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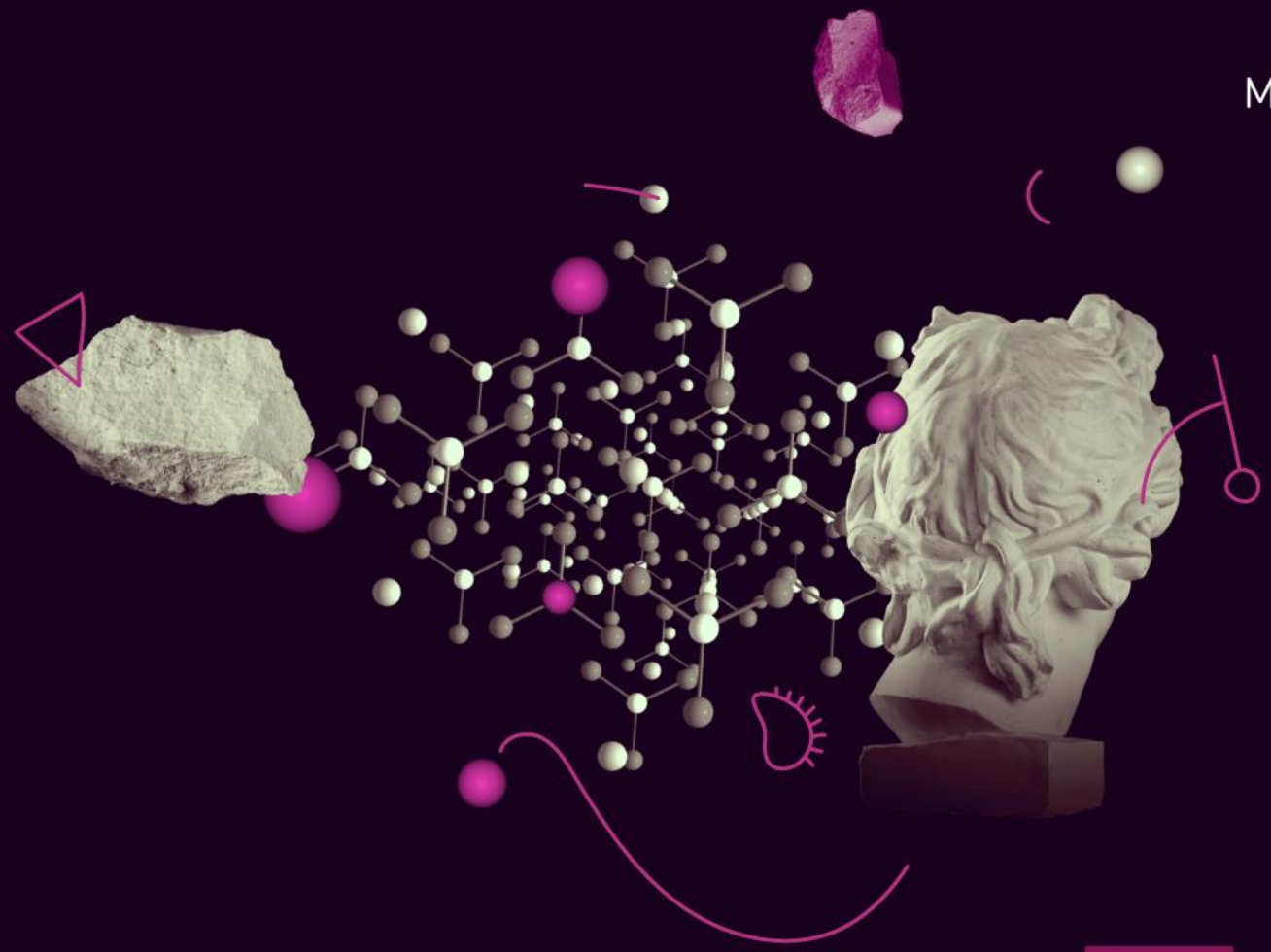
Developing talents, advancing research



Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Staff Exchanges event in Baltics

21/10/2022

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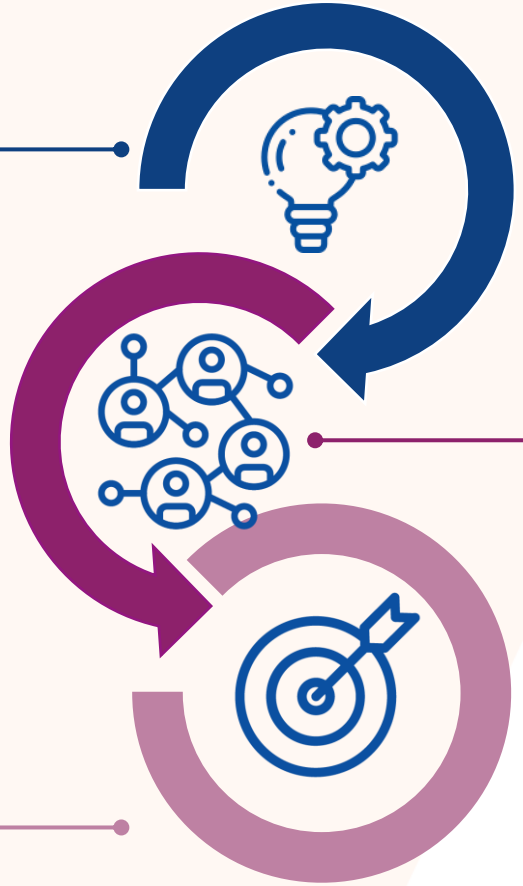

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The MSCA under Horizon Europe

Pillar I
EXCELLENT SCIENCE

European Research Council

Marie Skłodowska-Curie

Research Infrastructures

Pillar II
GLOBAL CHALLENGES & EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS

Clusters

- Health
- Culture, Creativity & Inclusive Society
- Civil Security for Society
- Digital, Industry & Space
- Climate, Energy & Mobility
- Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture & Environment

Joint Research Center

Pillar III
INNOVATIVE EUROPE

European Innovation Council

European Innovation Ecosystems

European Institute of Innovation & Technology

WIDENING PARTICIPATION AND STRENGTHENING THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA

Widening participation & spreading excellence

Reforming & enhancing the European R&I system

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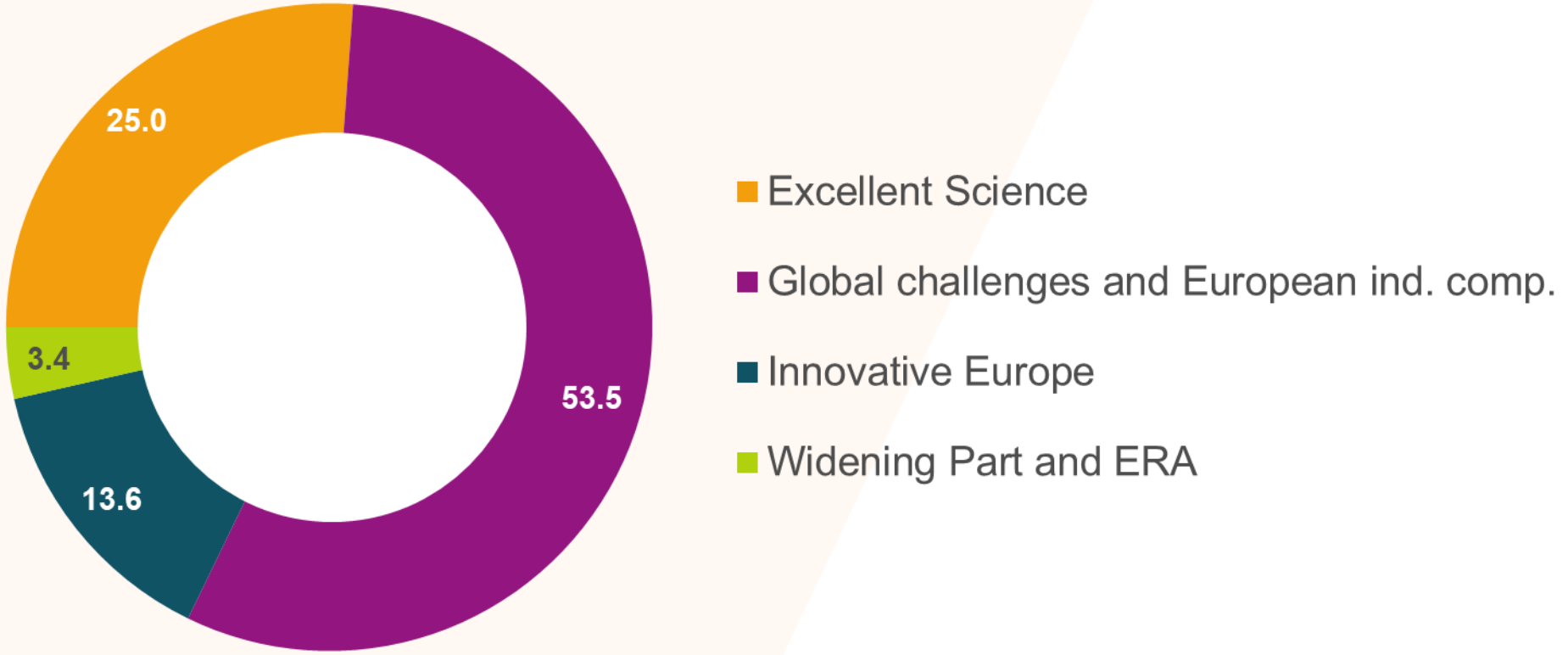
Horizon Europe Budget: €95.5 billion (2021-2027)



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Five Missions Areas

Adaptation to climate change, including societal transformation

Cancer

Healthy oceans, seas, coastal & inland waters

Climate-neutral & smart cities

Soil health & food

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Pillar I: Excellent Science

Reinforcing and extending the excellence of the Union's science base

European Research Council

Frontier research by the best researchers and their teams

€16 billion

Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions

Equipping researchers with new knowledge and skills through mobility and training

€6.6 billion

Research Infrastructures

Integrated and inter-connected world-class research infrastructures

€2.4 billion

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Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)

The MSCA have 5 main actions

Doctoral Networks

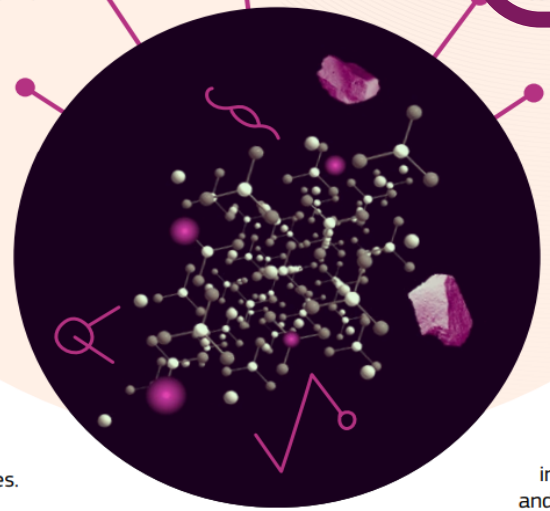
implement doctoral programmes (including joint doctorates and industrial doctorates) **by international partnerships** of organisations from different sectors. They train highly-skilled doctoral candidates, stimulate their creativity, enhance their innovation capacities and boost their employability in the long-term.

Postdoctoral Fellowships

support researchers' careers and foster excellence in research and innovation. Researchers holding a PhD can carry out their research activities, acquire new skills and develop their careers abroad, whilst developing competences in non-academic sectors and working within interdisciplinary teams.

Staff Exchanges

encourage short-term international and inter-sectoral exchanges of research and innovation staff through sustainable, collaborative projects in Europe and beyond. By doing so, they enhance knowledge and skills transfer and increase organisations' research and innovation capacities.



MSCA and Citizens

brings research and researchers closer to children, families and the public at large through the European Researchers' Night - the annual research communication and promotion event taking place at the end of September across EU Member States and Horizon Europe Associated Countries.

COFUND

co-finances regional, national and international doctoral and postdoctoral programmes for researchers' training and career development. The COFUND action spreads MSCA's best practices by setting high standards and excellent working conditions, and boosts training and international, interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral mobility.

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MSCA: Key figures 2014-2020

+65,000
Researchers, including 25,000 PhD candidates

37%
Researchers from outside EU

6.2 billion €
Under Horizon 2020

+1,000
Doctoral programmes

+4,500
Companies supported

42%
Female researchers

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MSCA: Key policies

Researchers' training, skills & career development

(all career stages)

Excellent research in all domains (bottom-up approach)

International,

cross-sectoral & interdisciplinary mobility

Attractive working & employment conditions

Structuring impact on organisations through excellent programmes

Strong collaboration with industry & SMEs

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Staff Exchanges

Main features

Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions

Objectives

- International, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary mobility of R&I staff (“secondments”)
- Knowledge transfer between participating organisations
- Collaboration between the academic and non-academic sectors (including SMEs)
- Cooperation across the globe

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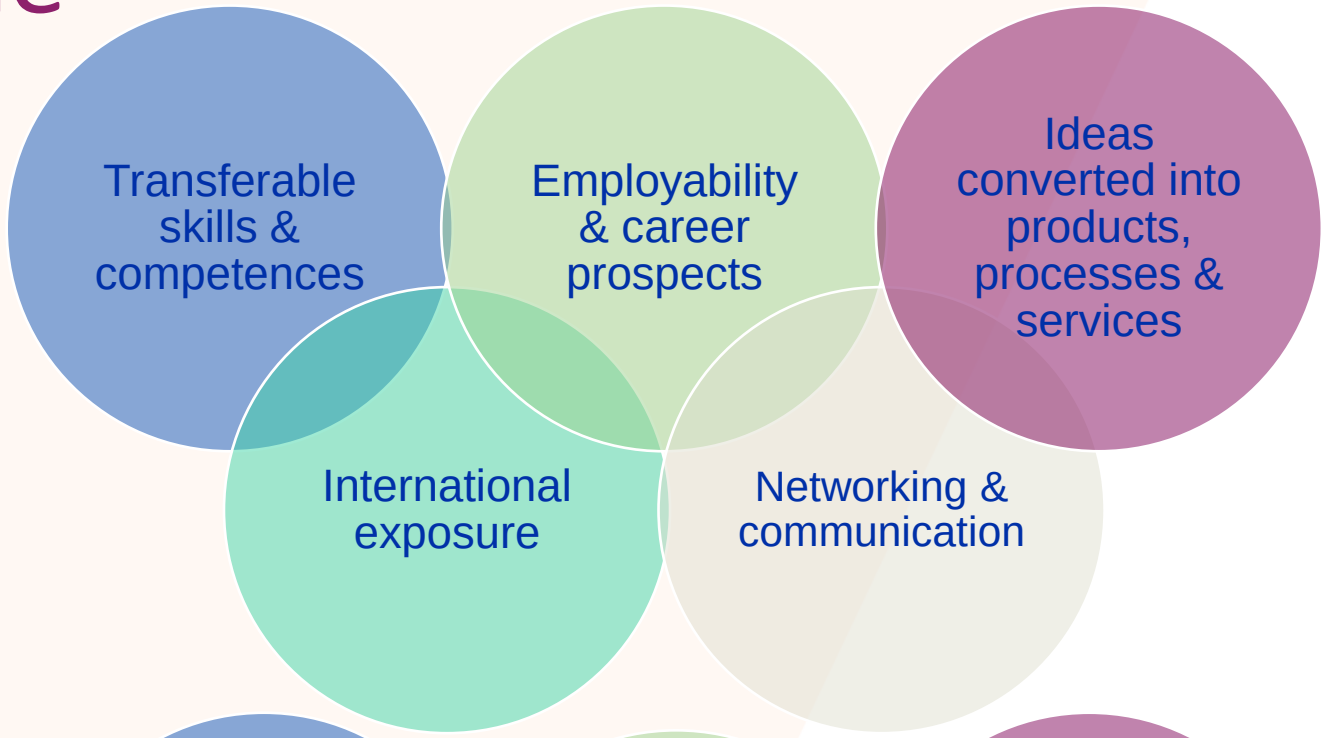
Added value

Staff members



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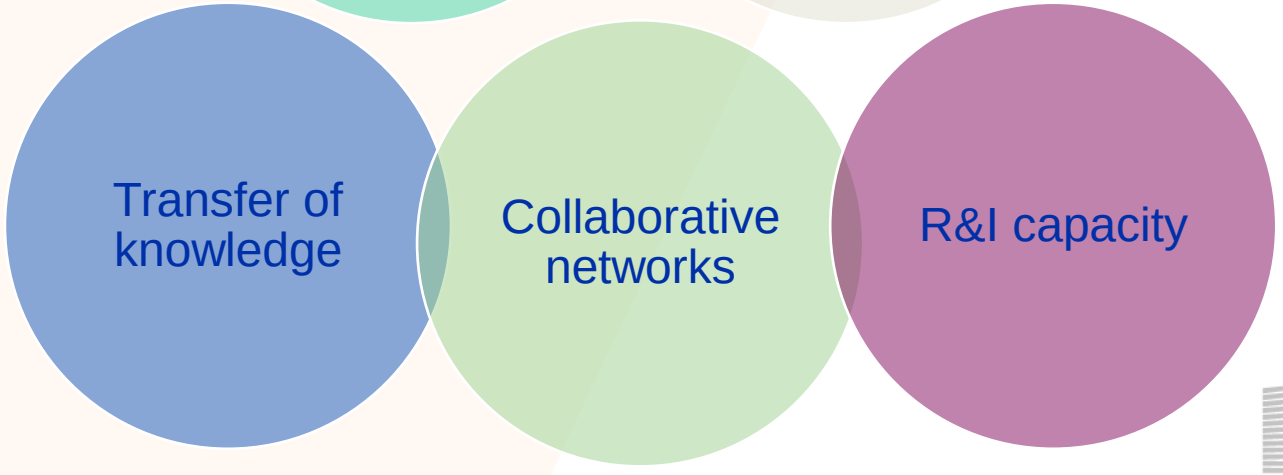

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Eligible participants

Academic sector

Consortium of min. **3 legal entities in 3 different countries,** 2 of which in a different EU Member State or HE Associated Country

Non-academic sector

If organisations from the **same sector**, there must be at least 1 organisation from a non-associated Third Country*

* Secondments within EU MS or HE AC must be between different sectors (between academic and non-academic), except for interdisciplinary secondments, which must be limited to a maximum of 1/3 of the total implemented months.

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Eligible staff

Seconded staff members

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

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

Actively engaged in research and/or innovation activities for at least **1 month** prior at the sending institution

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

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

After the secondment, staff should **return to their sending institution**

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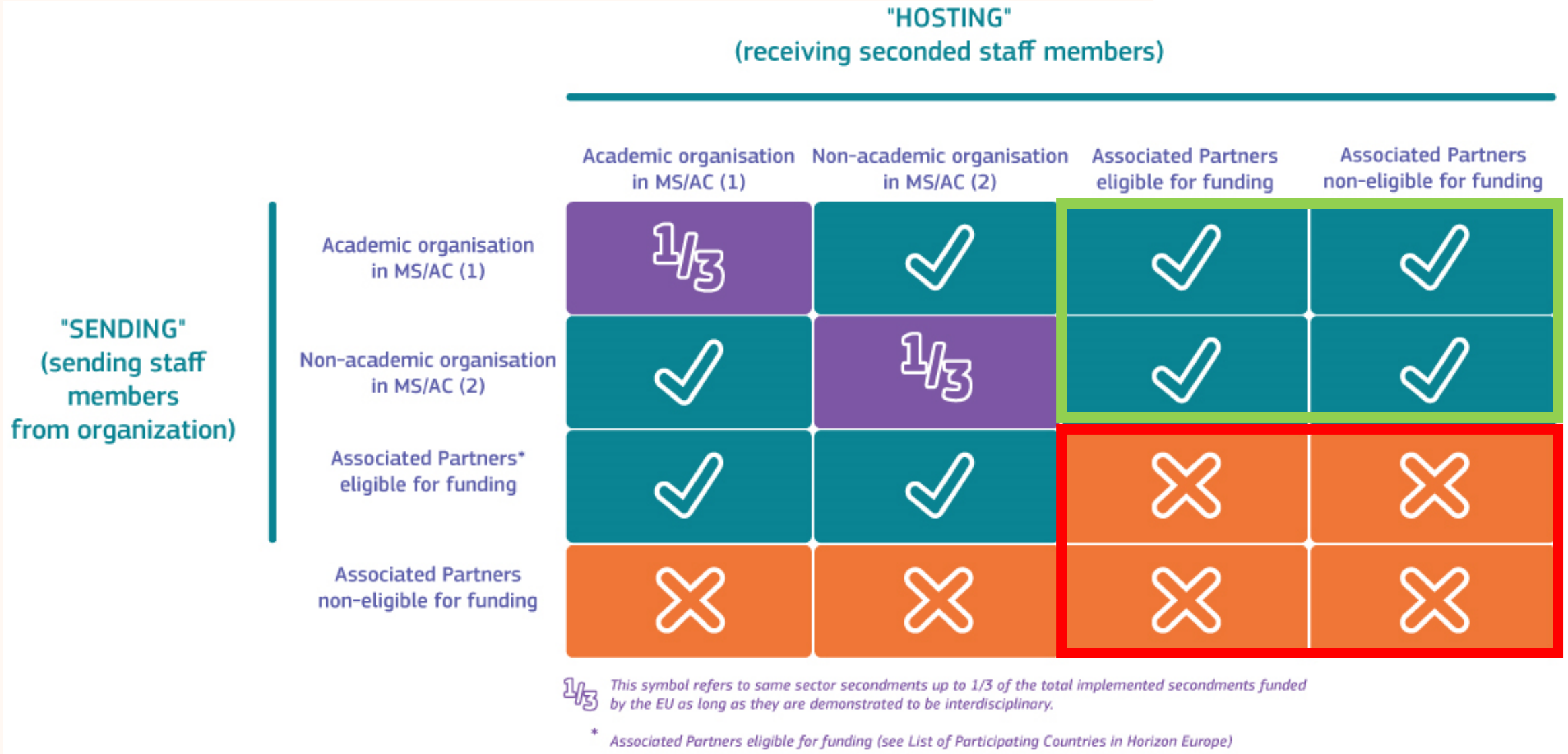
Eligible for funding: exchanges/secondments



Exchanges within the same country are not eligible.
Exchanges between Associated Partners based in TC are not eligible.

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What does Staff Exchanges fund?

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Same-sector secondments in Europe (MS/AC)

≤ 1/3 of the total secondments funded by the EU, if considered ***Interdisciplinary***

Interdisciplinary secondments integrate aspects from two or more different scientific disciplines.

Important: **scientific panels** + **descriptors/first level MSCA keywords** from proposal form part A (see REA Website)

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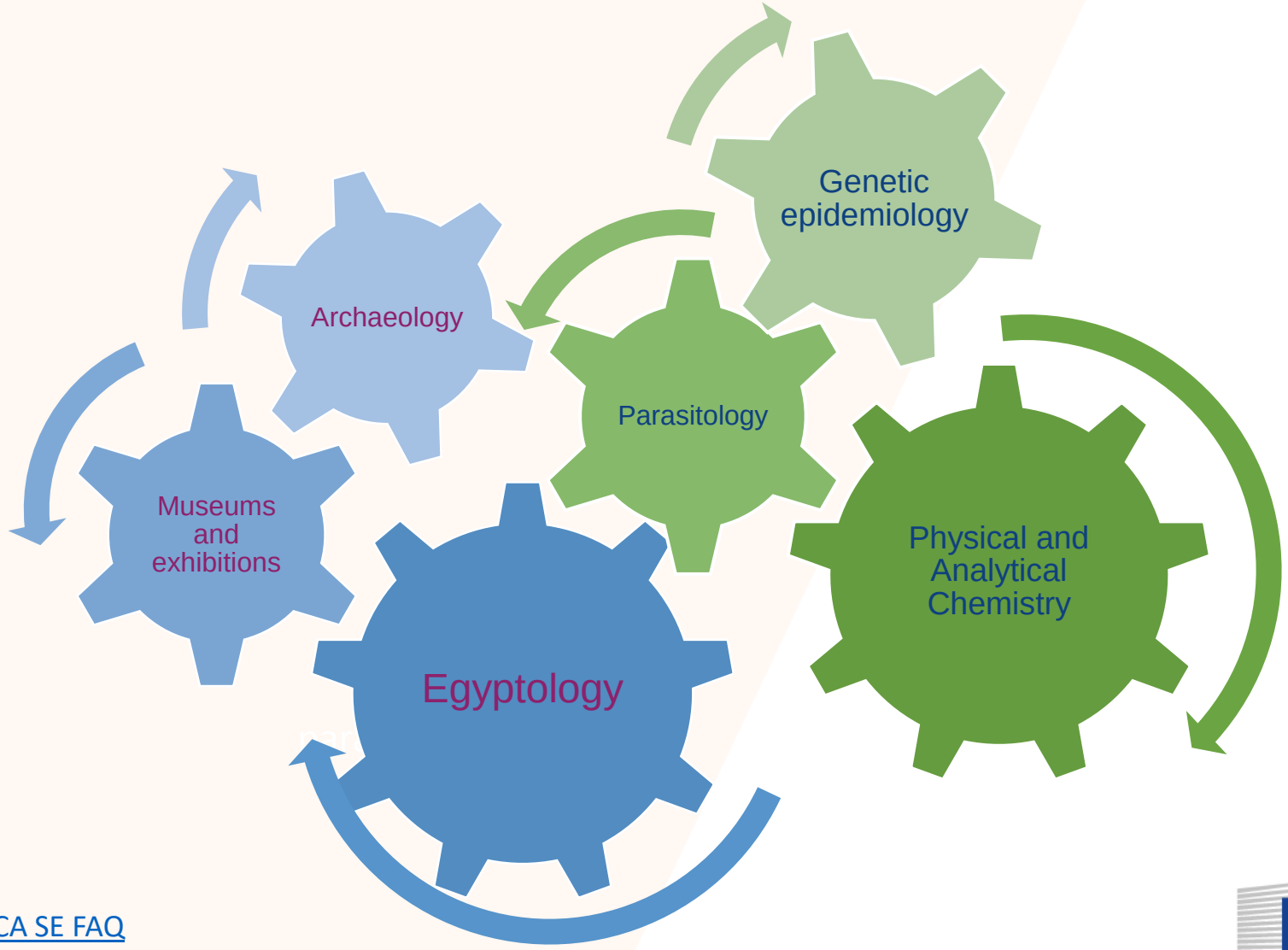
Interdisciplinary mobility explained (1)



Examples taken from [MSCA SE FAQ]

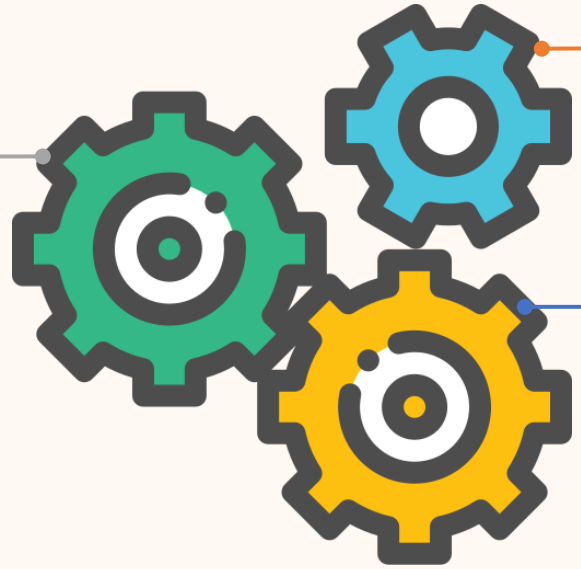
Interdisciplinary mobility explained (2)

Molecular and cellular neuroscience

L5-Neurosciences and neural disorders

Mechanisms of pain

L5-Neurosciences and neural disorders



Neuroimaging

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Examples taken from MSCA SE FAQ

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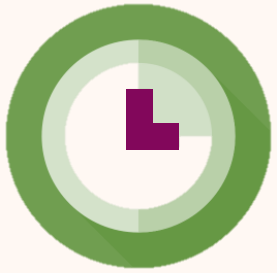

DURATION
4 years
360 PM per project

SECONDMENTS
1-12 months per staff
Interdisciplinary secondments: same sector, within Europe for max 1/3 PM

UNIT COST
4600€ 2300€ - Staff allowance
2300€ - organisation

BUDGET
EU funding average
75,5 Mio€/call

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Proposal submission & evaluation

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Proposal Submission

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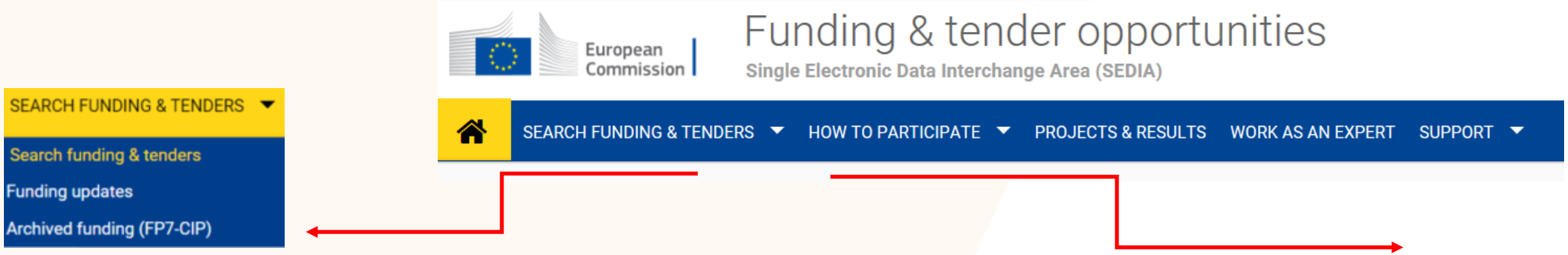

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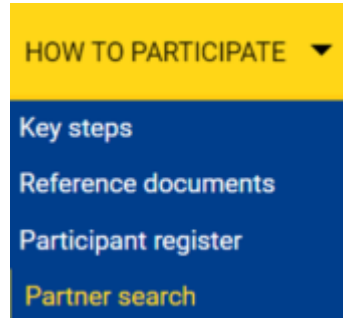

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- Find your call
- Find partners

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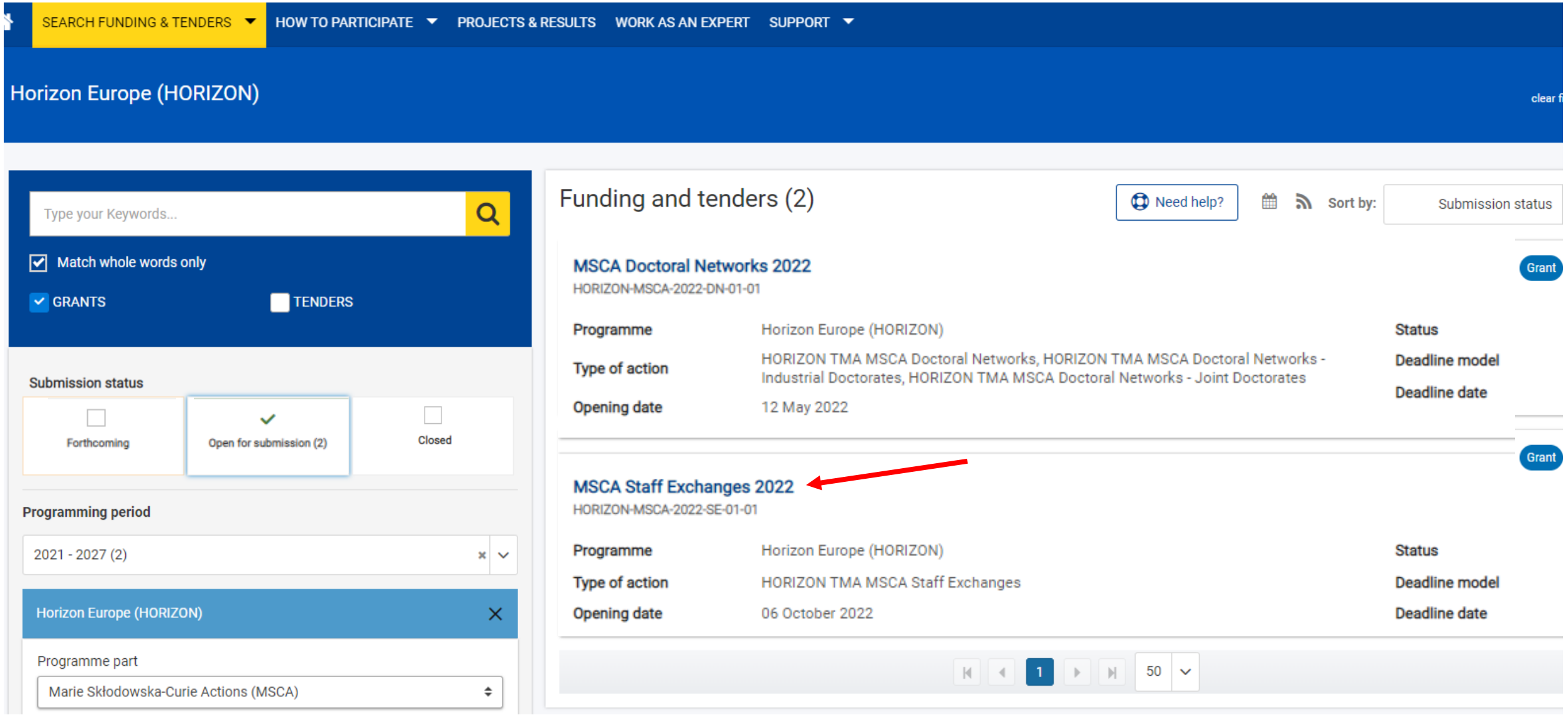
MSCA SE call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06 October 2022
Status
Deadline model
Deadline date
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General information

Programme

Horizon Europe Framework Programme (HORIZON)

Call

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See budget

Type of action

HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-SE HORIZON TMA MSCA Staff Exchanges

Type of MGA

HORIZON Unit Grant [HORIZON-AG-UN]

Forthcoming

Deadline model

single-stage

Planned opening date

06 October 2022

Deadline date

08 March 2023 17:00:00 Brussels time

Partner search announcements

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Searches of partners to collaborate on this topic

View / Edit

LEARs, Account Administrators or self-registrants can publish partner requests for open and forthcoming topics after logging into this Portal, as well as any user having an active public Person profile.

Reference Documents

- Guide for Applicants
- MSCA Work Programme & annexes
- Proposal templates
- Model Grant Agreement
- Online manual on how to submit an application
- Frequently Asked Questions

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Topic conditions and documents

General conditions

1. Admissibility conditions: described in Annex A and Annex E of the Horizon Europe Work Programme General Annexes

Proposal page limits and layout: described in Part B of the Application Form available in the Submission System

2. Eligible countries: described in Annex B of the Work Programme General Annexes

A number of non-EU/non-Associated Countries that are not automatically eligible for funding have made specific provisions for making funding available for their participants in Horizon Europe projects. See the information in the Horizon Europe Programme Guide.

3. Other eligibility conditions: described in Annex B of the Work Programme General Annexes

4. Financial and operational capacity and exclusion: described in Annex C of the Work Programme General Annexes

Documents

Call documents:

Standard application form – call-specific application form is available in the Submission System

Standard application form (HE MSCA SE)

Standard evaluation form – will be used with the necessary adaptations

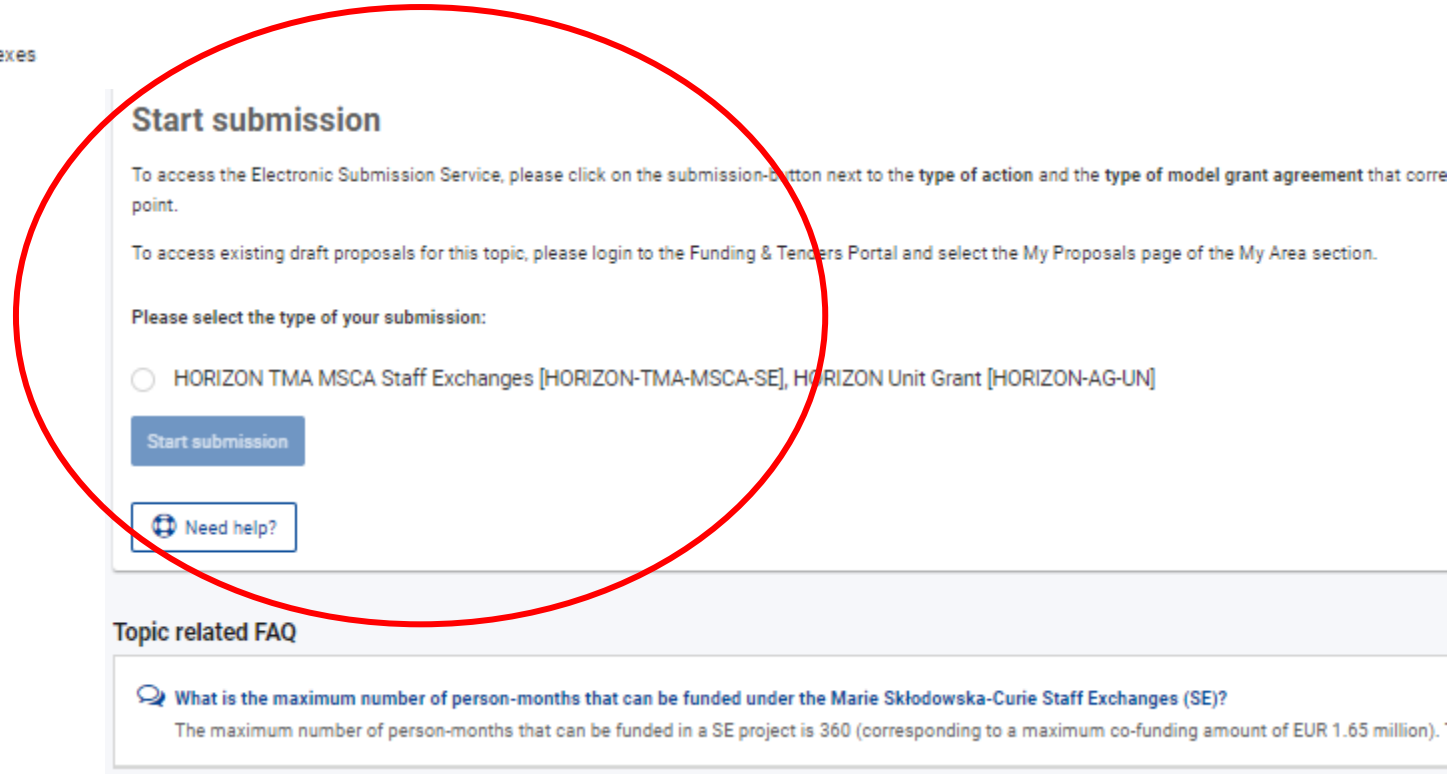
Standard evaluation form (HE MSCA)

MGA

HE Unit MGA v1.0

Call-specific instructions:

HE MSCA SE Guide for Applicants



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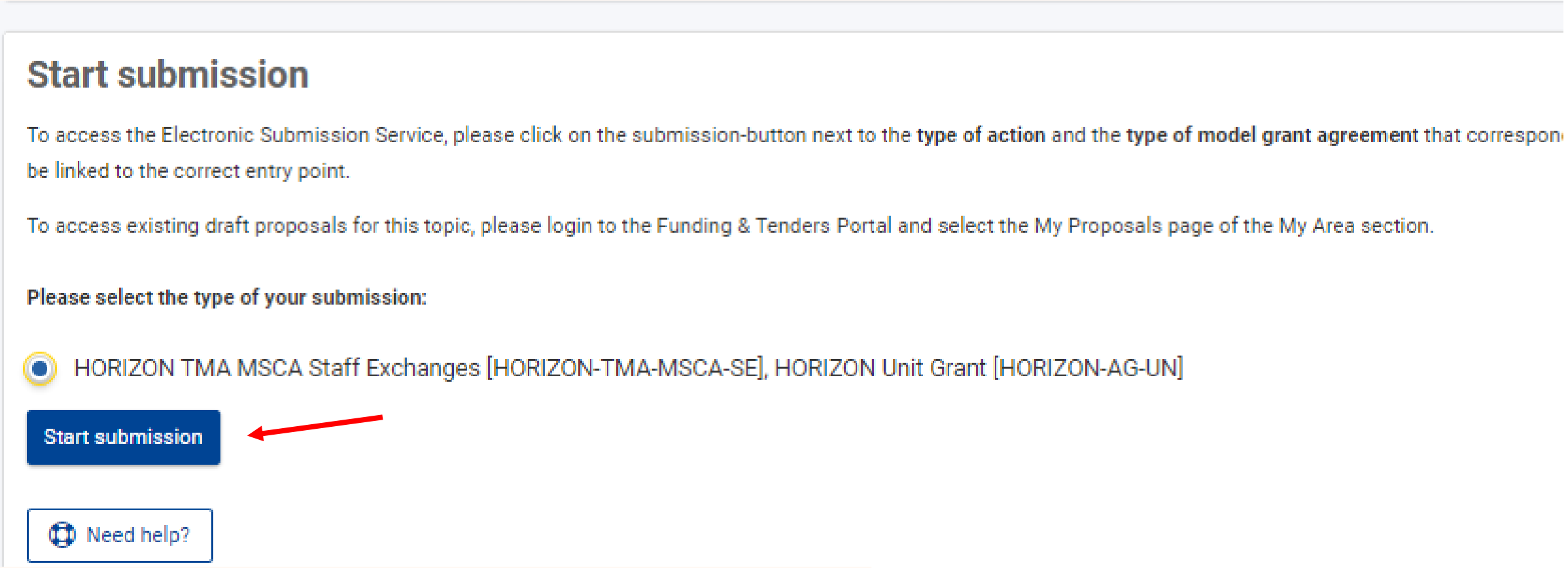

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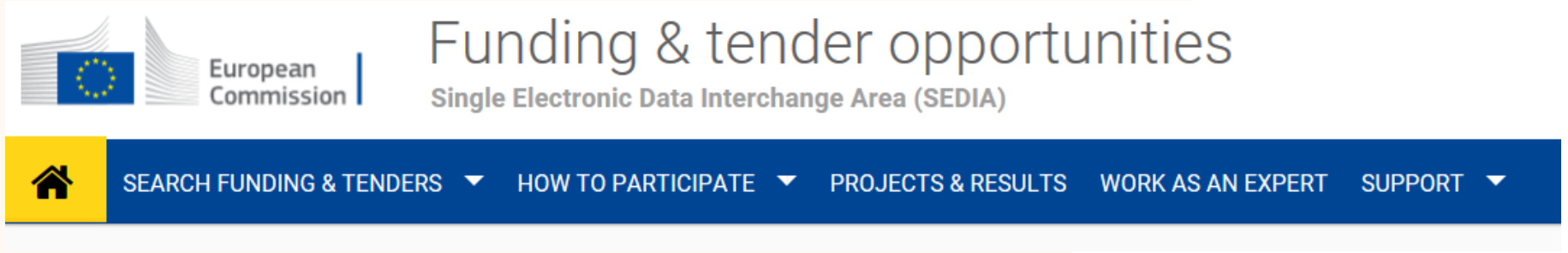

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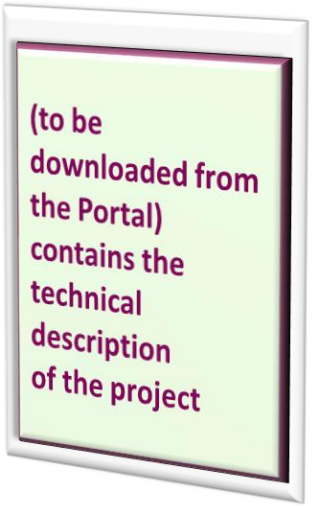
Part A (structured data)

Part B (description of action)



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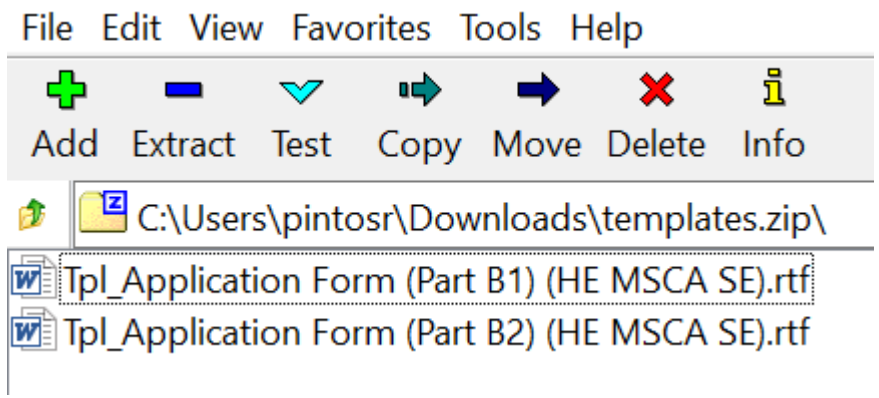

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Filling-in the administrative data

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(MSCA Staff Exchanges 2022)

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Type of Action: HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-SE
(HORIZON TMA MSCA Staff Exchanges)

Proposal number: SEP-210902222

Proposal acronym: Test

Type of Model Grant Agreement: HORIZON Unit Grant

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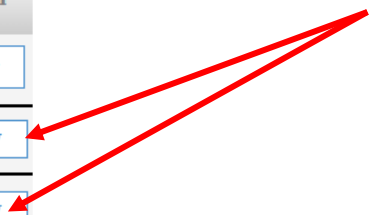

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For Action - Invitation to participate in the proposal Test Inbox ×

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Dear Sir/Madam,

The contact person of the following proposal, Mr/Ms Sandra PINTO MARQUES, has given you access to his/her draft proposal:

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Coordinating contact	: Sandra PINTO MARQUES (xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx@ec.europa.eu)
Your organisation	: Forestry South Africa (PIC: 896567412)
Your details (as entered by the coordinator)	: Sandra Pinto (xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx@gmail.com)

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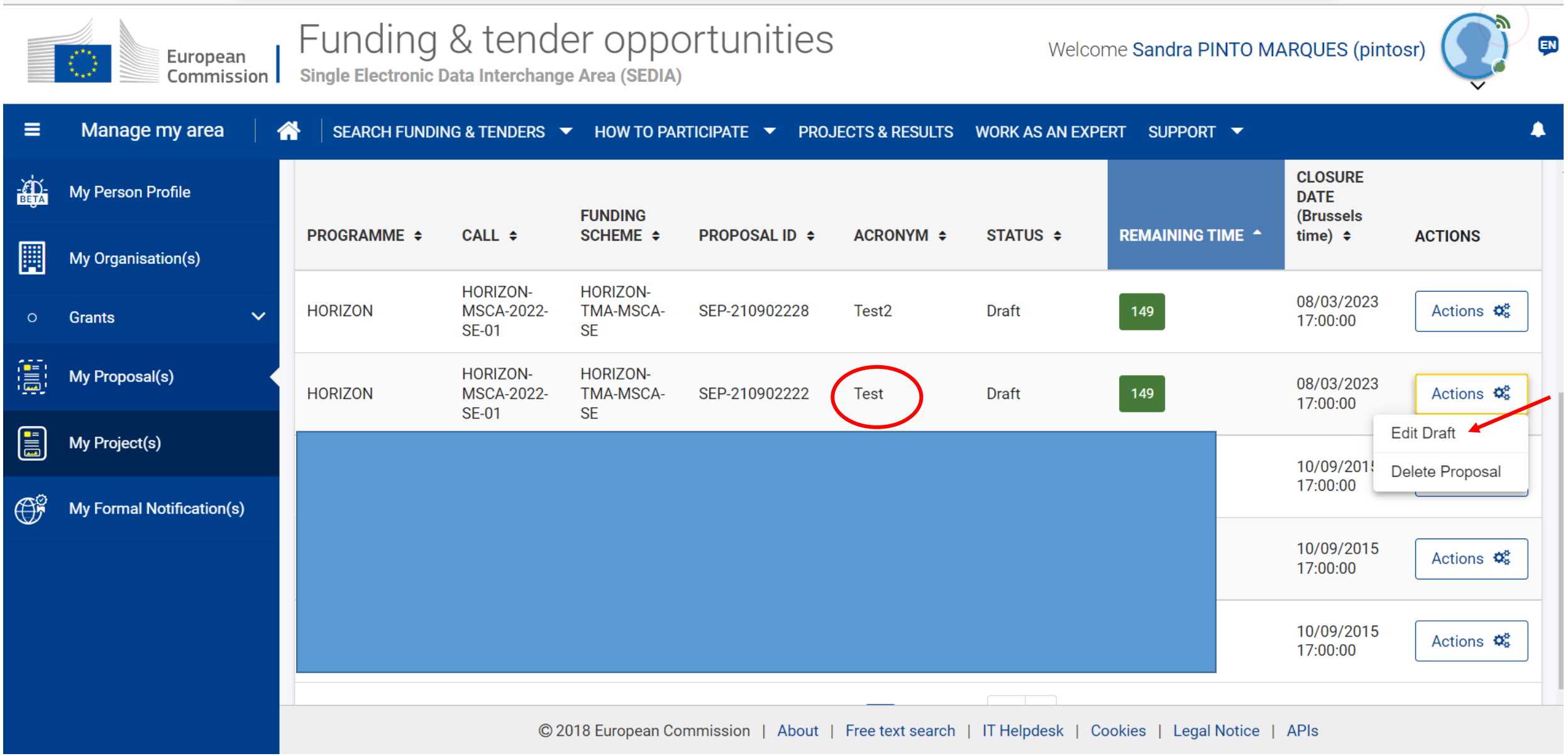

Evaluation criteria

Excellence	Impact	Quality and efficiency of the implementation
Quality and pertinence of the project's **research and innovation objectives** (and the extent to which they are ambitious, and go beyond the state of the art)	Developing new and lasting **research collaborations**, achieving **transfer of knowledge** between participating organisations and contributing to improving **research and innovation potential** at the European and global level	Quality and effectiveness of the **work plan**, assessment of **risks**, and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages
Soundness of the **proposed methodology** (including i3 approaches, consideration of the gender dimension and other diversity aspects, and the quality of open science practices)	Credibility of the measures to enhance the **career perspectives** of staff members and contribution to their **skills development**	Quality, capacity and role of each participant, including **hosting arrangements** and extent to which the consortium as a whole brings together the necessary expertise
Quality of the proposed **interaction between the participating organisations** in light of the research and innovation objectives	Suitability and quality of the measures to **maximise expected outcomes and impacts**, as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan, including communication activities	
	The magnitude and importance of the project's contribution to the expected **scientific, societal and economic impacts**	
50%	30%	20%

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Evaluation

Formula for Staff Exchanges success stories

= (E + I)Impact

Excellence and Implementation are closely interlinked!

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Present MSCA SE call

Call	2022	
	Opening Closing	Budget (M€)
Staff Exchanges	**06/10/2022** 08/03/2023	77,5

~ + 7% more budget vs 2021

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Tips and tricks

Closely follow the call requirements

Be in line with the action's objectives and expected outcomes

Follow available guidelines

Use the structure provided in the template and address all the evaluation criteria

Highlight the EU dimension

Show that your proposal addresses EU policy priorities and/or societal challenges

Get a second opinion

Have your proposal proof-read by a colleague and pre-screened by your NCP

Sustainability of collaboration

Describe the benefits of cooperation and how they can go beyond this project

Contact your National Contact Point (NCP)

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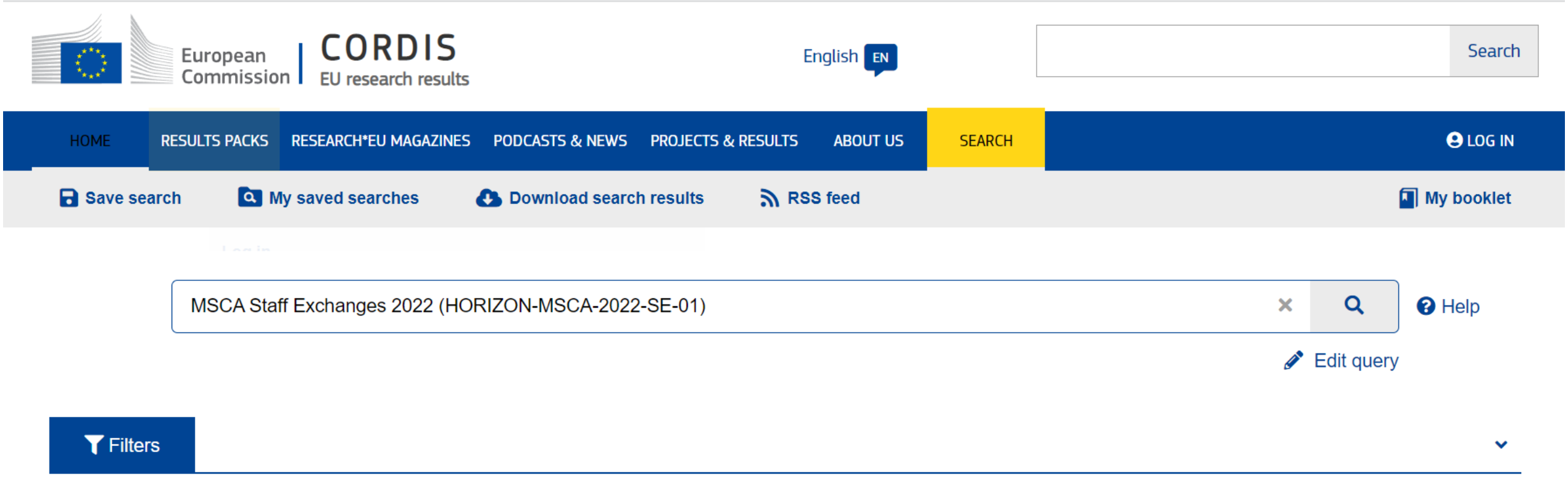

Last year’s information session-recording available

INFO DAYS

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Staff Exchanges info session

The info session about Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Staff Exchanges EN ••• of 19 November was designed for **potential applicants.** It provided guidance on the application process and the consortium composition. It gave details on funding availability.

- Event presentations EN •••
- Event schedule EN •••
- Recording of the event

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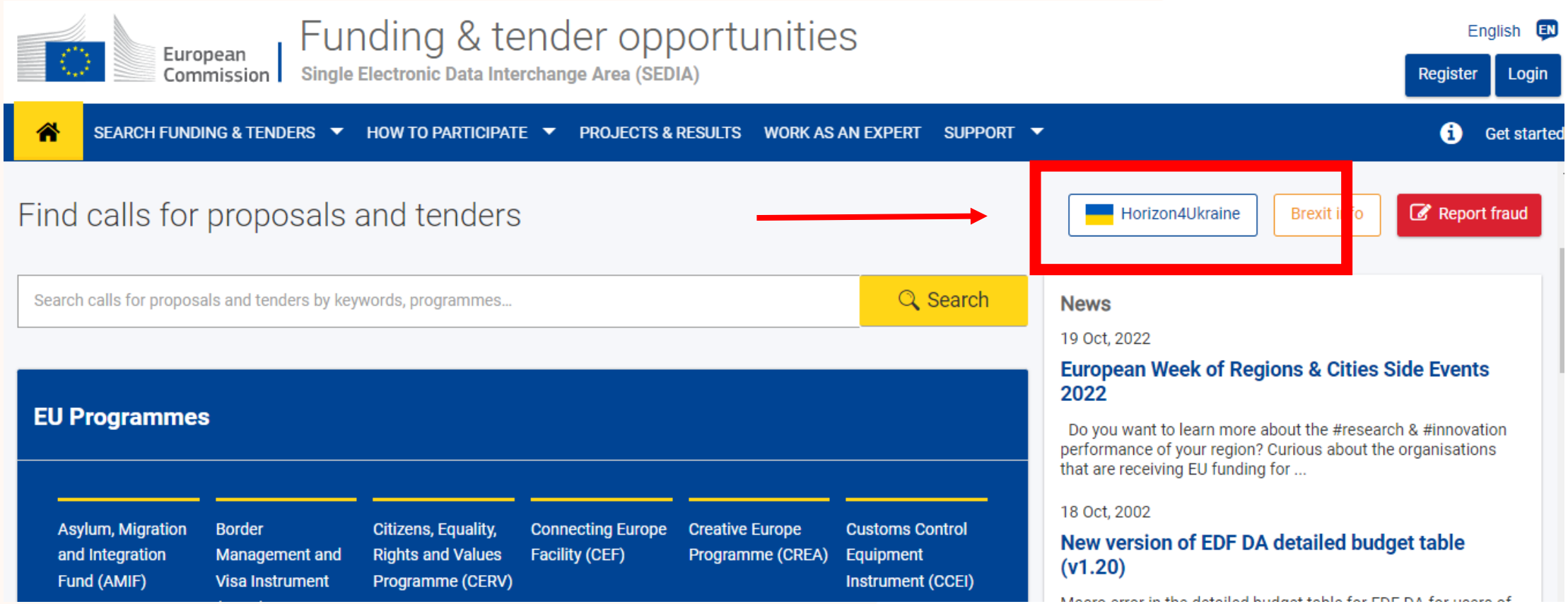
19 November 2021, 10:30 to 19 November 2021, 12:30

https://webcast.ec.europa.eu/horizon-msca-se-2021-info-session

SAVE THE DATE -> next INFO DAY -> 7 December 2022

Support for Ukrainian researchers



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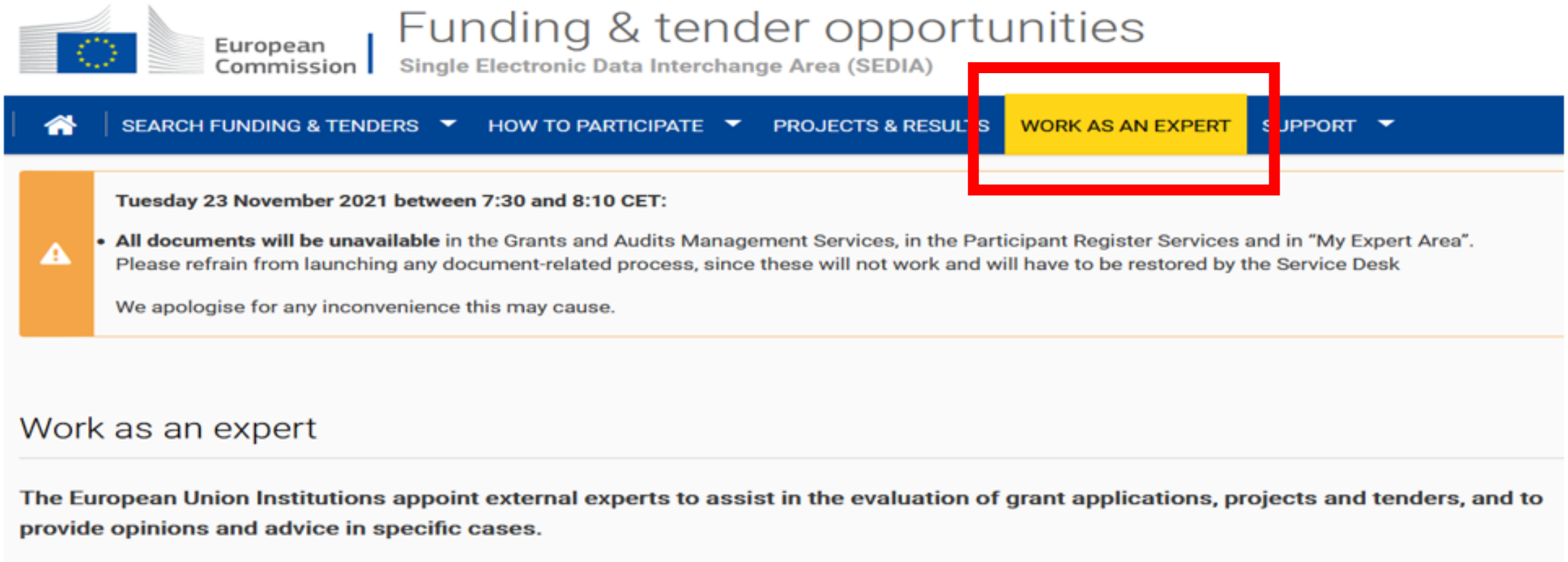

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/work-as-an-expert

Thank you!

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