Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions: financial aspects

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MSCA: A world reference for research and training

Researchers' training, skills and career development (all stages of career)

Excellent research in all domains (bottom-up approach)

International, cross-sectoral & interdisciplinary mobility

Attractive working and employment conditions

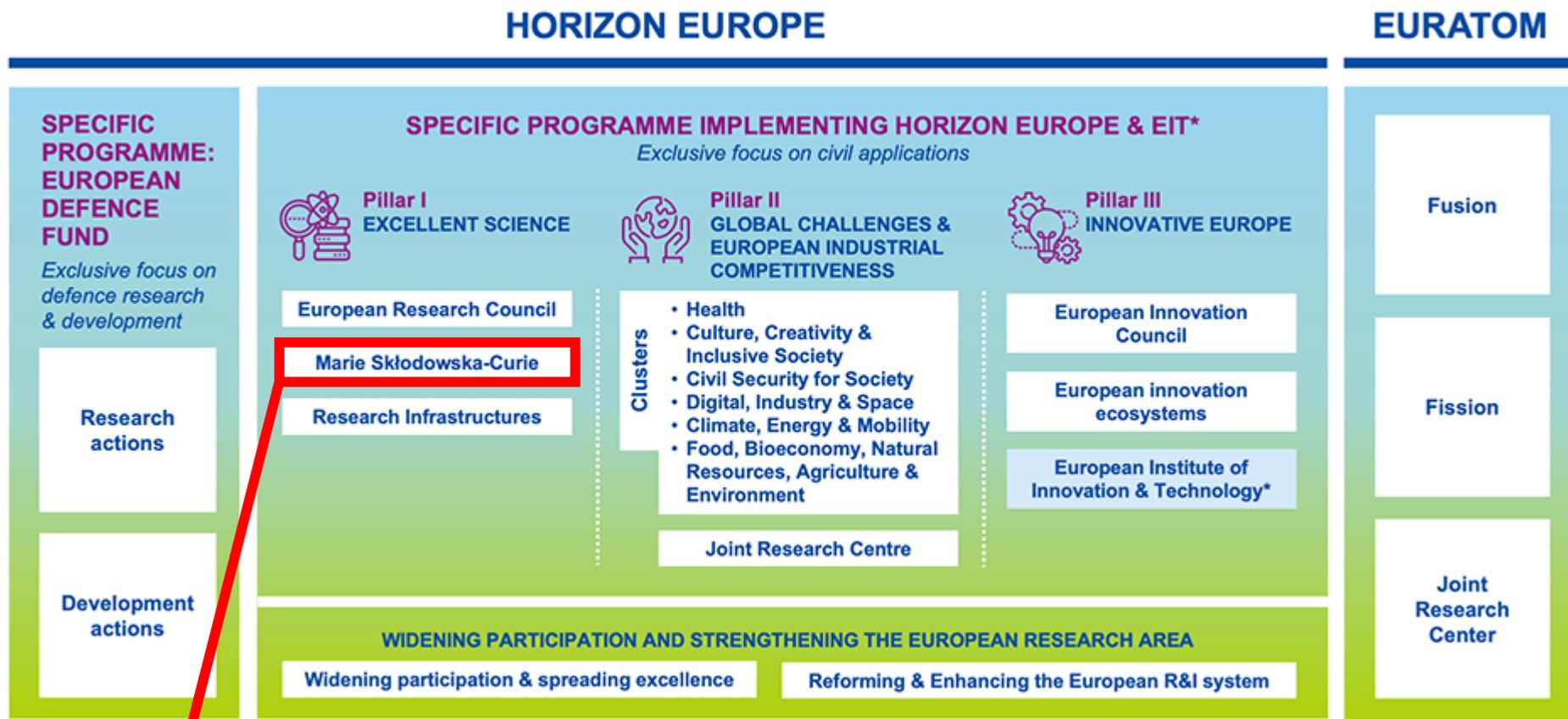**Structuring impact on organisations through excellent programmes**

Strong collaboration with industry and SMEs

Overview MSCA calls

Call calendar 2023-2024

CALL	2023	
	Opening	Closing
MSCA PF	12.04.2023	13.09.2023
MSCA DN	30.05.2023	28.11.2023
MSCA and Citizens	20.06.2023	25.10.2023
MSCA SE	05.10.2023	28.02.2024
MSCA COFUND	10.10.2023	08.02.2024
CALL	2024	
MSCA PF	10.04.2024	11.09.2024
MSCA DN	29.05.2024	27.11.2024
MSCA SE	10.10.2024	05.03.2025
MSCA COFUND	08.10.2024	06.02.2025

Overview of Latvian MSCA NCP events
(first half of 2023, tentative)

May 8 -9

MSCA PF training (LV)

May 10, Baltic MSCA DN event (EN)

May 18, Baltic MSCA PF Inspiration day (EN)

May 30 or June 1,

MSCA and Citizens (EN)

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Guiding documents

- MSCA Work programme 2023-2024 (*under preparation*)
  - explanation of a budget categories and financial model used, scope, expected outcome etc.
- Guide for applicants (*for each call* at the *call page F&T*)
- [Annotated Model Grant Agreement](#)

Extra help:

- MSCA handbooks ([for each call separate](#))

European Commission

EU Grants

AGA – Annotated Grant Agreement

EU Funding Programmes 2021-2027

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Disclaimer!

Please note that the content of this presentation provides a merged information of all MSCA calls and gives an overview of financial aspects!

When applying, you **must examine closely an official documentation** provided by European Commission.

Financial models used in MSCA calls

Unit contribution

Doctoral Networks

Staff Exchange

Postdoctoral Fellowships

COFUND

Lump Sum

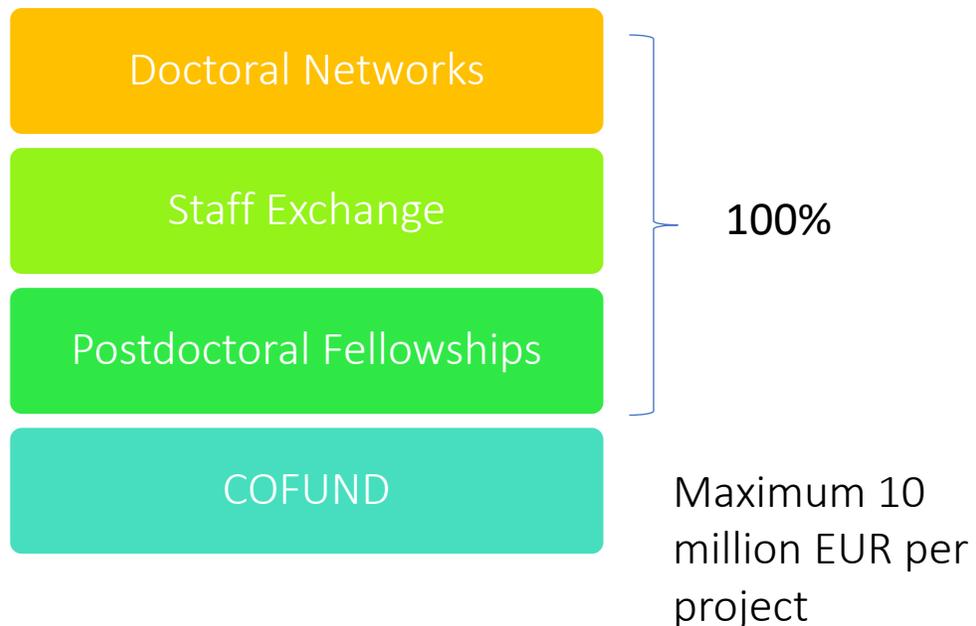MSCA and Citizens

Unit contributions model

Relevant calls and EU contribution

Doctoral Networks

Staff Exchange

Postdoctoral Fellowships

100%

COFUND

Maximum 10 million EUR per project

Formula:

Budget =
Each categories' unit contributions * person months

✓**Automatically calculated** in budget table (Funding&Tenders portal)

Budget table parts

Contributions for recruited researchers	Institutional unit contributions
per person-month	per person-month
Includes allowances for RESERCHER:	Includes categories:
See allowances for each call in next slides	• Research, training and networking contribution • Management and indirect contribution

❗ CCC[1] applies to Living allowance

[1]Country correction coefficient (Source: *MSCA Work programme last pages*)

Amount of **unit contributions per month**
by category for recruited researchers

MSCA Call	Contributions for recruited researchers per person-month				
Category	Living Allowance	Mobility allowance	Family allowance *(if applicable)*	Long-term leave allowance *(if applicable)*	Special needs allowance *(if applicable)*
Doctoral Networks	EUR 3 400	EUR 600	EUR 660	EUR 4 000 x % covered by the beneficiary	requested unit* x (1/number of months)
Postdoctoral Fellowships	EUR 5 080			EUR 5 680 x % covered by the beneficiary	
MSCA Call	Contributions for recruited researchers per person-month				
Category	Top-up allowance			Special needs allowance (if applicable)	
Staff Exchange	EUR 2 300			requested unit* x (1/number of months)	

* Read more in Work programme

Amount of **unit contributions per month**
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Staff Exchange	EUR 2 300	requested unit* x (1/number of months)

MSCA Call	Contributions for recruited researchers per person-month		
Category	COFUND allowance	Long-term leave allowance *(if applicable)*	Special needs allowance *(if applicable)*
COFUND	Doctoral programmes EUR 2 800	EUR 2 800 x % covered by the beneficiary	requested unit* x (1/number of months)
	Postdoctoral programmes EUR 3 980	EUR 3 980 x % covered by the	

Amount of **unit contributions per month** by category
for institutional* contribution

MSCA Call	Institutional unit contributions per person-month	
Category	**Research, training and networking contribution**	Management and indirect contribution
Doctoral Networks	EUR 1 600	EUR 1 200
Postdoctoral Fellowships	EUR 1 000	EUR 650
Staff Exchange	EUR 1300	EUR 1000
COFUND	Own resources	Own resources

* costs need to be used for **MSCA action**, not for any other random institutional needs ☺

Test budget for PF 2022 (Latvia as host)

Application forms

Proposal ID **SEP-210867723**

Acronym **test**

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Example with no family allowance **(Applicant enter data)** →

Is the Researcher eligible for family allowance?* ◯ Yes ⦿ No

When you select host country, CCC applies automatically **(Applicant enter data)**

Duration of fellowship *	Country in which fellowship will take place
24 ⌄	Latvia ⌄

Choose the duration **(Applicant enter data)**

	Country Coefficient	Number of Months	Contributions for recruited researchers			Institutional contributions		Total
			Living Allowance	Mobility Allowance	Family Allowance	Research, training and networking costs	Management and indirect costs	
Fellowship	0.76	24	92659.20	14400.00	0.00	24000.00	15600.00	146659.20
Total			92659.20	14400.00	0.00	24000.00	15600.00	146659.20

This all is calculated automatically, you cannot change a thing

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Tendencies?

✓ High competition in MSCA programme, to get funded you must try to fill all **«recommended»** requirements

✓ Use Brussels language, mirror it, but do not just copy sentences, put it in context of your project and align with your actions.

    ✓ For example, in MSCA COFUND highly encouraged is «merit-based evaluation»

✓ Let them know you know EU and other relevant policies

    ✓ *Horizon EU priorities, MSCA Green Charter, Code of Conduct, Guidelines for supervision, UN Sustainable development goals etc.* align them (only relevant ones) with your proposal.

✓ Read evaluation criteria and guiding documents.

    ✓ Open science practices ≠ publishing open access. Open access to publications is a mandatory requirement, by mentioning it at the open science practices you highlight that you are not aware of what is the difference

Common mistake Do not randomly fit all the optional modalities in your project: such as secondments, placements. Make sure it really fits in your project.

Most common misunderstandings !

Contributions for recruited researchers:

- The living allowance is a gross amount, including compulsory deductions under national law, such as employer and employee social security contributions and direct taxes and other costs or compulsory deductions under national legislation linked to in the remuneration

Institutional unit contributions

- costs (especially RTN) need to be used for **MSCA action** (management, materials/access to researchers, participation in conferences, open access, books, materials etc.) , not for any other random institutional needs ☺

NO GO for EC : all the costs categories that are set for a researcher **must be paid to a researcher in a full amount.** Host cannot decide on any cuts for researcher contributions

Explanation of costs categories (*what expenses each should cover*) can be found at MSCA Work programme

Always, carefully read consortium agreement

Lump Sum model

Relevant call and EU contribution

MSCA and Citizens

100%
between EUR 0.10
and 0.30 million

(between EUR 0.05
and 0.15 million **per annual edition**)

European Researchers' Night and Researchers at Schools 2024-2025

Payment of the lump sum shares is indeed linked to the **completion of work packages** (and not on a successful outcome).

Therefore, it is recommended to design work packages in a way that enables **to clearly identify whether the action has been completed**.

In addition, applicants must **provide a split of the lump sum per beneficiary and per work package.**

MSCA and Citizens

Typically, the activities are structured around **5 Work Packages**

1. i.e. Awareness campaign,
2. Activities during the NIGHT,
3. Researchers at Schools activities,
4. Impact assessment, and
5. Management

List of projects 2023

https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/event/2023-european-researchers-night

Budget: required in two places

Latvijas Zinātnes padome

- Budget in the Part A (administrative Forms) : Only the Total EC contribution requested per partner.

- Budget in the part B:

Personnel costs/€	Subcontracting costs/€	Purchase costs/€ (Travel and subsistence + Equipment + Other goods and services)	Other cost categories/€ (please specify)	Indirect costs/€ (25 % of personnel costs + other direct costs)	Requested EU contribution/€	Total Cost (including Own Funds)

Uncompleted, not accepted work packages

What about reporting stage: how and what type of cost categories (in the context of the first question above) will they have to report?

You report on the work done in the work packages

If a technical audit rejects a work package

- the part of the lump sum corresponding to that work package will be recovered from the beneficiaries in charge

- If only the work of one of the beneficiaries is rejected, the recovery will be only for that beneficiary and up to the amount set up for it in the lump sum breakdown for that work package (Annex 2).

- If the rejection is partial but affecting all beneficiaries of that work package the Commission will recover the amount rejected from the beneficiaries in proportion to their share in that work package

Success rates in MSCA calls
Results 2022

	PF	DN	SE	COFUND	MSCA and Citizens
Submitted	7044	946	No results yet	107	no call
Funded	1235	150	No results yet	No results yet	
Sucess rate	17,5%	15,9%	No results yet	No results yet	

Results 2021

	PF	DN	SE	COFUND	MSCA and Citizens
Submitted	8356	1076	209	116	111
Funded	1156	144	71	26	49
Sucess rate	13,8 %	13,8 %	34%	22%	44%

Projects by MSCA Action (Latvia) Horizon2020

This section presents the number of signed/contracted projects with the participation of organisations from the selected country group aggregated by MSCA Actions.

Projects Distribution by Action

34 Total Projects
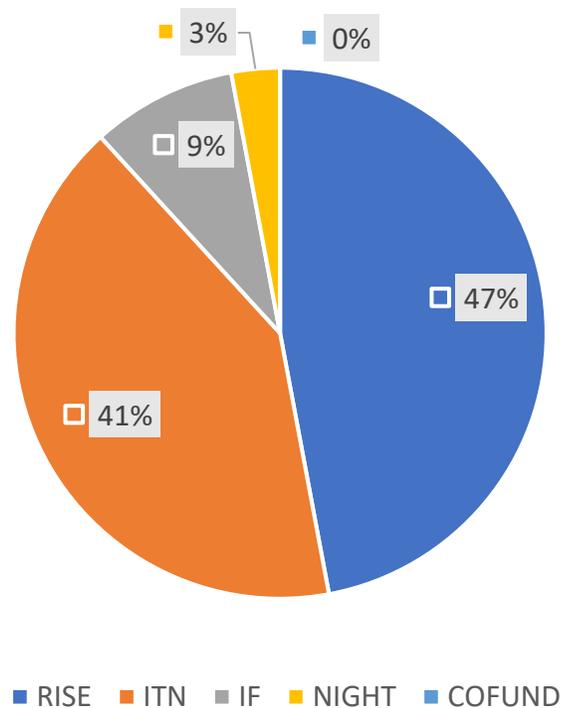
MSCA Action	Projects
RISE	16
ITN	14
IF	3
NIGHT	1
COFUND	0

Legend: ■ RISE ■ ITN ■ IF ■ NIGHT ■ COFUND

Organisations participations comparison with the overall Horizon2020 programme (Latvia)

This section relates to the organisations participations in proposals and signed projects.

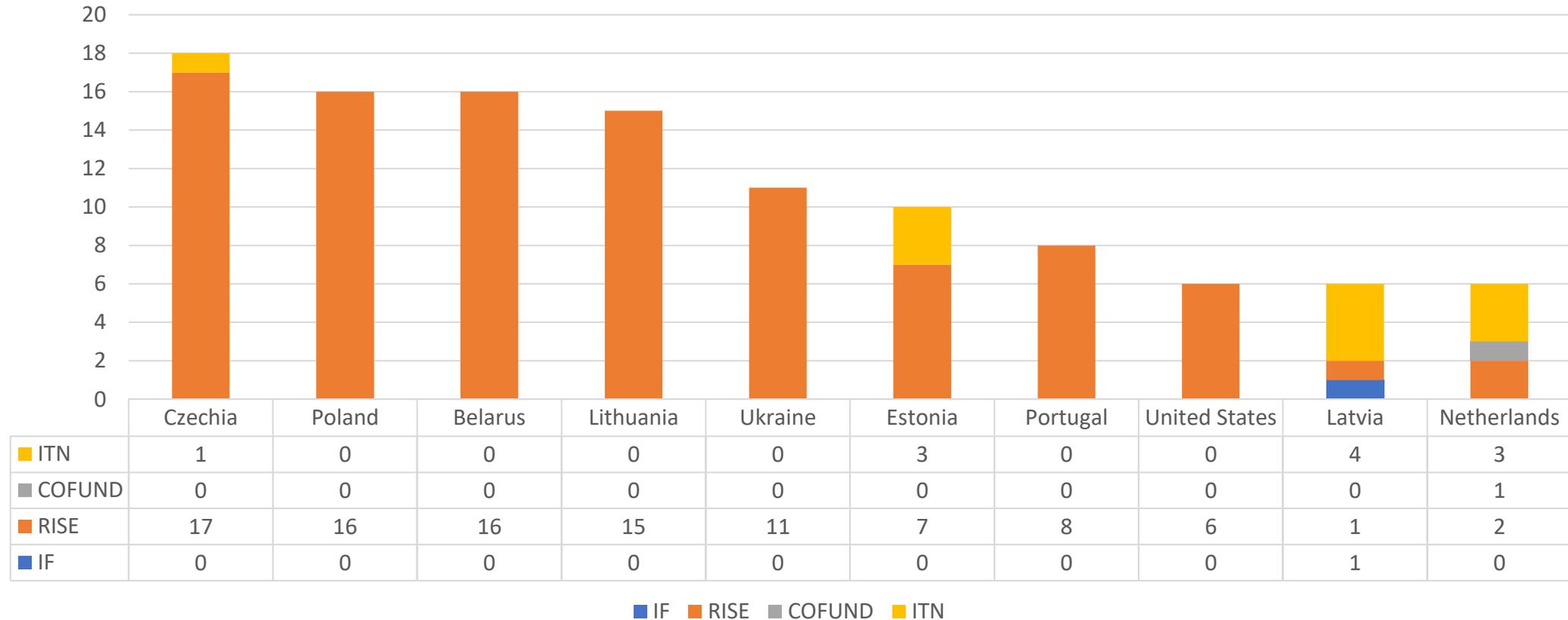|	
Success Rate of Participations [1] 10.34%	**MSCA Success Rate average** [2] 13.06%
Organisation Participations in Proposals [3] 490,584	**% of the Total MSCA Budget Awarded** 0.10%

Note:
1) *Success rate of Participations is determined by dividing the number of successful organisation participations to the number of eligible applying organisations. One organisation can be counted more than one time.*
2) *Average of Success Rate of Participations by country in MSCA Programme.*
3) *Number of Organisation Participations in Proposals*

MSCA H2020 Dashboard link

Mobility Patterns (H2020): Outgoing Researchers

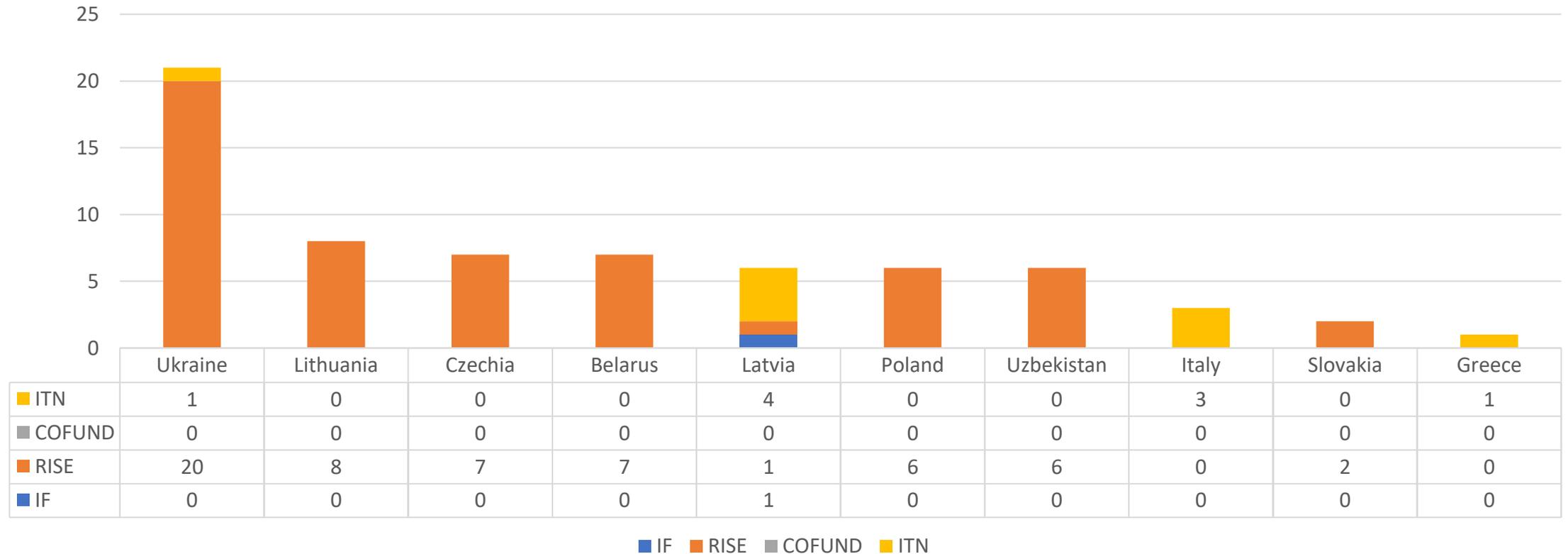TOP 10 hosting countries for Researchers. **116** national researchers have been involved in different MSCA projects.

	Czechia	Poland	Belarus	Lithuania	Ukraine	Estonia	Portugal	United States	Latvia	Netherlands
ITN	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	4	3
COFUND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
RISE	17	16	16	15	11	7	8	6	1	2
IF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

■ IF   ■ RISE   ■ COFUND   ■ ITN

Note:
One researcher could participate in more than one project.
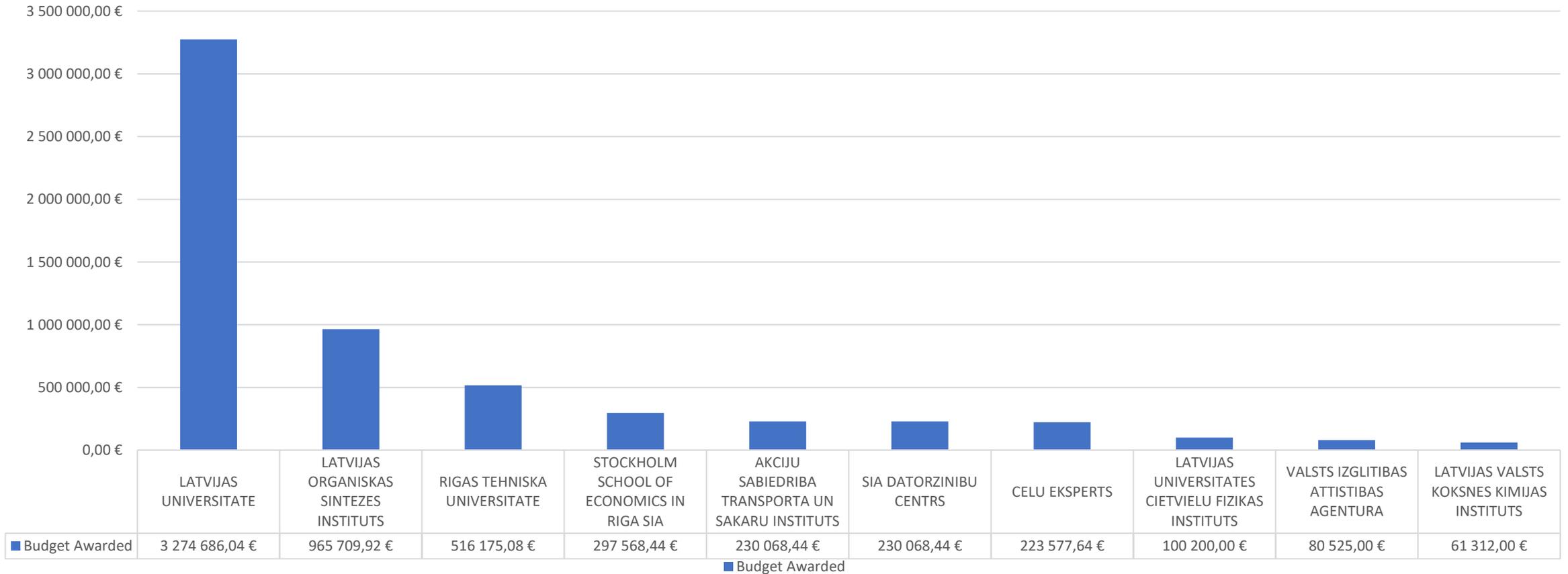
Mobility Patterns (H2020): Incoming Researchers

TOP 10 Nationalities of incoming Researchers hosted by organisations. A total of **82** researchers have been hosted.

	Ukraine	Lithuania	Czechia	Belarus	Latvia	Poland	Uzbekistan	Italy	Slovakia	Greece
■ ITN	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	3	0	1
■ COFUND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
■ RISE	20	8	7	7	1	6	6	0	2	0
■ IF	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

■ IF   ■ RISE   ■ COFUND   ■ ITN

Note:
One researcher could participate in more than one project.

Top Organisations (H2020): Budget Awarded

Top 10 organisations from the selected country group according to the budget awarded (6,213,655 €).

	LATVIJAS UNIVERSITATE	LATVIJAS ORGANISKAS SINTEZES INSTITUTS	RIGAS TEHNISKA UNIVERSITATE	STOCKHOLM SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS IN RIGA SIA	AKCIJU SABIEDRIBA TRANSPORTA UN SAKARU INSTITUTS	SIA DATORZINIBU CENTRS	CELU EKSPERTS	LATVIJAS UNIVERSITATES CIETVIELU FIZIKAS INSTITUTS	VALSTS IZGLITIBAS ATTISTIBAS AGENTURA	LATVIJAS VALSTS KOKSNES KIMIJAS INSTITUTS
■ Budget Awarded	3 274 686,04 €	965 709,92 €	516 175,08 €	297 568,44 €	230 068,44 €	230 068,44 €	223 577,64 €	100 200,00 €	80 525,00 €	61 312,00 €

■ Budget Awarded

Note:
Only Beneficiary Organisations.

MSCA H2020 Dashboard link

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Scientific Panels (H2020): Projects Distribution

Number of contracted projects involving organisations distributed by the Scientific Panel associated to the project.

	CHE	ECO	ENG	ENV	LIF	MAT	No scientific panel	PHY	SOC
Projects	4	3	8	0	6	0	1	3	9

■ Projects
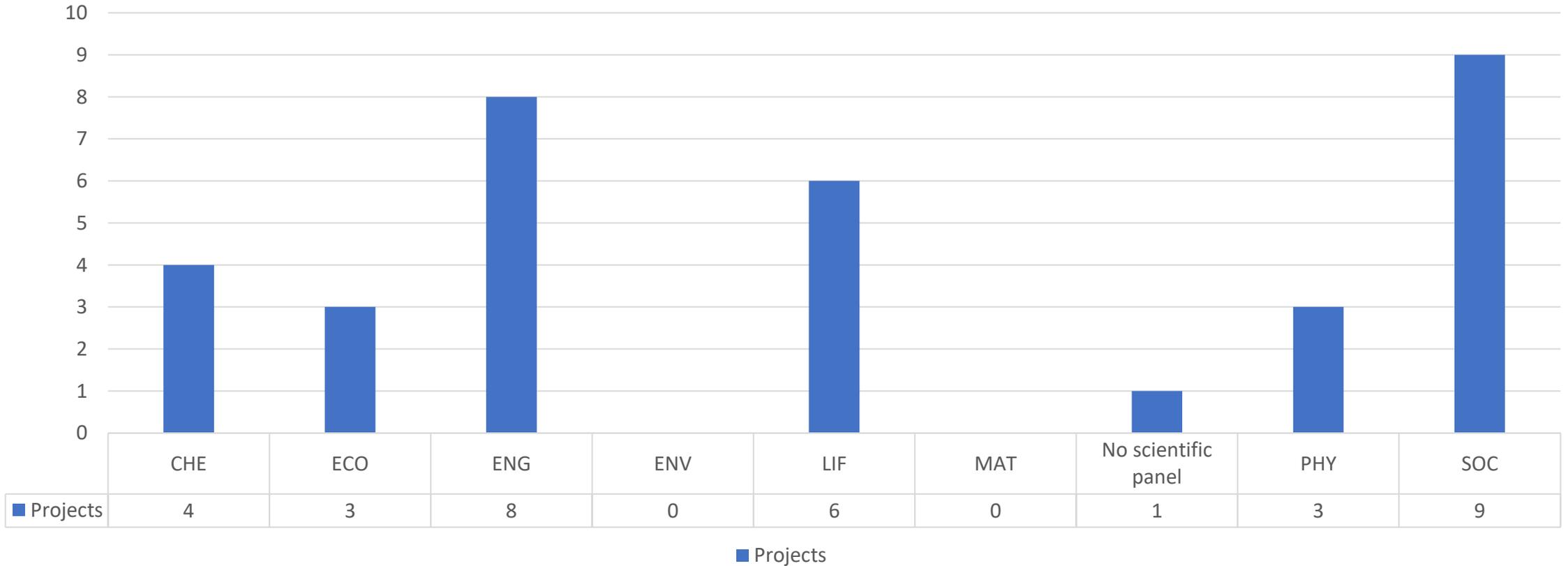
Horizon Europe (LV)

6 granted (data 06.09.2022)

COORDINATOR	HORIZON-MSCA-2021-SE-01
COORDINATOR	HORIZON-MSCA-2021-SE-01
PARTICIPANT	HORIZON-MSCA-2021-DN-01
PARTICIPANT	HORIZON-MSCA-2021-SE-01
PARTICIPANT	HORIZON-MSCA-2021-SE-01
PARTICIPANT	HORIZON-MSCA-2021-COFUND-01

Not in data yet,

COORDINATOR	POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS 2022
COORDINATOR	ERA FELLOWSHIP 2022
PARTICIPANT X8	DOCTORAL NETWORKS 2022

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"Nothing in life is to be feared; it is only to be understood."
Marie Skłodowska-Curie