

EU Grants and Fellowships for Post-docs



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Our main tasks:

Information about contents of programs 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

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Part II: Marie Curie Actions

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EC Framework programme

COOPERATION

Collaborative Research
32,4 bn €

PEOPLE

Human Potential
4,7 bn €

IDEAS

Frontier Research
7,5 bn €

CAPACITIES

Research Capacity
4,2 bn €

Joint Research Centre (JRC) 1,8 bn €

Total
53,3 bn €

EURATOM Framework programme

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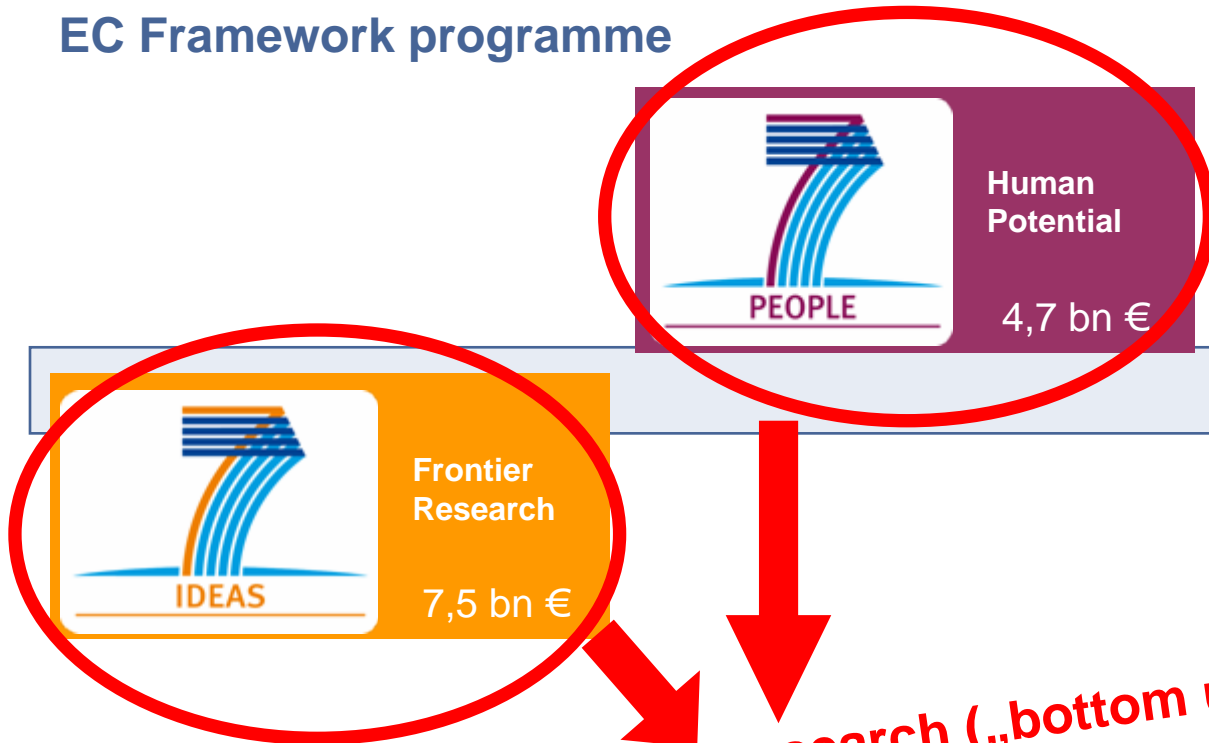
2,7 bn € (for 5 years)

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Grants and fellowships in FP7 Specific Programmes



EC Framework programme



- 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

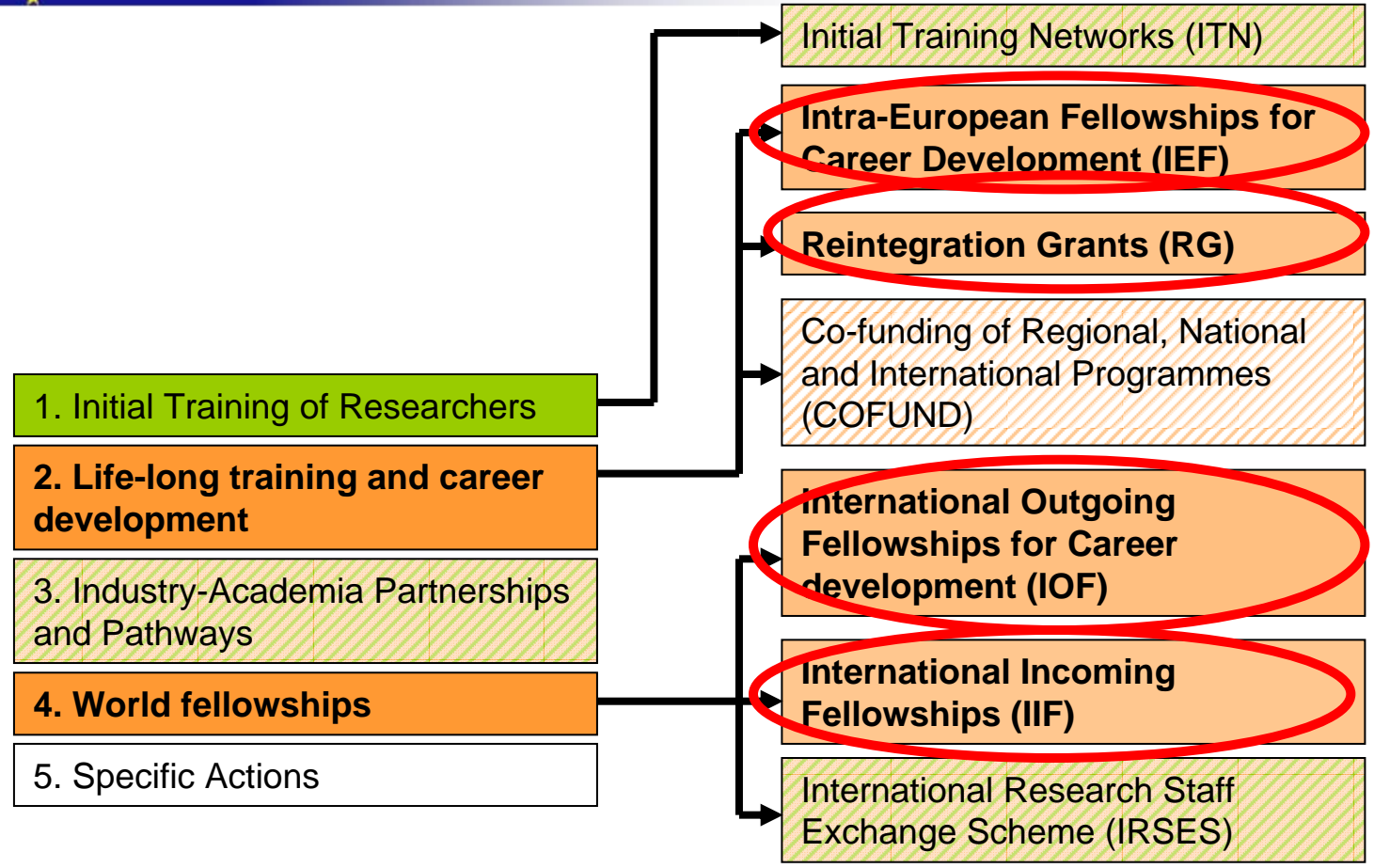
OR


- 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.“

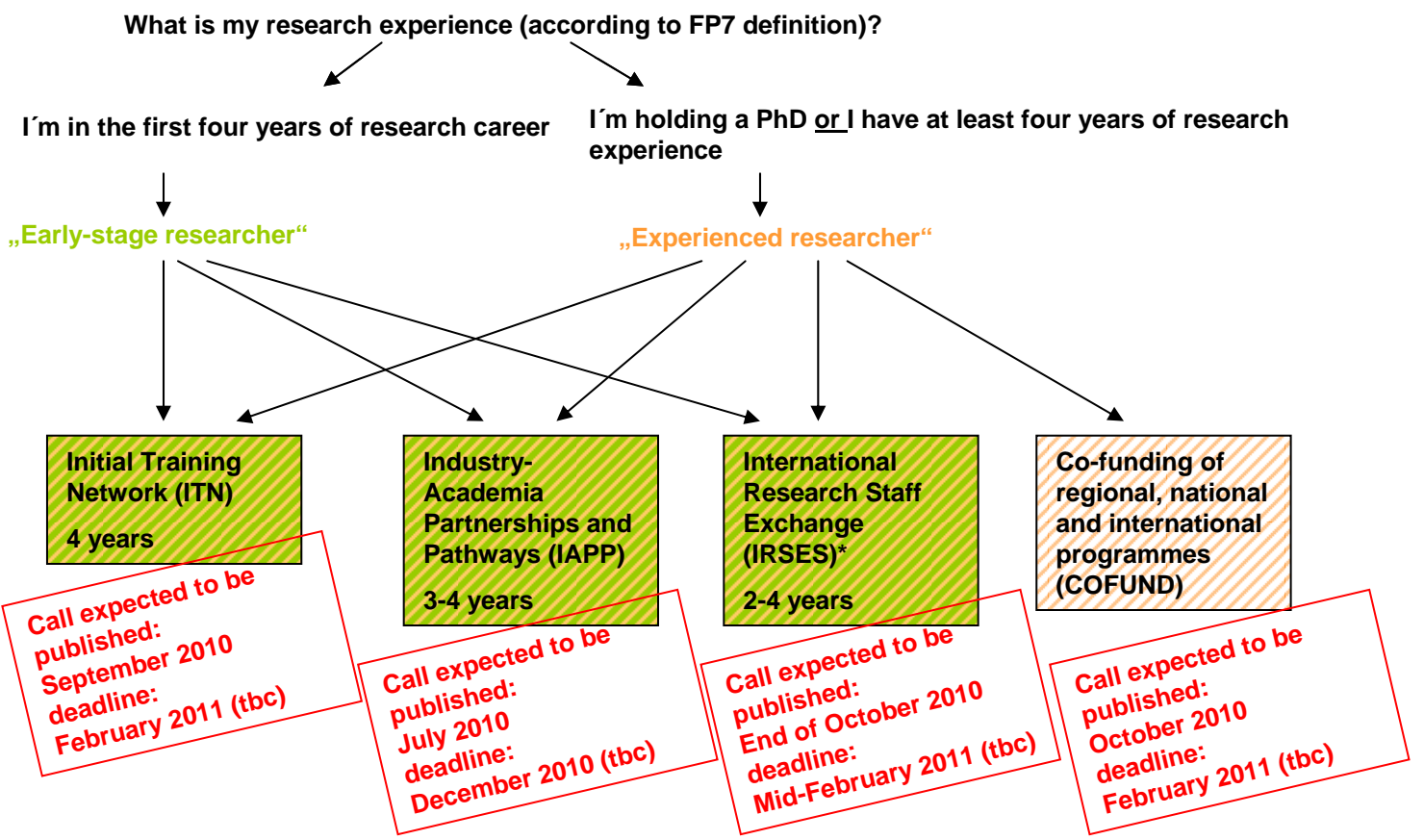
(PEOPLE work programme 2010, p. 7)



 = 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“)

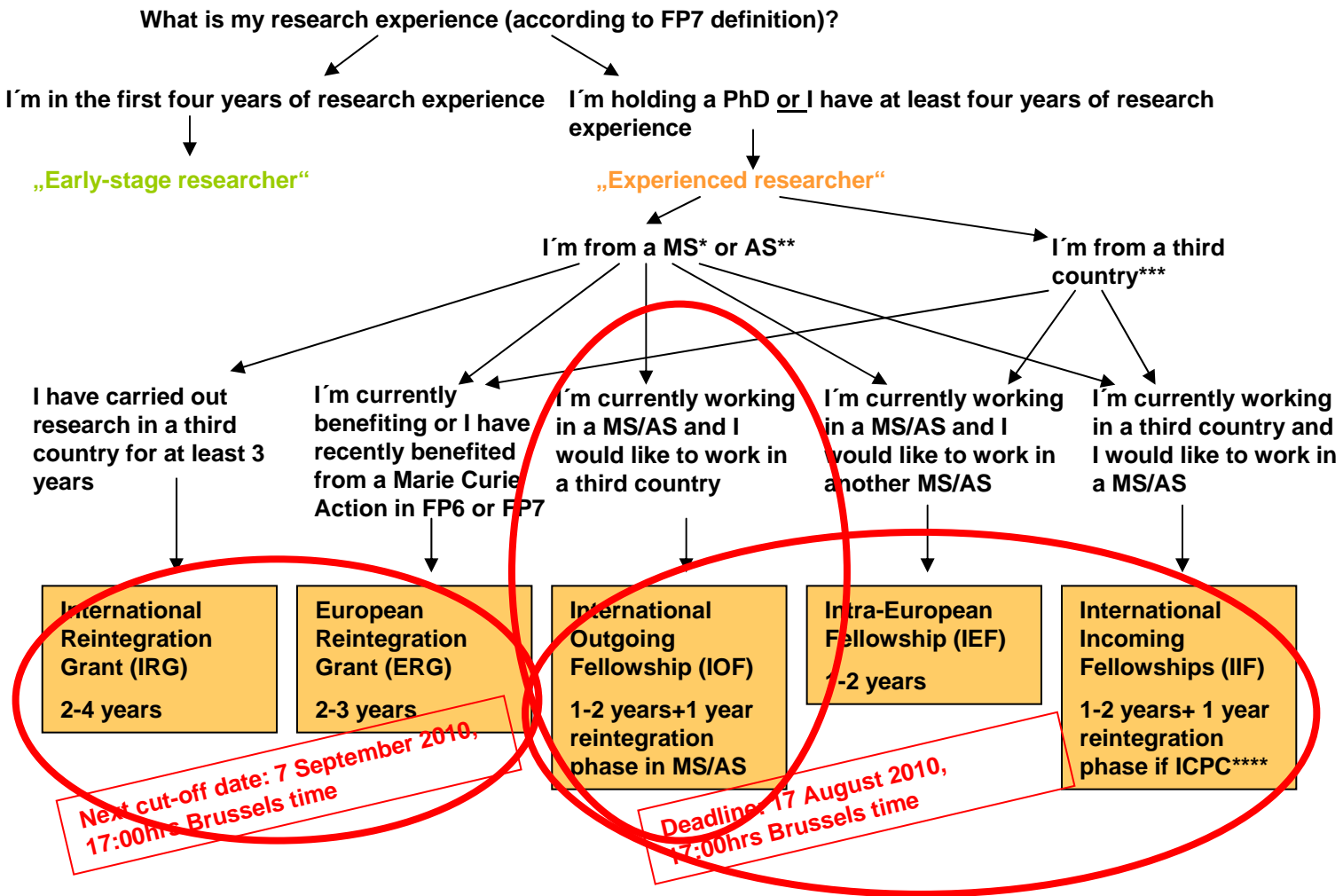
„Host-driven actions“



➔ 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



Next cut-off date: 7 September 2010, 17:00hrs Brussels time

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

I'm in the first four years of research experience

„Early-stage researcher“

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

„Experienced researcher“

I'm from a MS* or AS**

I'm from a third country***

I have carried out research in a third country for at least 3 years

I'm currently benefiting or I have recently benefited from a Marie Curie Action in FP6 or FP7

I'm currently working in a MS/AS and I would like to work in a third country

I'm currently working in a MS/AS and I would like to work in another MS/AS

I'm currently working in a third country and I would like to work in a MS/AS

International Reintegration Grant (IRG)
2-4 years

European Reintegration Grant (ERG)
2-3 years

International Outgoing Fellowship (IOF)
1-2 years+1 year reintegration phase in MS/AS

Intra-European Fellowship (IEF)
1-2 years

International Incoming Fellowships (IIF)
1-2 years+ 1 year reintegration phase if ICPC****

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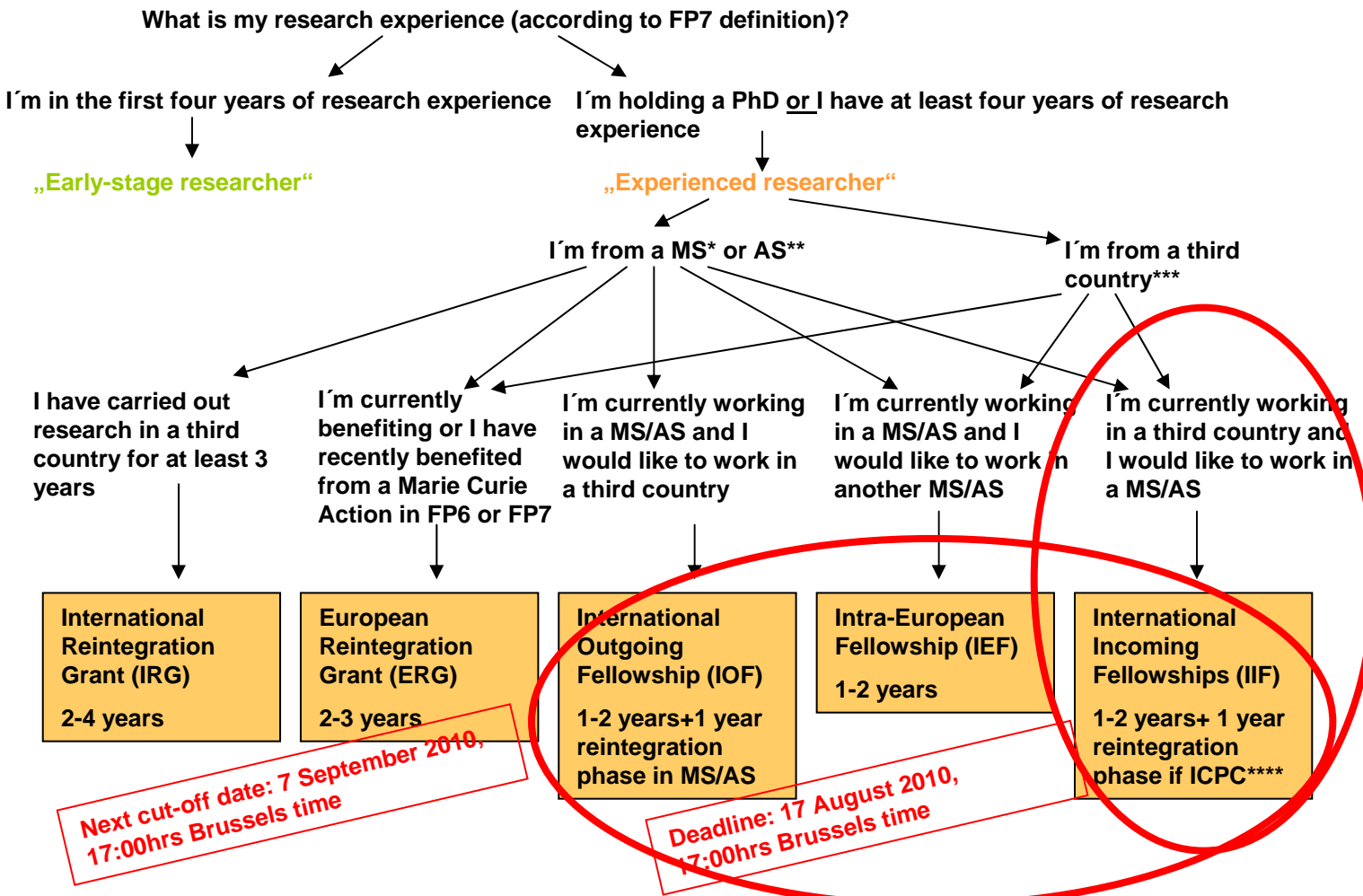


Objectives:

- 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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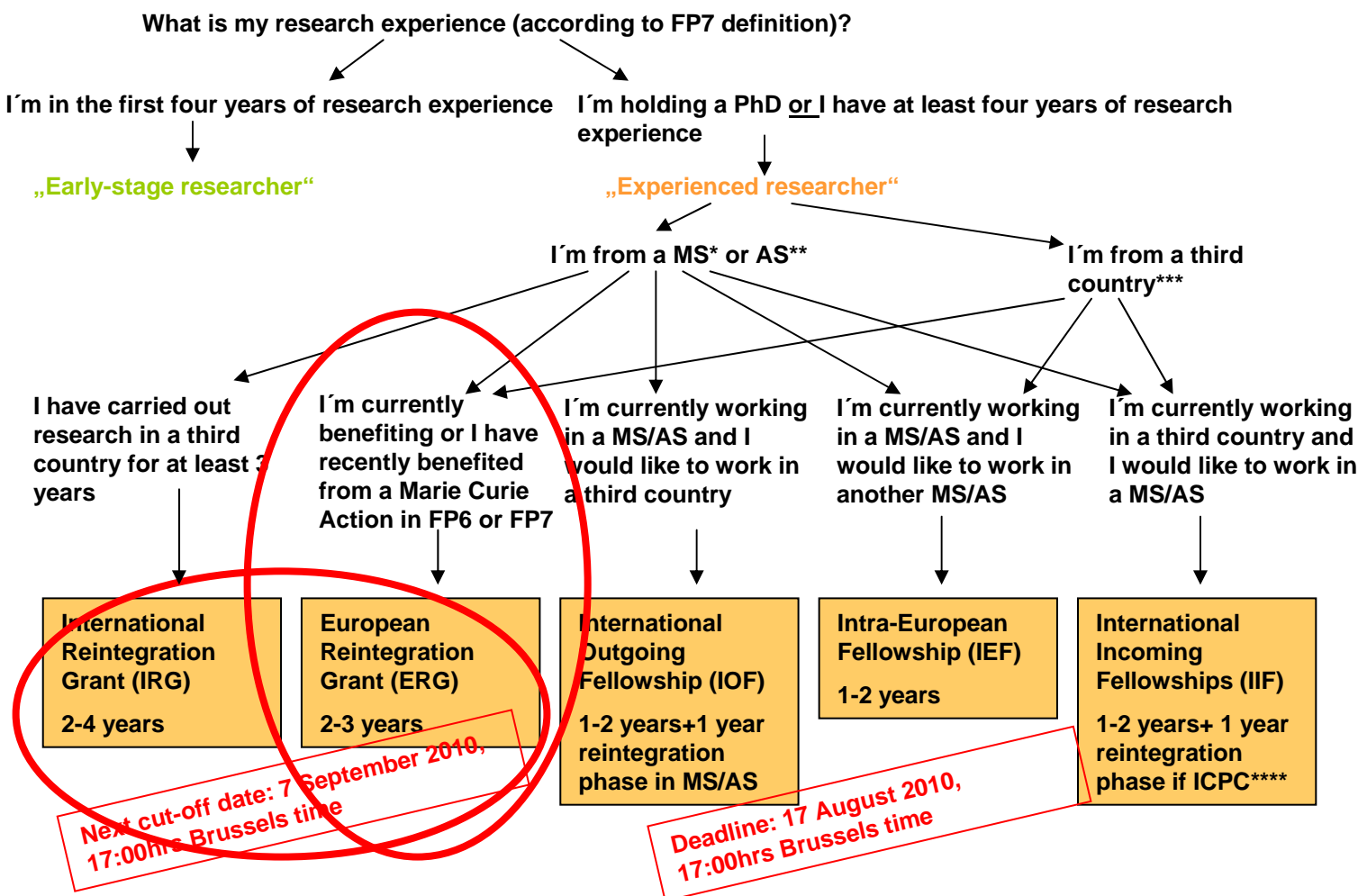
- encourage researchers who have been working in third countries to work in research projects in Europe
- share knowledge and develop mutually beneficial research cooperations
- reinforce scientific excellence of EU MS/AS
- Duration: 1-2 years + possible return phase for researchers from ICPC countries: 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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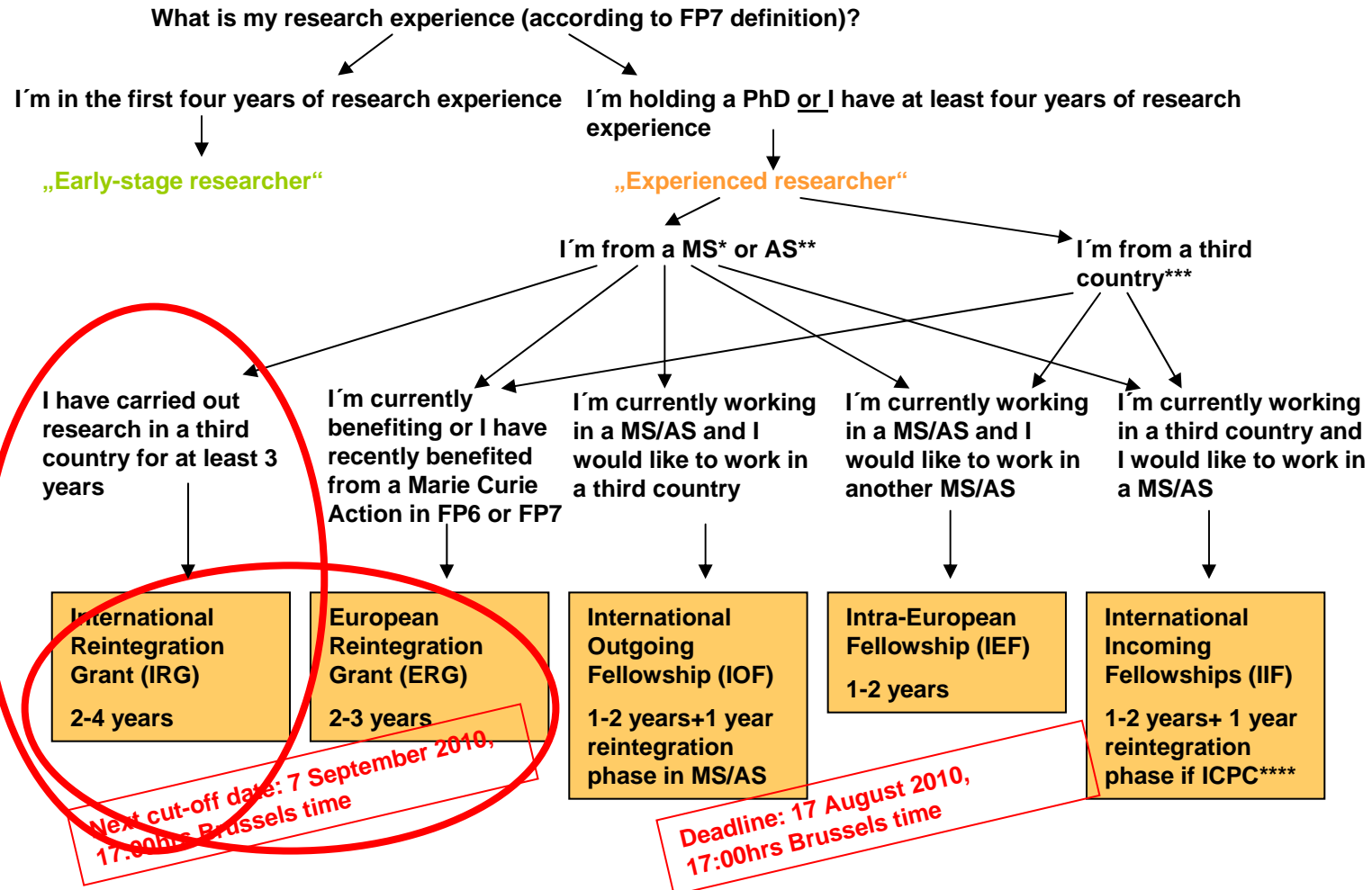
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- Objective: (re)integration into a research career after a trans-national mobility experience; long-term employment in research
- duration of initial Marie Curie Action*: at least 18 months
- apply at the earliest 1 year before and not later than 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,

This block contains several overlapping forms from the Research Executive Agency (REA). Visible forms include:

- Proposal Submission Form**: Includes fields for Proposal Number (000000), Proposal Acronym, and FUNDING REQUEST (Year, Main Phase, Return Phase).
- General Information on...**: Includes fields for Proposal Title, Marie Curie action-code, Scientific Panel, and Duration in months.
- Information on the Researcher**: Includes fields for Family Name, 1st and 2nd nationality, Location of origin, Date of birth, Contact address, Street Name, Town, Country, Phone 1/2, and Fax.

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

This block shows a detailed view of the 'Information on the Researcher' form. It includes:

- Personal Information**: Country, Internet homepage, 1st and 2nd nationality, Location of origin (country and town), Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY).
- Professional Information**: Person in charge, Family name, Title, Position in the c, Department/Fac, Is the address c, Street name, Town, Country, Phone 1/2, e-mail, Fax.
- Qualifications**: University Degree, Doctorate (in progress), Doctorate, Full time postgraduate research experience, Other Academic qualifications, Date of award (DD/MM/YYYY), Expected date of award (DD/MM/YYYY), Number of months.
- Residence**: Place of activity/place of residence (previous 5 years), Period: From (DD/MM/YYYY) to To (DD/MM/YYYY), Country.
- Additional Fields**: Country, S, 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.



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:



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





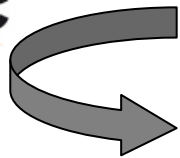
The Specific Programme IDEAS is implemented by the **European Research Council (ERC)**: the first pan-European funding agency for Frontier Research

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“



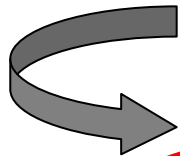
“Retain – Repatriate – Recruit”

- 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 + <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.

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