

# EU Grants and Fellowships for Post-docs



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- Information about contents of programs, funding schemes and application procedures
- Analysis of your project idea – find the right funding scheme
- Assistance with proposal preparation
- **Proposal check**
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- All relevant calls and news via Email
- Newsletter
- Organisation of events and workshops

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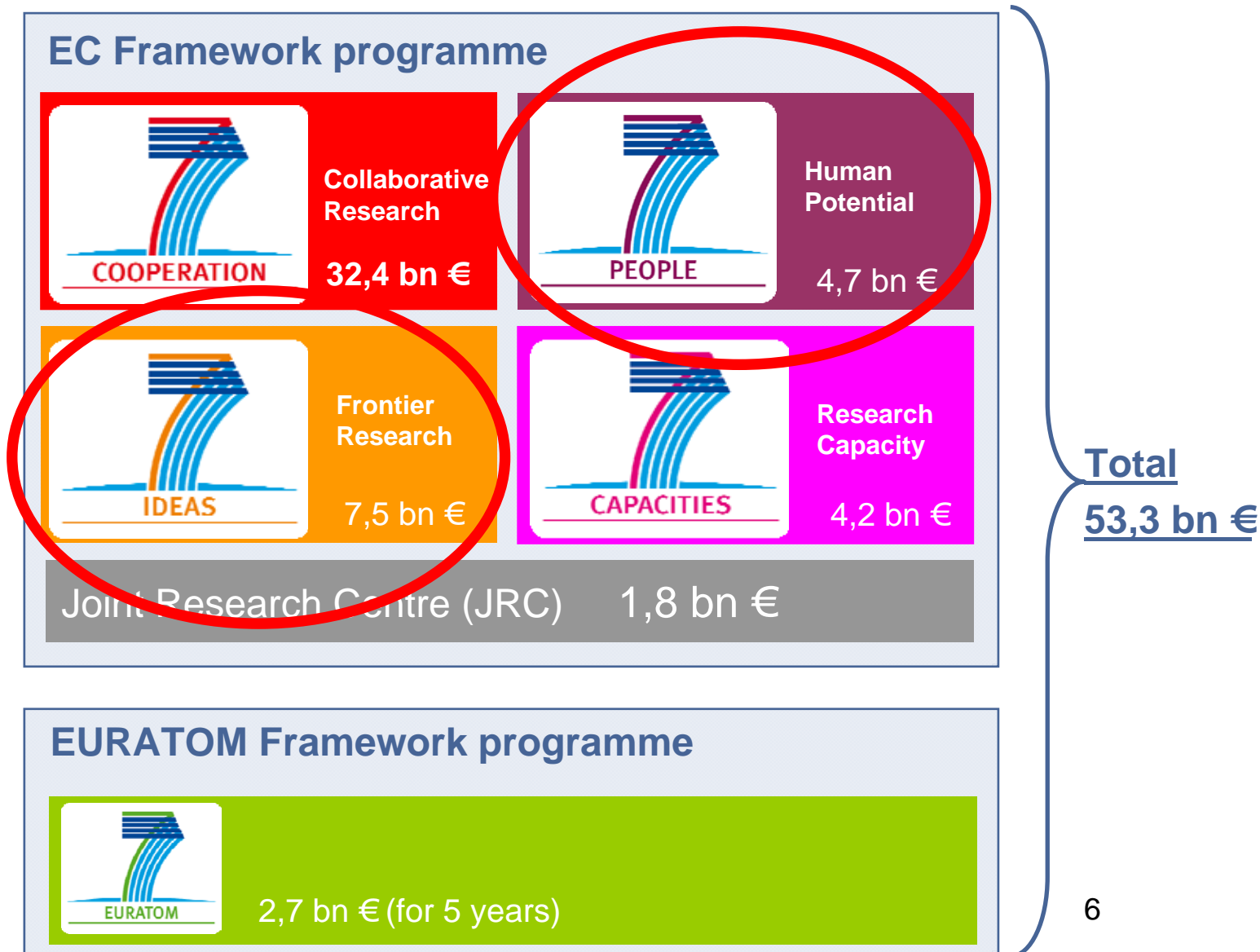
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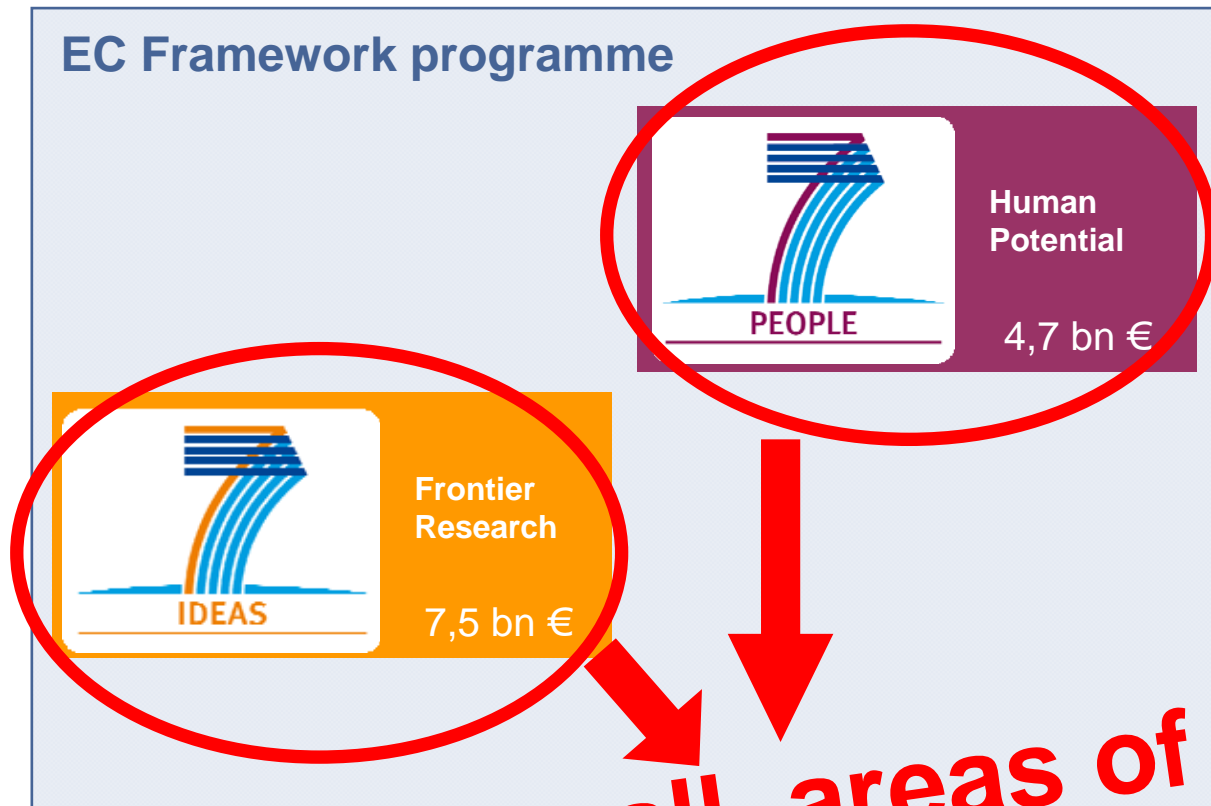
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# Grants and fellowships in FP7 Specific Programmes



**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:

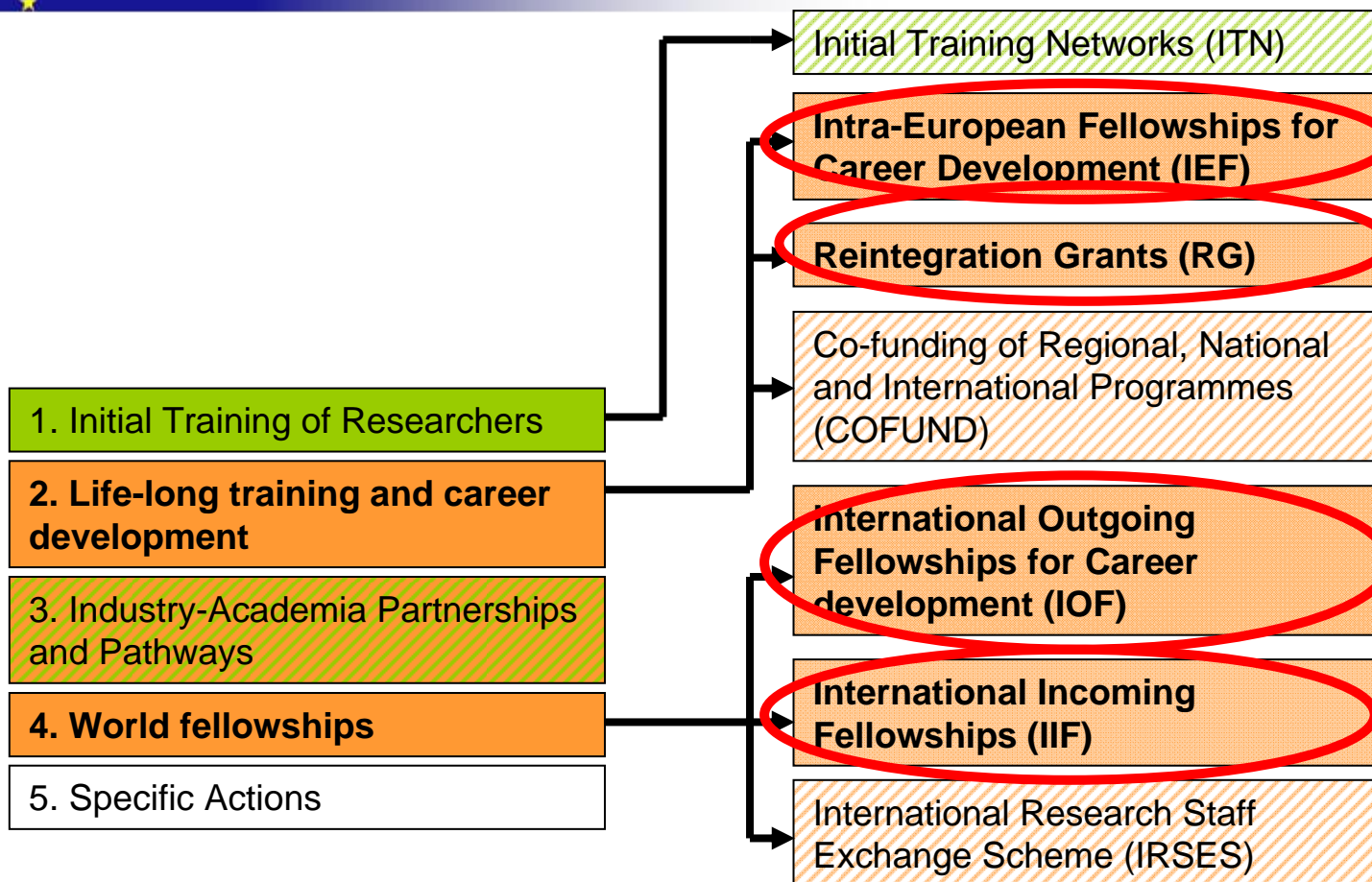
- are in possession of a doctoral degree, independently of the time taken to acquire it

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** such as CERN **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.“

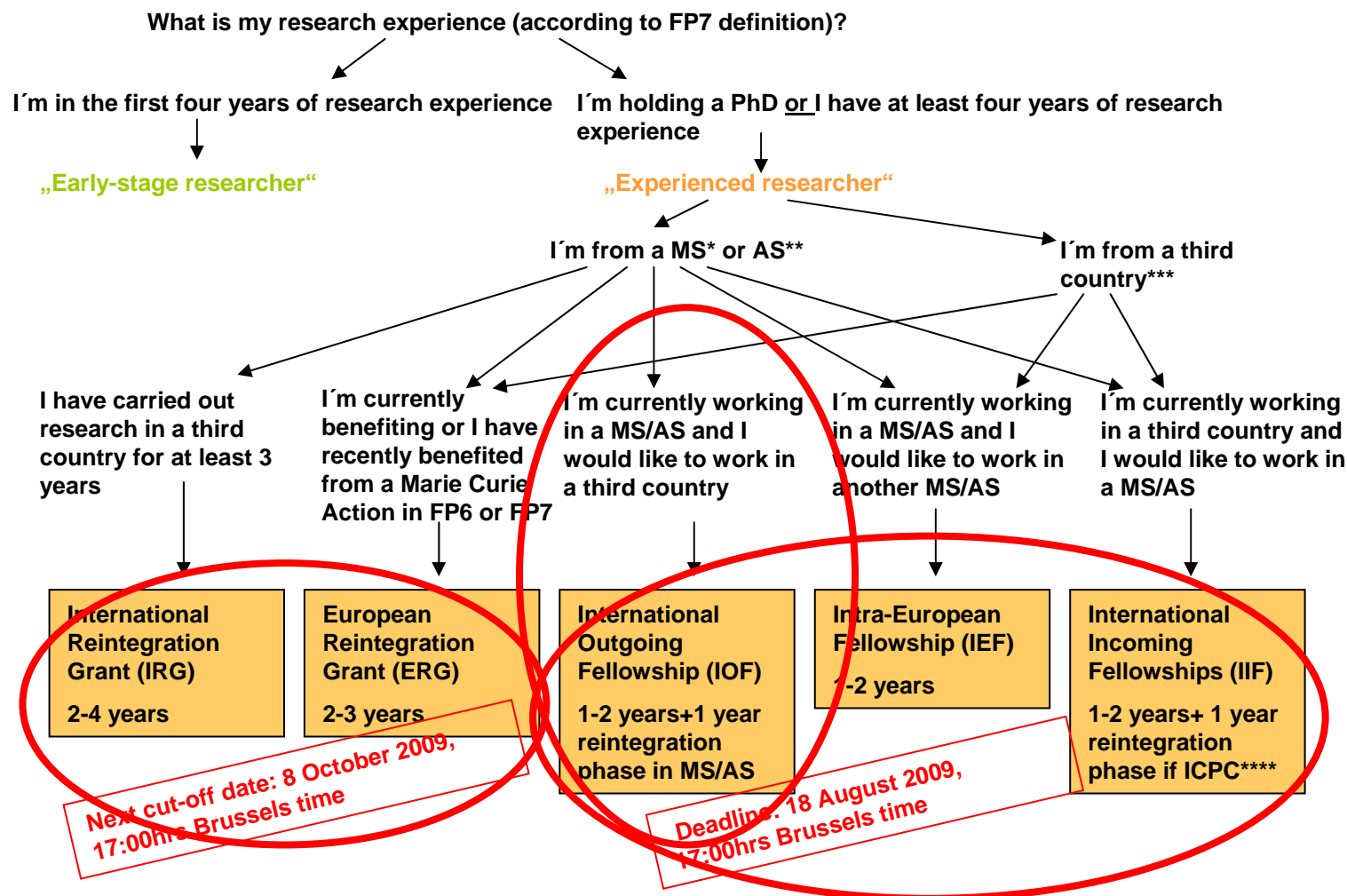


= proposal submitted by one or several organisations  
(„host-driven actions“)



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

# Individual grants and fellowships



\*EU Member State

\*\*Associated countries to FP7 (Croatia, FYR Macedonia, Iceland, Israel, Liechtenstein, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland, Turkey, Albania and Montenegro, Bosnia & Herzegovina)

\*\*\*countries which are neither EU Member States nor Associated countries

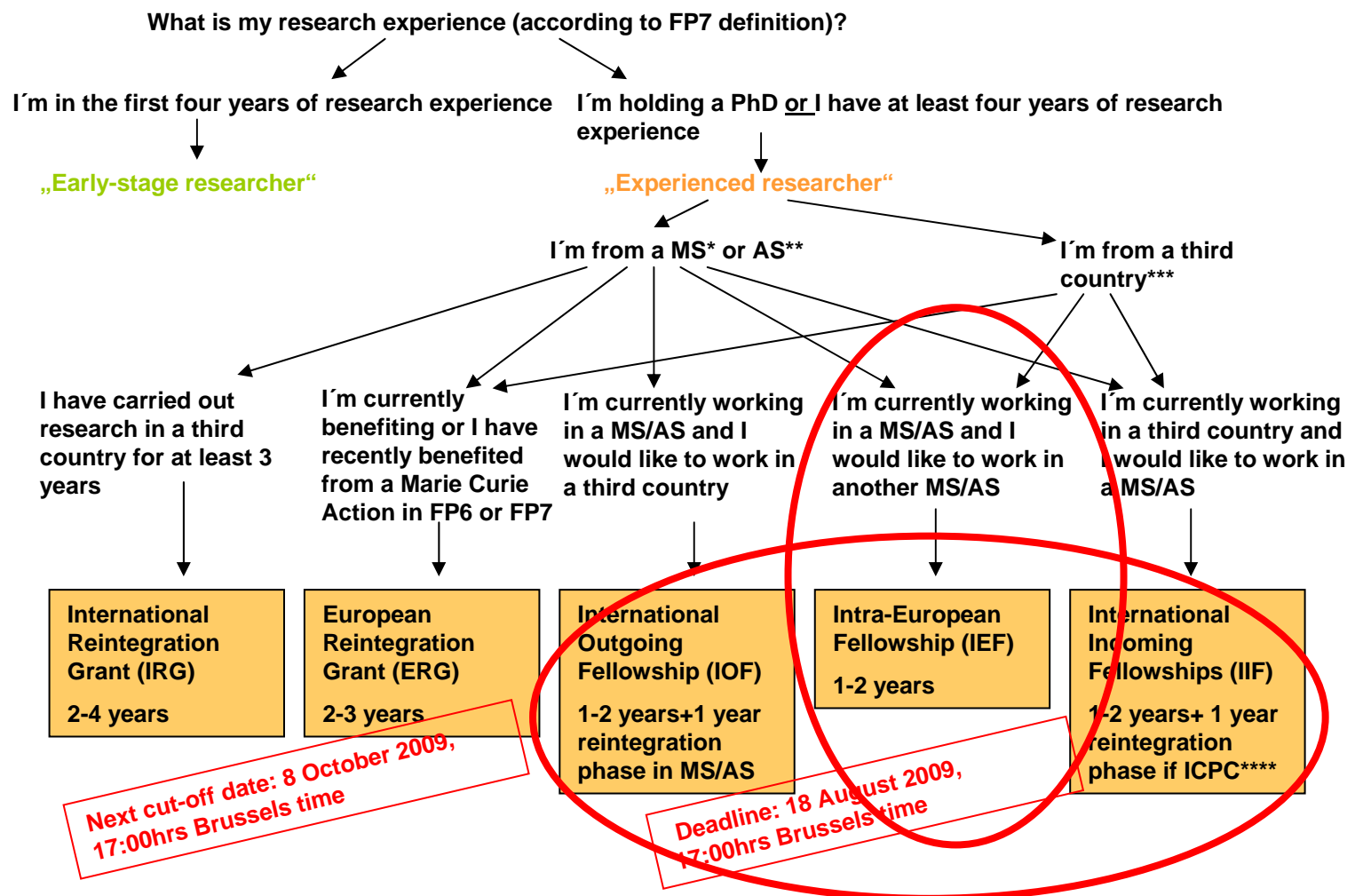
\*\*\*\* International Cooperation Partner Countries (cf. PEOPLE work programme, Annex 1)





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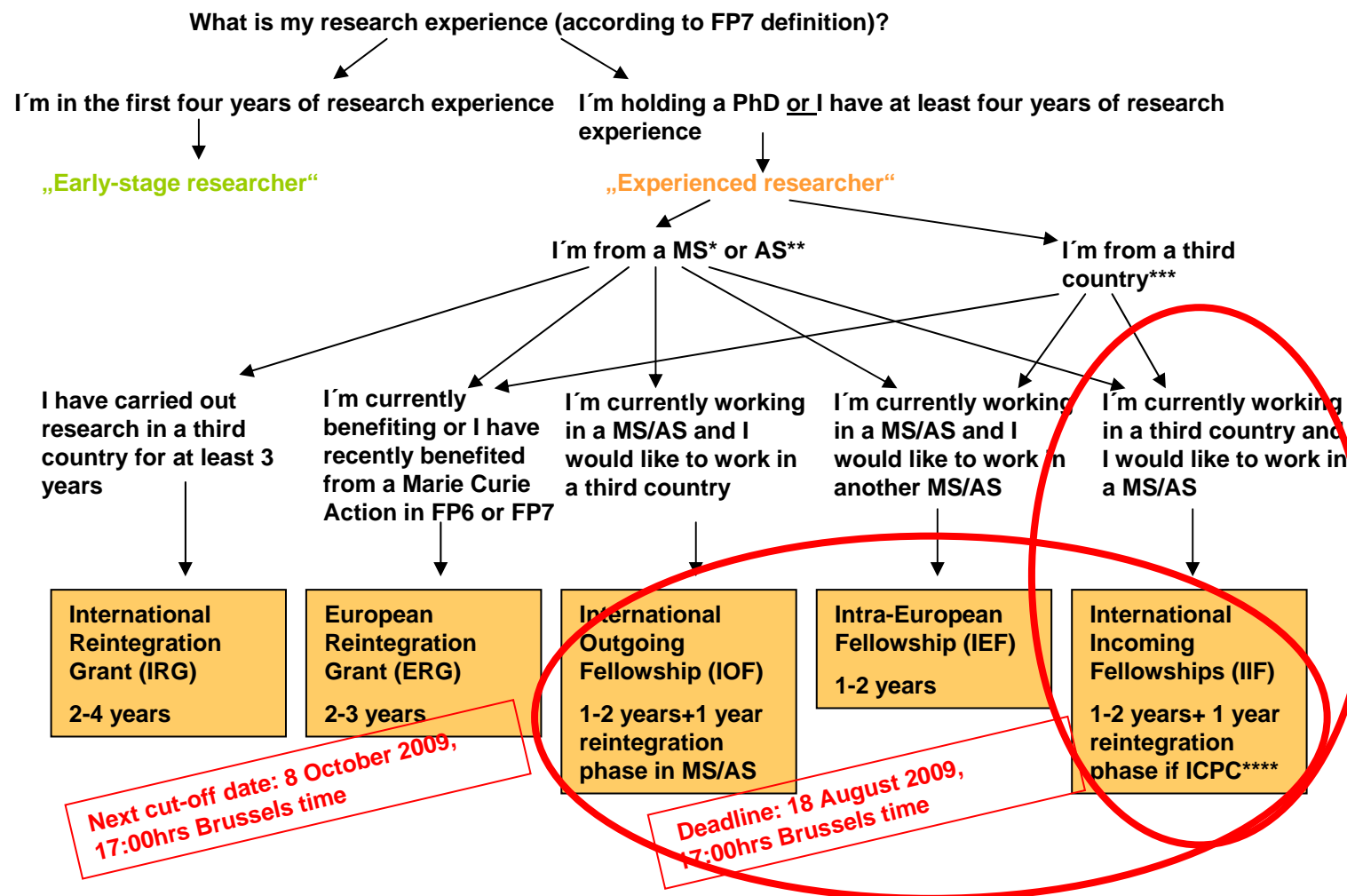
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- Objective: career development through competence diversification to reach and/or to reinforce a position of professional maturity/independence or to resume a research career after a break
- 1-2 years research stay in another MS or AS
- Individual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

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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



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



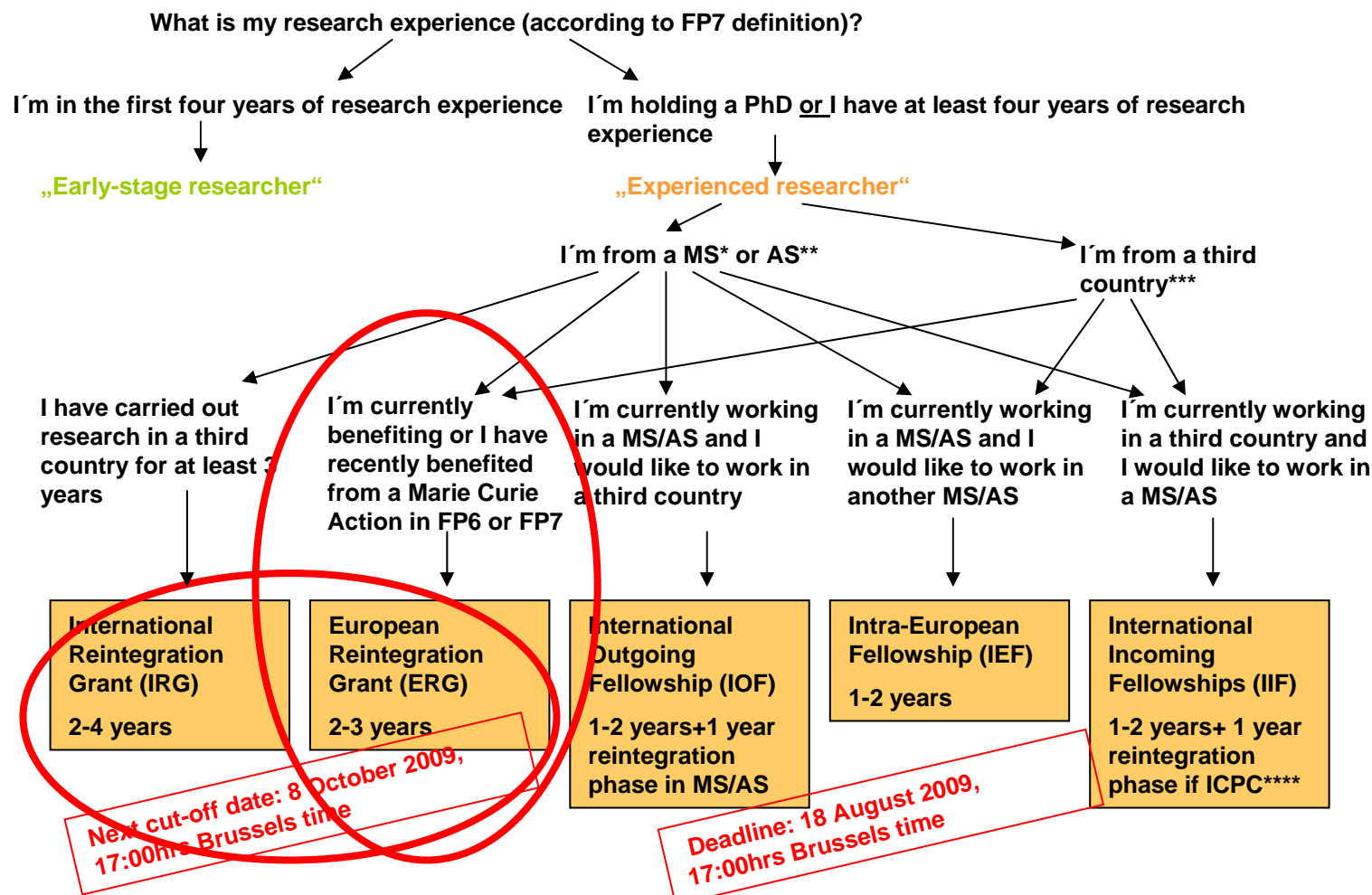
Intra-European Fellowship (IEF),  
International Incoming Fellowship (IIF),  
International Outgoing Fellowship (IOF)

Calls are published yearly

Deadline of current call:

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

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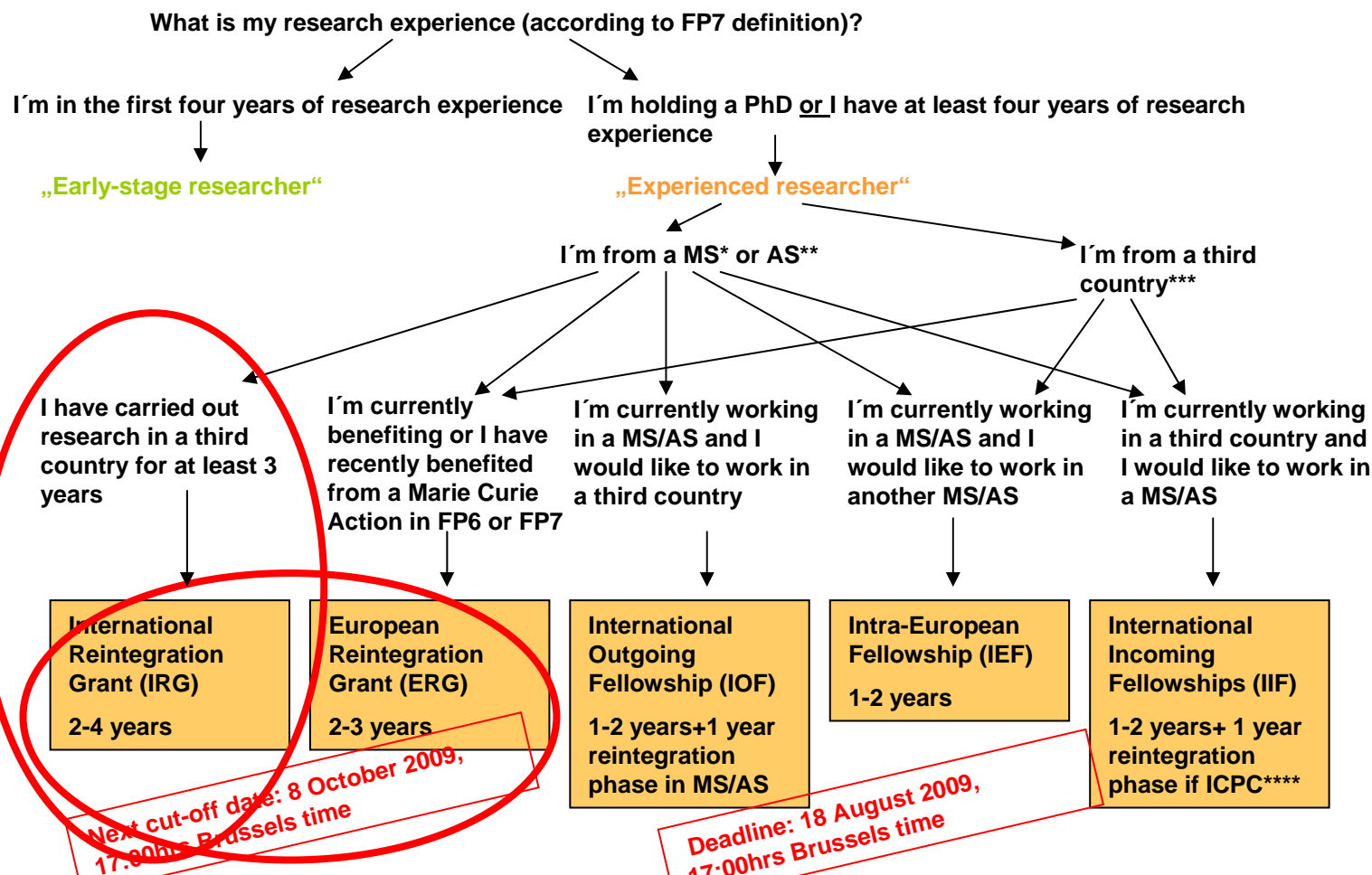




- Objective: (re)integration into a research career after a trans-national mobility experience; long-term employment in research
- duration of initial Marie Curie Action\*: at least 18 months
- apply at the earliest 1 year before and not later than 6 months after the end of the initial Marie Curie Action; 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

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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 (two „cut-off-dates“/year)

Next closure date: **8 October 2009, 17hrs 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%



# Evaluation Summary Report (IEF)

EVALUATION SUMMARY REPORT	
Proposal Nr : [REDACTED]	Acronym : [REDACTED]
Scientist in Charge Name : [REDACTED]	
Instrument : FP7-PEOPLE-IEF-2008	Scientific Panel: [REDACTED]
Title : [REDACTED]	
Overall score (Threshold : 70)	83.2
Has the proposal passed all numerical thresholds?	Yes
Mark (out of 5)	
1. Scientific quality of the project (Weight 25/ Threshold 3)	4.3
Strong points:	
Weak points:	
Mark (out of 5)	
2. Training activities (Weight 15 / Threshold 3)	3.9
Mark (out of 5)	
3. Quality of the researcher (Weight 25 / Threshold 4)	

19 May 2009



**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)



CORDIS: FP7: Find a Call - Mozilla Firefox

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

CORDIS: Forschungs... CORDIS: FP7 Home... FP7 Calls 7. EU-Forschungsrah... EU-Büro des BMBF FP7 Basic docs FP7 Offiz. Doks FP7 Glossar FP7 Enquiries NKS-L NKS Mobilität WWW leo.org

**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

19 May 2009





# IEF - Reserve list on CORDIS

LIF	7	236643	PROINDI	Reserve List
LIF	8	237579	MARGUS	Reserve List
LIF	9	237706	NOVELAB	Reserve List
LIF	10	237148	ORG-RYE	Reserve List
LIF	11	235055	Healthtom	Reserve List
LIF	12	236028	PIVirNano	Reserve List
LIF	13	236035	PRESP	Reserve List
LIF	14	237447	astrexbr	Reserve List
LIF	15	237326	Neuromitosis	Reserve List
LIF	16	235448	AvrBib2 perception	Reserve List
LIF	17	235859	NABAIDS	Reserve List
LIF	18	235428	Signaquorum	Reserve List
LIF	19	236601	RRP6FUN	Withdrawn
LIF	20	236046	COEVOLGENDUPPHOTSIGN	Reserve List
LIF	21	236615	LagOmic	Reserve List
LIF	22	234937	Epigenetic profiling	Reserve List
LIF	23	237341	PROMevo	Reserve List
LIF	24	236698	INTEGRA-BIO	Reserve List
LIF	25	236251	LEafGROWthStress	Reserve List
LIF	26	235784	PANDImage	Reserve List
LIF	27	236400	PPINLPD	Reserve List
LIF	28	236545	ASPASYDIV	Reserve List
LIF	29	237394	AFPs Studies	Reserve List
LIF	30	235113	ABC	Reserve List
LIF	31	237153	GspGHIJK	Reserve List
LIF	32	237771	DGMASP	Reserve List
LIF	33	237366	CRAF REGULATION	Reserve List
LIF	34	236603	watchBIGBROTHER	Reserve List
LIF	35	236247	HANAdaptation	Reserve List
LIF	36	237659	VEGFregulation	Reserve List
LIF	37	236801	CaroConversion	Reserve List
LIF	38	237693	Sterility Rescue	Reserve List
LIF	39	235203	Amphibian Bd	Reserve List
LIF	40	237825	SalmoFilm	Reserve List
LIF	41	235524	Superresolved mGluRs	Reserve List
LIF	42	237135	GENETOOLS	Reserve List
LIF	43	235438	EMFLA	Reserve List
LIF	44	236775	PRL1-NTC	Reserve List
LIF	45	236693	REATIP	Reserve List
LIF	46	237074	Blastocystis MLST	Reserve List
MAT	1	235593	SPIRALWAVE09	Reserve List
MAT	2	237509	N-GAGEMenT	Reserve List
MAT	3	236112	Interface	Reserve List
MAT	4	235659	GAUDAS	Reserve List
MAT	5	236851	POT FRAME	Reserve List
MAT	6	235500	ModDefs	Reserve List
MAT	7	236716	MSAPS	Reserve List
PHY	1	236073	OPTIQUOS	Reserve List
PHY	2	236454	SUSY SUGRA GEOMETRY	Reserve List
PHY	3	235024	ClusterMagnetism	Reserve List
PHY	4	237839	HologramsSky	Reserve List
PHY	5	235671	BSM in Stars	Reserve List
PHY	6	235467	BioFuS	Reserve List
PHY	7	237337	PHASES	Reserve List
PHY	8	234980	ELPHCOR	Reserve List
PHY	9	236000	QUANTUM LIMIT-BI	Reserve List
PHY	10			

# „Host-driven actions“



What is my research experience (according to FP7 definition)?

I'm in the first four years of research experience

I'm holding a PhD or I have at least four years of research experience

„Early-stage researcher“

„Experienced researcher“

Initial Training Network (ITN)  
4 years

Industry-Academia Partnerships and Pathways (IAPP)  
3-4 years

International Research Staff Exchange (IRSES)\*  
2-4 years

Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes (COFUND)

Call expected to be published in September 2009, deadline Christmas 2009

Deadline: 27 July 2009

Call expected to be published in November 2009, deadline in March 2010

Call expected to be published in November 2009, deadline in February 2010

\*Teilnahmeberechtigte Drittstaaten: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Chile, Egypt, India, Japan, Rep. of Korea, Mexico, Morocco, New Zealand, Russia, South Africa, Tunisia, Ukraine, United States; Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine; Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestinian-administrated areas, Syrian Arab Rep., Tunisia





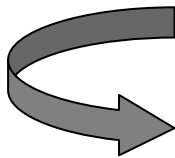
- The Specific Programme IDEAS is implemented by the **European Research Council (ERC)**
- European Research Council (ERC) is the first pan-European funding agency for Frontier Research

**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“



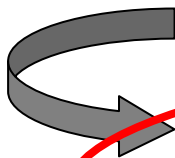
## “Retain – Repatriate – Recruit”

- 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



- **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”



- 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





- 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.



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- use of web-based tool EPSS mandatory
- submit well before the deadline (17hrs Brussels time)!!

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

**B** – The Research proposal

Part B	Sections		Max. pages
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 Proposal	15 + Ethical issues
	Section 3	Research Environment	2

**Always use the latest version 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“

## **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.euraxess.de/portal/home\\_en.html](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](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>

# Workshop „Applying for ERC Starting Grants“

Please send your registration before 3 June to

PROGRAMME  
Workshop “Applying for ERC Starting Grants”

Monday, 29 June 2009

**Venue**

Max Planck Institute for Extraterrestrial Physics  
Giessenbachstrasse  
85 748 Garching bei München  
Directions: <http://www.mpe-garching.mpg.de/access.html>

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The workshop is organised in cooperation with the EU Regional Office Bavaria:  
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until 10.00	Arrival and Registration
10.00	Welcome Remarks
10.15	Information about Calls for ERC Starting Grants <i>Dr. Martin Böhle, Head of Unit for Administration and Finance, ERC / DG Research</i>
11.30	Lessons Learned from the First Two Calls <i>Prof. Hartmut Graßl, Max Planck Institute for Meteorology</i>
12.30	Lunch buffet
14.00	How to Write Competitive ERC Proposals – panel discussion with ERC Starting Grantees <i>Panel Chair: Julia Epp, EU Regional Office Bavaria</i>
15.00	Possibility for individual consultations with ERC Starting Grantees and Scientific Officers from the EU Regional Offices
17.30	End of Workshop

**Thank you for your attention!**

**...Questions??**