

# EU Grants and Fellowships for Post-docs





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#### **EU-Office tasks**

- Information about contents of programs, funding schemes and application procedures
- Analysis of your project idea find the right fundig scheme
- Assistance with proposal preparation
- Proposal check
- Support in project management
- Cooperation with NCPs, GA of the MPG, KOWI and the EC
- All relevant calls and news via Email
- Newsletter
- Organisation of events and workshops Advice in four languages: English, German, French, Spanish



#### Presentation - structure



Part I: FP7 – overview

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II. Marie Curie Fellowships

III. Marie Curie Grants



IV. Marie Curie Actions – Application and evaluation

Part III: ERC Starting Grant

- I. European Research Council Introduction
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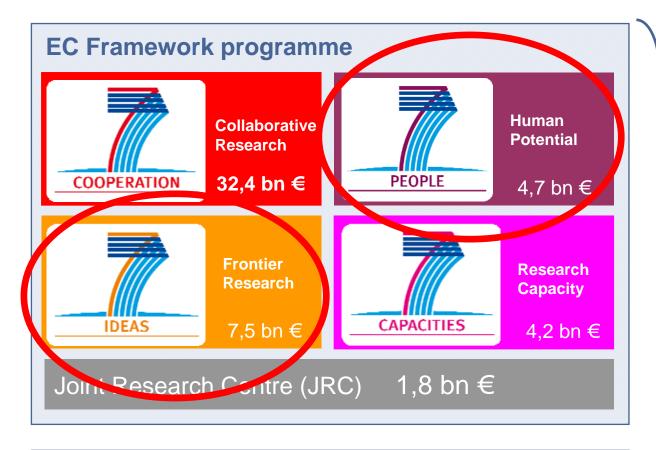
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#### **FP7 Structure**





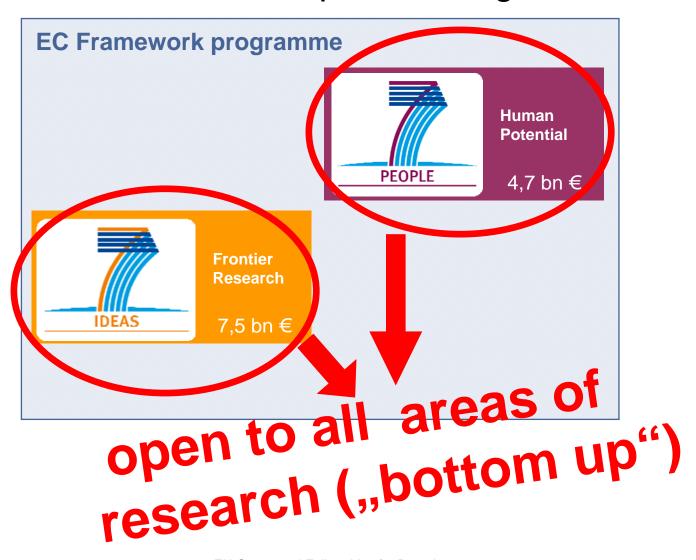
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## Grants and fellowships in FP7 Specific Programmes







## Grants and Fellowships Specific Programme PEOPLE





### Specific Programme PEOPLE = Marie Curie Actions





### **Objectives**





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)



#### Concept of research experience





#### **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 <u>at least</u> four years (FTE) research experience



### Mobility rule

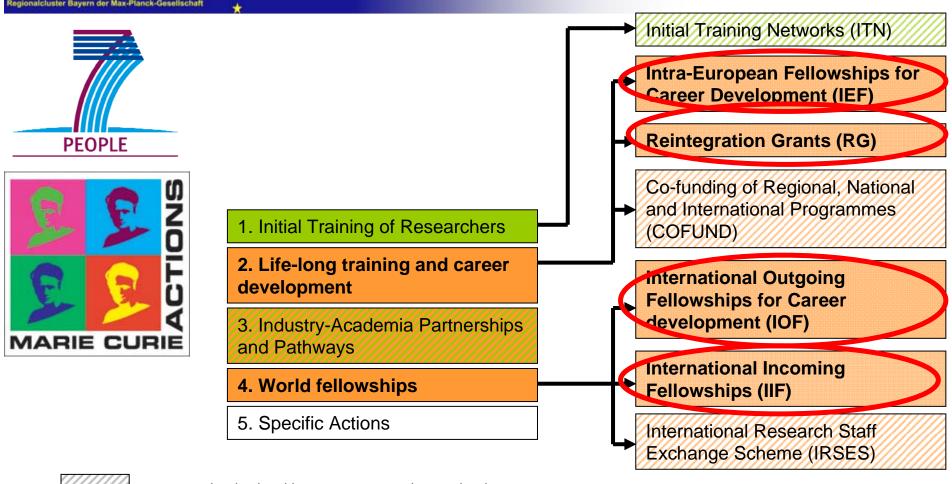




"At the time of the relevant deadline for submission of proposals, [...] researchers must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc) in the country of their host organisation for more than 12 mon such as CERN in Geneva tely prior to the reference date. Short stays, such as holidays, are not taken into account. As far as international Européan 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."



#### Activities and funding schemes





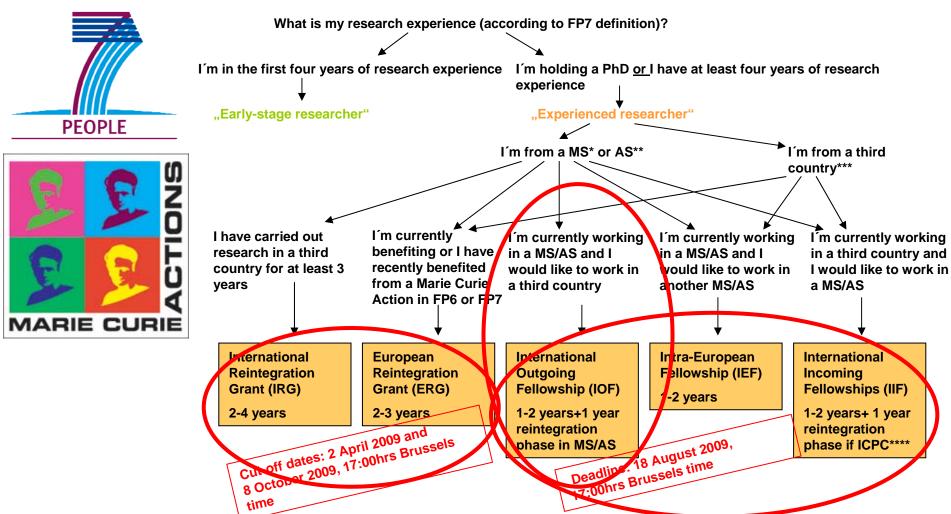
= proposal submitted by one or several organisations ("host-driven actions")



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



### Individual grants and fellowships



<sup>\*</sup>EU Member State

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## International Outgoing Fellowship (IOF)





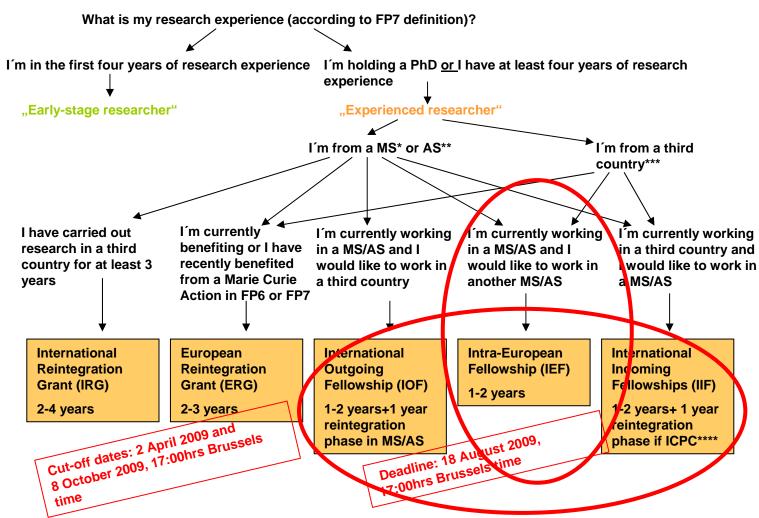
- Objective: new research competences and contact network acquired in a third country help advance the research career in Europe towards professional maturity and independence
- 1-2 years research stay in third country and mandatory reintegration phase in MS or AS of 1 year
- Individual applies together 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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### Intra-European Fellowship (IEF)





- 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



#### People – QUOM





### **Quantum Optomechanics using Monolithic Micro- Resonators -- (QUOM)**

• Specific programme: People – (Marie Curie Actions)

• Funding scheme: Intra-European Fellowship (IEF)

• Call Identifier: FP7-PEOPLE-2007-2-1-IEF

• Participants: 1

• Funding: 166.982 €

• Start Date: Feb. 1, 2008

Duration of the Project: 2 years

• Host institution: MPQ

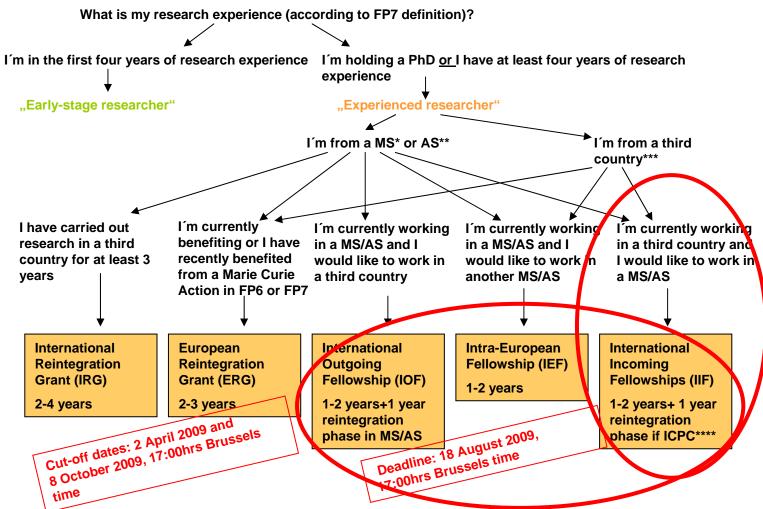
• Name of applicant/grant holder: Dr.Olivier Arcizet



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## International Incoming Fellowship (IIF)





- 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



### Fellowships – funding (IEF)





- 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
- (Management activities + overheads) \* country correction coefficient



#### Fellowships – calls for proposals





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

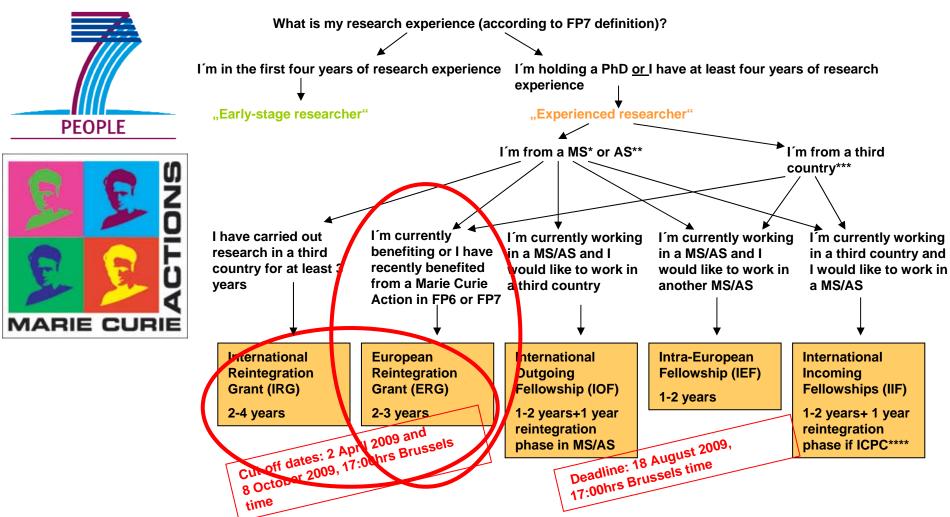
Calls are published yearly

Deadline of current call:

18 August 2009, 17:00:00 Brussels time



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## European Reintegration Grant (ERG)





- 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, IAPP



#### People – ATTOMO





#### **Attosecond dynamics in molecular systems--ATTOMO**

• Specific programme: People - (Marie Curie Actions)

• Funding scheme: European Re-Integration Grant (ERG)

• Call Identifier: FP7-PEOPLE-2007-2-2-ERG

• Participants: 1

• Funding: 45.000 €

• Start Date: Nov. 1, 2007

Duration of the Project: 3 years

• Host institution: MPQ

• Name of applicant/grant holder: Dr. E.Goulielmakis

## ATTOMO Attosecond Molecular Dynamics

#### **Eleftherios Goulielmakis**

elgo@mpq.mpg.de





Laboratory for attosecond and high field physics (LAP)

Max- Planck-Institut für Quantenoptik Garching, Germany

#### **Reintegration Grant**

Followed the Intra-european Marie-Curie Fellowship ADAM (Advancing attosecond metrology)

2005

**Covers salary and trips** 

ATTOMO
Attosecond Molecular Dynamics

2007

No salary here but an overall support for the project

I found this by typing in Google: Grants for post-Docs.

I was already with MPQ

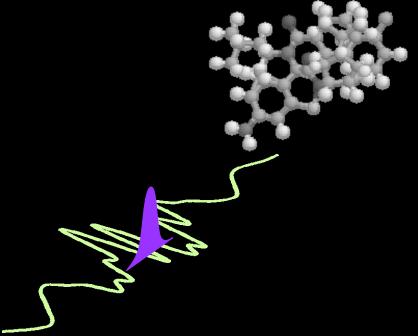
The project idea was defined on the basis of the more general planning of the group.

But such as to be in accordance with my own scientific interests

### **Project ATTOMO**

Fo realize completely new technologies and to use them in orde to track ultrafast electron motion in molecules





#### The negotiation process

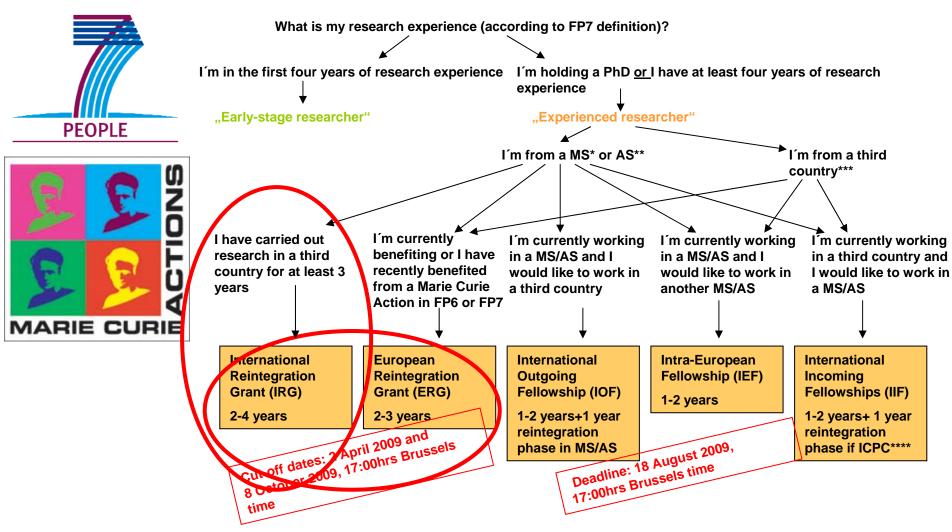
5 months to get to know about the positive decision.

Many more months to enter the negotiation process.

Suffers intrinsically because the contact person to EU is not the candidate but the supervisor (who has a number of other interesting thinks to do).



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## International Reintegration Grant (IRG)





- 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



#### People – Ultrafast Electrons





### Advanced ultrafast electron sources for quantum optics experiment with free electrons – Ultrafast Electrons

• Specific programme: People - (Marie Curie Actions)

• Funding scheme: International Re-integration Grant (IRG)

• Call Identifier: FP7-PEOPLE-IRG-2008

• Participants: 1

• Funding: 100.000 €

• Start Date: Nov.1, 2008

• Duration of the Project: 4 years

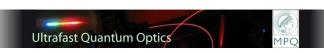
• Host institution: MPQ

• Name of applicant/grant holder: Dr. P. Hommelhoff

## EU people FP7 Marie-Curie International Re-integration grant

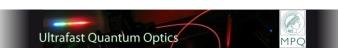
Decent money with high success rate

Peter Hommelhoff
MPG research group Ultrafast Quantum Optics



### **Ultrafast Quantum Optics Group**

- Max Planck (Junior) Research Group
  - funded by Max Planck Society
  - small contribution from MPQ
  - currently 2 PhD students, 1 diploma student, more positions available
  - serious funding
  - runs for 5 years
- International Re-integration grant "Ultrafast Electrons"
  - 25k€ each year for up to 4 years
  - no obligations
- Munich Center for Advanced Photonics (MAP)
  - similar funding volume
  - reports...



#### FP7 People Work Programme

#### Call Fiche

#### Call Title: Marie Curie International Reintegration Grants

Call identifier: FP7-PEOPLE-IRG-2008
 Date of publication: 30 November 2007

- Deadline: Continuous submission with "cut-off dates" for evaluation of proposals received until then on 3 April 2008 and 8 October 2008 for both dates at 17:00:00 Brussels local time.
- Indicative budget: EUR 17 million of the 2008 budget (of which approximately ½ is for
  each evaluation round following the cut-off dates). The final budget awarded to this call,
  following the evaluation of projects, may however vary up to 10% of the total value of
  the call.

#### Topics called:

ACTION	Funding Schemes
Marie Curie International	Support for training and career development of
Reintegration Grants	researchers

#### Evaluation procedure:

- The evaluation criteria (including weights and thresholds) and sub-criteria together with the eligibility, selection and award criteria, for the different funding schemes are set out in annex 2 to this Work Programme
- The evaluation shall follow a single evaluation following a single proposal submission.
- Proposals will not be evaluated anonymously.
- Proposals may be evaluated remotely.
- There will be a single ranking list.

#### Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:

- Evaluation results estimated to be available within some 4 months after the relevant cut-off date.
- Contract signature: expected from within 6 months after the relevant cut-off date.



The objective of this action is to reinforce the attractiveness of Europe by encouraging European researchers who have carried out research outside Europe for at least 3 years, to reintegrate in a Member State or in an Associated country in order to contribute to European research and transfer the knowledge they have acquired in a *third country*, by offering them the opportunity to capitalise in Europe on their experience. It is aimed at countering European brain drain to *third countries*. It should also allow the development of lasting co-operation with the scientific and/or industrial environment of the *third country* from which they have returned.

#### 4.3.2. Technical content/scope

**Projects and participants:** This action consists of financial support during at least 2 and up to 4 years for professional (re)integration projects in the research area in a host organisation in a Member State or Associated country. The project can, amongst other things, address research activities, training, teaching, transfer of knowledge, commercial exploitation, diffusion, development of co-operation with the scientific and/or industrial sector of the *third country* from which the researcher is returning.

Applications can be submitted continuously and will be evaluated and selected at regular intervals, based on cut-off dates, from the date of publication of the call. When a proposal is submitted after the final cut-off date for the call it will be carried over to the first cut-off date of the subsequent call.

For selected projects a contract is issued with the reintegration host organisation, which will commit itself to assure an effective and lasting professional integration of the researcher for a period of at least 2 and up to 4 years. Evidence that the researcher will be integrated in the host organisation on this basis for a longer term will be positively taken into account during evaluation.

The scheme is intended to improve considerably the prospects for the permanent reintegration of European researchers in Europe. Normally the scheme is intended to



encourage researchers who have not yet gained employment in Europe to do so. In exceptional cases, applications from researchers who are already employed by a European research organisation at the time of the submission will be considered, but they must demonstrate significant improvement in their employment conditions or career prospects.

Projects will be selected by the Commission on the basis of a proposal submitted by an eligible researcher in liaison with a host organisation.

**Eligible researchers:** This action will be open to *experienced researchers* from the Member States or Associated countries, who at the date of submission have been active in research in a *third country* for at least 3 years and who will return to a Member State or Associated country.

At the time of the relevant cut-off date, they should not have spent more than 12 months in a Member State or Associated country during the previous 3 years (short stays, such as holidays, are not taken into account).

On the relevant cut-off date, researchers addressed under this action are those based on the definition of *experienced researchers*.

Community Contribution, Rates and Evaluation Criteria: The grant which can cover a period of 2 to 4 years is a flat-rate contribution to the salary costs of the researcher, and/or to the research costs relating to the researcher's project at the reintegration host, such as salary costs of other staff (e.g. assistants, technicians), travel costs, consumables, patent costs and publication costs. The Community rates for this action are based on the Funding Scheme "Support for training and career development of researchers", and are set out in Annex 3 of this Work Programme. The evaluation, selection and award criteria are set out in Annex 2.

#### 4.3.3. Expected impact of the action

Projects under this action are expected to contribute significantly to "brain circulation" at global level and substantially add to the reinforcement of the human research potential in



## **Proposal**

Thanks!

- Part A: Administrative content → Julia Epp extremely helpful
- Part B:
  - ~20 pages + CV, publication list
  - write along the lines of instructions
  - have someone read it, if possible experienced proposal writer, referee
  - I spent some days between Christmas and New Year
  - → quite some work for 100k, but high success rate
  - → money can be spent freely over 4-year period: buffer!
  - → quite chaotic until money available, but easy to handly thanks to Julia Epp ad Layla Bahmad Thanks!
  - $\rightarrow$  GO for it

Money is out there –

Good luck!



## Reintegration Grants – closure dates





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



# Application (IEF)

**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 <u>latest version</u> of work programme and Guide for Applicants which are available once the call is published!!!



# Submission of fellowship/grant





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



# Evaluation of fellowship (IEF)





- 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%

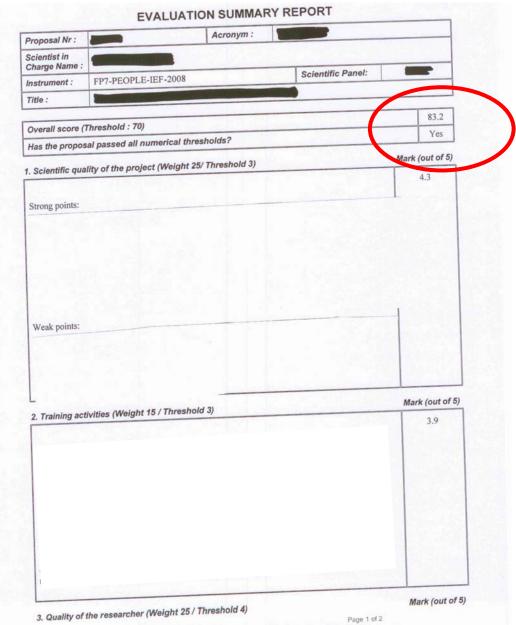
- Impact: weighting: 20%



# PEOPLE



# **Evaluation Summary Report (IEF)**





# IEF – timeline last call (2008)





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

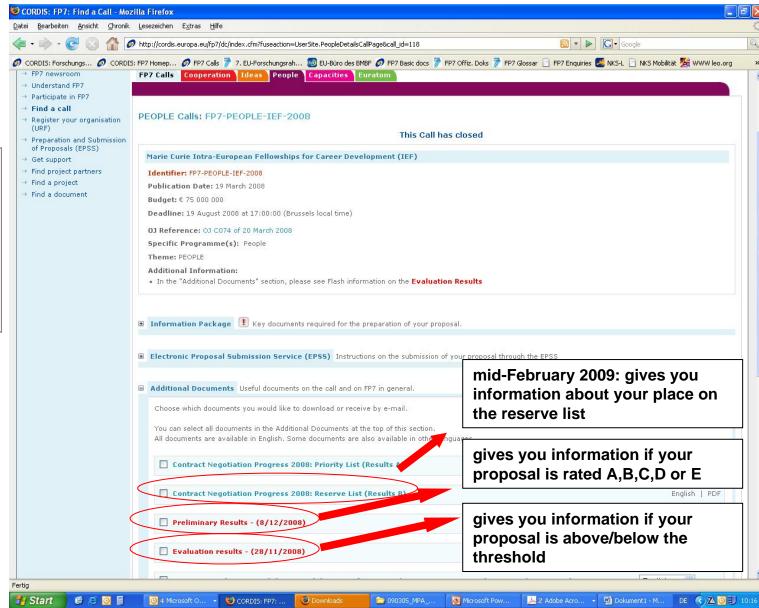
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## Information on CORDIS (IEF)







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## **IEF - Reserve list on CORDIS**





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## Ideas





## Ideas - ERC





- 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"



## Objectives and funding schemes





## "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



## **ERC** grants – Guiding Principles





- 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



## **ERC Starting Grant**





- 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"



## ERC StG – Am I eligible?





- 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)



## ERC StG – Am I competitive?





- 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.



## ERC StG – How to apply





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## **ERC StG - Application**

**A** – Information on the proposal, the PI (including her/his track record), the host, the budget

## **B** – The Research proposal

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Part B1	Section 1a	The Principal Investigator	2
		Curriculum Vitae	2
		Early achievements track record	2
	Section 1b	Extended Synopsis	5
Part B2 Section 2 Scientific Pro		Scientific Proposal	15 + Ethical issues
	Section 3	Research Environment	2

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

**Supporting documentation**: supporting statement from the host institution, PhD certificate, if applicable: documentary evidence to extend the "time window"



## Websites

#### **General information**

Calls in FP7 on CORDIS

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

German portal to FP7

www.forschungsrahmenprogramm.de

Koordinierungsstelle EG der Wissenschaftsorganisationen (KoWi)

www.kowi.de

EU-office of Federal Ministry of Education and Research 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.euraxess.de/portal/home\_en.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

German National Contact Point ERC

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

#### Other funding opportunities

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



## Thank you for your attention!

...Questions??