA matchmaking platform has been prepared in the framework of the MSCA-NET project, to facilitate cooperation between all institutions, companies and researchers where they can establish bilateral and even multilateral meetings

to prepare MSCA projects in the next 3 calls: Postdoctoral Fellowships 2022, Doctoral Networks 2022 and Staff Exchanges 2022.

Platform will be open for 12 months (May 2022 to May 2023) collaborations can be established during that time. Over those 12 months of operation, informative materials and videos will be included in different languages.

As Future Fellow - find European institutions and supervisors for your proposal. Connect with companies and non-academic organizations for placements and secondments.

As Supervisor - find candidates and book meetings to discuss project ideas.

As Institution - find partners to discuss Doctoral Network Proposals, Staff Exchanges project ideas, and more. Build a competitive consortium.

As Company - find partners and fellows to prepare competitive proposals.

As National Contact Point- organize info session, connect with applicants and other NCPs.

Link: <https://msca.b2match.io/>

Research Gate



Is a free social network of professionals and scientists with more than 20 million researchers from various sectors and from more than 190 countries. Portal allows to: create and manage profiles, consultant's databases, share works, connect with researchers from all over the world, obtain answers to questions related to the world of research, receive news about

events, and of course gain visibility. In addition, you can join more than 1,000 open groups or create your own.

Link: <https://www.researchgate.net/>



New National Contact Points for Horizon Europe

Horizon Europe program has seventeen areas for National Contact Points (NCP). These are professionals responsible for offering advice and information to all those interested in participating in research and innovation projects in the Framework Program of the European Commission - Horizon Europe.

Their profile is technical and they are in charge of:

- Disseminate and inform about the funding opportunities of the Horizon Europe program among the research community in your country
- Advise and assist potential applicants in the preparation, presentation and monitoring of their proposal
- Offer support during project execution

Currently 185 new national contact points have been designated for the seventeen areas of the Horizon Europe Program. They are representatives of the governing bodies in science and technology of the countries from: Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Curacao, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Peru, Dominic Republic, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Uruguay.

We congratulate the new NCPs for their designation and we ask the countries that have not yet completed the designation process or are working on it, to appoint their NCPs.

It is important to reiterate that they have the support and support of the LAC NCP Network team for advice.

The screenshot shows the 'Funding & tender opportunities' portal. The main heading is 'National Contact Points for Horizon Europe'. Below this, there is a search section with a dropdown for 'Country(ies):' and a dropdown for 'Function(s):'. The 'Function(s)' dropdown is set to 'All Functions.NCP...'. There are 'Search' and 'Clear' buttons. Below the search section, there are radio buttons for 'Order By': 'Country' (selected), 'Contact', 'Recent', and 'Organisation'. To the right of the search section, there is a section titled 'NCP Services' which lists three services: 1. Guidance on choosing relevant Horizon Europe topics and types of actions, 2. Advice on administrative procedures and contractual issues, and 3. Training and assistance on proposal writing.

To find out who the National Contact Points are in each country, they should refer to the Funding & Tender page: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/ncp>



NCP Designation Process

The procedure to officially designate the National Contact Points of the Horizon Europe Program is as follows:

1) Letter of official designation: it is a letter headed and signed by a relevant national authority where it is specified who / whom and for which area it is being designated, the names and contact details must be included (address, telephone, organization, mail electronic) of the designated NCPs.

This letter should be addressed to Mr. Jean-Eric PAQUET, Director General of the DG for Research and Innovation since April 2018. It is desirable that it be written in English.

To the letter of appointment of the NCPs, the written confirmation and signature of each NCP must be added, that they have read and accepted the "Minimum standards and Guiding principles for setting up systems of, National Contact Points (NCP systems) under Horizon Europe ", in particular the sections on confidentiality and conflict of interest. " Point 8 of the Guide.

Here we add a note recommendation on this point, however we reiterate that it is a recommendation for which it can be modified.

I, -----, have read and accept all the requirements and principles of the NCP for the EU Framework for Research and Innovation "Horizon Europe" described in the "Minimum standards and Guiding Principles", in particular the sections on confidentiality and conflict of interest.

2) Two Excel spreadsheets:

I) 1 Excel spreadsheet with designations: there is a model sheet (editable Excel which can be requested by e-mail redlacncp@auci.gub.uy) that details the 17 areas of the Program and the NCPs that cover them; yellow highlighting should be used in new designations.

II) 1 clean Excel spreadsheet with designations: save a clean Excel spreadsheet "clear", this should only contain the data of the new NCPs.

An email with the official appointment letter and the attached Excel spreadsheets should be sent to: RTD-NCP-NOMINATIONS@ec.europa.eu, if possible in order to carry out the follow-up, and if you have no problem. CC: redlacncp@auci.gub.uy (this point is optional, of course).

Training Sessions for National Contact Points



BRIDGE2HE with NCPs

We invite all National Contact Points to participate in the following training session provided by the "Horizon Europe NCP Portal". The aims are offer both NCPs and participants access to extensive knowledge, support tools and services that NCPs develop to support broad participation in Horizon Europe.

- **Digital Tools for NCPs - How to make your webinars and online training more interactive.**

Date: September 7

Hours: 10 – 12 CET

Link to register: <https://horizoneuropencpportal.eu/academy/digital-tools-ncps-2nd-edition>



Bridge 2HE: <https://horizoneuropencpportal.eu/>

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA): supporting researchers and organisations from all over the world

Gerard Bros Perez

Responsible person for Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) at the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions unit of the European Commission.

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) are part of Horizon Europe, European Union's research and innovation framework programme. They support researchers' career development and training and organisations involved in research and innovation through funding to develop excellent doctoral training programmes, as well as international and cross-sectorial research collaboration and to promote knowledge transfer between institutions.

MSCA promotes excellence in research through transnational, cross-sectorial and interdisciplinary mobility, enhancing researchers' skills and advancing their career. They contribute to economic growth and job creation and have an important structuring impact on participating academic institutions by setting standards for high-quality researcher education, training and supervision, fair and attractive recruitment and working conditions, but also by enhancing the global reputation of participants and strengthening their research capacity, including the ability to attract funding and talent from abroad.



In the last seven years only the MSCA have supported over 65.000 researchers (including PhD candidates, postdoctoral researchers and academic, managerial and administrative staff) and 8.500 organisations, of which over 3000 researchers and 250 organisations from Latin America and the Caribbean region. From the European Commission, we encourage all researchers and organisations to participate in the MSCA and seize its funding opportunities.

The programme is open to individual researchers from all nationalities working in all research fields. Researchers can either find PhD and postdoctoral vacancies and support to apply through the [Euraxess](#) portal or apply for the MSCA [Postdoctoral Fellowships](#) scheme.

[Universities, research centers, companies, public bodies and other organisations](#) can also benefit from MSCA to start or enhance research cooperation with organisations based in Europe and all over the world and attract talent.

MSCA offers various funding possibilities for non-EU countries and for organisations based in Latin America or the Caribbean region:

- **Doctoral Networks** support the creation and implementation of excellent doctoral programmes with leading organisations to train the new generation of researchers and innovators;
- **Staff Exchanges** support short-term international and inter-sectoral exchanges of staff members involved in research and innovation activities to promote their skills, career development and foster knowledge-transfer, at all the stages of the innovation chain;
- **Postdoctoral Fellowships** allow organisations to attract excellent postdoctoral researchers to develop a joint research project.



Organisations and individual researchers interested to apply should refer to the [MSCA National Contact Points \(MSCA NCPs\) network in Latin America and the Caribbean](#). They are the main contacts to prepare your application and navigate through MSCA funding. The MSCA NCP network has more than 130 NCPs in 64 countries around the world.

Besides the excellent job carried out by MSCA NCPs and the LAC-NCP Network, the European Commission has recently started two initiatives to boost the participation of researchers and organisations in MSCA.

MSCA-NET: Support for national contact points, researchers and organisations

The objective of the European project MSCA-NET is to facilitate the transnational cooperation between National Contact Points (NCPs) for MSCA in order to achieve a consistent and harmonized level of support to NCPs, an improved participation in the programme as well as the quality of the applications.

The project also aims to improve the skills of the new NCPs, especially from third countries.

The activities developed by the project are various: trainings on MSCA, twinning activities, mentoring schemes. The project will also develop useful resources available to NCPs and the scientific community, such as the MSCA handbooks on the different actions, a newcomers' welcome package as well as guidance notes on horizontal topics. You can find all the information on their [website](#). For your information, the project has just published the [Postdoctoral Fellowships Handbook](#).

If you want to communicate with supervisors, fellows, research institutions, national contact points, companies, search for new partners or if you want to publish your researcher profile, do not hesitate to visit the [MSCA matchmaking platform](#) developed by the MSCA-NET project. This platform offers the possibility to organise bilateral meetings and create new collaborations worldwide to apply for MSCA. Follow the project on social networks



MSCAdvocacy: Strategic support for further cooperation

The European Commission has just launched the [MSCAdvocacy](#) project, which aims to improve, through MSCA, the bilateral cooperation with Key Partner Countries of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, among other regions. The project will publish useful resources and promote actions to enhance the participation of organizations and researchers from the region in the programme, responding to joint priorities of the European Union and the countries in question.



Opportunity for Researchers and Institutions in the Marie Sklodowska Curie Actions (MSCA)



We share with you the "Marie Sklodowska Curie (MSCA) Action Guide for Research Staff and Institutions in Latin America and the Caribbean", prepared by **Cristina Gómez (MSCA National Contact Point and representative on the MSCA Program Committee in Spain. Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology)** and **Jesús Rojo (Director of the Area of Technology Transfer and European Programs - MSCA National Contact Point. Foundation for Knowledge madri+d)**, with the support of the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation for Development (AECID) through the Spanish Cooperation Training Center in Montevideo (CFCE) within the framework of its Alliances for Science and Innovation line, the Uruguayan Agency for International Cooperation (AUCI) and the Latin American and Caribbean Network of National Contact Points (RED LAC NCP).

[Marie Sklodowska Curie Action Guide \(MSCA\) for researchers and institutions in Latin America and the Caribbean](#)

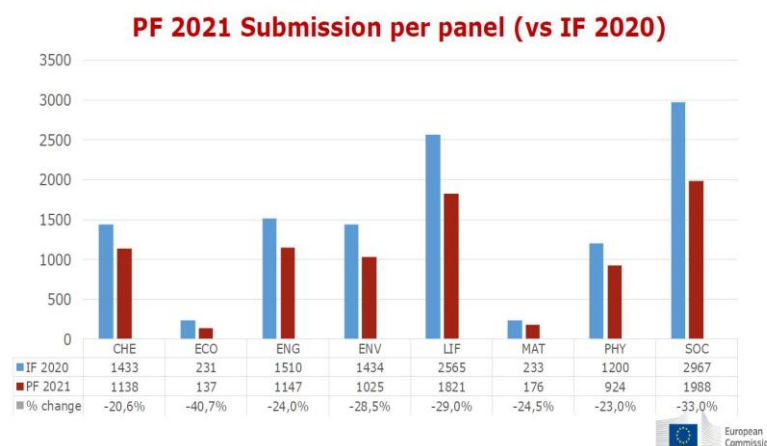
We share information about the opening and closing date of each of the openings

Announcement	Open	Close
MSCA – PF -2022 (Postdoctoral Fellowships)	12-May-2022	14 -September-2022
MSCA-DN-2022 (Doctoral Networks)	03-May-2022	15 -November-2022
MSCA-SE-2022 (Staff Exchange)	06-October-2022	08-March-2023
MSCA-COFUND-2022 (Program co - financing)	11-October-2022	09-February-2023

Analysis of the results of the MSCA PF 2021 call

Contribution of the Foundation for Knowledge Madri+d

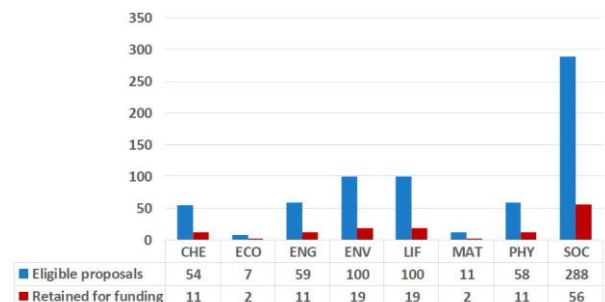
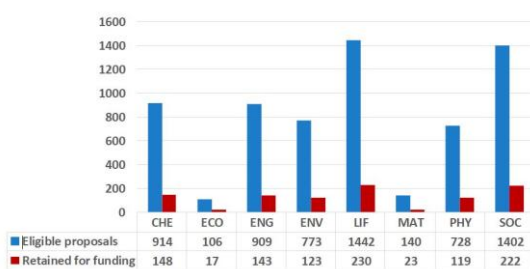
A total of 8.356 proposals were received in two European modalities (EF) 7.521 and Global (GF) 835 applications. If we compare with the figures reached in the last MSCA-IF call for 2020, we find a reduction in applications of 28% for the European modality and 16% for the global modality. We have gone from submitting 11,573 applications in 2020 to 8,356 applications in 2021, which makes us think that this reduction is due to the new limitations in the eligibility criteria such as being in possession of the doctorate degree (or having defended it) and the limit of 8 years of full-time research experience.



By scientific areas, this reduction in applications had an unequal distribution. The panels that decreased most have been Economics (-40.7%) and Social Sciences and Humanities (-33%), while the panel that has suffered the least this decrease has been the Chemistry panel (-20.6%)

Success rates

The success rate in this call has been 13.78% for the European modality (EF) and 16.21% for the global modality (GF). By scientific panel it varies slightly due to the ratio of proposals presented / budget per panel, with the panels with the highest success rate in PE being MAT (Mathematics) with 14.11% and PHY (Physics) with 14.05%, while in GF the ECO panels (Economy) with 22.22% and CHE (Chemistry) with 16.92%. We leave you a couple of graphs where you can see the requests by scientific panel and the projects that have been funded.



Gender

The distribution by gender of the funded projects continues to show an imbalance in favor of men in the EF modality. 57.7% of the projects financed in this modality have fallen to men (590) while women have been beneficiaries of 42.3% (432 projects). The GF modality presents almost a balanced distribution of 51% of the projects have fallen to women (67 projects) and 49% to men (64 projects). In relation to the success rate, women have been more successful in

their applications both in EF and GF with success rates of 14.51% and 18.01% respectively, while the success rates of men have been of 13.31% and 14.88%.

Applicants experience

The limit in research experience has been one of the novelties of this call. We attach these two graphs that reflect this novelty in the applications. Both the EF and GF modalities show that almost 75% of the applications have been submitted by candidates in their first 4 years of experience. It is also very interesting the range of 8 years of experience or more in the GF modality that reaches 8% of the requests while in EF only 5%.

Project Duration

The duration of the projects is another of the issues where we receive the most inquiries. What is the ideal duration of a PF project? Should I plan my project thinking about the maximum of 24 and 26 months available in the two modalities? Is the inclusion of a secondment and a placement mandatory for my proposal to be positively evaluated and obtain funding? The answers can be many and all valid. During the last years we have found IF-ST projects with very varied durations and not always reaching the maximum of the call. And we can see the same evolution in this PF2021 call.

- **MSCA PF-EF 2021** between 12 and 23 months duration: a total of 134 proposals were submitted, of which 11 were funded, 3 on the reserve list, 45 exceeded the minimum threshold and 75 obtained a score of less than 70 points.
- **MSCA PF-EF 2021** with a duration of 24 months; A total of 7,039 proposals were submitted, of which 9,161 were funded, 500 on the reserve list, 3,693 exceeded the minimum threshold and 1,885 obtained a score of less than 70 points.
- **MSCA PF-EF 2021** between 25 and 30 months in duration; A total of 266 proposals were submitted, of which 53 were funded, 15 on the reserve list, 139 exceeded the minimum threshold and 59 obtained a score of less than 70 points.
- **MSCA PF-GF 2021** between 24 and 36 months in duration; A total of 113 proposals were submitted, of which 16 were funded, 9 on the reserve list, 60 exceeded the minimum threshold and 28 obtained a score of less than 70 points.
- **MSCA PF-GF 2021** of 36 months duration; A total of 659 proposals were submitted, of which 106 were funded, 57 on the reserve list, 352 exceeded the minimum threshold and 144 obtained a score of less than 70 points.
- **MSCA PF-GF 2021** between 38 and 42 months in length; A total of 36 proposals were submitted, of which 9 were funded, 2 on the reserve list, 21 exceeded the minimum threshold and only 4 obtained a score of less than 70 points.



Uruguay hosted the General Assembly of the project “Towards a new EU-LAC partnership in Research Infrastructures” (EU-LAC ResInfra).

The agenda included three working days from July 20 to 22, 2022 in Montevideo-Uruguay. First day the meeting was held at the Technological Laboratory of Uruguay (LATU) where the project representatives were received by Markus Handke, Ambassador of the European Union Delegation in Uruguay, Alberto Majó, Head of the Office of the Ministry of Education and Culture of Uruguay, Inmaculada Figueroa, Vice Deputy General Director for the Internationalization of Science and Innovation at the Ministry of Science and Innovation of Spain and project coordinator and Claudia Romano, Manager of the Uruguayan Agency for International Cooperation (AUCI).

During the first day, partners made a review of the status of the project, work done up to date and the deliverables presented, pointing out their contributions to the sustainability plan. Also were presented policies, cooperation and financing models in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) for Research Infrastructures.

Then, pilots responsables show the work carried out and their plans until the end of the project and made a presentation on the staff exchange involved in ResInfra.

Finally, delegation was received by Daniel Volpe, Manager of Analysis, Testing and Metrology, Ana Maquieira, Head of the Microbiology Department and Alejandra Torre, Head of the Analytical Department of the Methods Development Department, who gave them a guided tour of the Technological Park (LATU).

Second day opening session was in charge of AUCI Director, Mariano Berro, Inmaculada Figueroa and Claudia Romano at the Presidency of the Republic. Work was done in groups and the plenary analyzed the sustainability plans and the future of the project, contributing ideas related to the dimensions of political dialogue, financing, practical experiences and visibility. The analysis of the benefits, obstacles, mechanisms and instruments in these areas are focused on achieving long-term collaboration objectives, in addition to making research infrastructures visible. Each group had different moderators; Sabina Guaylupo, Maite Irazábal, Claudia Alén Amaro and Kathrin Megerle.

Figueroa emphasized that research infrastructures have a roadmap in the European Union (EU), with an important institutional framework and investment marked by multilateral efforts, as well as human resources and training. "We want to do the same with Latin America. In this sense, she said that the idea is that from the European infrastructures and joining efforts to visualize what infrastructures are in Latin America.

"What we are looking for in this event is to see how the project, which is financed by the European Union, has been developing in its different components, particularly in terms of political dialogue," said AUCI Manager Claudia Romano.

She emphasized that the EU-LAC ResInfra project is playing a major role in the dialogue between competent bodies in these field, such as ministries, organizations and science institutions in the region. "The objective is to be able to work in the development of proposals and to facilitate open infrastructures in the Latin American region, which give sustainability to the initiatives carried out.



During third day, delegation visited the Pando Science and Technology Park (PCTP) in the morning and the Institut Pasteur Montevideo in the afternoon, where they visited their laboratories through guided tours by scientists from both institutions.

At the PCTP, John Saegaert, General Manager of the Pando Science and Technology Park (PCTP) and Dr. Fernando Amestoy, President of the PCTP and Representative for the Faculty of Chemistry of the University of the Republic (UdelaR) were responsables for the presentation and visit.

During the afternoon, delegation was received at Institut Pasteur Montevideo where Carlos Batthyány, Executive Director together with Martina Crispo, Rosario Durán, Andres Kamaid and Leonel Malacrida welcomed them and guided through the different laboratories. Afterwards, the possibilities of EU-LAC cooperation were discussed and the General Assembly was closed.

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The ENRICH in LAC initiative, European Network of Research and Innovation Centers and Hubs in Latin America and the Caribbean, seeks to encourage and promote cooperation towards research, technology and entrepreneurship between Latin America and Europe.

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The project began in 2017 focusing on Brazil and, in 2021 entered on its second phase of financing, and is currently expanding its activities to Argentina, Chile, Colombia and Uruguay. This year its key to reach Central America, specifically Panama, Mexico and Costa Rica.

If you are interested in ENRICH in LAC project, you can write to them and their team will gladly coordinate a meeting in which they will show you what are the main activities they are currently developing, inform costs of being partners and to be able to evaluate possible cooperation synergies.

The project coordinator is Kathrin Singer from Fraunhofer IPK, Berlin/Germany, the president of the ENRICH Center in LAC in Brazil, Filipe Cassapo, and its Director is Marco Quirino.



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