

# EU grants and fellowships for postdocs

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charge of six  
Max Planck  
Institutes:

**MPI for Astrophysics**

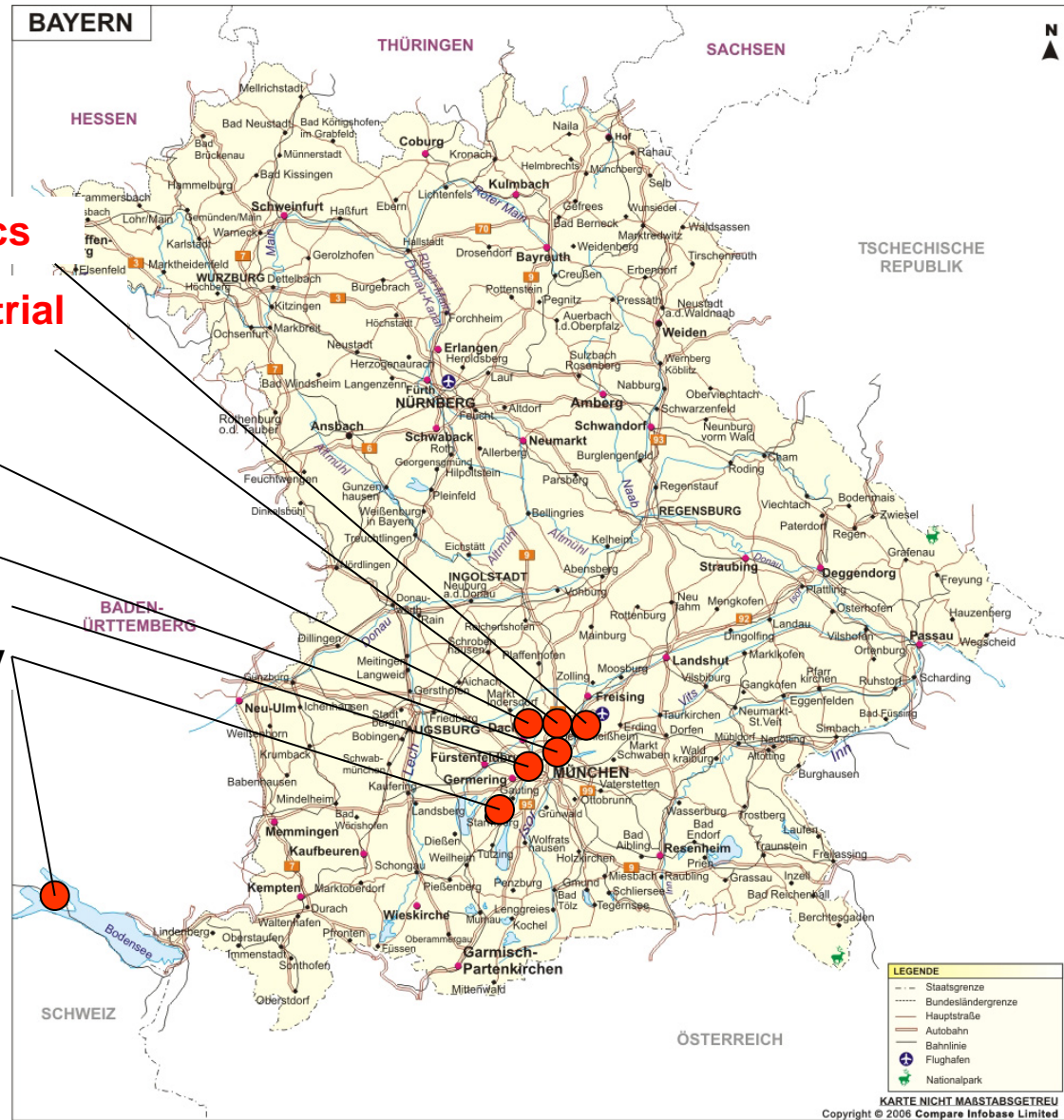
**MPI for Extraterrestrial  
Physics**

**MPI of Quantum  
Optics**

**MPI for Physics**

**MPI of Psychiatry**

**MPI for Ornithology**



## 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: Marie Curie Actions 2013

I. Marie Curie Actions – Introduction

II. Marie Curie Fellowships

III. Marie Curie Career Integration Grant

IV. Marie Curie Actions – Application and evaluation

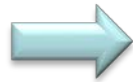
## Part II: Horizon 2020 - overview

## Part III: European Research Council (ERC) Grants

I. ERC – Objectives

II. ERC Starting and Consolidator Grants

# New Framework Programme Horizon 2020 (2014-2020)



# Specific Programme PEOPLE = Marie Curie Actions



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



## 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 2013, 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

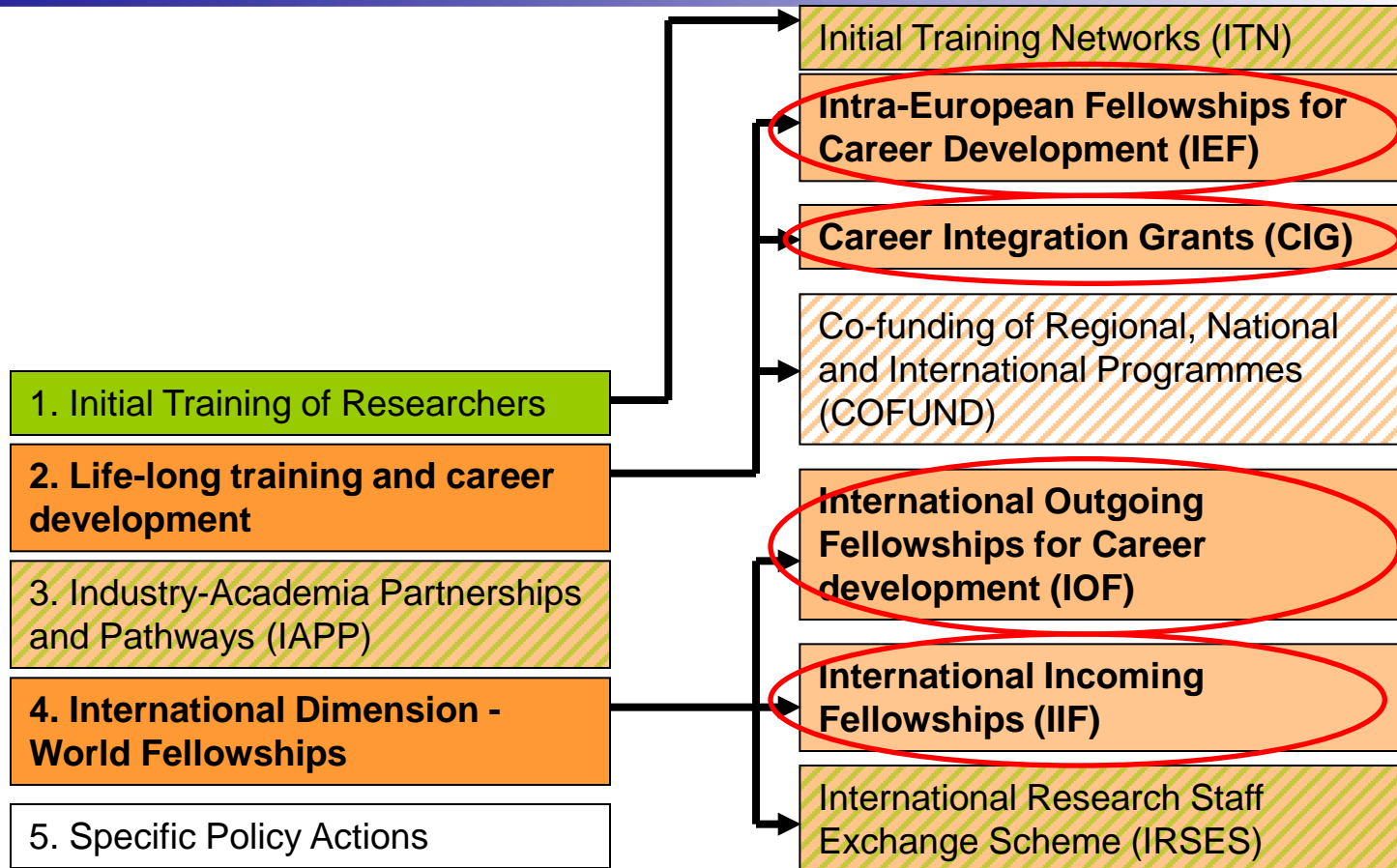




such as ESO

„At the time of the relevant deadline for submission of proposals, [...] researchers shall **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 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.“

(PEOPLE work programme 2013, p. 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“)

# Individual funding schemes



## „Experienced researcher“

...of any age, any nationality...

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

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I will move to a European country because I have been offered a (permanent) position there

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**1-2 years**

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**1-2 years + 1 year reintegration phase in MS/AS**

**International Incoming Fellowships (IIF)**

**1-2 years+ 1 year reintegration phase if ICPC\*\*\*\***

**Career Integration Grant (CIG)**

**up to 4 years**

**Deadline: 14 August 2013, 17:00hrs Brussels time**

**Next cut-off date: 18 September 2013, 17:00hrs Brussels time**

\*EU Member State

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

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

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



## 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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## 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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## Objectives:

- 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





- Monthly living allowance \* country correction coefficient
- Monthly mobility allowance \* country correction coefficient
- Contribution to the training expenses of eligible researchers
- Contribution to overheads \* country correction coefficient



You can find the applicable rates in Annex 3 (p. 65) in the 2013 People work programme.

A married\* IEF-fellow, 8 years\*\* after his PhD, goes to Israel\*\*\*:

Fellow:	Living allowance:	$58.500 \text{ €} \times 109,8 =$	64.233,00 €
	<u>Mobility allowance:</u>	<u><math>12.000 \text{ €} \times 109,8 =</math></u>	<u>13.176,00 €</u>
			<b>77.409,00 €</b>
Host:	Training contribution:	9.600 €	9.600,00 €
	<u>Overheads</u>	<u><math>8.400 \text{ €} \times 109,8 =</math></u>	<u>9.223,20 €</u>
<b>Total budget of the project per year:</b>			<b>96.232,20 €</b>

\* Mobility allowance with family (married and/or children): 1000 €/ month;  
without family: 800 €/ month. Reference date is the deadline of the call

\*\* Living allowance yearly rates depend on research experience: < 10 years: 58.500 €;  
> 10 years: 87.500 €

\*\*\* associated country to the FP7 with a correction factor of 109.8

(Work Programme 2013, pp. 65 – 70)

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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

# Structure of an application

**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 image shows a stack of application forms for Marie Curie Actions. The forms are titled 'A1: Summary', 'A2: Participants', and 'A3: Participants'. They contain various fields for personal and organizational information, such as names, addresses, and contact details. The forms are also labeled with 'Marie Curie Actions' and 'PEOPLE ACTIONS'.

**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	Research and Technological Quality	8
Part B2	Training	2
Part B3	Researcher	7
Part B4	Implementation	6
Part B5	Impact	4
Part B6	Ethical issues	no max. length

➡ You can find a detailed structure in the Guide for Applicants. Please register at the Participant Portal, choose the specific call and use the electronic template which is available via the Participant Portal Submission Service (PPSS) > Part B must be uploaded in pdf.

➡ Additional: You can nominate up to three „referees“ via PPSS once you have registered.

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



- 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



**Publication of call:** 14 March 2013

**Deadline:** 14 August 2013

**Evaluation** of proposals: October 2013

**Evaluation summary report (ESR)** sent to proposal coordinators („initial information letter“): end of Nov 2013

➤ check

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/people>

➤ **Invitation letter** to successful coordinators: Dec 2013

**Contract negotiations** („NEF“): from January 2014

**Earliest start of projects:** from March 2014



# Evaluation Summary Report (IEF)



## Proposal Evaluation Form

### EUROPEAN COMMISSION

7th Framework Programme for Research

### EVALUATION SUMMARY REPORT

Call :

Funding scheme :

Proposal number :

Proposal acronym :

Duration (months) :

Proposal title :

N. Proposal name

Abstract :

#### Criterion 2. TRAINING (award)

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

- Clarity and quality of the research training objectives for the research
- Relevance and quality of additional research training as well as of its exposure to the industry sector, where appropriate
- Measures taken by the host for providing quantitative and qualitative

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

- Strengths of the proposal (bullet point structure);
- Overall comments;

(referring the relative importance of the strengths and weaknesses at

(copy the text above in the comment box)

strengths)

#### Marie Curie Info

##### SCORING

Scores must be in the far

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0- The proposal fails to fit

1- Poor: The criterion is

2- Fair: While the propos

3- Good: The proposal is

4- Very good: The propos

5- Excellent: The proposi

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Weakness:

- Previous research results have been clearly described and their impact m

#### Criterion 3. RESEARCHER (award)

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

- Strengths of the proposal
- Overall comments;

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#### Criterion 4. IMPLEMENTATION (selection)

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

- Quality of infrastructure / facilities and international collaborations of host
- Practical arrangements for the implementation and management of the research
- Feasibility and credibility of the project, including work plan
- Practical and administrative arrangements, and support for the hosting of the

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## Deadlines

### Fellowships (IEF, IIF, IOF)

Calls are published yearly

Deadline:

**14 August 2013, 17:00:00 Brussels time**

### Career Integration Grant (CIg)

Two cut-off dates/ year

Last cut-off date:

**18 September 2013, 17:00:00 Brussels time**



## Some Marie Curie projects conducted by scientists of MPE and MPA:

- IOF **ICPAL**: Investigation of Cooperative Phenomena on the Atomistic Level
- RG **Galaxies Birth**: The birth of the first stars and galaxies
- IEF **High-z & Multi**: Multi-wavelength study of accretion onto black holes and its evolution during cosmic times
- IIF **ProFesSor**: The sources of reionization



## Some Marie Curie projects conducted by scientists of MPA:

- **IRSES LACEGAL**: Latin American-Chinese-European Galaxy Formation Network
- **ITN CosmoComp**: Pan-European training in computational cosmology: modelling cosmic structures

The screenshot shows the 'RESEARCH & INNOVATION Participant Portal' for the European Commission. The left sidebar contains navigation links for 'LOGIN', 'FP7 SPECIFIC PROGRAMMES' (Cooperation, Ideas, People, Capacities, Euranium), and 'NEED HELP?'. The main content area displays a table of 'Call for proposals' for Marie-Curie Actions. The table has columns for Call Identifier, Call Title, Publication Date, Cut-off Dates, and Deadline. A red circle highlights the 'Go' button next to the 'Marie-Curie Action: Career Integration Grants (MC-CIG)' call.

Call Identifier	Call Title	Publication Date	Cut-off Dates	Deadline
FP7-PEOPLE-2013-IEF	MARIE CURIE INTRA-EUROPEAN FELLOWSHIPS FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT (IEF)	2013-03-14		2013-08-14
FP7-PEOPLE-2013-IIF	MARIE CURIE INTERNATIONAL INCOMING FELLOWSHIPS (IIF)	2013-03-14		2013-08-14
FP7-PEOPLE-2013-IOF	MARIE CURIE INTERNATIONAL OUTGOING FELLOWSHIPS FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT	2013-03-14		2013-08-14
FP7-PEOPLE-2013-CIG	MARIE CURIE CAREER INTEGRATION GRANTS (CIG)	2012-10-18	2013-09-18	2013-09-18

- select call on <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/people&state=open>
  - ➔ *Information package*: work programme, Guide for Applicants
  - ➔ *Participant Portal Submission Service (PPSS)*: registration mandatory for proposal preparation/submission
  - ➔ *Additional documents*: evaluation results
- submit well before the deadline (17:00:00 Brussels time)!!



## Horizon 2020:

### Framework programme for research and innovation 2014-2020

- Industrial Leadership
- Societal Challenges
- **Excellent Science**: reinforcing and extending the excellence of the EU's science base and consolidating European Research Area to make EU's Research & Innovation system more competitive on a global scale
  - *Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions*
  - *ERC*
  - *Future and Emerging Technologies (FET)*
  - *Infrastructures*
  - *Research Infrastructures*



Preliminary information

## Individual Actions

- **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowships:** nurturing excellence by means of cross-border and/or cross-sector mobility (IEF, IOF, IIF, CIG)

## Host driven Actions

- **Initial Training Networks:** training of early-stage researchers (ITN)
- **RISE Research and Innovation Staff Exchange:**  
Transnational and/or intersectoral transfer of knowledge
  - stimulating innovation by means of cross-fertilisation of knowledge
  - personnel exchange between sectors, countries and disciplines
    - Involvement of industry (SMEs) and/or third countries
- **COFUND:** funding to existing or new regional and national fellowship programmes for research training and career development of European host institutions





*Call is expected  
at the end of 2013/beginning 2014  
Expected Deadline is spring 2014*





## Frontier Research:

- provides attractive and flexible funding to enable talented individual researchers and their teams to pursue the most promising avenues at the frontier of science
- research in emerging areas which can cover elements of both basic and applied research. Projects are „**high-risk high-gain**“.

**Objective:** reinforce excellence, dynamism and creativity in European research, improve the attractiveness of Europe



Preliminary information

- 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



- 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)

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- 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.

Preliminary information



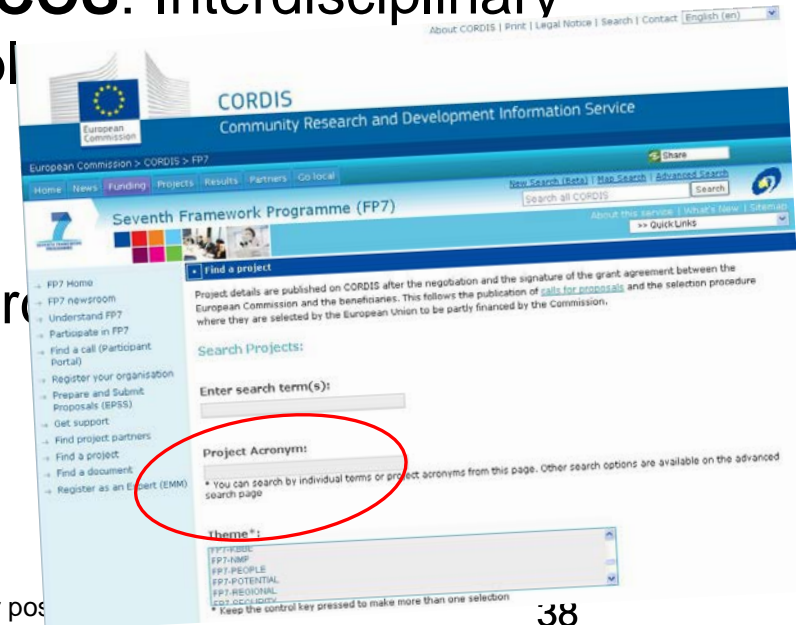
- **ERC Advanced Investigator Grant:** attract and reward established independent research leaders
- **ERC Starting Independent Researcher Grant:** attract and retain the next generation of independent research leaders with over **2 and up to 7 years research experience** after doctoral degree (the exact date on the certificate is relevant)
- **ERC Consolidator Independent Research Grant:** attract and retain the next generation of independent research leaders with over **7 and up to 12 years** after doctoral degree
- **ERC Proof of concept**  
support for ideas arising from Starting Grant/Advanced Grant projects => transfer into marketable innovation

Preliminary information



## Current ERC projects at MPA and MPE:

- Advanced Grant **GALFORMOD**: Galaxy formation models for the next generation of large-scale evolutionary and cosmological surveys
- Advanced Grant **INTERCOCOS**: Interdisciplinary research: Connecting complex dispersions
- Starting Grant **Progreso**: Probing Stellar Orbits



## **General information**

Calls in FP7 on Participant Portal

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/fp7\\_calls#](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/fp7_calls#)

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.euburo.de](http://www.euburo.de)

Website Research of European Commission

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

FP7 – Find a project

[http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/projects\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/projects_en.html)

## **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 (NCP) Mobility

<http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/3097.html>

German NCP Mobility: Marie Skłodowska-Curie

<http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/nks/horizon2020.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.euburo.de/erc.htm>

ERC in Horizont 2020

[http://www.kowi.de/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-402/1238\\_read-1909/](http://www.kowi.de/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-402/1238_read-1909/)

## **Horizon 2020**

Official Homepage: Horizon 2020

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020/index\\_en.cfm](http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020/index_en.cfm)

## **Other funding opportunities**

Research Professional

<http://www.researchprofessional.com/>

DAAD Stipendiendatenbank

<http://www.daad.de/ausland/foerderungsmoeglichkeiten/stipendiendatenbank/00658.de.html>

Electronic Research Funding Information System

[http://www.elfi.info/e\\_index.php](http://www.elfi.info/e_index.php)

forschen-fördern-org: Preise-Stipendien-Projekte

<http://www.forschen-foerdern.org/en>





A joint initiative of the European Commission and the countries participating in the European Union's Framework Programme for Research

- Four main sections:
  - **EURAXESS Jobs:** recruitment tool
  - **EURAXESS Services:** network of Service Centres which offers support to researchers and their families who plan to move to a foreign country (visa, work permits, social security,...)
  - **EURAXESS Rights:** information regarding the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers





## Information at MPE and MPA:

- For individual consultations, please contact: [kathrin.zahr@mpq.mpg.de](mailto:kathrin.zahr@mpq.mpg.de)
- Information material is available in the library
- link on internal webpage to EU-office website:  
[www.mpg.mpg.de/euburo-bayern](http://www.mpg.mpg.de/euburo-bayern)

## Workshop for 2013 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.



Marie Curie Workshop 2012



**30 July 2013, 15:00 hrs**  
**MPE, New Seminar Room 1.1.18b**

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

**Thank you for your attention!**

**...Questions??**