

# 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

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**EC Framework programme**

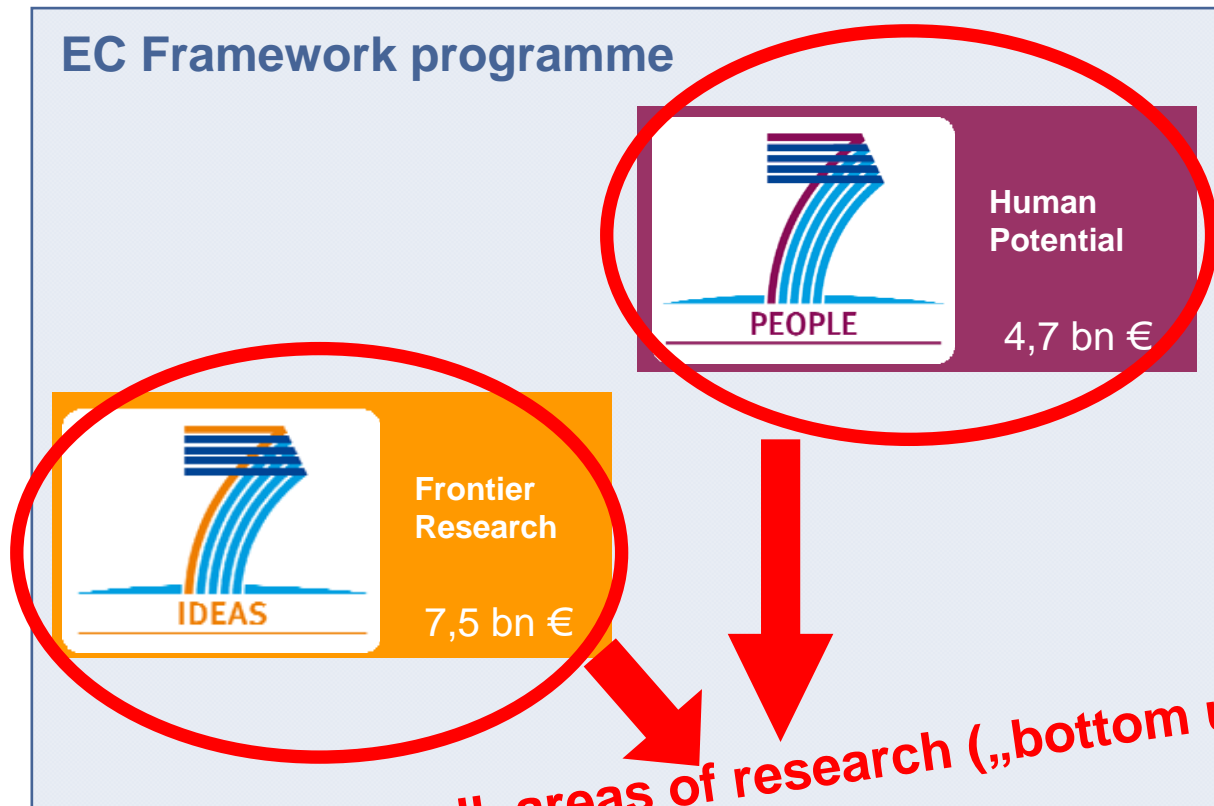
 <b>COOPERATION</b>	<b>Collaborative Research</b> <b>32,4 bn €</b>	 <b>PEOPLE</b>	<b>Human Potential</b> <b>4,7 bn €</b>
 <b>IDEAS</b>	<b>Frontier Research</b> <b>7,5 bn €</b>	 <b>CAPACITIES</b>	<b>Research Capacity</b> <b>4,2 bn €</b>
<b>Joint Research Centre (JRC)</b>		<b>1,8 bn €</b>	

**Total**  
**53,3 bn €**

**EURATOM Framework programme**

 <b>EURATOM</b>	<b>2,7 bn € (for 5 years)</b>
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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 2011, p. 4)



## Early-stage researchers:

- must be [...] in the first four years (FTE\*) of their research careers and have not yet been awarded a doctoral degree.
- ⇒ starting at the date of obtaining a degree which would formally entitle them to embark on a doctorate



## Experienced researchers:

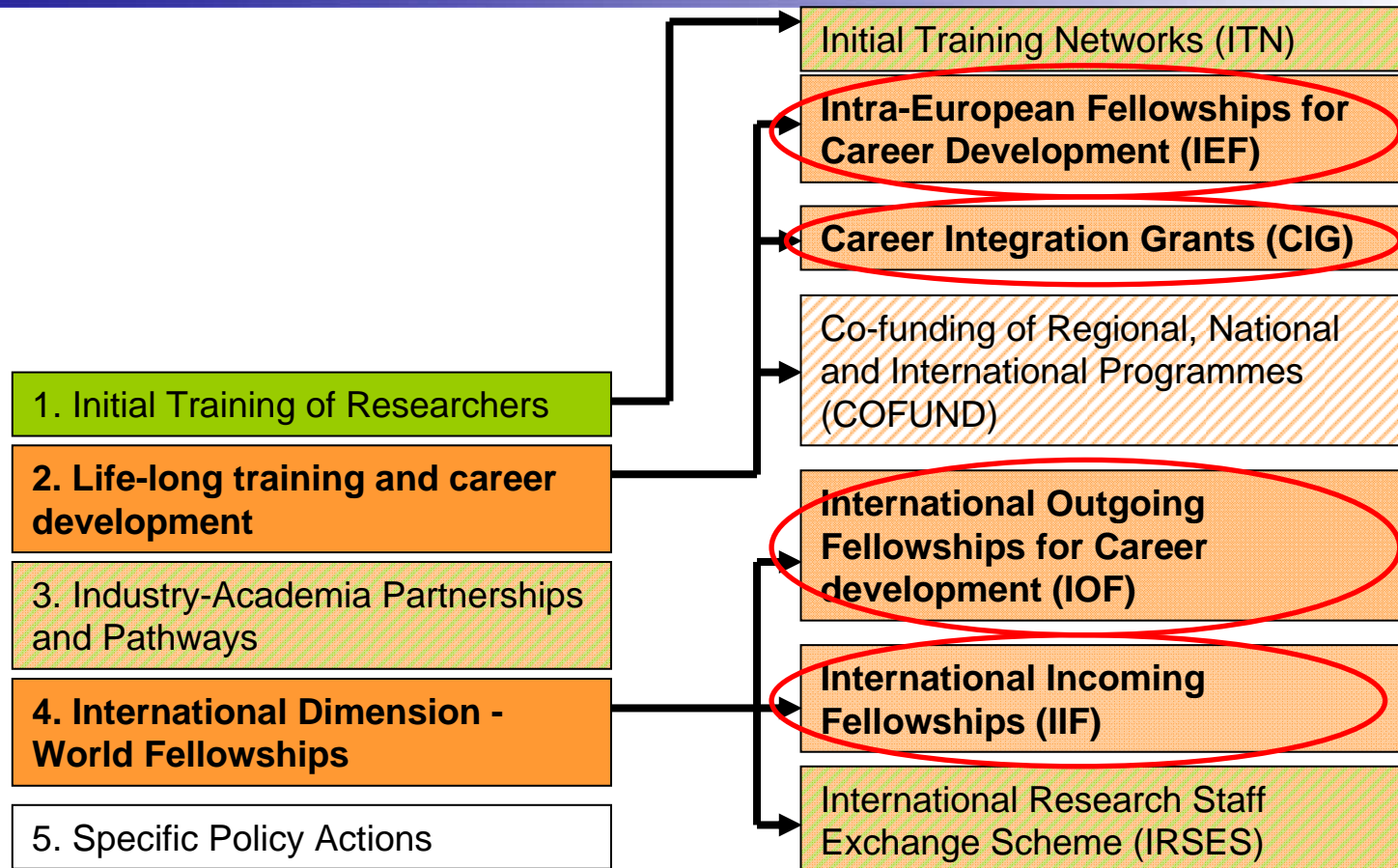
- must at the time of the relevant deadline for submission of proposals [...] be in possession of a doctoral degree  
OR
- have at least four years (FTE) of research experience

\*full-time equivalent



„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**. Compulsory national service and/or short stays, such as CERN, ESA, ESO... are not taken into account. As far as **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.“

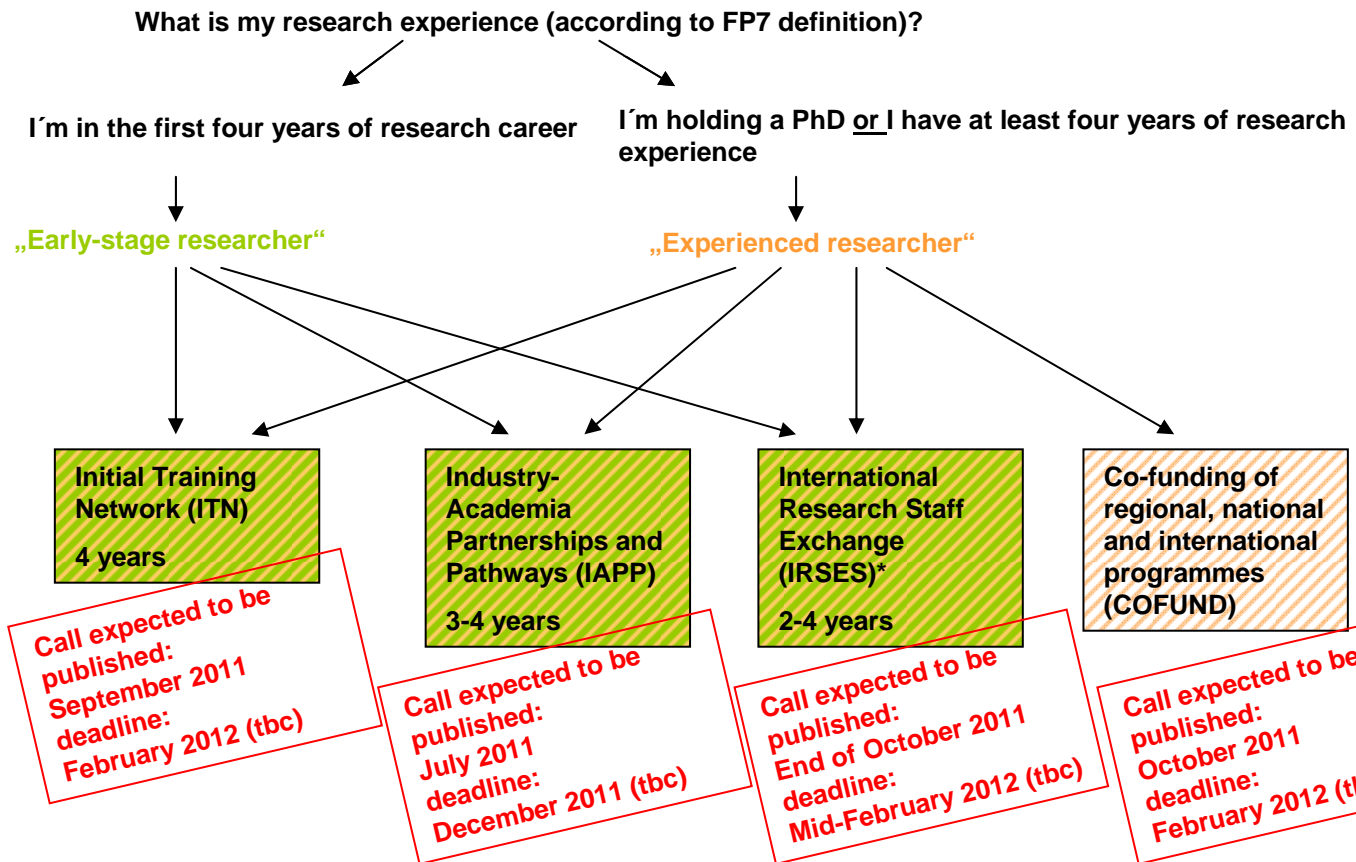
(PEOPLE work programme 2011, p. 7/8)



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

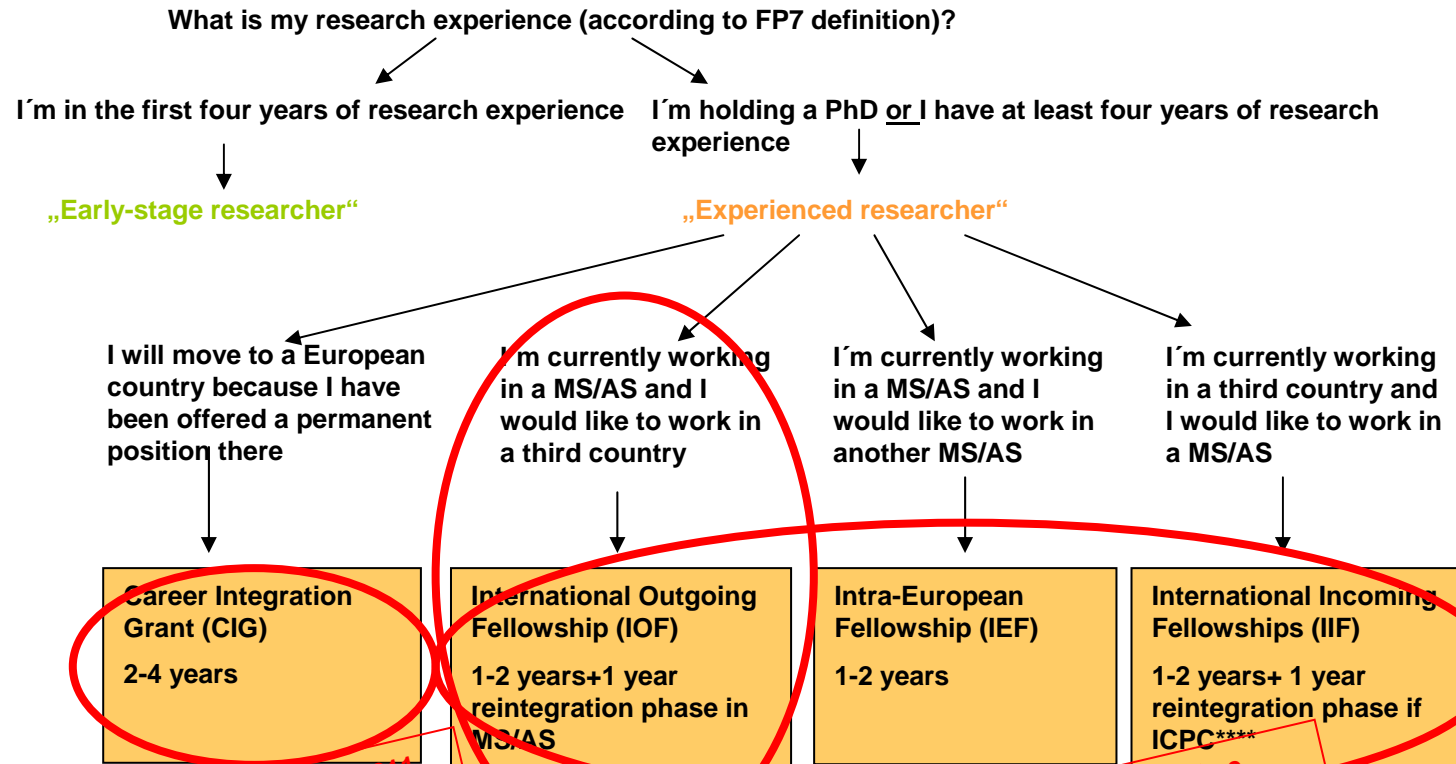


= proposal submitted by an individual researcher in conjunction with the host organisation („researcher-driven actions“)



➡ You can find positions funded through these actions on [http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/index\\_en.cfm?l1=0&l2=1](http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/index_en.cfm?l1=0&l2=1)

\*Eligible Third countries (2011): 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



Next cut-off date: 6 September 2011, 17:00hrs Brussels time

Deadline: 11 August 2011, 17:00hrs Brussels time

\*EU Member State

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

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

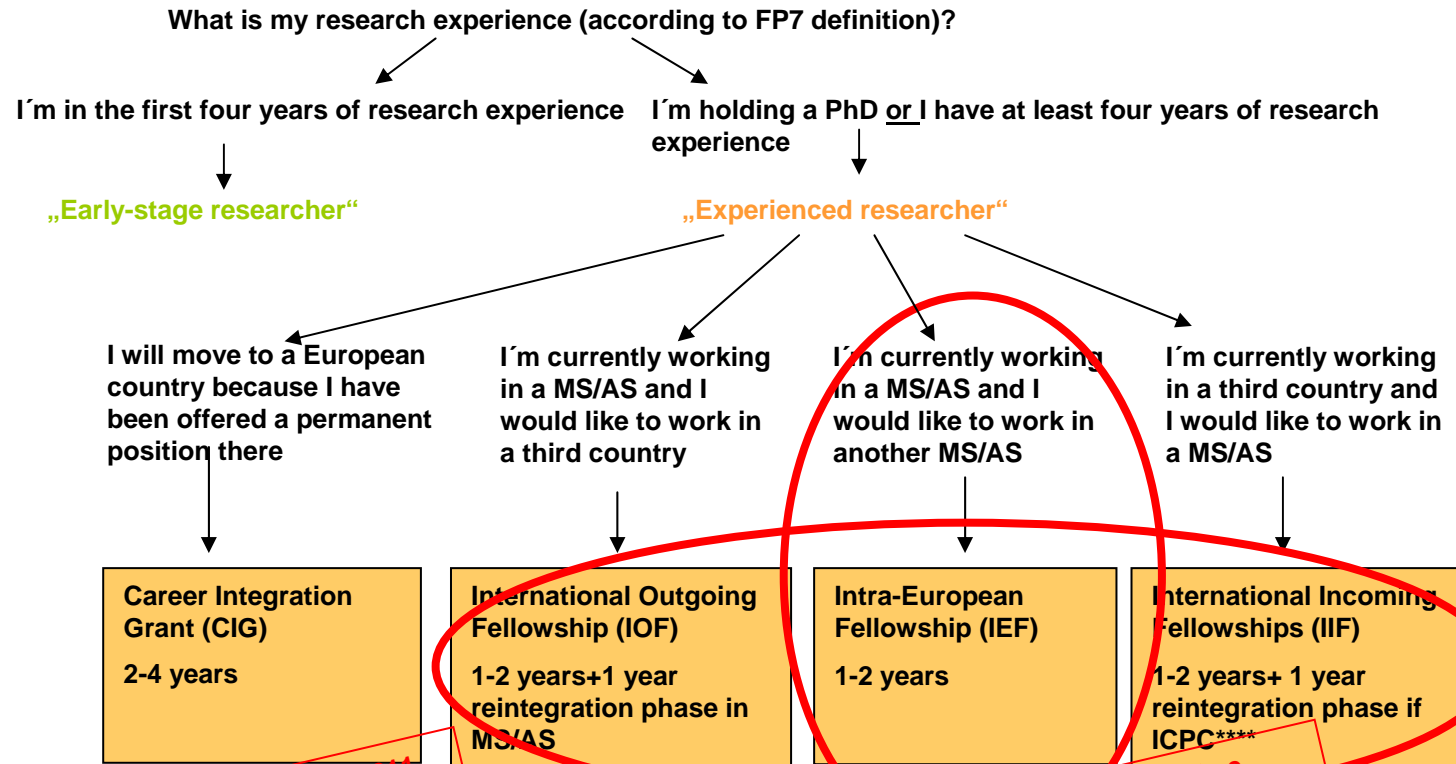
\*\*\*\* International Cooperation Partner Countries (cf. PEOPLE work programme, Annex 1.1)



## Objective:

reinforce the international dimension of your research career and advance your career in Europe towards professional maturity and independence: acquire new competences (multi- or interdisciplinary expertise, intersectoral experience, complementary skills...)

- Duration: 1-2 years outgoing phase + 1 year reintegration phase in MS/AS (mandatory)
- Third country nationals (not from EU Member States or Associated States) are eligible to apply if they have resided and carried out their main activity in MS/AS for at least the 5 years prior to the submission deadline
- Mobility rule applies to the outgoing host organisation
- Individual applies together with the return host institution



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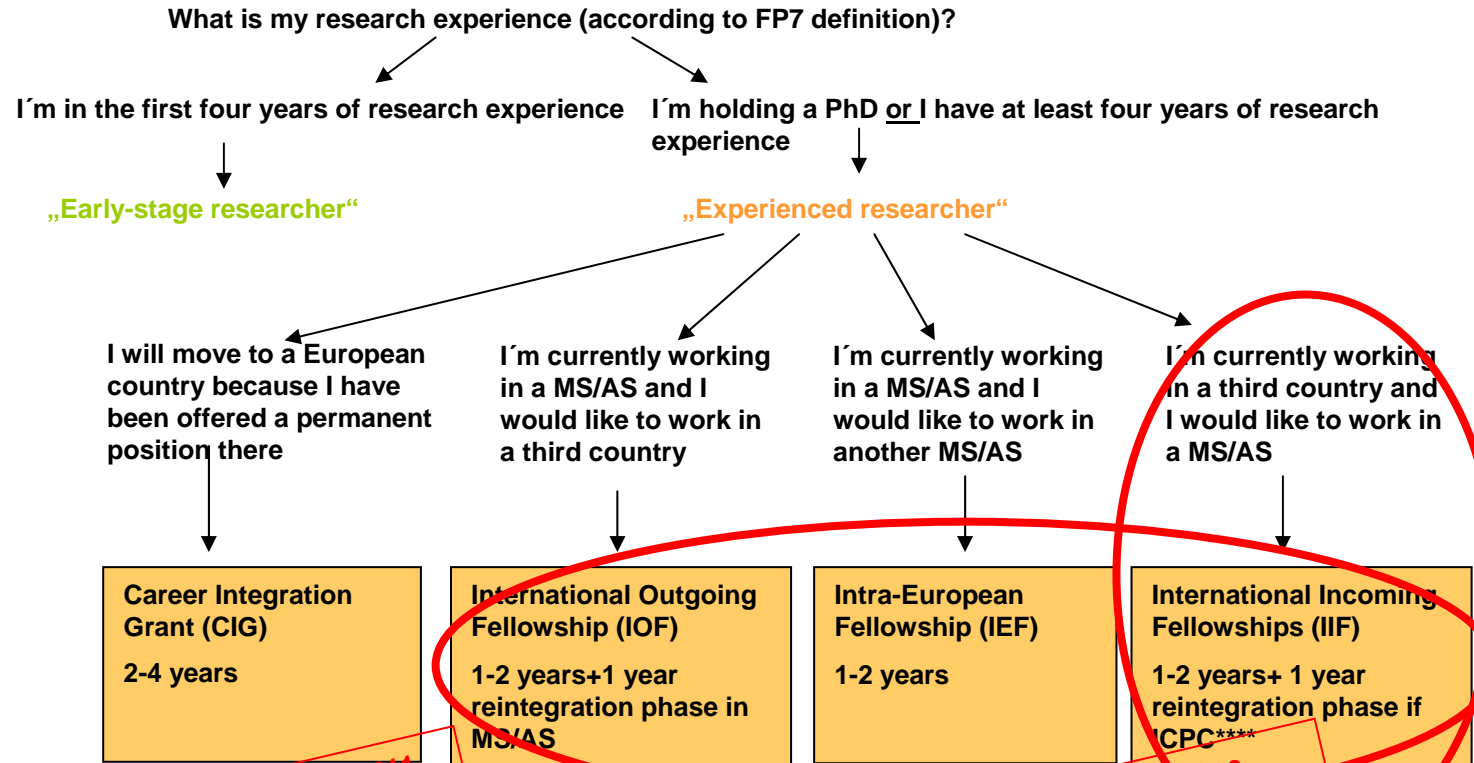
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## Objectives:

- support the career development or restart through competence diversification (multi- or interdisciplinary expertise, intersectoral experience, complementary skills...)
- reach and/or reinforce a position of professional maturity/independence
- 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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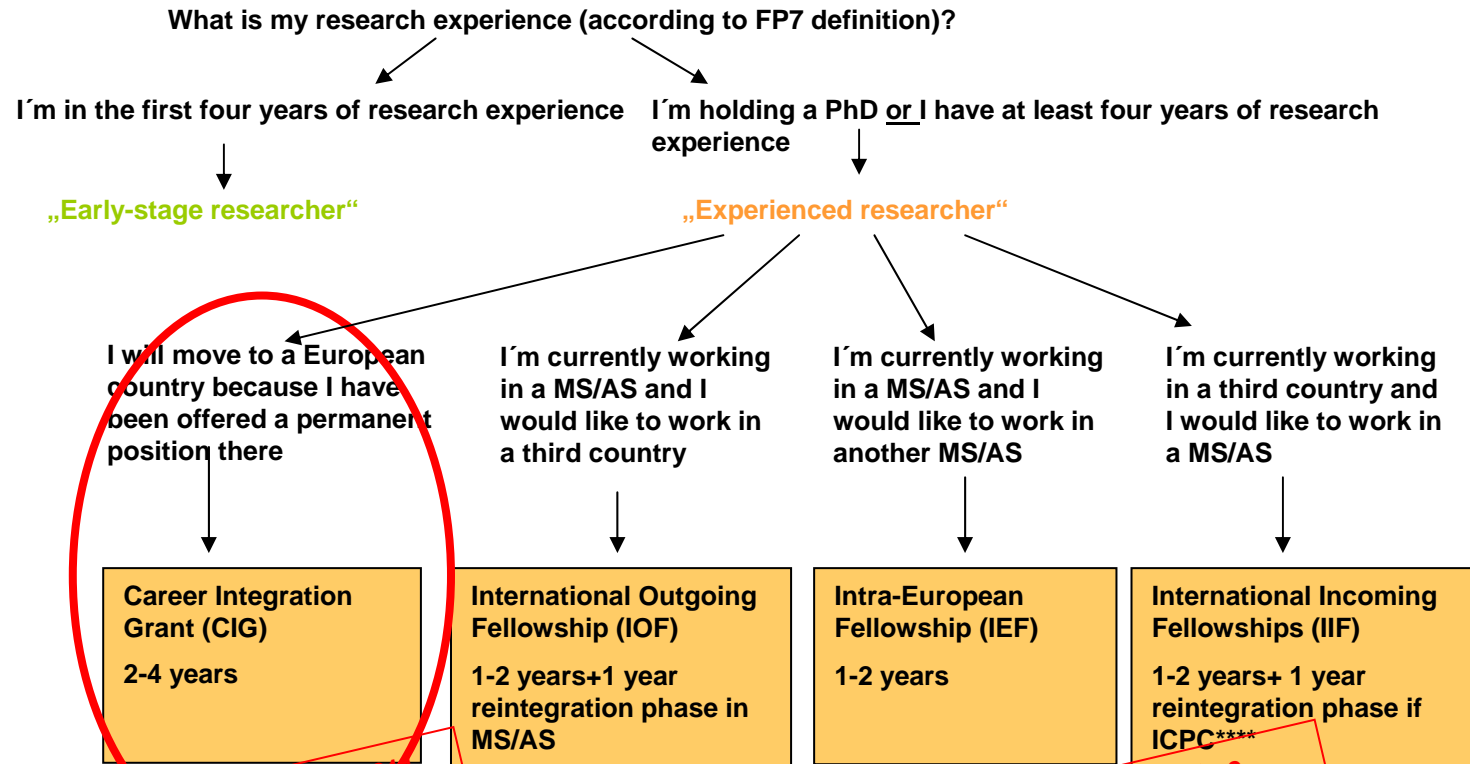
- reinforce scientific excellence of EU MS/AS
- share knowledge and develop mutually beneficial research cooperations
- Duration: 1-2 years + possible return phase for nationals from ICPC countries: support for the application of the acquired knowledge in the country of origin
- Individual applies together with the host institution



1. Monthly living allowance \* country correction coefficient
2. Monthly mobility allowance \* country correction coefficient
3. Contribution to the training expenses of eligible researchers
5. Contribution to overheads \* country correction coefficient



You can find the applicable rates in Annex 3 (p. 71) in the 2011 People work programme.



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## Objective:

- improve the career prospects of researchers who have been offered a permanent position in Europe after a mobility period
- host organisation must offer an employment contract for at least the duration of the grant
- you cannot have benefited from a FP6 or FP7 Reintegration grant before
- funding: fixed-amount contribution to the employment and/or research costs of 25.000 EUR/year



## Deadlines

### Fellowships (IEF, IIF, IOF):

Calls are published yearly

Deadline:

**11 August 2011, 17:00:00 Brussels time**

### Career Integration Grant (CIG)

Two cut-off dates/year

Next cut-off date:

**6 September 2011, 17:00:00 Brussels time**

# Structure of an application (IEF) I

**A – Information on the proposal, the researcher, the host, the budget (forms)**



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

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

Return Phase (IF and IOF only)	
Full-time person-months	Type B Fixed-stipend Fellowship (Y/N)
<b>Total</b>	





## B – Scientific proposal

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Part B		Max. pages
Part B1	Research 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	4
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:** 16 March 2011

**Deadline:** 11 August 2011

**Evaluation of proposals:** 3-21 October 2011

**Evaluation summary report (ESR)** sent to proposal coordinators („initial information letter“): end of November 2011

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

**Invitation letter** to successful coordinators:  
December 2011

**Contract negotiations** („NEF“): from January 2012

**Earliest start of projects:** from March 2012





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“



## Objectives

- reinforce excellence, dynamism and creativity in European research

- improve the attractiveness of Europe

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

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

• **ERC Proof of concept**

support for ideas arising from Starting Grant/Advanced Grant projects => transfer into marketable innovation



- 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 2011** with deadlines in **autumn 2011**
- => please consult the work programme/Guide for Applicants to be published this summer for the applicable rules



- 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)



- 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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**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](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)

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](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](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/compendium-of-major-funding-programmes.html>

**Thank you for your attention!**

**...Questions??**

## Workshop for 2011 Marie Curie fellowship proposers: "Finishing touch" for your proposal

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

**28 July, 14-17:30h**  
**Max-Planck-Institute for extraterrestrial Physics**

More information will be sent in time via our emailing list.