

# EU Grants and Fellowships for Post-docs



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Reports of experiences with fellowships:  
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- Astrophysics
- Extraterrestrial Physics
- Foreign and International Social Law
- Intellectual Property, Competition and Tax Law
- **Neurobiology**
- Ornithology
- Physics
- Psychiatry
- Quantum Optics



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### II. Marie Curie Fellowships

*including reports of experiences  
with fellowship applications*

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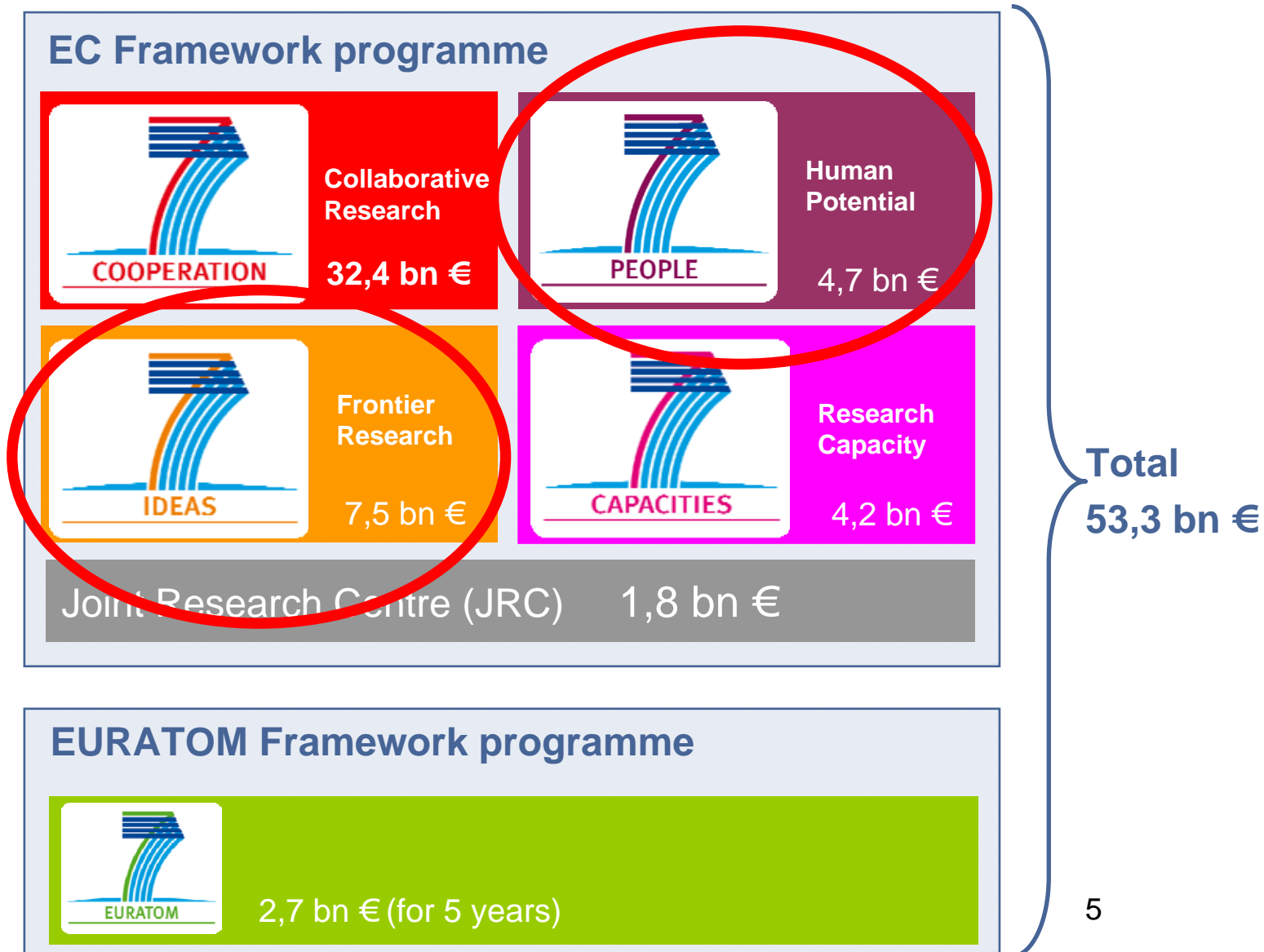
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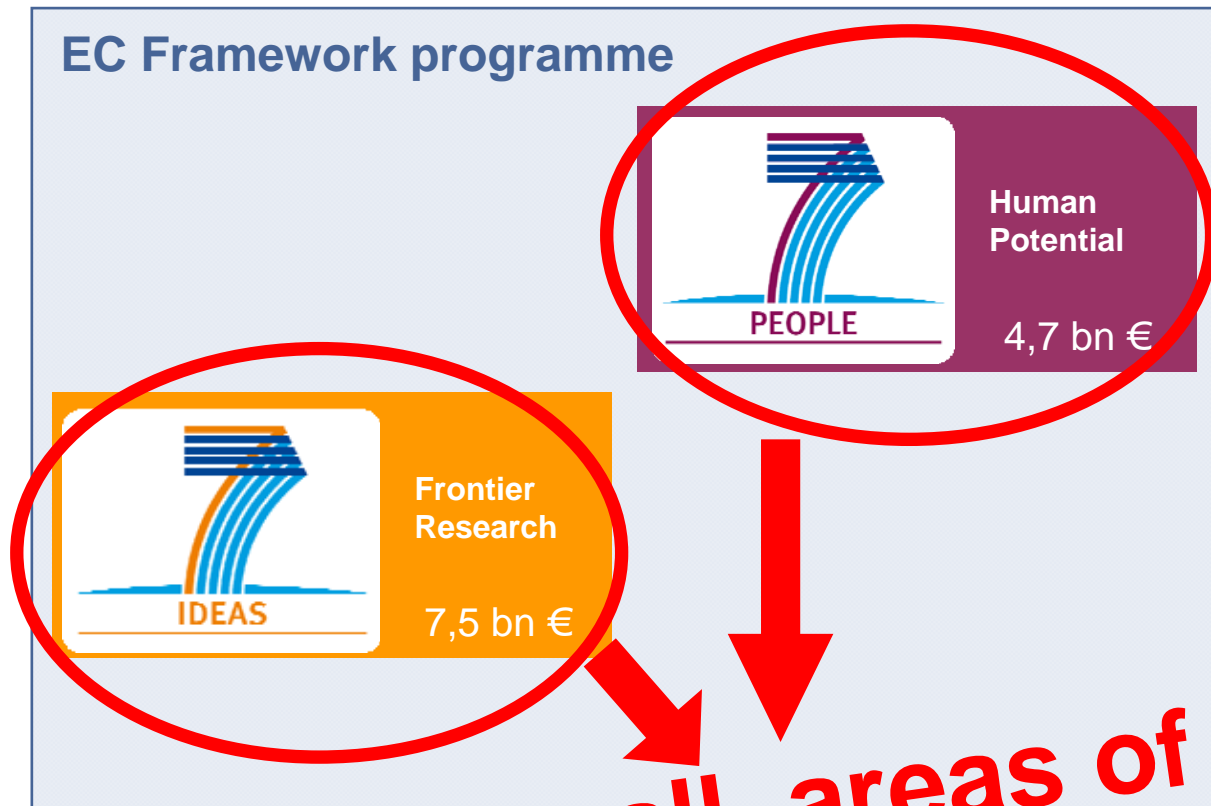
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# Grants and fellowships in FP7 Specific Programmes



**open to all areas of  
research („bottom up“)**

# Grants and Fellowships Specific Programme PEOPLE



# Specific Programme PEOPLE = Marie Curie Actions







Overall strategic objective:  
Make Europe more attractive for researchers.

„[The specific programme PEOPLE] aims to strengthen, quantitatively and qualitatively, the human potential in research and technology in Europe, by stimulating people to take up the profession of a researcher, encouraging European researchers to stay in Europe, and attracting to Europe the best researchers from the entire world.“

(PEOPLE work programme 2009, p. 3)



## 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:

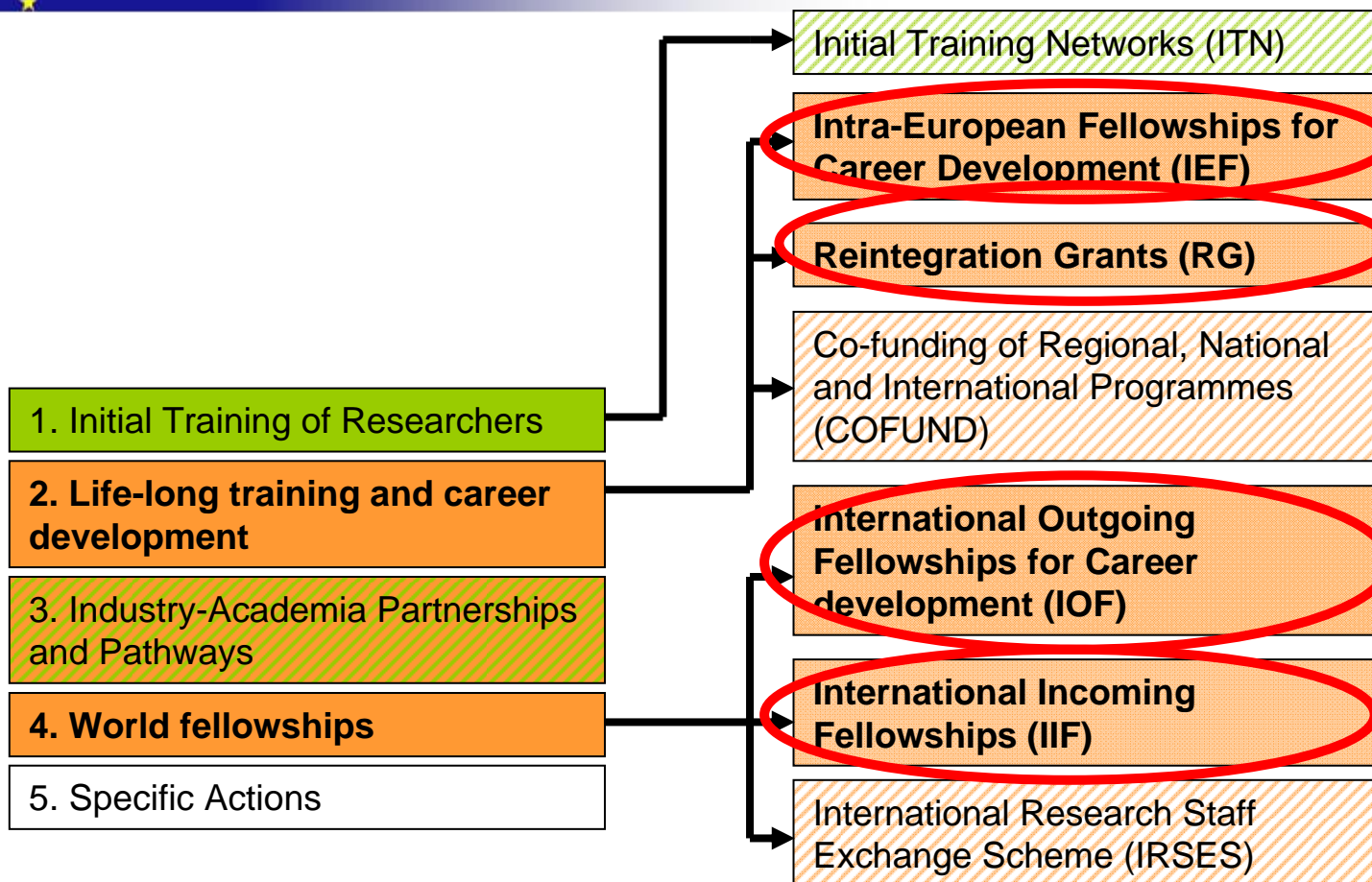
- are in possession of a doctoral degree, independently of the time taken to acquire it

OR

- have at least four years (FTE) research experience



„At the time of the relevant deadline for submission of proposals, [...] researchers **must not have resided or carried out their main activity** (work , studies, etc) **in the country of their host organisation for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the reference date**. Short stays, such as holidays, are not taken into account. As far as international **European interest organisations** or international organisations are concerned, this rule does not apply to the hosting of eligible researchers, however the appointed researcher must not have spent more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the reference deadline for submission of proposals [...], in the same appointing organisation.“

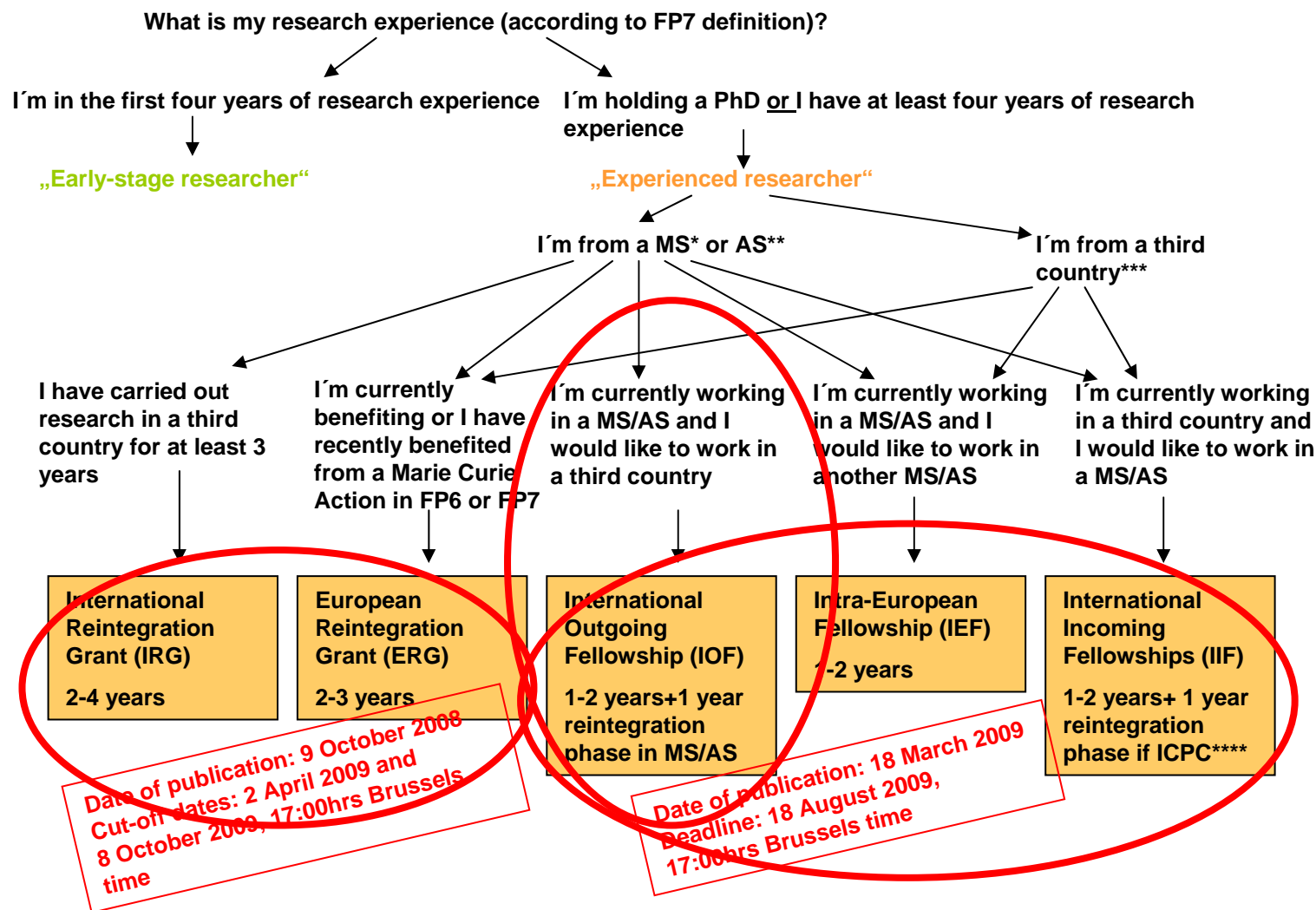


= proposal submitted by one or several organisations („host-driven actions“)



= proposal submitted by an individual researcher in conjunction with the host organisation („researcher-driven actions“)

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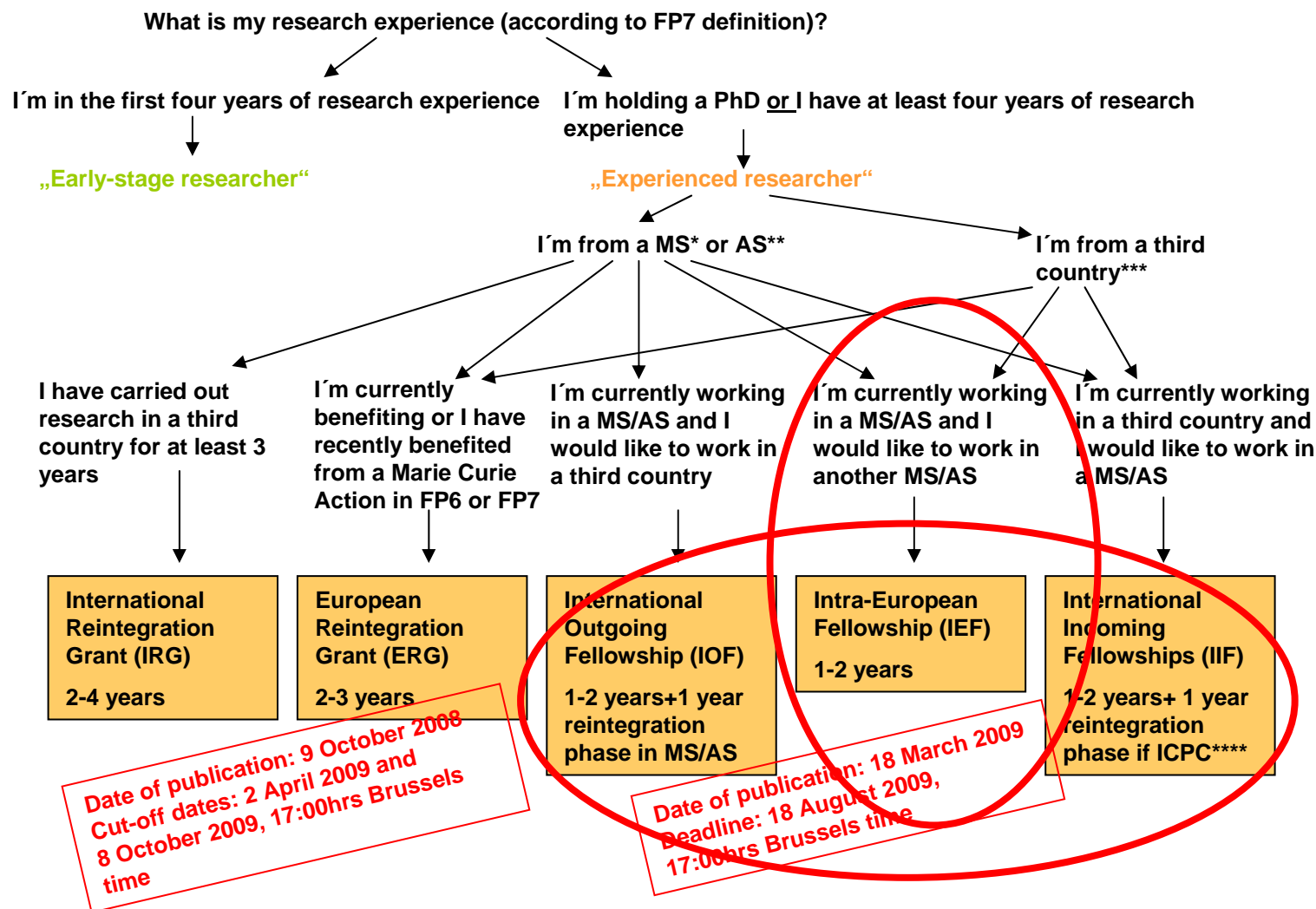
\*\*\*\* International Cooperation Partner Countries (cf. PEOPLE work programme, Annex 1)





- Objective: new research competences and contact network acquired in a third country help advance the research career in Europe towards professional maturity and independence
- 1-2 years research stay in third country and mandatory reintegration phase in MS or AS of 1 year
- Individual applies together with the host institution (return host)
- the research project should be coherent for the total duration of the fellowship (outgoing and reintegration phase)

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- Objective: career development through competence diversification to reach and/or to reinforce a position of professional maturity/independence or to resume a research career after a break
- 1-2 years research stay in another MS or AS
- Individual applies together with the host institution
- the research project should help to significantly advance the career and should not represent a temporary solution





Max Planck Institute  
of Biochemistry



## Circadian clock function by quantitative proteomics and phosphoproteomics (CLOCKPROTEOMICS)

- **Specific programme:** People (Marie Curie Actions)
- **Funding scheme:** Intra-European Fellowship
- **Call Identifier:** FP7-PEOPLE-2008-IEF
- **Participants:** 1
- **Funding:** currently under negotiation
- **Start Date:** 1 May 2009
- **Duration of the Project:** 24 months
- **Host institution:** MPI of Biochemistry
- **Name of fellow:** Charo Robles, PhD

♦ **My expertise:** Circadian biology (5 year postdoc HMS)

♦ **Host group expertise (Mann Department):** Quantitative proteomics

♦ **Proposed project:** - Study protein oscillations in a circadian manner

- First time application of quantitative proteomics to circadian clocks

♦ **MC-IEF Table of contents:**

**Scientific quality:**

- Multidisciplinary
- Relevant
- Host expertise

**Training:**

- Complementary skills
- Host expertise

**Researcher:**

- Independence
- Match with project
- Acquisition of knowledge

**Implementation:**

- Infrastructure
- Administrative and management arrangements

**Impact:**

- Professional maturity
- Career development
- European excellence and competitiveness

## EVALUATION SUMMARY REPORT

<b>Proposal Nr :</b>	237255	<b>Acronym :</b>	Clockproteomics
<b>Scientist in Charge Name :</b>	Matthias Mann		
<b>Instrument :</b>	FP7-PEOPLE-IEF-2008	<b>Scientific Panel:</b>	LIF
<b>Title :</b>	Circadian clock function by quantitative proteomics and phosphoproteomics		

<b>Overall score (Threshold : 70)</b>	95.2
<b>Has the proposal passed all numerical thresholds?</b>	Yes

### 1. Scientific quality of the project (Weight 25/ Threshold 3)

Mark (out of 5)

Overall comments  This is an outstanding project related to molecular mechanism controlling circadian rhythms using pioneered phospho-proteomic technologies. <u>It has a clear concise research rationale.</u> It is highly innovative as it addresses these issues using proteomics, rather than transcriptomics; the latter being where other researchers are focusing their efforts. It has thus a potentially wide biological impact that extends the limits of currently available methodology. Besides, the <u>supervisor has an outstanding track record in proteomic technology.</u>	4.9
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### 2. Training activities (Weight 15 / Threshold 3)

Mark (out of 5)

Strength  <u>Very clear and very high quality objectives for the researcher.</u> <u>High quality of scientific training offered.</u> The researcher will have the unique opportunity to acquire a strong expertise in proteomics and bioinformatics analyses.  There is some evidence of additional training beyond what is pertinent to the project. <u>The host competence in mentoring is convincingly described.</u>	4.8
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### 3. Quality of the researcher (Weight 25 / Threshold 4)

Mark (out of 5)

Strength  <u>Very experienced and highly independent researcher.</u> The fellow has ample experiences in working international leading scientific institutions.  <u>Perfect fellow-project match.</u> The applicant has acquired a strong expertise during the first postdoctoral training. The fellow will be in the position to address the proteomic aspect of the circadian clock biology with the technologies pioneered by the host laboratory.  <u>The researcher seems to have a very high professional maturity.</u>	4.6
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### 4. Implementation (Weight 15 / No Threshold)

Mark (out of 5)

Overall comments  There is a <u>great implementation including the proteomic facilities.</u> Work plan is clearly defined, including milestones, and highly convincing. <u>Besides, there is a great host support by the institute.</u>	4.7
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### 5. Impact (Weight 20 / No Threshold)

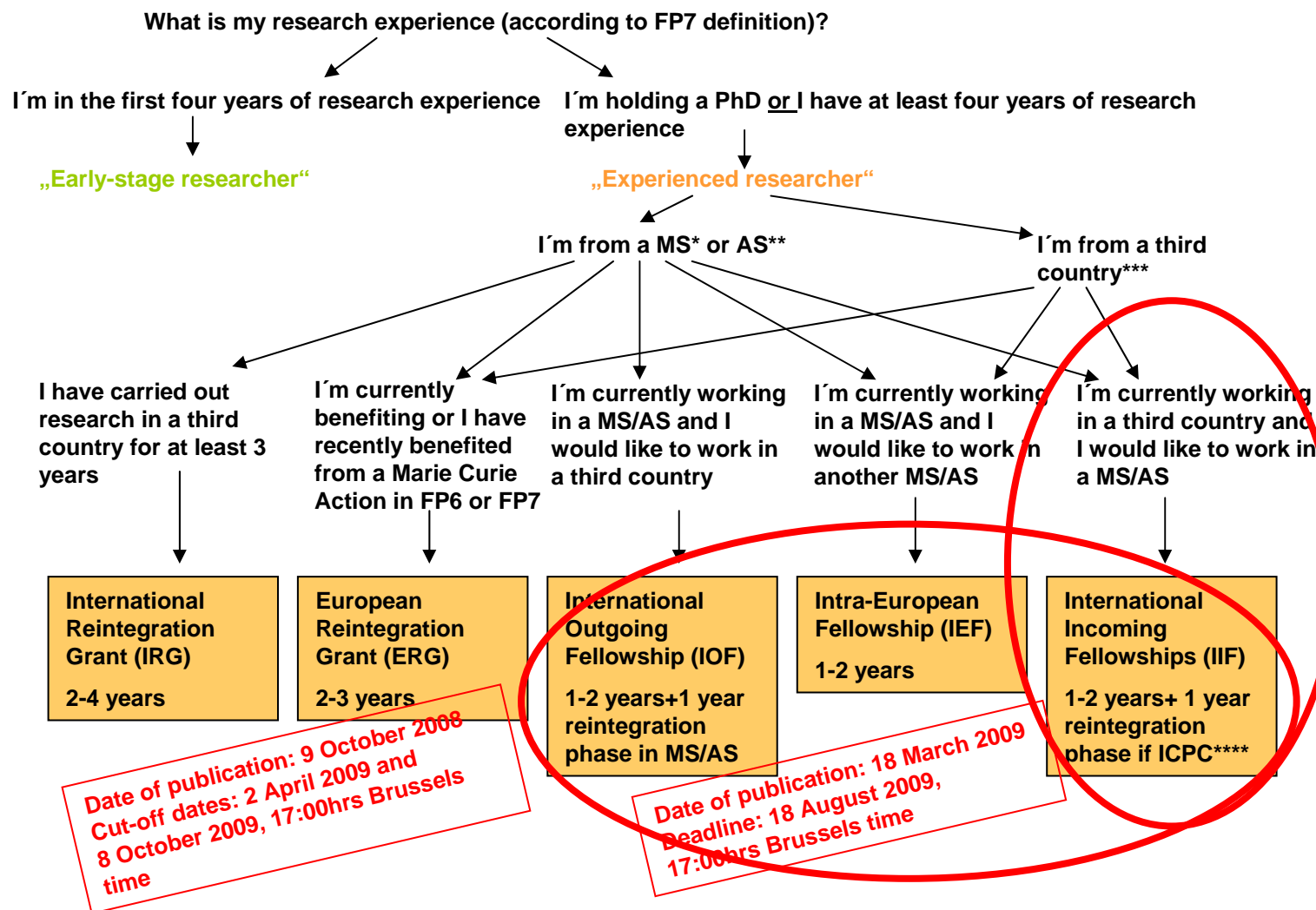
Mark (out of 5)

Overall comments  <u>This project may have a great impact on the researcher's career in the fields of circadian clock biology and proteomics and will be crucial for a European career of this young but successful researcher.</u> <u>It will also increase the European competitiveness in the fields of phospho-proteomics and cell physiopathology.</u>	4.8
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## Key points

- ◆ Read carefully the instructions
- ◆ Try to address all the indicated points, even if it seems repetitive
- ◆ Read successful applications from previous calls
- ◆ Work together with supervisor
- ◆ Get feedback from lab mates and friends
- ◆ Do not forget any documents!!, avoid last minute submission

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- Objective: encourage researchers who have been working in third countries to work in research projects in Europe, with the view to sharing knowledge and developing mutually beneficial research cooperations
- Individual applies together with the host institution
- possible return phase for researchers from ICPC countries: support for the application of the acquired knowledge in the country of origin



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## The physiological role of ADF/Cofilin in neuronal development (AC Breaks the Sphere)

- **Specific programme:** People (Marie Curie Actions)
- **Funding scheme:** International Incoming Fellowship (IIF)
- **Call Identifier:** FP7-PEOPLE-IIF-2008
- **Participants:** 1
- **Funding:** currently under negotiation
- **Start Date:** 2-3-2009
- **Duration of the Project:** 24 months
- **Host institution:** MPI of Neurobiology
- **Name of fellow:** Kevin Flynn, PhD

## IIF - Getting started

- Basic Information

- I researched funding for international postdocs before arriving at MPI (a little)
  - Options: Humboldt, Human Frontiers Science, NIH, and Marie Curie Fellowships
  - I identified Marie Curie as lucrative and prestigious and one that had the earliest deadline – Do or die
- Definition of Project – What do you bring to the table
  - I had two possible projects in mind, but after meeting with supervisor and reviewing the basic information it became clear that my experience was heavily weighted – Thus I chose the project in which I brought a lot of expertise



# IIF - Getting started

- Basic Information

- What is Project?

- Role of ADF-Cofilin proteins during in vivo neuronal development
    - My former lab discovered ADF-Cofilin so I had experience

- How does project fit with my future career?

- Training for research career studying nerve growth and regeneration – good to get funding in this area

## IIF - Getting started

- Basic Information

- Was the proposal a lot of work?
  - Yes, but I had the advantage of having a strong background in the subject
- How much time did it take?
  - 2 weeks of Full-time effort plus a couple weeks of part-time effort (I would allow 80+ hours)
- What to expect -- communication?
  - After submission you will not hear anything for 3 months. Then you receive an evaluation summary, but you still do not know if you will be funded.

# IIF - Evaluation

## EVALUATION SUMMARY REPORT

<b>Proposal Nr :</b>	237407	<b>Acronym :</b>	AC breaks the sphere
<b>Scientist in Charge Name :</b>	Frank Bradke		
<b>Instrument :</b>	FP7-PEOPLE-IIF-2008	<b>Scientific Panel:</b>	LIF
<b>Title :</b>	The physiological role of ADF/cofilin in neuronal development		

<b>Overall score (Threshold : 70)</b>	93.5
<b>Has the proposal passed all numerical thresholds?</b>	Yes

<b>1. Scientific quality of the project (Weight 25/ Threshold 3)</b>	<b>Mark (out of 5)</b>
	4.7

- Two weeks later you get a preliminary evaluation results with a Grade A (recomendation for funding), B (maybe), C (good but no), D (no good)
- Then another 10 days and you receive an invitation to join in negotiations

# IIF vs. NIH predoctoral fellowship

- **Similarities**
  - Competitive
  - Need to show project is manageable (preliminary data)
  - Need to propose something novel/exciting
  - Need to sell yourself (you are exceptional !)
  - Evaluation includes preliminary score a grade, which is later followed by a final decision
- **Differences**
  - NIH fellowships have up to two resubmissions, whereas with EU fellowship, you only have one shot --- MAKE IT COUNT!!!!
  - University Grades and GRE scores are counted heavily for NIH fellowship – CV seems more important in Marie Curie
- With NIH, I had 2 failures before final award
  - 44 percentile – OK, at least it was not triaged
  - 23 percentile – better but not good enough (can get Marie Curie at 20%)
  - 11 percentile --- just barely good enough for NIH (now it is worse)

# IIF - Writing the Application

- **Step one is the ask: What is the application asking for?**
  - Identify main points and address them in your proposal:
    - What is exciting about your project? Why is this work important? (ex: Diseases, Relevance to Clinic) How is the Project State-of-the-Art
    - What do you bring to the project (experience – make your CV look good. you have been successful in the past and will be successful with this project)?
    - How will you communicate with the scientific community?
    - How will the project involve collaborations?
    - How will the project be successfully executed?
- **Focus**
  - Stress novelty and state-of-the-art, but keeping in mind that the experiments are plausible
  - This project is important !
  - In methodology, stress new techniques and cross-disciplinary approach
  - You are a perfect match for the project and you and your mentors lab are complimentary... you or the host have experience in a given technique
  - Transfer of knowledge (everybody is learning) and collaborations
- **Style**
  - Write in scientific style for part B1 – be technical, but clear, keeping in mind that reviewers may not be experts
  - In the rest, write in a more casual communicative language – do not want to bore your reader
  - First impressions count. Draw your reader in with a good introduction--- Make it sound like a Hot topic?

# IIF - AC Breaks the Sphere

- **What is Novel/Exciting?**
  - Well-known proteins but still not much in vivo
  - Possible role in developmental diseases – brain development disorders lissencephaly
  - Role in axon growth and regeneration (Spinal cord injury)
  - State-of-the-art: Use of two photon in vivo imaging techniques, live-cell imaging, novel mouse genetic knockouts, etc...
- **What do I bring to the project?**
  - Experience with AC proteins in neurons, techniques, scientific collaborations and communication
- **How will I communicate to scientific community?**
  - Attend meetings in EU and USA, publish findings at appropriate time
- **How will the project involve collaborations?**
  - International (W. Witke, Italy) and internal collaborations (at MPI Biochemistry)
- **How will project be successfully executed?**
  - Show preliminary data that is convincing. Provide an effective workplan. I stressed how any gaps in my experience was compensated by the experience in the lab
  - I will use expertise of laboratory and of collaborators
- **How is the project interdisciplinary?**
  - Project is at the crossroads of Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular biology, and Neurobiology employing a range of effective techniques, both traditional and state-of-the-art

# Troubleshooting – Advice from my experience

- **Referees**
  - I was confused and asked inappropriate people initially (the explanation in the guidebook led me to believe these were internal reviewers– experts in the field)
  - Actually they want a recommendation
    - Previous advisors, professors, bosses (relevant)
    - Be sure you give them ample time – they need to fill out electronic forms before submission deadline
- **Make use of all resources**
  - Use expertise of your mentor – especially for scientific portion
  - Use expertise and services of Julia Epp -- Helps tremendously with non-scientific
  - Use National Contact point for feedback
  - Have a native English speaker help with grammar and language
- **Criticisms of my proposal**
  - lack of alternative approaches and/or hypotheses
  - Not interdisciplinary (???)
  - May not have enough time to complete project
- **Negotiations are not really negotiable**
  - no choice between stipend or full contract --- Not as lucrative as I thought --
  - All you (your mentor) is doing is verifying the information
  - Only can specify a start date



1. Monthly living allowance \* country correction coefficient
2. Monthly mobility allowance \* country correction coefficient
3. Travel allowance
4. Career exploratory allowance
5. Contribution to the participation expenses of eligible researchers
6. (Management activities + overheads) \* country correction coefficient



# Fellowships – calls for proposals



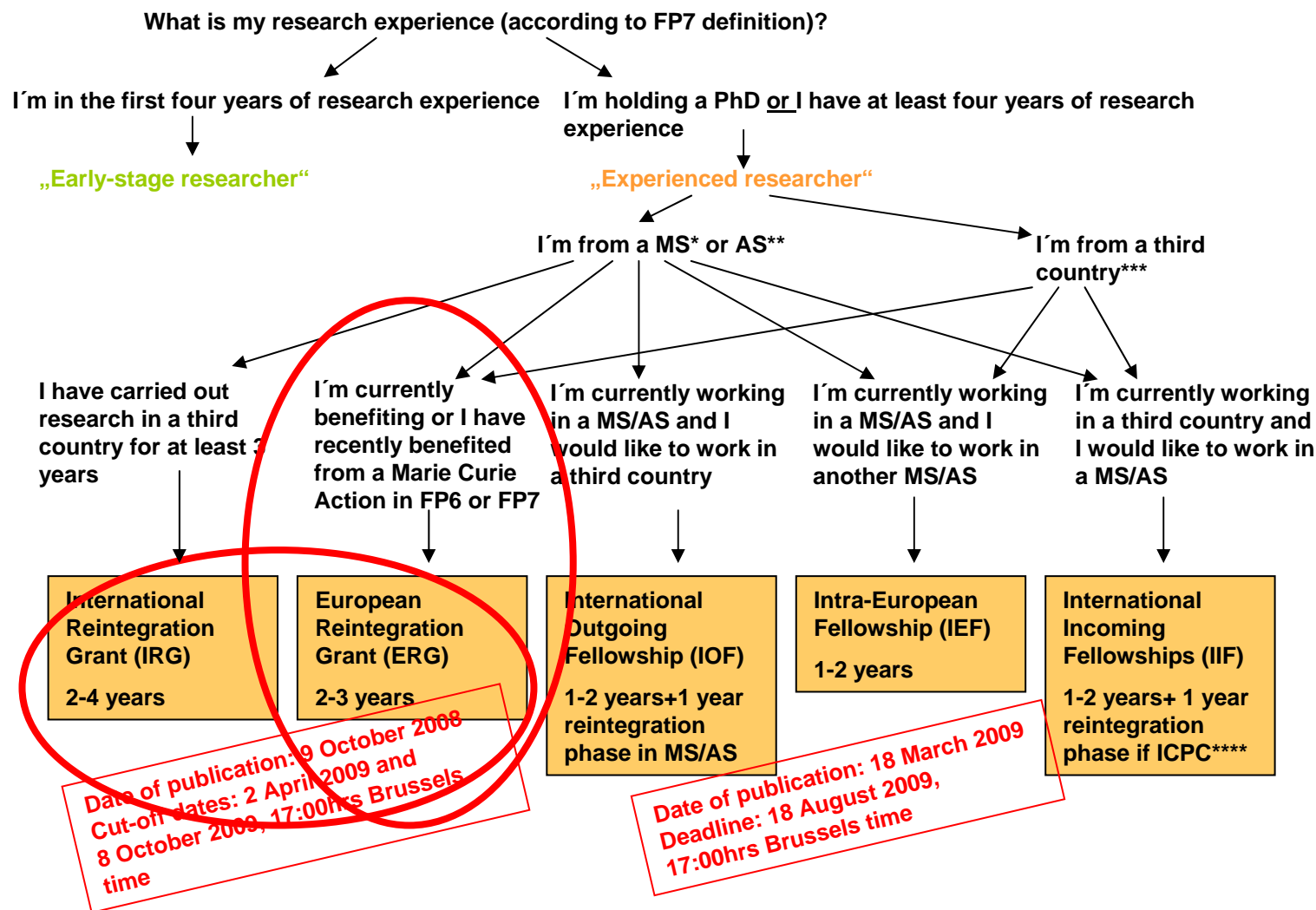
Intra-European Fellowship (IEF),  
International Incoming Fellowship (IIF),  
International Outgoing Fellowship (IOF)

Calls are published yearly

Publication of next call: 18 March 2009

Deadline: **18 August 2009, 17:00:00 Brussels time**

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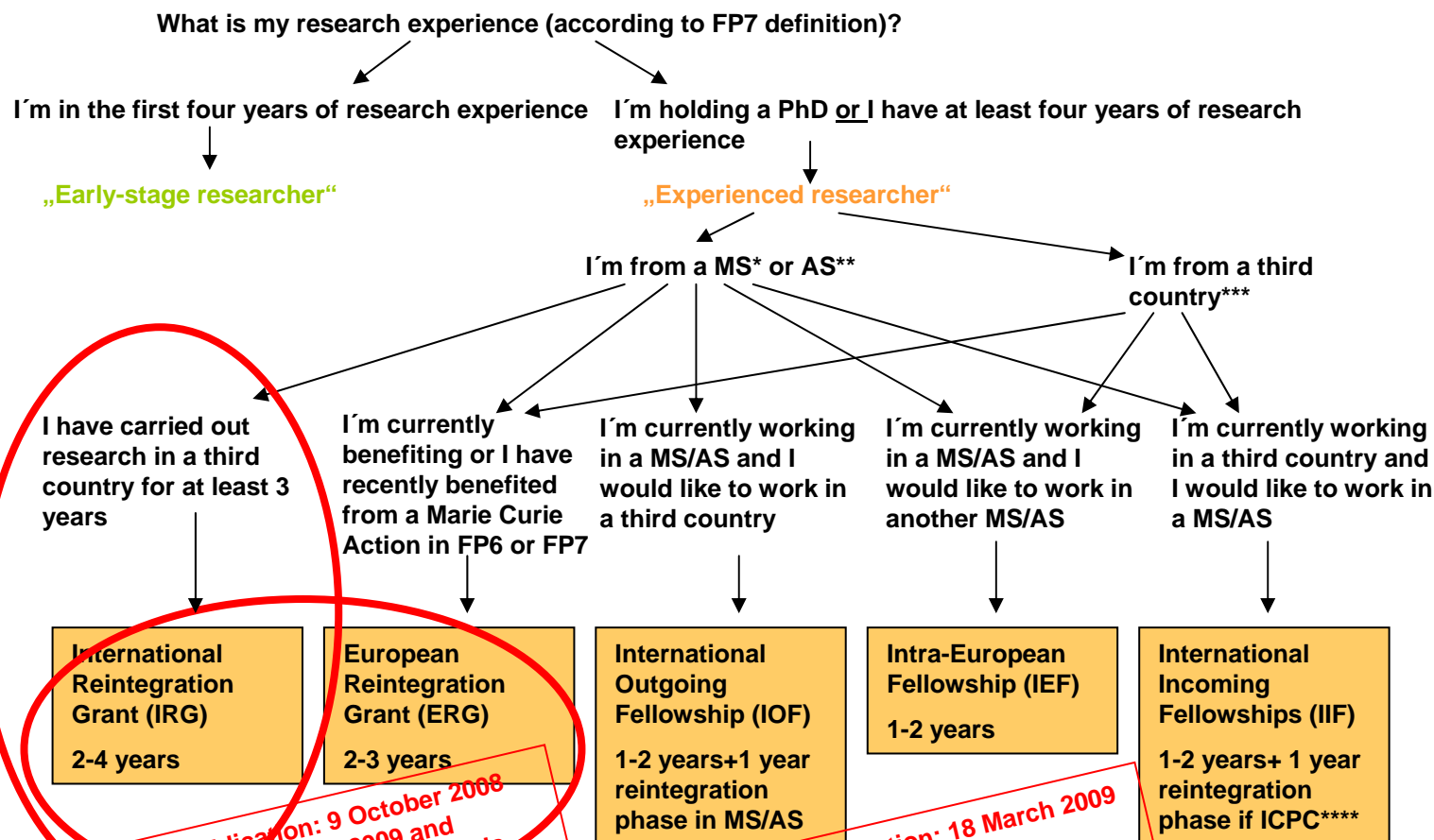
\*\*\*\* International Cooperation Partner Countries (cf. PEOPLE work programme, Annex 1)



- 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 not 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
- funding: fixed-amount contribution to the employment and/or research costs of 15.000 EUR/year

\*eligible Marie Curie Actions: **FP6**: RTN, EST, ToK, EIF; **FP7**: ITN, IEF, IIF, IAPP

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Date of publication: 9 October 2008  
Cut-off dates: 2 April 2009 and 8 October 2009, 17:00hrs Brussels time

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- Objective: encourage European researchers to reintegrate into a research career in Europe (including home country), reinforce cooperation with third countries
- Individual applies together with the host institution
- funding: fixed-amount contribution to the employment and/or research costs of 25.000 EUR/year



European Reintegration Grant (ERG)  
International Reintegration Grant (IRG)

Calls are published yearly

Closure dates: **2 April 2009, 17:00:00 Brussels time**

**+ 8 October 2009, 17:00:00 Brussels time**

**A** – Information on the proposal, the researcher, the host, the budget

**B** – Scientific proposal

Part B		Max. pages
Part B1	Scientific and Technological Quality	8
Part B2	Training	2
Part B3	Researcher	7
Part B4	Implementation	6
Part B5	Impact	2
Part B6	Ethical issues	no max. length

**Always use the latest version of work programme and Guide for Applicants which are available once the call is published!!!**



# Submission of fellowship/grant



- go to <http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm> for all relevant documents (work programme, Guide for Applicants)
- use of web-based tool EPSS mandatory
- submit well before the deadline (17hrs Brussels time)!!





- criteria depend on the funding scheme and are linked to its objectives
- scores: 0 (fails) – 5 (excellent)

## **IEF criteria and their weightings + thresholds:**

- **S & T quality**: weighting: 25%, threshold: 3
- **Training**: weighting: 15%, threshold: 3
- **Researcher**: weighting: 25%, threshold: 4
- **Implementation**: weighting: 15%
- **Impact**: weighting: 20%



**Publication of call:** 19 March 2008

**Deadline:** 19 August 2008

**Evaluation** of proposals: 6-24 October 2008

**Evaluation summary report (ESR)** sent to proposal coordinators („initial information letter“): end of November 2008

⇒ check <http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm>

**Invitation letter** to successful coordinators: around 19 December

**Contract negotiations** („NEF“): January 2009

**Earliest start of projects:** 1 March 2009

# Information on CORDIS (IEF)



12 March 2009

CORDIS: FP7: Find a Call - Mozilla Firefox

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.PeopleDetailsCallPage&call\_id=118

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**FP7 Calls Cooperation Ideas People Capacities Euratom**

**PEOPLE Calls: FP7-PEOPLE-IEF-2008**

**This Call has closed**

**Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowships for Career Development (IEF)**

**Identifier:** FP7-PEOPLE-IEF-2008  
**Publication Date:** 19 March 2008  
**Budget:** € 75 000 000  
**Deadline:** 19 August 2008 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time)  
**OJ Reference:** OJ C074 of 20 March 2008  
**Specific Programme(s):** People  
**Theme:** PEOPLE  
**Additional Information:**  
 • In the "Additional Documents" section, please see Flash information on the **Evaluation Results**

**Information Package** Key documents required for the preparation of your proposal.

**Electronic Proposal Submission Service (EPSS)** Instructions on the submission of your proposal through the EPSS

**Additional Documents** Useful documents on the call and on FP7 in general.

Choose which documents you would like to download or receive by e-mail.

You can select all documents in the Additional Documents at the top of this section.  
 All documents are available in English. Some documents are also available in other languages.

☐ Contract Negotiation Progress 2008: Priority List (Results A)

☐ Contract Negotiation Progress 2008: Reserve List (Results B)

☐ Preliminary Results - (8/12/2008)

☐ Evaluation results - (28/11/2008)

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**mid-February 2009: gives you information about your place on the reserve list**

**gives you information if your proposal is rated A,B,C,D or E**

**gives you information if your proposal is above/below the threshold**

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# IEF - Reserve list on CORDIS

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- The Specific Programme IDEAS is implemented by the **European Research Council (ERC)**
- European Research Council (ERC) is the first pan-European funding agency for Frontier Research

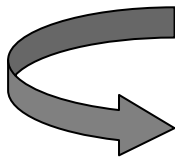
**Frontier Research:** a new understanding of basic research. Frontier research avoids distinctions between „basic“ and „applied“ research, between „science“ and „technology“ and between traditional disciplinary boundaries. Projects are „high-risk high-gain“





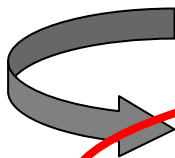
## “Retain – Repatriate – Recruit”

- increase competition, recognition and international visibility for excellent individual scientists and scholars in Europe



**ERC Advanced Investigator Grant:** attract and reward established independent research leaders

- improve career opportunities and independence, especially for young researchers



**ERC Starting Independent Researcher Grant:** attract and retain the next generation of independent research leaders



- support of “Individual teams” (Principal Investigator her/his research team)
- all fields of research are eligible
- scientific excellence as the sole criterion for selection
- PI applies together with host institution
- host institution commits to conditions of independence for PI
- research project must be carried out in EU member state or Associated country
- “portability” of grants
- Grant covers 100% of total eligible costs + <20% for indirect costs





- **funding** of up to 2.000.000 EUR for a **duration** of up to 5 years
- calls are published once a year
- next call: to be published in summer 2009, with **deadlines in autumn 2009**
- current **reapplication rule**: “No PI who has submitted an eligible proposal to a Starting Grant call may apply to the next Starting Grant call, **unless her/his proposal was evaluated above the quality threshold during the 2nd step** but not funded due to insufficient available budget”



- researchers of **any age, any nationality**, residing in any country of the world at the time of application
- researcher must be at the stage at which s/he is **starting or consolidating** her/his own **independent research team/programme**
- PI must have been awarded his/her first PhD (or equivalent doctoral degree) **at least 3 and less than 8 years prior to the publication date of the call for proposals** (extensions possible for eligible career breaks)



- you must have already shown the **potential for research independence** and **evidence of scientific maturity**: at least one important publication without the participation of your PhD supervisor
- you must be able to demonstrate a **promising track-record of early achievements** (appropriate to your research field and career stage): **significant publications (as main author)** in major international peer-reviewed multidisciplinary scientific journals, or in the leading international peer-reviewed journals in your respective field, **invited presentations** in well-established international conferences, **granted patents, awards, prizes** etc.

## **General information**

Calls in FP7 on CORDIS

<http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm>

German portal to FP7

[www.forschungsrahmenprogramm.de](http://www.forschungsrahmenprogramm.de)

Koordinierungsstelle EG der Wissenschaftsorganisationen (KoWi)

[www.kowi.de](http://www.kowi.de)

EU-office of Federal Ministry of Education and Research

[www.eubuero.de](http://www.eubuero.de)

Webseite Research of European Commission

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/index.cfm>

## **Mobility in Europe**

Portal to Marie Curie Actions

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/>

EURAXESS-Portal

<http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/>

EURAXESS Germany

<http://www.eracareers->

[germany.de/portal/netzwerk\\_der\\_forscherberater.html](http://www.eracareers-germany.de/portal/netzwerk_der_forscherberater.html)

German National Contact Point Mobility

<http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/3097.html>

## **European Research Council**

Website of ERC

<http://erc.europa.eu/>

ERC on CORDIS

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

German National Contact Point ERC

<http://www.eubuero.de/arbeitsbereiche/erc>

## **Other funding opportunities**

<http://eu.tuebingen.mpg.de/young-scientists/funding-programmes>

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**Thank you for your attention!**

**...Questions??**