

# EU - Funding

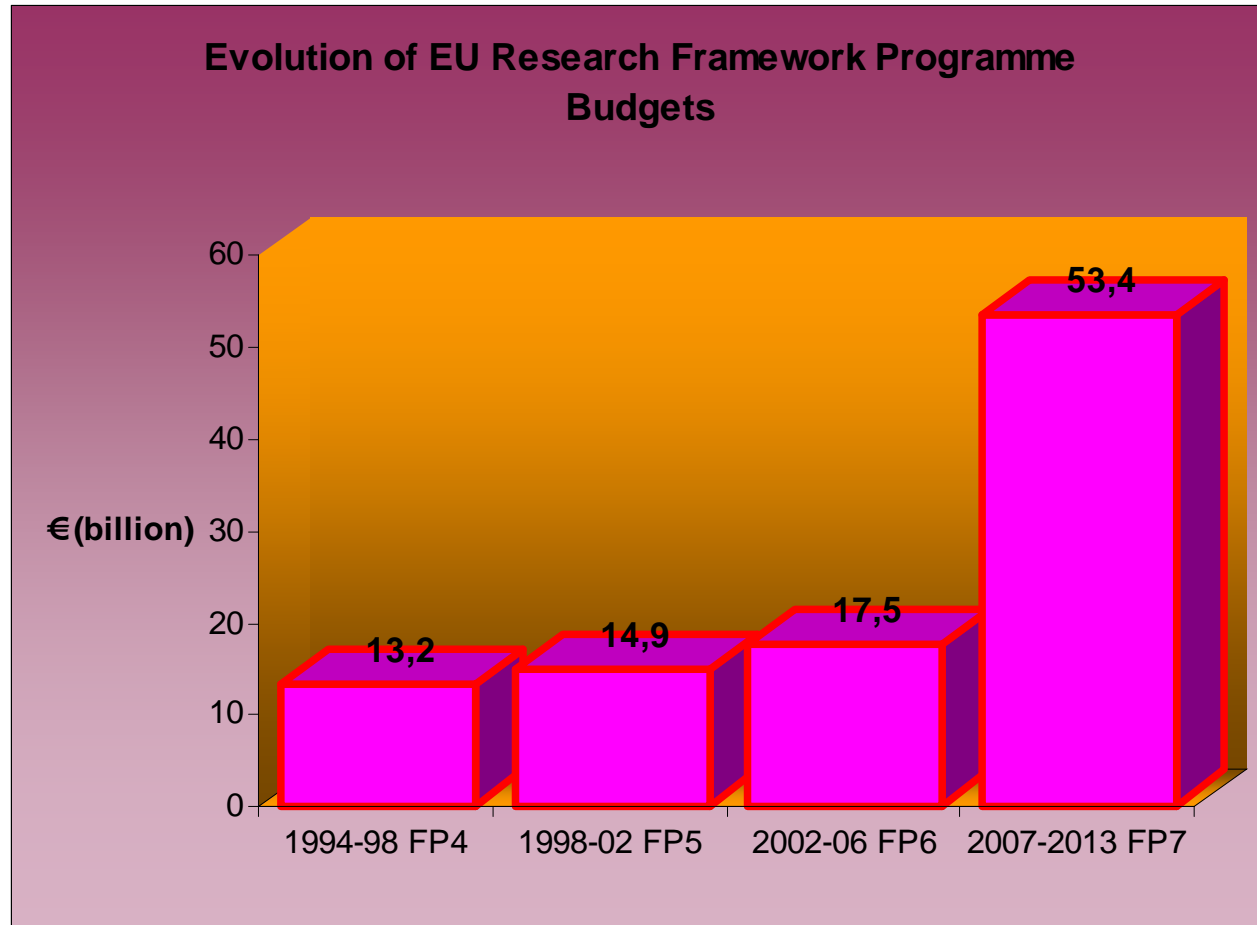
## Fellowships and Grants – Current Calls

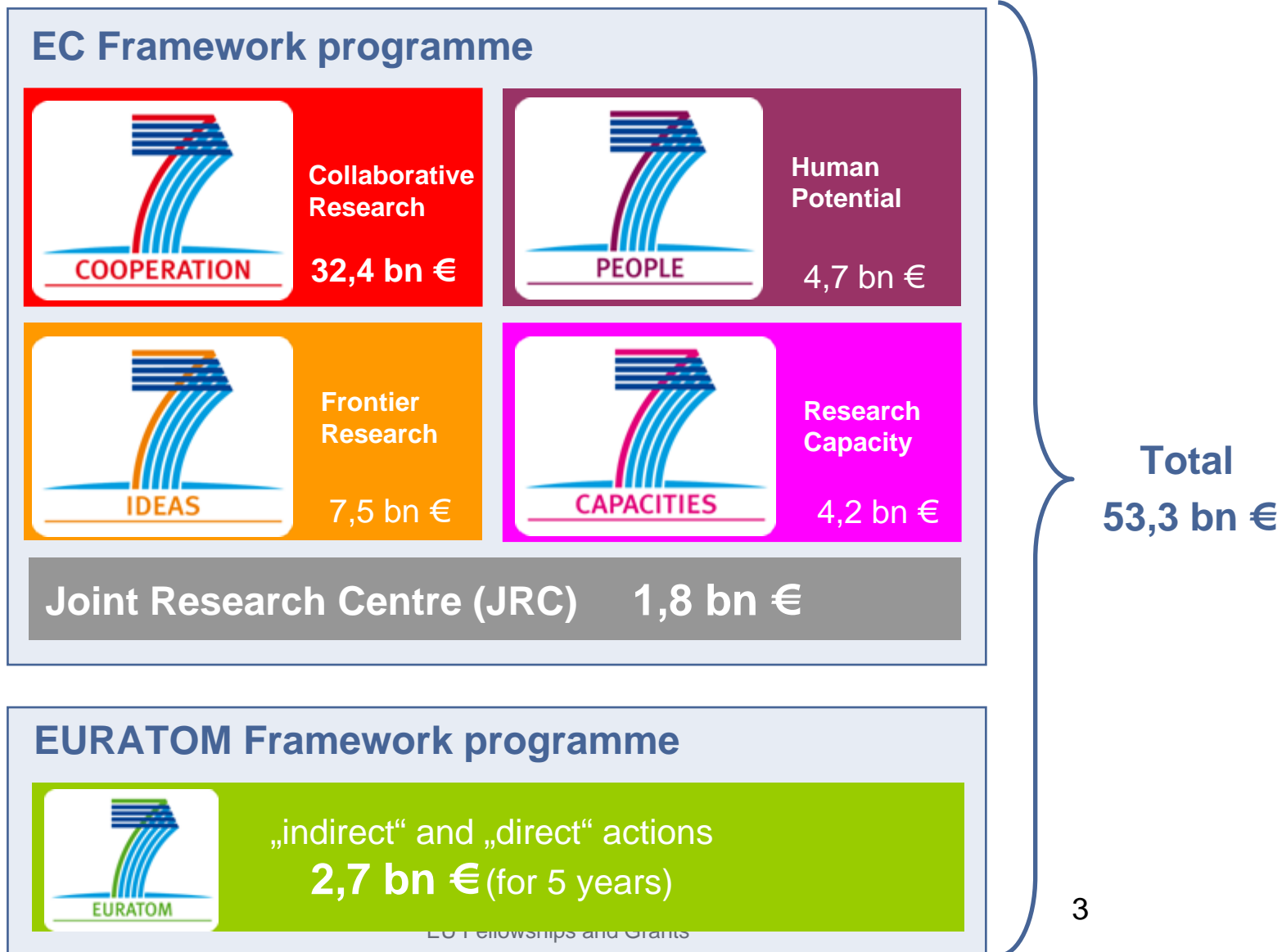


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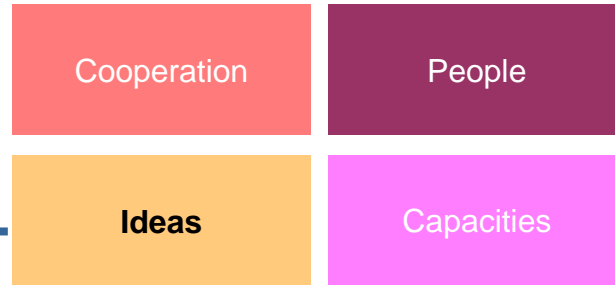


## Over 53 Billion Euros for Funding









*„supporting basic research at the scientific frontiers (implemented by the European Research Council).“*



**ERC Starting Independent Researcher Grant (StG)**  
Next call: July 2008

**ERC Advanced Investigator Grant (AdG)**  
Next call: Autumn 2008



- „Bottom-up“ frontier research: Investigator-driven, no pre-defined themes, in all fields of research
- Interdisciplinary
- high-gain/high-risk profile
- No commercial objectives
- Sole Criterium: scientific excellence
  
- Individual teams – excellent Principal Investigator
- PI applies together with host institution
- Budget ~ €1bn p.a.: 2/3 AdG, 1/3 StG
- Portability of grants
- Grant covers 100% of total eligible costs + <20% for indirect costs

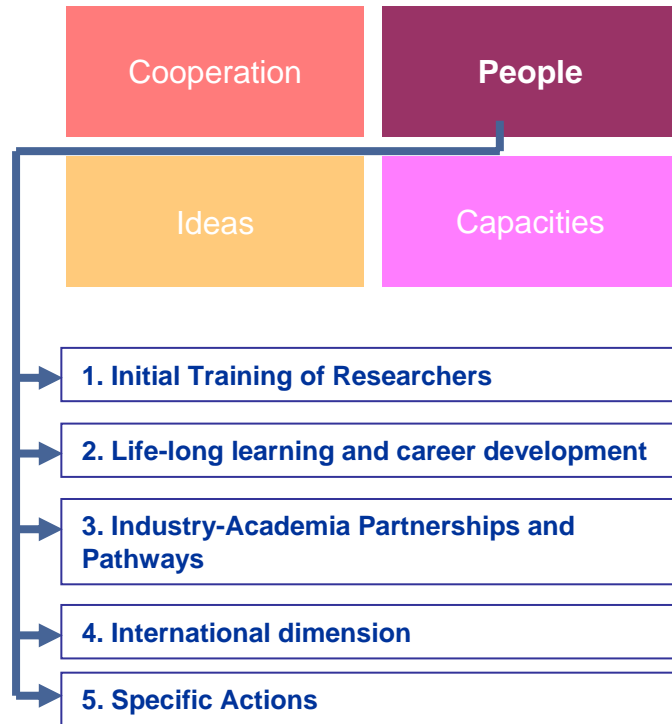


- Young Researchers: 3 - 8 years after PhD
- Support for establishing an independent team
- Scientific autonomy
- 0.5 - 2 Mio. Euro per grant
- Duration: up to 5 years
- One-stage submission of Extended Synopsis and 15 pages Full Proposal + interview
- Restrictions for multiple applications

Only 3 % from over 9000 proposals got funded in last round







*„strengthening, quantitatively and qualitatively, the human potential in research and technology in Europe, making it more attractive to the best researchers“*

**For us of particular interest**



## Early-stage researchers:

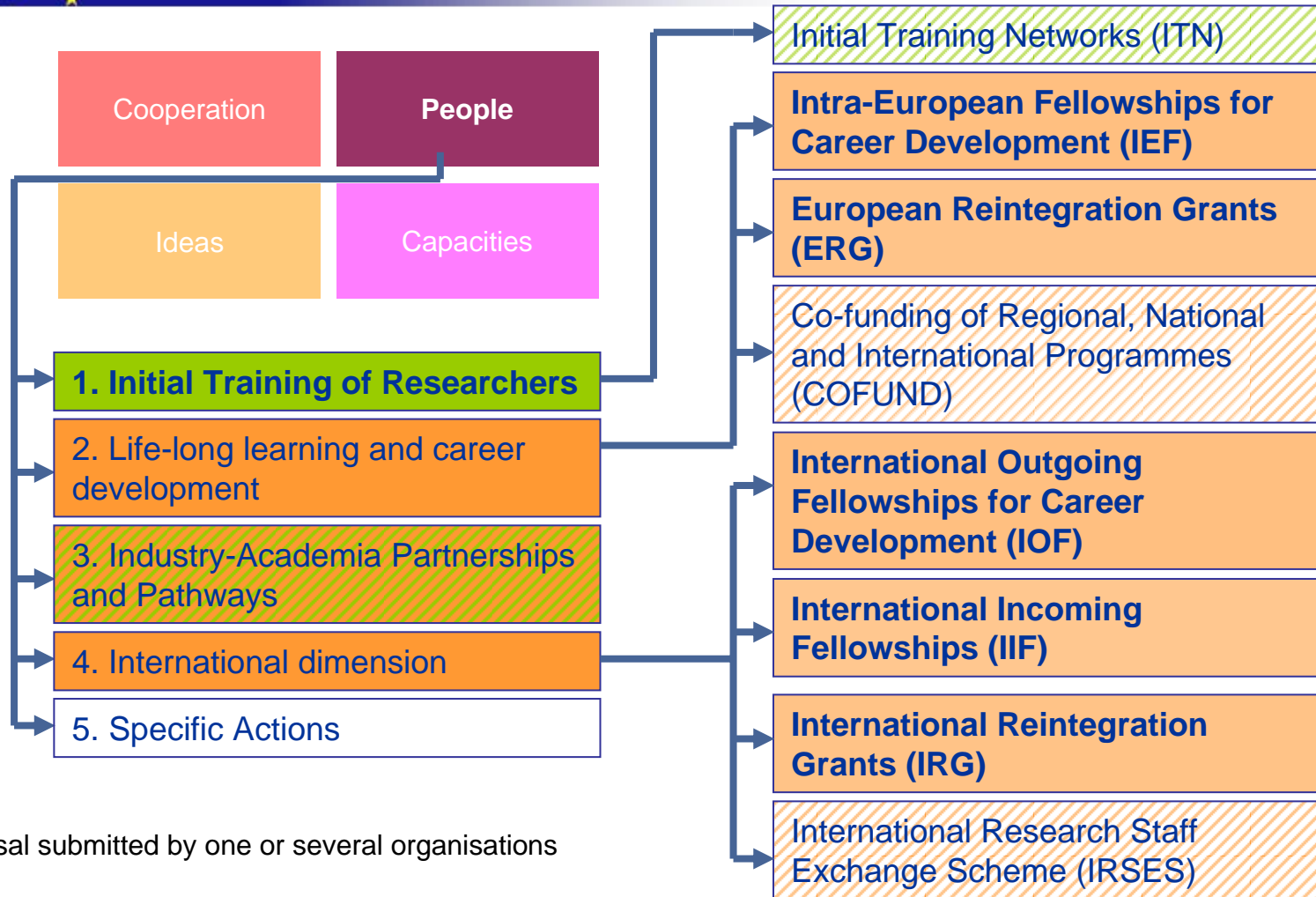
- are in the first four years (FTE) of their research careers (starting at the date of obtaining a degree which would formally entitle them to embark on a doctorate)

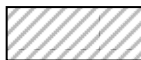
## Experienced researchers:


- are in possession of a doctoral degree, independently of the time taken to acquire it

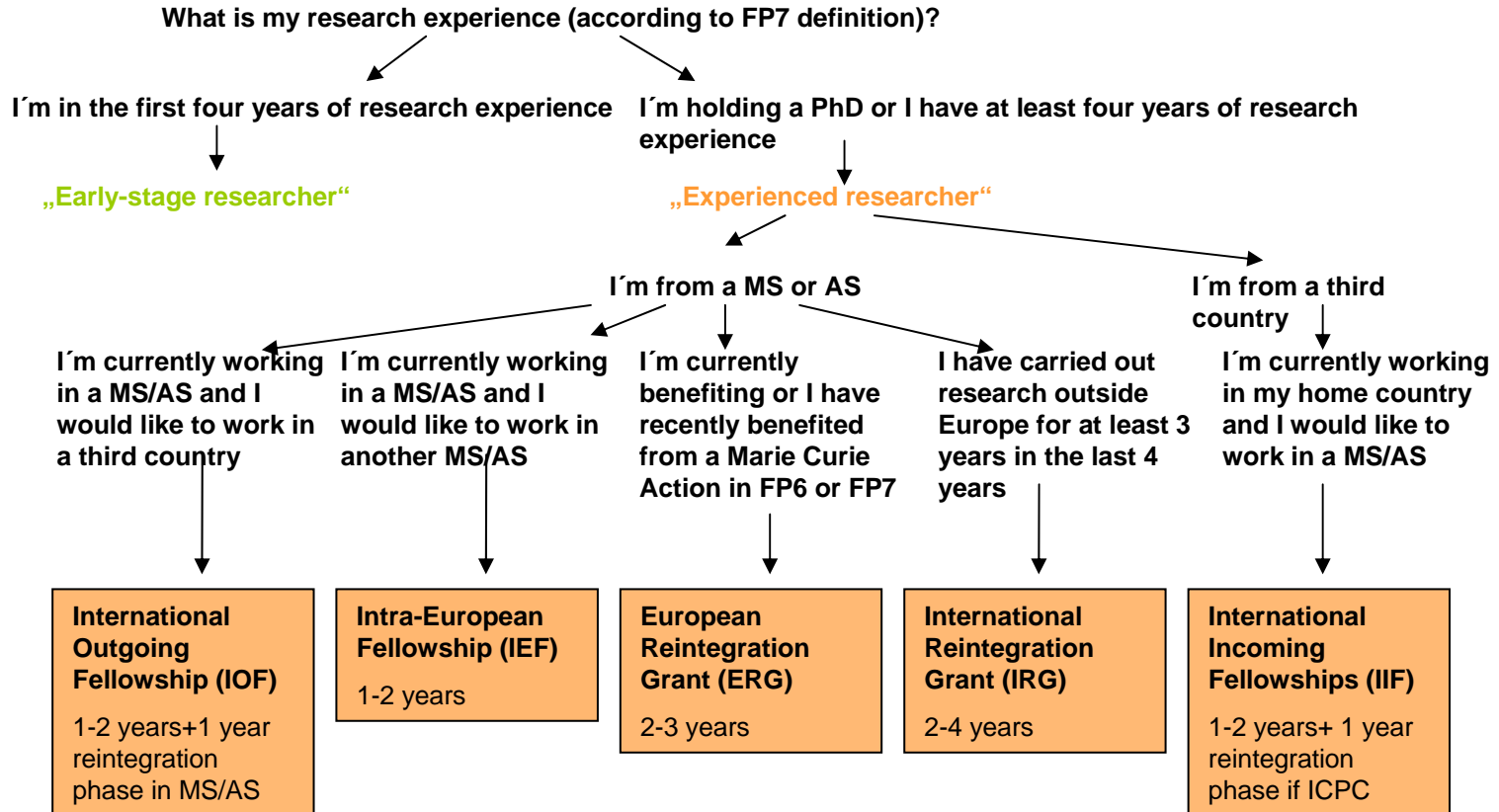
OR

- have at least four years (FTE) research experience



 = proposal submitted by one or several organisations

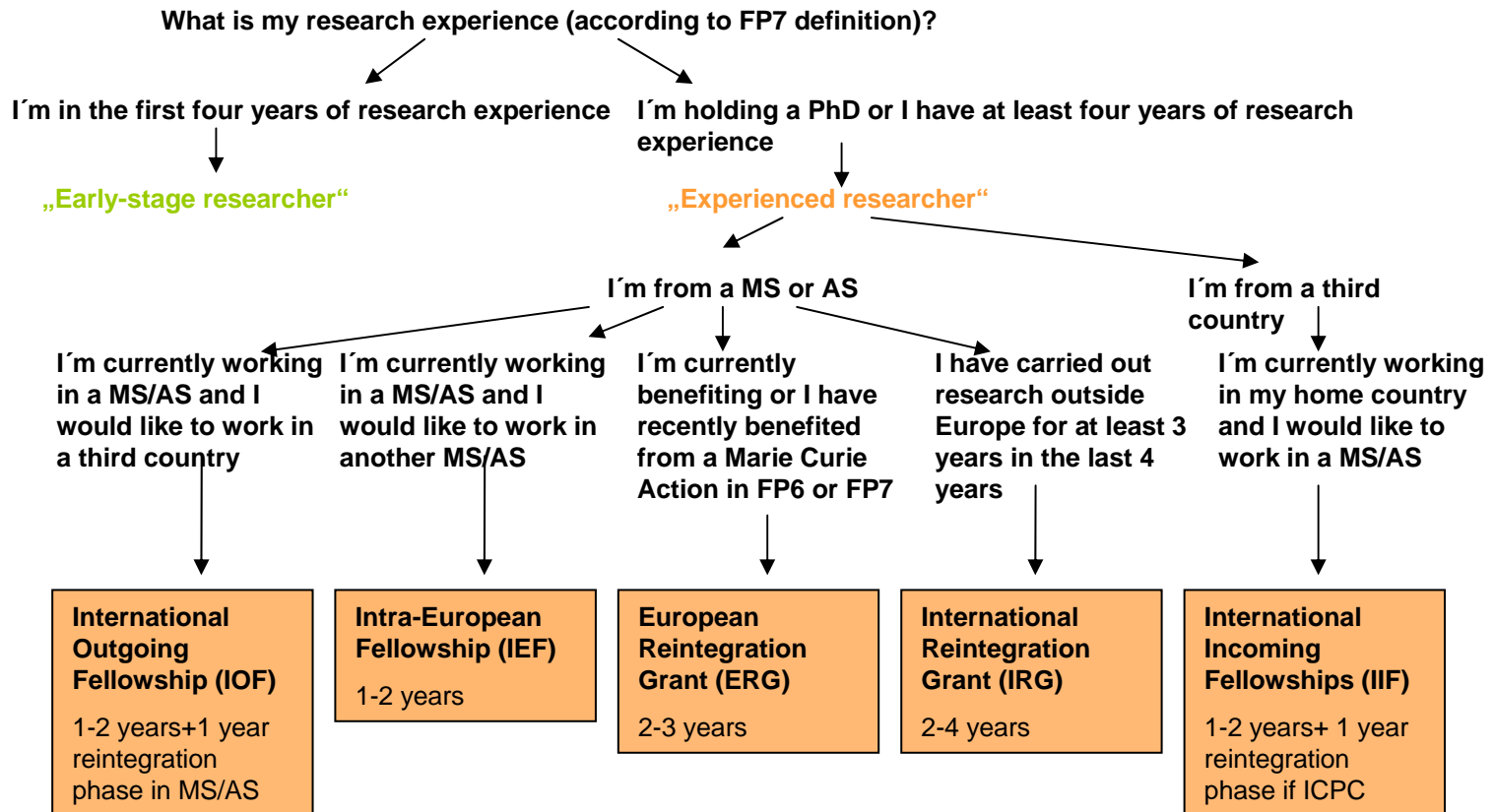
 = proposal submitted by an individual researcher in conjunction with the host organisation





- Objective: structure PhD training on a European level; improve research and complementary skills of researchers who are in the first five years of their career
  - applicants: at least three legal entities (but: exceptions!) proposing a coherent research training programme
- ➔ No stipends – only employment contracts!
- **next deadline: 2 September 2008, 17:00h**

Success rate 1st call: ~7.5%

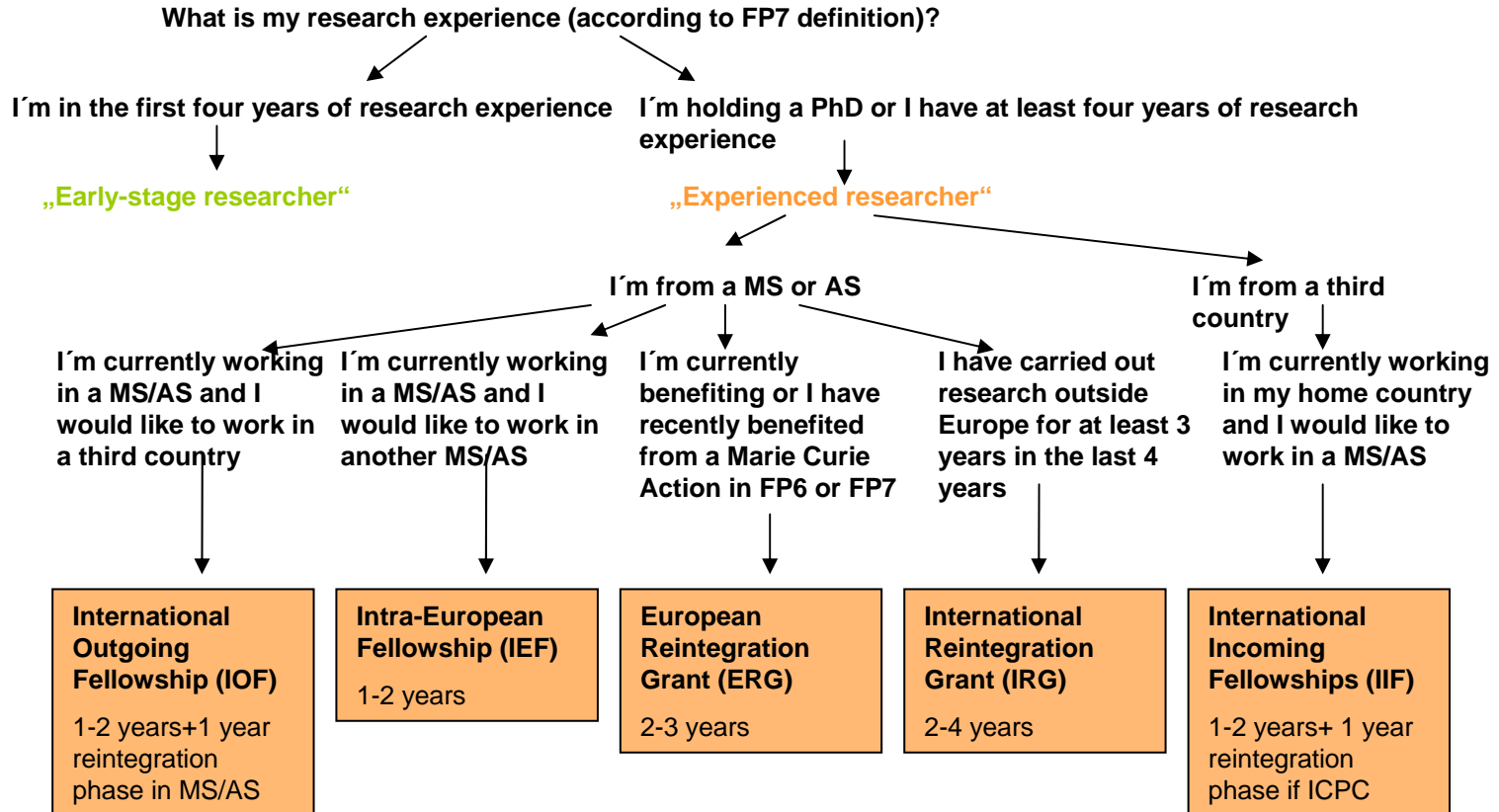




- Objective: acquire new knowledge in a third country and bring it back to Europe
- 1-2 years research stay in third country and mandatory reintegration phase in MS or AS of 1 year
- PhD degree enough – more experience recommended

**➔ deadline: 19 August 2008, 17:00h**

Success rate 1st call: 30 %



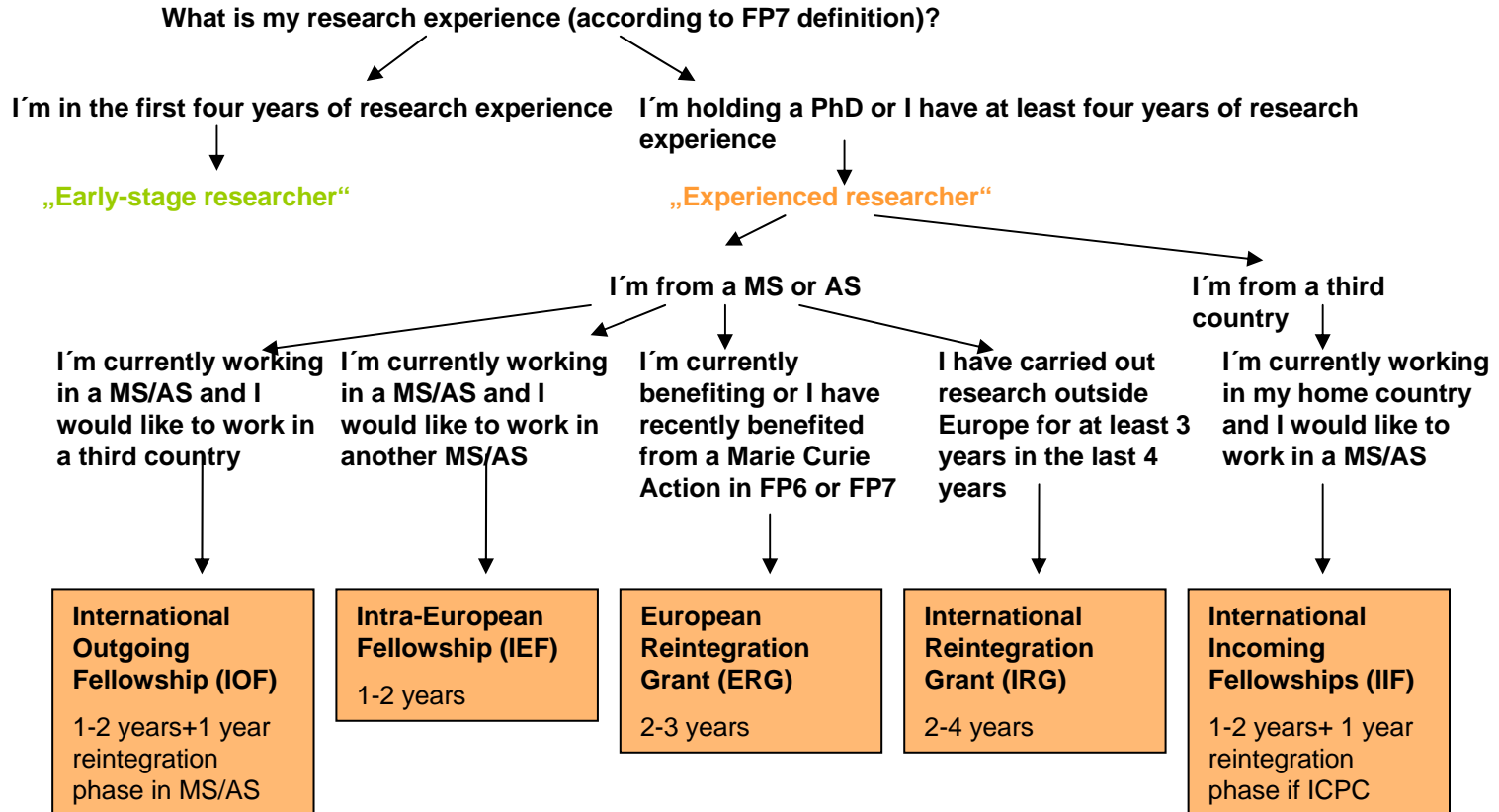




- Objective: competence diversification, career development
- 1-2 years research stay in another MS or AS (not home country, not country of > 12 month working during the last 3 years)
- PhD degree enough – more experience recommended

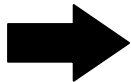
**➔ next deadline: 19 August 2008, 17:00h**

Success rate 1st call: ~ 25%



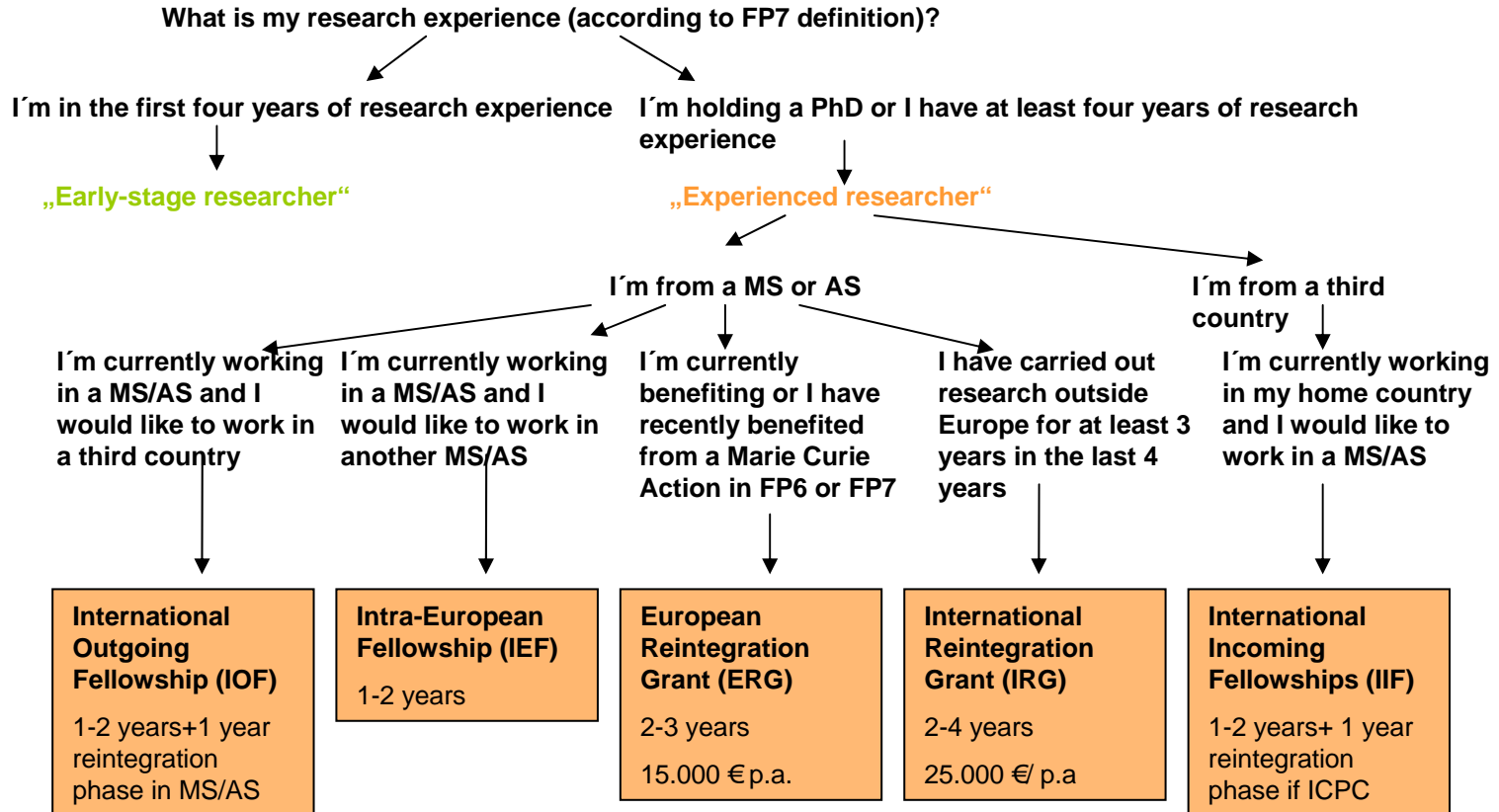


- Objective: (re)integration into a research career after a trans-national mobility experience; long-term employment in research
- duration of initial Marie Curie Action: at least 18 months
- apply at the earliest 1 year before and no later than 6 months after the end of the initial Marie Curie Action; project must start at the latest 12 months after the end of the initial fellowship
- lump sum of 15.000 €/ year for max. 3 years
- **next cut-off date: 8 October 2008, 17:00h**



**2 cut-off dates/year**

Success rate 2nd cut-off date 2007: 85 %

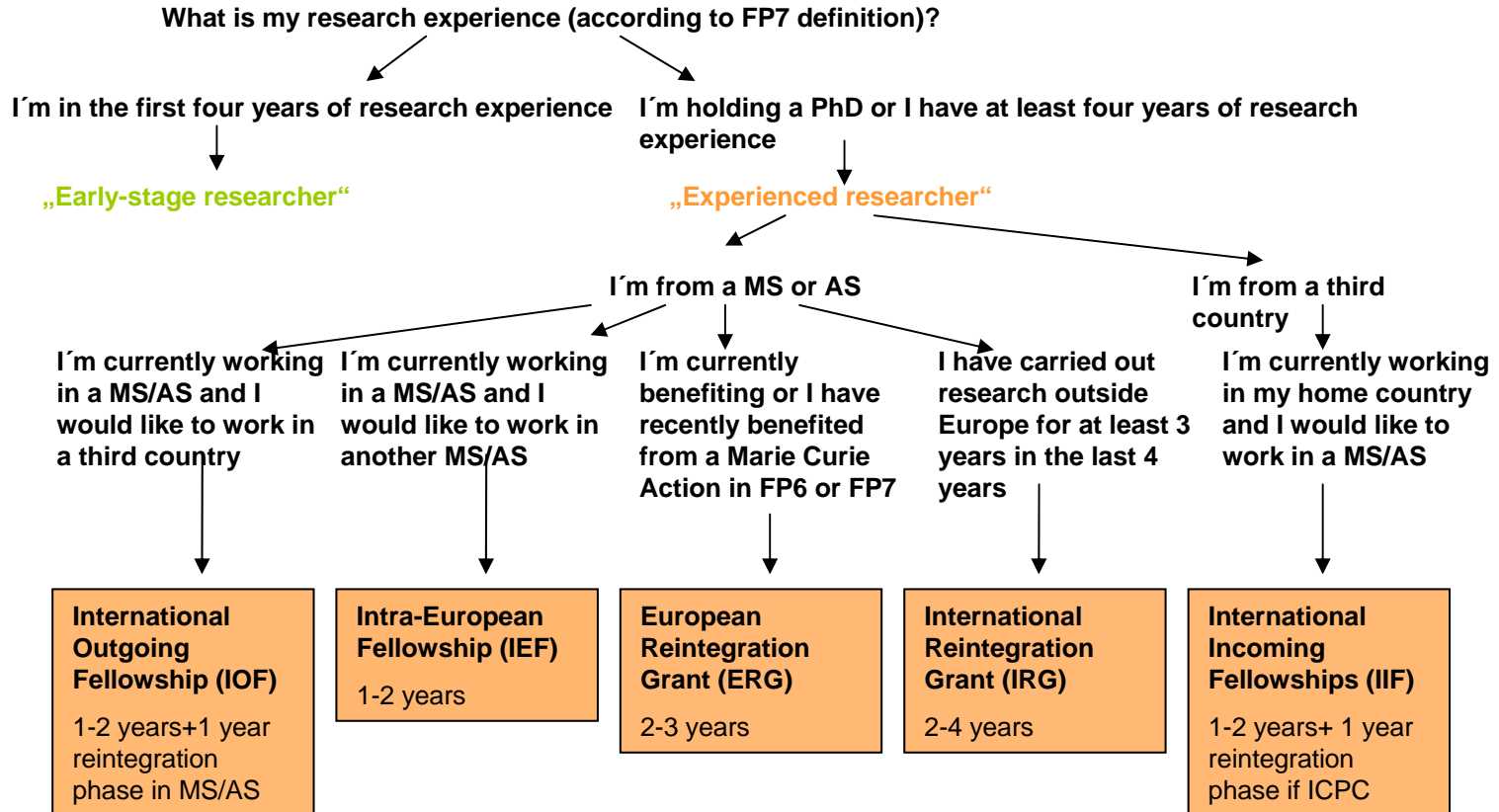




- Objective: encourage European researchers to reintegrate into a research career in Europe, reinforce cooperation with third countries
- research stay of at least 3 years in the last four years in third country
- lump sum of 25.000 € per year for 2-4 years
- ➔ • **next cut-off date: 8 October 2008, 17:00h**

2 cut-off dates/year

Success rate 2nd cut-off date 2007: 42 %





- Objective: encourage researchers from third countries to work in research projects in Europe, with the view to developing mutually beneficial research cooperations

➔ **next deadline: 19 August 2008, 17:00h**

Success rate 1st call: 23 %

## FP7 'People' Work Programme

2.1 Action IEF	Eligible expenses for the activities carried out by the researchers				Eligible expenses for the activities carried out by the host organisations				
	- A - Monthly living and mobility allowance	- B - Travel Allowance	- C - Career exploratory allowance	- D - Contribution to the participation expenses of eligible researchers	- E - Contribution to the research/training /transfer of knowledge programme expenses	- F - Contribution to the organisation of international conferences, workshops and events	- G - Management activities (including audit certification)	- H - Contribution to overheads	- I - Other types of eligible expenses / specific conditions
Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowships for Career Development	<p><b>1- Monthly living allowance:</b> fixed amount as specified in Table 3.1.</p> <p><b>2- Monthly mobility allowance:</b> fixed amount to cover expenses linked to the relocation of the researcher and her/his family in the host country: reference rate of EUR 500 for researchers without a family and EUR 800 for researchers with family. The reference date for the family situation is the relevant deadline for submission of proposals.</p> <p>The monthly living allowance and the monthly mobility allowance rates for individual countries are obtained by applying to these rates the correction factor for the cost of living as referred to in Table 3.3.</p>	Fixed amount as specified in Table 3.2.	Fixed amount of EUR 2 000 for each researcher with a stay of at least one year	Contribution managed by the hosting organisations for expenses related to the participation of eligible researchers to research and training activities (meeting and conference attendance, participation in training actions, research costs, etc ): fixed amount of EUR 500 per researcher-month for non-laboratory based research projects ; EUR 800 per researcher-month for laboratory based research projects	N/A	N/A	Maximum 3 % of the total Community contribution	10 % of direct costs except for subcontractors and the costs of the resources made available by third parties which are not used in the premises of the beneficiary.	N/A



**Table 3.1: Reference rates for monthly living allowances (cost of living index 100)<sup>25</sup>**

Researchers Categories	A (EUR/year)	B (EUR/year)
Early-stage researchers	34 500	17 250
Experienced researchers (4-10 years experience)	53 000	26 500
Experienced researchers (>10 years experience)	79 500	39 750

**Table 3.2. Travel allowances**

Distance <sup>1</sup> (km)	Fixed-amount contribution (EUR)
< 500	250
500 – 1 000	500
1 000 – 1 500	750
1 500 – 2 500	1 000
2 500 – 5 000	1 500
5 000 – 10 000	2 000
>10 000	2 500

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**Table 3.3 Correction Coefficients – The EU-25 Member States<sup>26, 27</sup>**

Austria	102,2
Belgium	100,0
Cyprus	99,0
Czech Republic	77,2
Denmark	133,5

Estonia	76,5
Finland	112,0
France	104,4
Germany	101,5
Greece	90,1

Hungary	66,5
Ireland	113,3
Italy	103,9
Latvia	71,1
Lithuania	71,2

Luxembourg	100
Malta	97,5
Netherlands	101,2
Poland	71,6
Portugal	91,4

Slovak Rep.	82,2
Slovenia	80,8
Spain	95,5
Sweden	108,9
UK	109,2

A young Italian single scientist plans to go to Paris to do his second Post Doc (1 year) funded by an IEF stipend:

26.500 € Living Allowance

6.000 € Mobility Allowance (12x 500 €)

x 104,4 (correction factor for France)

33.930 €

1.000 € Travel Allowance (Neapel – Paris distance)

2.000 € Career Exploratory Allowance (once)

**36.930 € per year => 3077,50 € monthly**

And the **host institution** gets:

- Contribution to the participation expenses (12x 500 €; 800€ if laboratory based)
- Contribution to Overheads (10%)
- Management activities (3% of total community contribution)

**Stipend**  
*No health insurance*

**vs.**

**Employment contract** (sometimes predefined by the host)  
*You have to pay taxes on all allowances*

1. Check Cordis > Right Programme > Find a Call > Download Work Programme and Guide for Applicants (Annexes!)
2. Register in the EPSS System
3. Fill in the administrative documents
4. Write the scientific part and think about the budget (ask admin of host institution about employment contract or stipend)
5. Submit your proposal early – you can replace it at any time with a new version

The Proposal is divided in an administrative (Part A) and a scientific part (Part B)

A- Information on the proposal

Information on the host →

Information on the researcher

Information on the budget →

If the host is MPPMU, you don't have to care – the EU-Office has a template

Check budget with the admin and/ or EU-Office > they will have a look at restrictive rules of the host

B – *Follow the questions step for step in the Annexes of the Guide for Applicants and ask yourself:*

Why is it **imperative** that you move to **this** institution?

Why should Europe invest in **you**?

What makes your project **European**?

*Read previous successful applications* →

The EU-Office can show you a template

The format of proposals remains almost the same during a FP

*Follow the lay-out and answer every question fully*

Even if you have to say the same thing in **3 different ways**.

## General information about the 7th Framework programme:

- [http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/home\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/home_en.html)
- [www.forschungsrahmenprogramm.de](http://www.forschungsrahmenprogramm.de)
- [www.kowi.de](http://www.kowi.de)
- [www.eubuero.de](http://www.eubuero.de)
- <http://ec.europa.eu/research/index.cfm>
- [www.ipr-helpdesk.org](http://www.ipr-helpdesk.org)

## Information about the ERC:

- [http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ideas/home\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ideas/home_en.html)
- <http://erc.europa.eu/>

## Information about Marie Curie Actions and mobility issues

- [http://ec.europa.eu/research/fp7/understanding/marie-curieinbrief/home\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/research/fp7/understanding/marie-curieinbrief/home_en.html)
- <http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/index.htm>
- [http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/index\\_en.cfm?l1=0&l2=0&l3=0](http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/index_en.cfm?l1=0&l2=0&l3=0)
- <http://www.eracareers-germany.de/>