

EU Grants and Fellowships for Post-docs



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Our main tasks:

Information about contents of programmes and funding schemes

Analysis of your project idea – find the right funding scheme

Assistance with proposal preparation

Proposal check

Support in project management

Organisation of events and workshops

Part I: FP7 – overview

Part II: Marie Curie Actions

I. Marie Curie Actions – Introduction

II. Marie Curie Fellowships

III. Marie Curie Grants

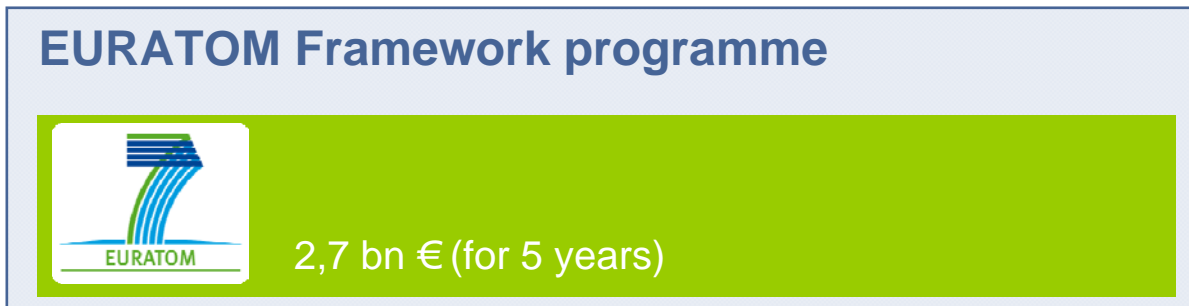
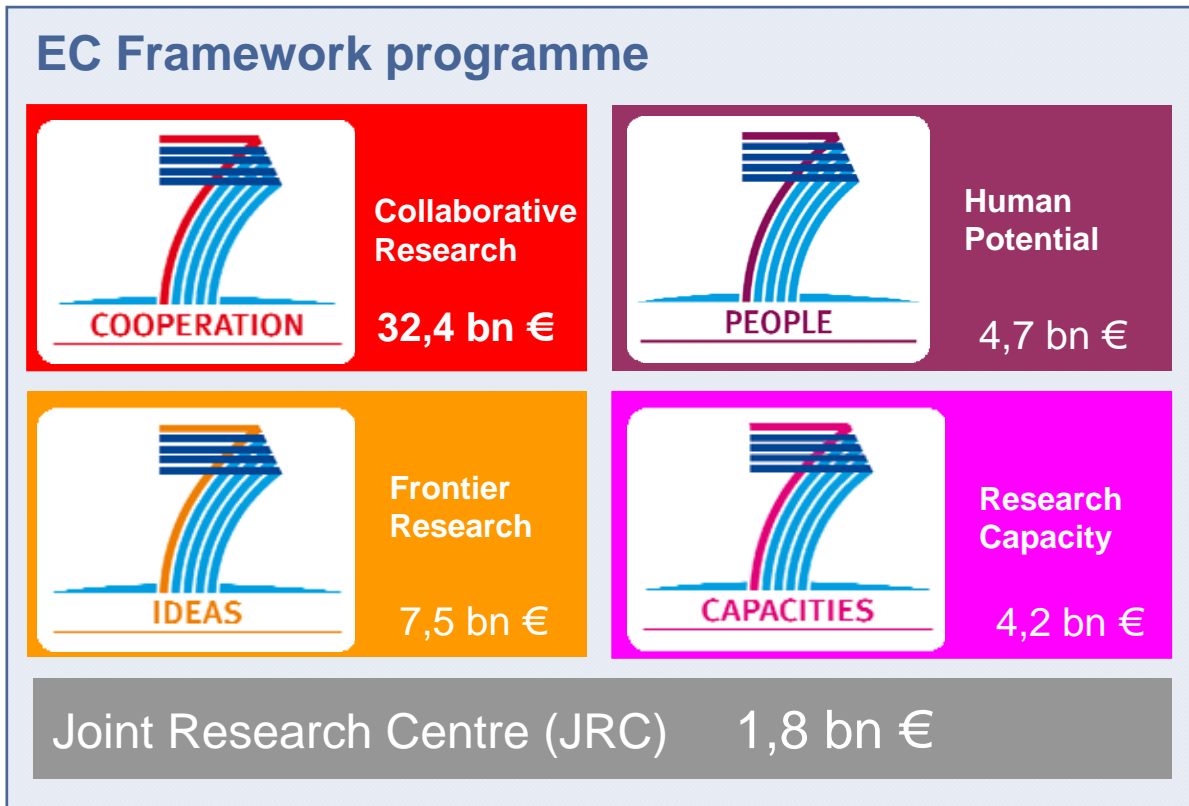
IV. Marie Curie Actions – Application and evaluation

Part III: ERC Starting Independent Researcher Grant

I. European Research Council – Introduction

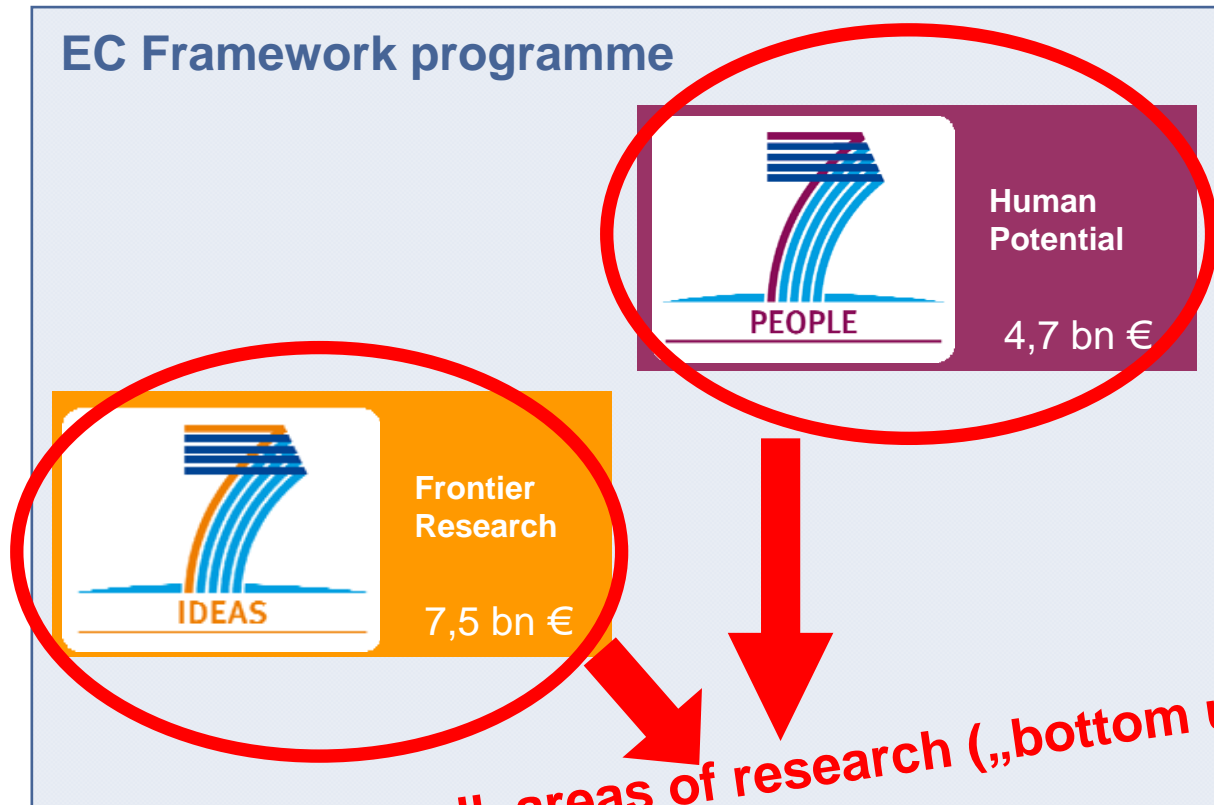
II. ERC Starting Grant - Application





Total
53,3 bn €

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- open to all areas of research („bottom up“)
- include individual actions



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 2010, p. 4)



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:

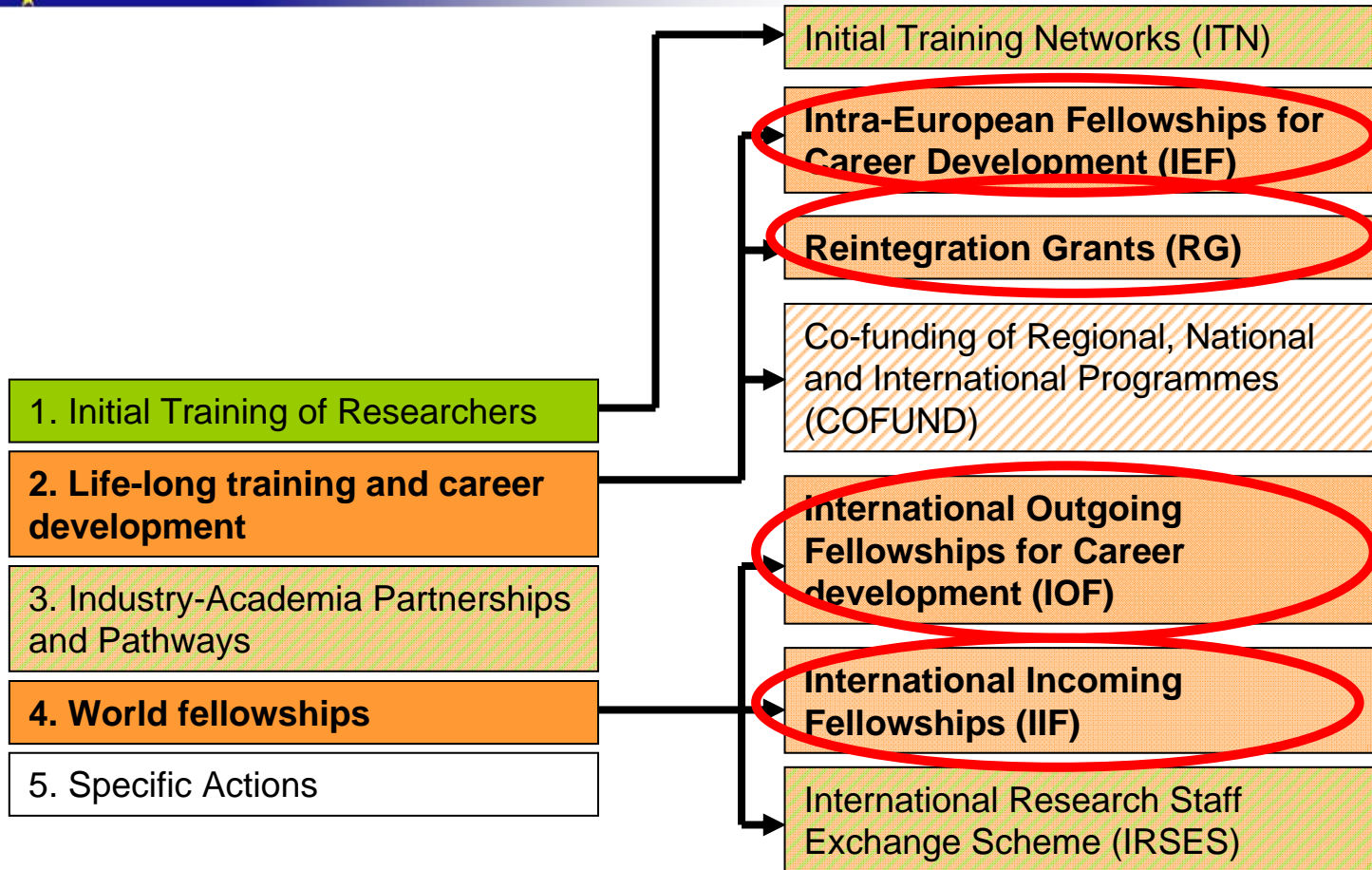
- are in possession of a doctoral degree, independently of the time taken to acquire it

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.“

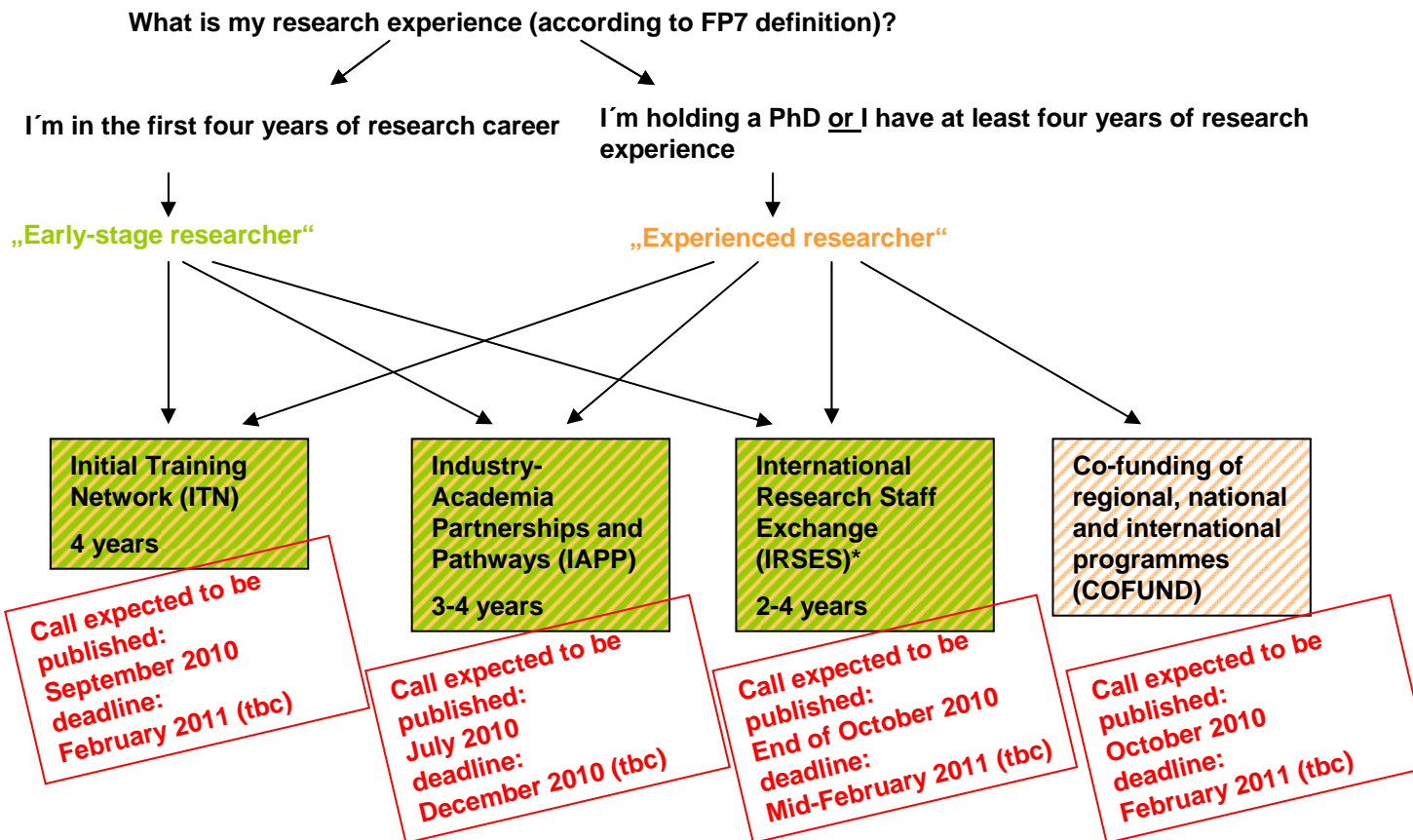


= proposal submitted by one or several organisations („host-driven actions“)



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

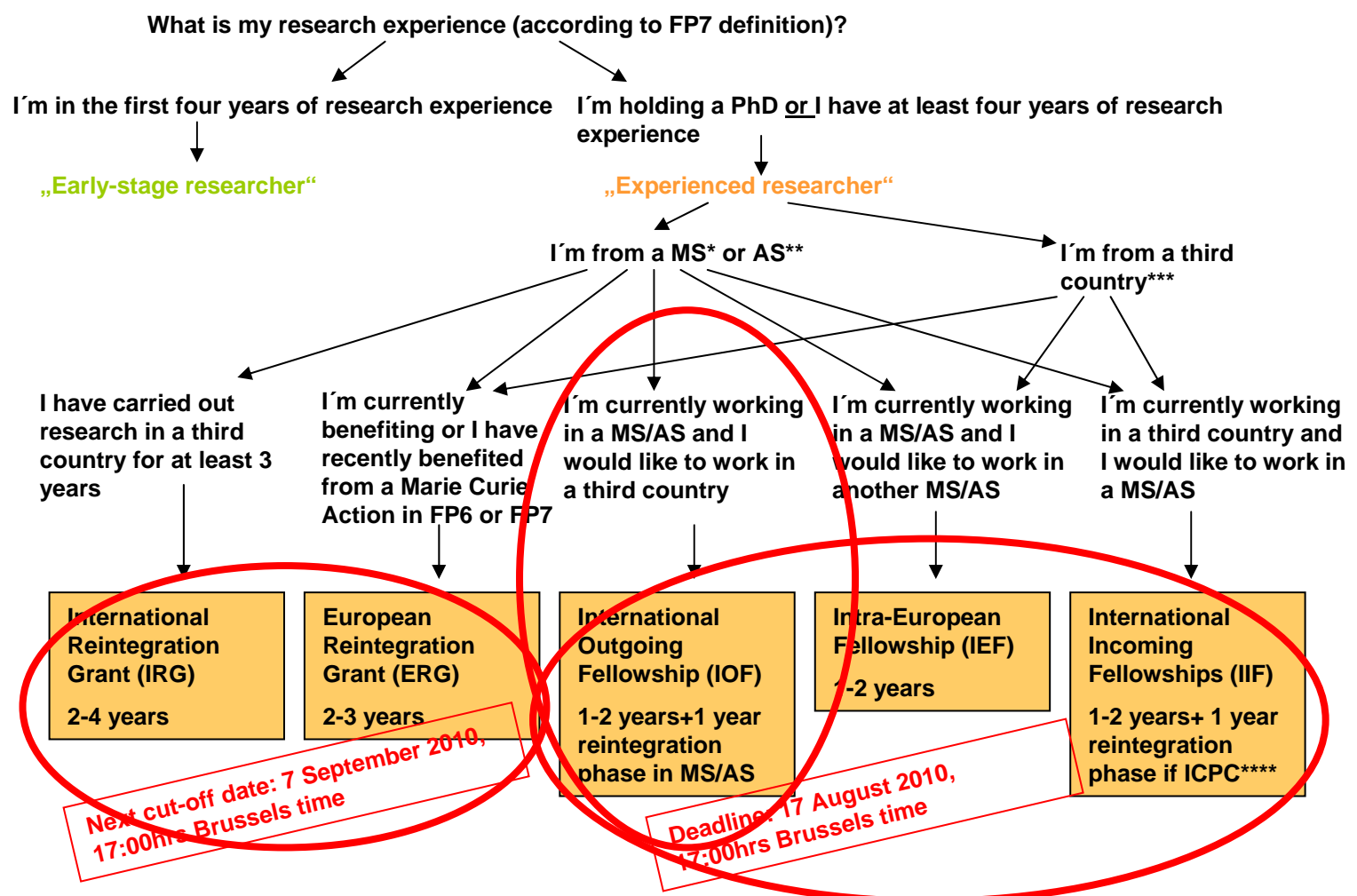
„Host-driven actions“



➔ You can find positions funded through these actions on http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/index_en.cfm?l1=0&l2=1

*Eligible Third countries (2009): 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

Individual grants and fellowships



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Deadline: 17 August 2010, 17:00hrs Brussels time

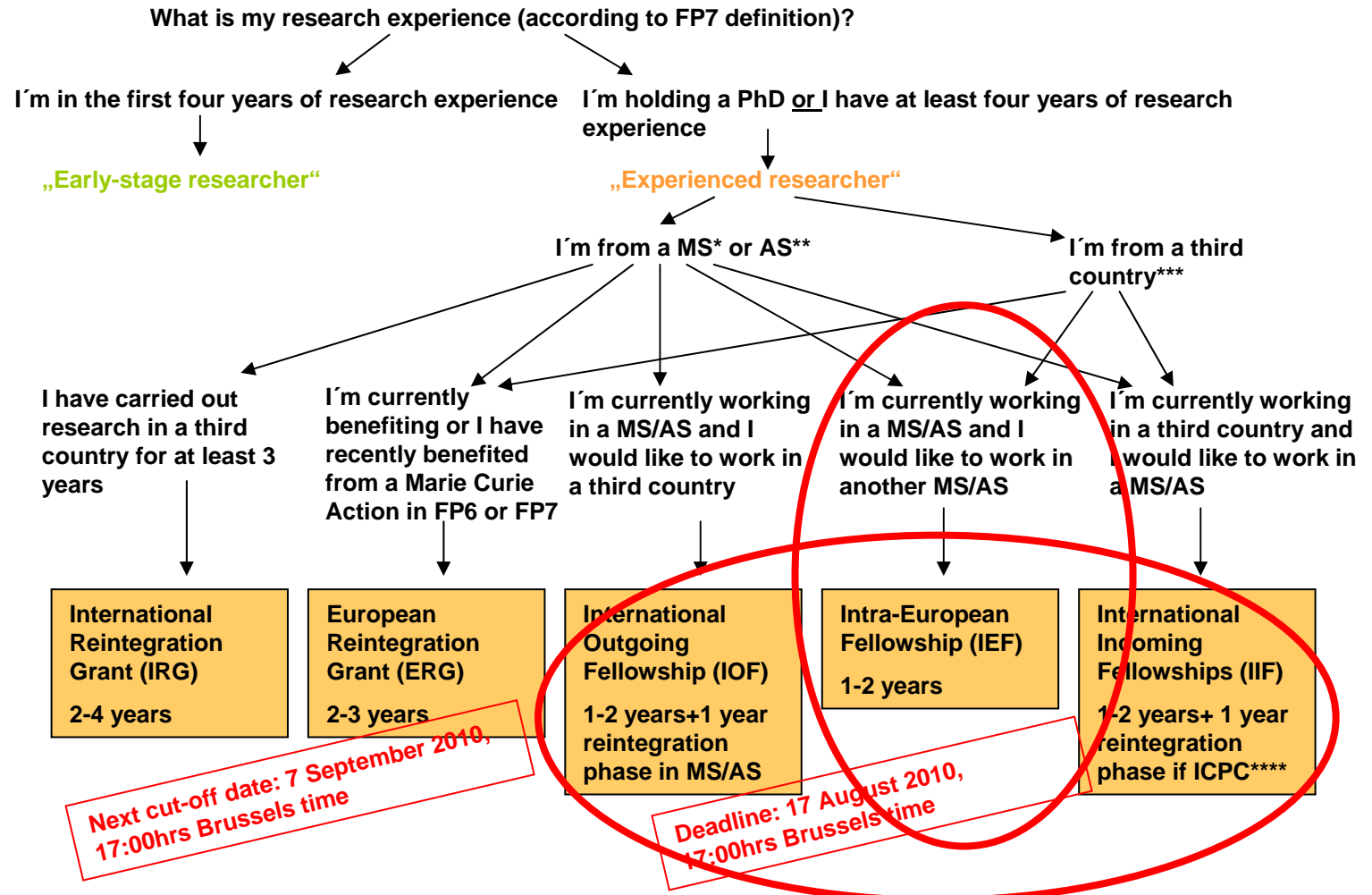
*EU Member State
 **Associated countries to FP7 (Croatia, FYR Macedonia, Iceland, Israel, Liechtenstein, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland, Turkey, Albania and Montenegro, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Faroe Islands)
 ***countries which are neither EU Member States nor Associated countries
 **** International Cooperation Partner Countries (cf. PEOPLE work programme, Annex 1.1)



Objectives:

- acquire new research competences and establish a contact network in a third country
- reinforce the international dimension of your research career and advance your career in Europe towards professional maturity and independence
- Duration: 1-2 years outgoing + 1 year reintegration
- the research project should be coherent for the total duration of the fellowship (outgoing and reintegration phase)
- Individual applies together with the host institution

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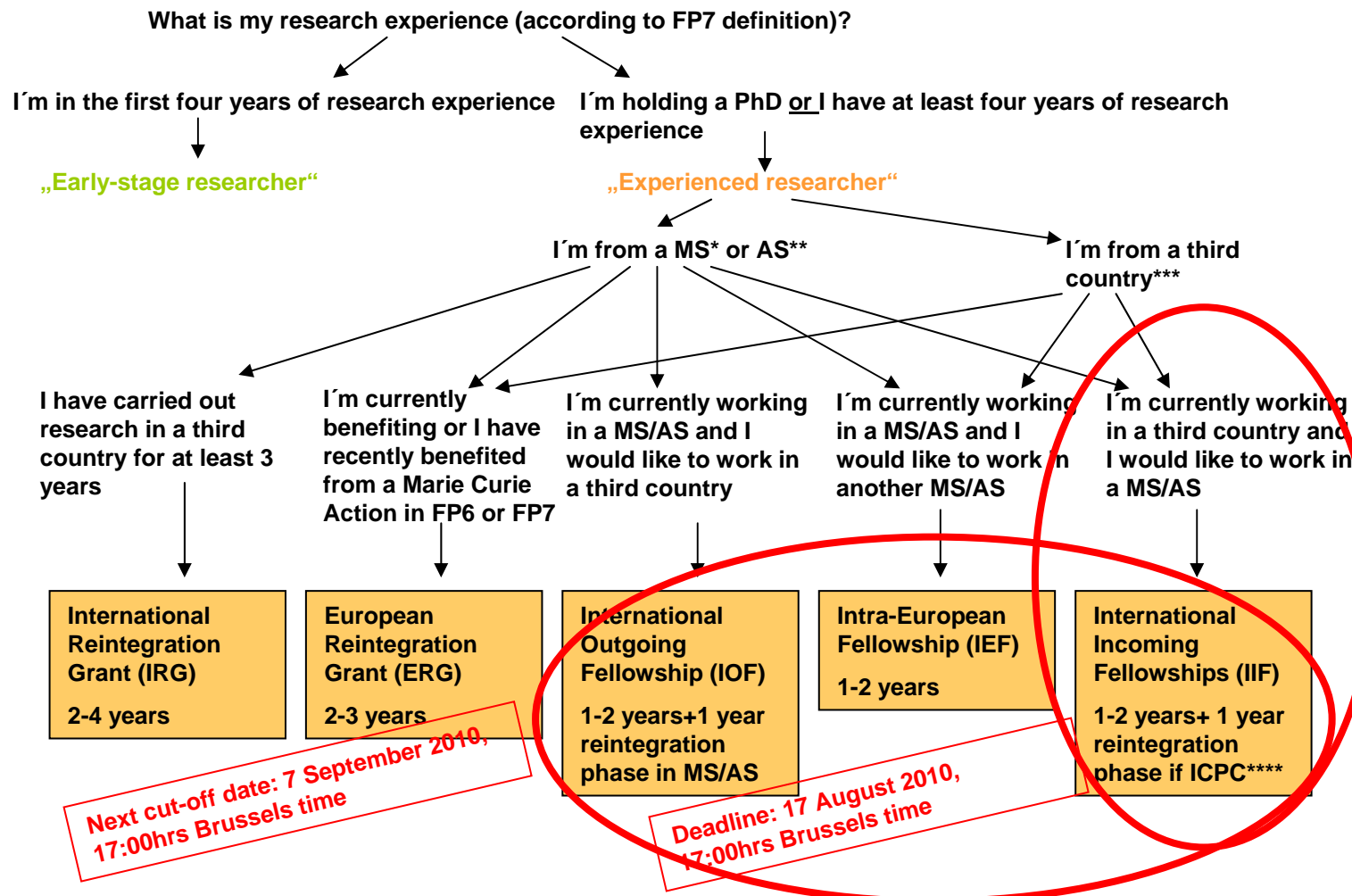
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Objectives:

- career development through competence diversification/intersectoral experiences
- reach and/or reinforce a position of professional maturity/independence
- resume a research career after a break

- Duration: 1-2 years
- the research project should help to significantly advance the career and should not represent a temporary solution
- Individual applies together with the host institution



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Objectives:

- encourage researchers who have been working in third countries to work in research projects in Europe
- share knowledge and develop mutually beneficial research cooperations
- reinforce scientific excellence of EU MS/AS
- Duration: 1-2 years + possible return phase for researchers from ICPC countries: support for the application of the acquired knowledge in the country of origin
- Individual applies together with the host institution

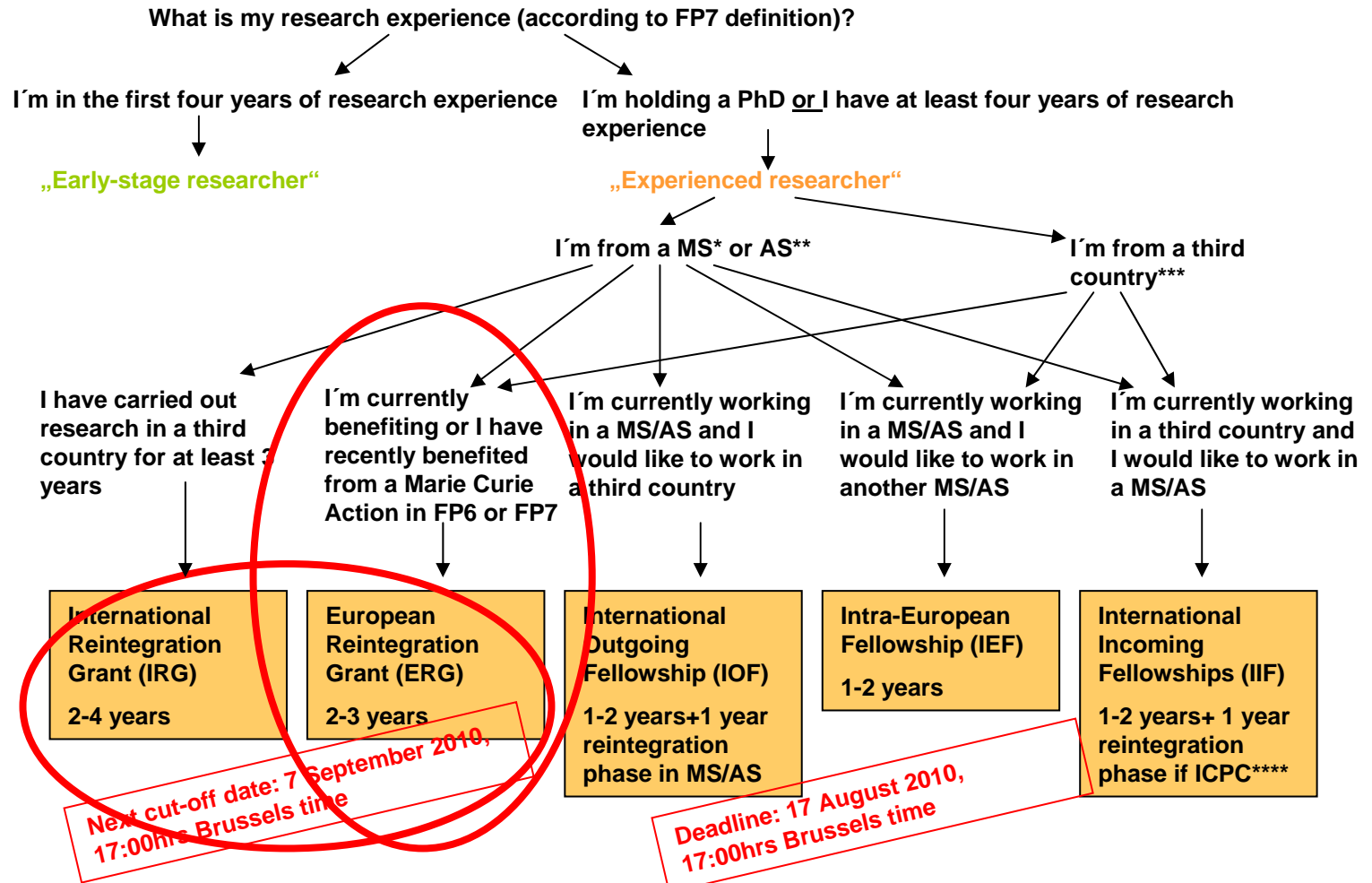


1. Monthly living allowance * country correction coefficient
2. Monthly mobility allowance * country correction coefficient
3. Travel allowance
4. Career exploratory allowance
5. Contribution to the participation expenses of eligible researchers
6. (Management activities + overheads) * country correction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



You can find the applicable rates in Annex 3 of the call's work programme .

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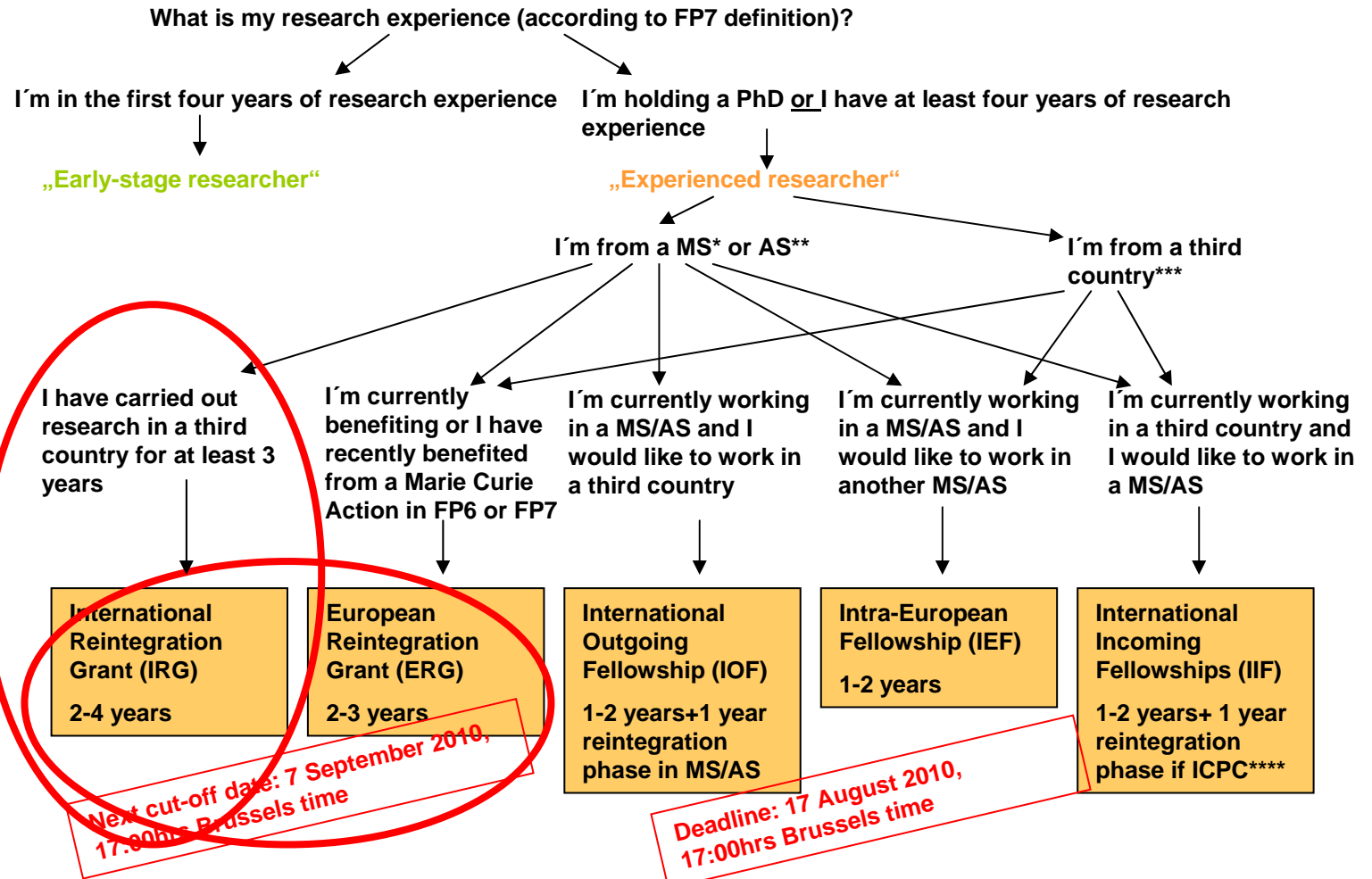
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- Objective: (re)integration into a research career after a trans-national mobility experience; long-term employment in research
- duration of initial Marie Curie Action*: at least 18 months
- apply at the earliest 1 year before and not later than 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; EXT. **FP7**: ITN, IEF, IIF, 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
- funding: fixed-amount contribution to the employment and/or research costs of 25.000 EUR/year



Fellowships (IEF, IIF, IOF):

Calls are published yearly

Deadline:

17 August 2010, 17:00:00 Brussels time



Grants (ERG, IRG)

Two cut-off dates/year

Next cut-off date:

7 September 2010, 17:00:00 Brussels time

Structure of an application (IEF) I

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

Proposal Submission Form
Research Executive Agency
7th Framework Programme on Research, Technological Development and Demonstration
Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowships (IEF)

Proposal Number: 000000
Proposed Acronym: []

General Information on...
Proposal Title: []
Marie Curie action code: []
Scientific Panel: []
Duration in months: []
Keywords (up to 200 characters): []
Abstract (up to 2000 characters): []

FUNDING REQUEST
Year: [] Main Phase: [] Return Phase (IIF and IOF only): []

INFORMATION ON THE RESEARCHER
1. Is your number...
2. Is your annual...
3. Is your annual...
4. Are you an...
You are NOT an... and/or your ans... In all other case

INFORMATION ON THE RESEARCHER
Country: [] 1st nationality: [] S: []
Internet homepage: [] Location of origin (country): [] 2nd nationality: []
Person in charge is the one who... Location of origin (town): [] Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY): []
Family name: [] Contact address: []
Title: [] Street Name: []
Position in the c... Town: [] Postal Code/Ced.: []
Department/Fac... Country: [] Phone 1: []
Is the address c... Phone 2: [] Fax: []
Street name: [] e-mail: []
Qualifications: []
University Degree: [] Date of award (DD/MM/YYYY): []
Doctorate (in progress): [] Expected date of award (DD/MM/YYYY): []
Doctorate: [] Date of award (DD/MM/YYYY): []
Full time postgraduate research experience: [] Number of months: []
Other Academic qualifications: [] Date of award (DD/MM/YYYY): []
Place of activity/place of residence (previous 5 years): []
Period: From (DD/MM/YYYY) to: To (DD/MM/YYYY) Country: []

A4: Budget
Total: []
Mobility allowance: []
Are you eligible for a mobility allowance? []
If yes, are you eligible for the family-related mobility allowance? []
Travel allowance: []
Indicate the estimated distance (in km) between your location of origin and the premises of the Host: []
Location of Host (town): []
Location of Origin (town): []
Research classified as Laboratory-based: []
Post-graduate Research Experience of the applicant at the deadline of the call: []

The EU-Office can help you to fill in these forms!



B – Scientific proposal

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



Part B		Max. pages
Part B1	Scientific and Technological Quality	8
Part B2	Training	2

The EU-Office can check your proposal and assist you with the non-scientific parts!

Part B5	Impact	2
Part B6	Ethical issues	no max. length

- ➡ You can find a detailed structure in the Guide for Applicants. Please use the electronic template which is available in EPSS once you have registered.
- ➡ Additional: You can nominate up to three „referees“ via EPSS once you have registered.



- 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%, threshold: 3.5



Evaluation Summary Report (IEF)

Evaluation Summary Report

Call : FP7-PEOPLE-2009-IEF

Funding scheme :
 Proposal number :
 Proposal acronym :
 Proposal title :
 Duration (month) : 24

N.	Proposer name	Country	Type	Total cost (€)	%	Grant requested (€)	%
1	MAX PLANCK GESELLSCHAFT ZUR FOERDERUNG DER WISSENSCHAFTEN E.V.	DE					
Total :							

Abstract :

Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowships (IEF)

Criterion 1. S&T QUALITY (award) (Threshold 3.00/5.00)

Mark: 4.70
Weight: 0.25

Strengths:

Issues to be addressed when assigning an overall mark for this criterion:

- Scientific/technological quality, including any interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary aspects of the proposal.
- Research methodology
- Originality and innovative nature of the project, and relationship to the 'state of the art' of research in the field
- Timeliness and relevance of the project
- Host scientific expertise in the field
- Quality of the group/supervisors

Please use the following structure in your comments to this criterion:

- Strengths of the proposal (in bullet point format):
- Weaknesses of the proposal (in bullet point format):
- Overall comments: (reflecting the relative importance of the strength and weaknesses above mentioned) (copy the text above in the comment box)

Criterion 2. TRAINING (award) (Threshold 3.00/5.00)

Mark: 4.50
Weight: 0.15

Strengths:

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Publication of call: 18 March 2009

Deadline: 18 August 2009

Evaluation of proposals: 5-23 October 2009

Evaluation summary report (ESR) sent to proposal coordinators („initial information letter“): end of November 2009

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

Invitation letter to successful coordinators: 23 December

Contract negotiations („NEF“): 15 January 2010

Earliest start of projects: from March 2010





The Specific Programme IDEAS is implemented by the **European Research Council (ERC)**: 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 and 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 + up to 20% for indirect costs



- Objective: improve career opportunities and help to gain independence
- **funding** of up to 1.5 Mio. EUR for a **duration** of up to 5 years, in exceptional cases up to 2 Mio. EUR
- calls are published once a year
- next call expected to be published in **summer 2010** with deadlines in **autumn 2010**



- 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 2 and less than 12*** years prior to the **publication date of the call for proposals** (extensions possible for eligible career breaks) > distinction into **starters** (over 2 and up to **7*** years) and **consolidators** (over **7** and up to **12*** years)

*to be confirmed



- 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.



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

B – The Research proposal

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

Part B	Sections	Max. pages	
Part B1	Section 1 a-c: P.I.	a. Scientific Leadership Potential	2
		b. Curriculum Vitae	2
		c. Early achievements track record	2
	Section 1d	d. Extended Synopsis	5
Part B2	Section 2	Scientific Proposal	15 + Ethical issues
	Section 3	Research Environment	2

Supporting documentation: supporting statement from the host institution, PhD certificate, documents regarding ethical issues, if applicable: documentary evidence to extend the „time window“



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Calls for proposals

Call Identifier ▲▼	Call Title ▲▼	Publication Date ▲▼	Deadline ▲▼
FP7-PEOPLE-2010-RG	Marie Curie Reintegration Grants	2009-10-09	2010-09-07
FP7-PEOPLE-2010-IEF	Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowships for Career Development (IEF)	2010-03-17	2010-08-17
FP7-PEOPLE-2010-IIF	Marie Curie International Incoming Fellowships (IIF)	2010-03-17	2010-08-17
FP7-PEOPLE-2010-IOF	Marie Curie International Outgoing Fellowships for Career Development (IOF)	2010-03-17	2010-08-17

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- select call on <http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm>

- ➔ *Information package*: work programme, Guide for Applicants
- ➔ *Electronic Proposal Submission Service (EPSS)*: registration mandatory for proposal preparation/submission
- ➔ *Additional documents*: evaluation results

- submit well before the deadline (17:00:00 Brussels time)!!

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

Website Research of European Commission

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

Mobility in Europe

Marie Curie Actions on CORDIS

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/mariecurieactions/home_en.html

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??

Workshop for 2010 Marie Curie fellowship proposers: "Finishing touch" for your proposal

Successful applicants from the last call, the EU-Office and the National Contact Point from BMBF will give practical advice to make your proposal highly competitive.

**Beginning of August, one afternoon
Max-Planck-Institute of Quantum Optics**

More information via email.
Registrations: *eubuero-bayern@mpq.mpg.de*