

# EU Grants and Fellowships for Post-docs

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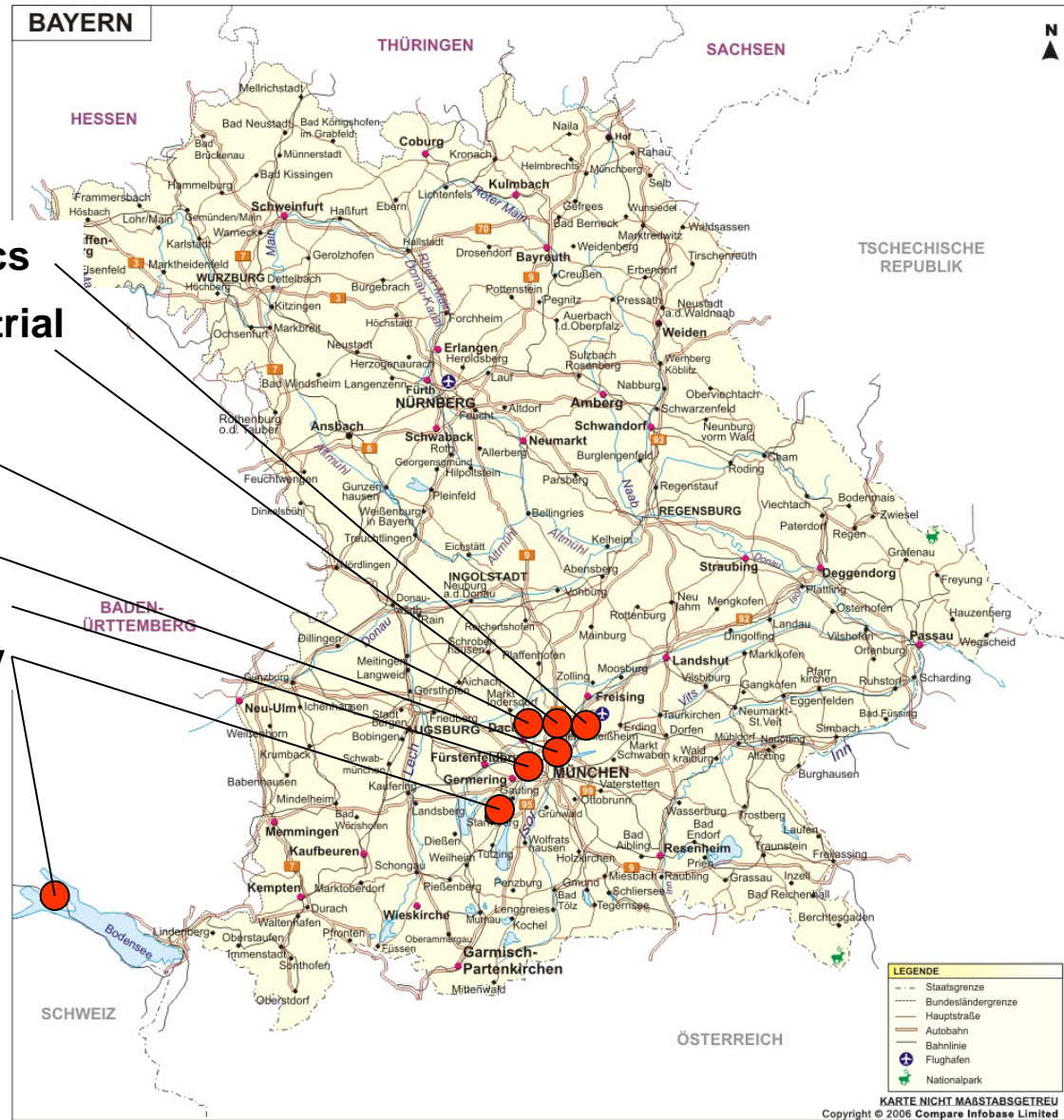
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**MPI of Psychiatry**

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: FP7 - Marie Curie Actions 2013

I. Marie Curie Actions – Introduction

II. Marie Curie Fellowships

III. Marie Curie Career Integration Grant

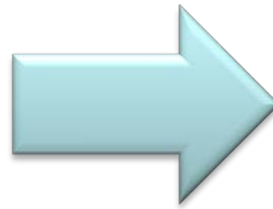
IV. Marie Curie Actions – Application and evaluation

## Part II: Horizon 2020 – overview and outlook

I. Marie Curie Actions

II. European Research Council Grants

# EU Research Framework programmes



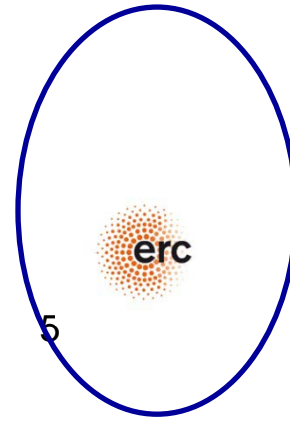
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- individual actions
- open to all fields of research (bottom-up)

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MPI of Psychiatry, 25 April 2013

2014-2020





## 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

## 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 research experience: starting at the date of obtaining a degree which would formally entitle them to embark on a doctorate

(PEOPLE work programme 2013, p. 8)





„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 stay, such as EMBL 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)





## Marie Curie Individual funding schemes

### Open calls:

- Intra-European Fellowship (IEF)
- International Outgoing Fellowship (IOF)
- International Incoming Fellowship (IIF)
- Career Integration Grant (CIG)

# Individual funding schemes



## „Experienced researcher“

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

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

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

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

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**International Outgoing Fellowship (IOF)**

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

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**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\* researcher with 8 years research experience\*\*, 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 <u>per year</u>:</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 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 displays several overlapping application forms for the Marie Curie Actions. The forms are titled 'A1: Summary', 'A2: Participants', and 'A3: Participants'. They contain various sections for general information, administrative data, contact points, and status of the organization. The forms are dated 'CE-Ref-v3.12-20130302' and 'CE-Ref-v3.12-20130302'.

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



## 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 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.**



- 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

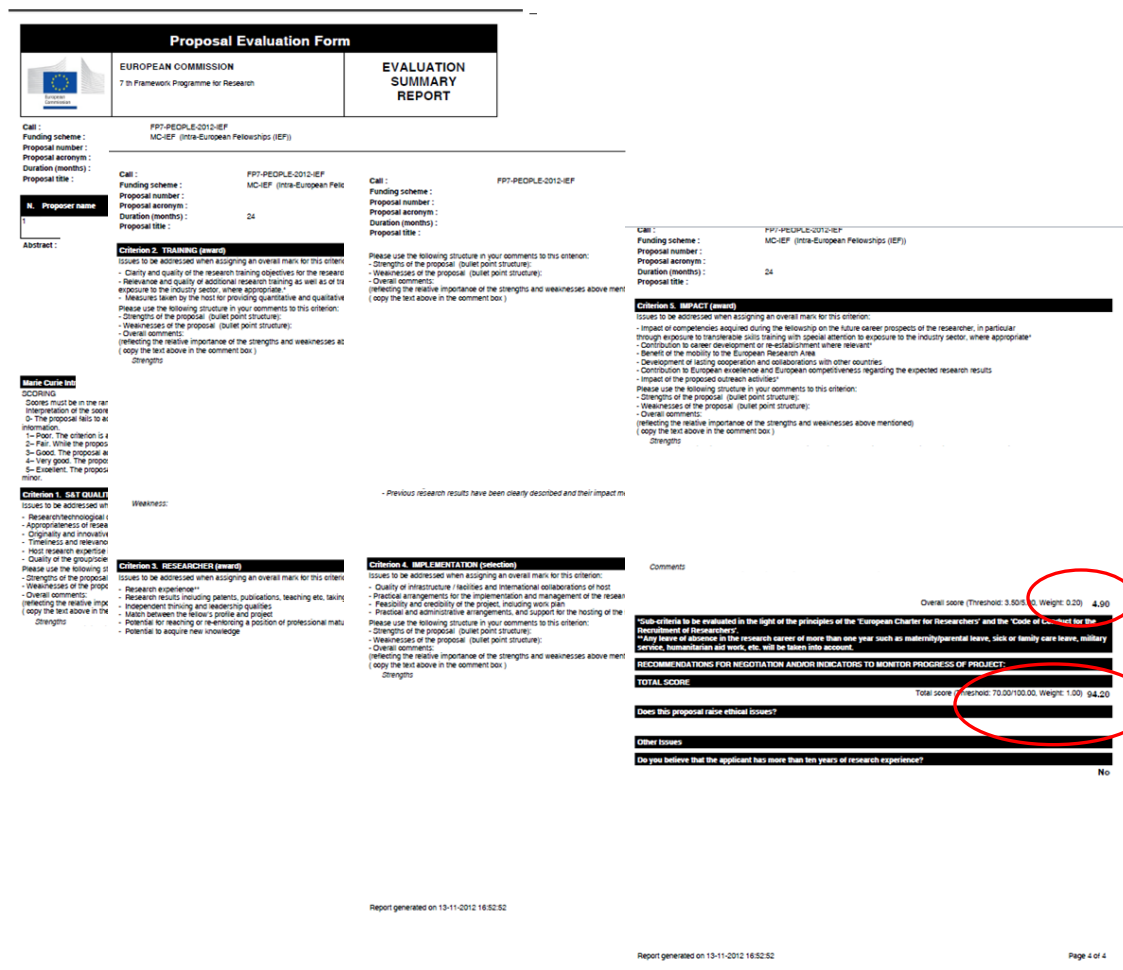
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<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/people>

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

**Contract negotiations:** from January 2014 onwards

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





## 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**



Running fellowship projects:

- IEF **AbetaCognition**: The functional significance of soluble A $\beta$  oligomers for learning and memory deficits in Alzheimer's disease
- IEF **StressAmyloidCascade**: Stress cascades and Alzheimer's disease
- IIF **AcScapeStress**: Cell type-specific effects of HDAC1 on stress vulnerability, hippocampal gene regulation and genome-wide acetylation landscape

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 User manual (NEW) Electronic proposal submission user manual  
 Presentations (NEW) Submission of proposals  
 Contact the Helpdesk

WHAT'S NEW

Marie-Curie Actions / 4 open calls

Marie-Curie Actions (back to top)

Call for proposals

Show 10 entries Copy Excel Print Search:

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

Showing 1 to 4 of 4 entries

Electronic Proposal Submission

To access the Electronic Submission Service of the call, please select the funding scheme or objective corresponding to the work programme topic that is most relevant to your proposal from the list below. You will then be linked to the correct entry point.

To access existing draft proposals for this call, please login to the Participant Portal and select the "My Proposals" tab.

Download the [user guide](#) of the Participant Portal Submission Service.

Available subfunding schemes:

Marie-Curie Action: "Career Integration Grants" (MC-CIG)

- 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)!!



## 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)*
  - *Research Infrastructures*



## Excellent Science/Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

### Individual Actions:

**Individual Fellowships (IF):** objective: attractive career prospects; supporting geographical mobility and intersectoral experiences; targeted at post-docs

- **European IF:** 12-24 months in MS/AS
- **Outgoing IF:** 36 months (12-24 months in MS/AS + 12 months in third country)

Preliminary information

=> both IFs include the possibility of an intersectoral secondment of 3-6 months, included in the overall duration





## Excellent Science/Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

### Host driven Actions

- **Innovative Training Networks (ITN):** support for research training of early-stage researchers
- **RISE Research and Innovation Staff Exchange:** support for transnational and/or intersectoral transfer of knowledge
- **COFUND:** co-funding regional and national fellowship programmes

Preliminary information



## **Excellent Science/European Research Council**

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

### **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“.



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



- **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



- 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)

Preliminary information



- 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 Starting Grant project at MPI of Psychiatry:

- **GxE-molmech:** Gene x environment interactions in affective disorders – elucidating molecular mechanisms







- publication of **ERC Workprogramme 2014**: end of 2013
- Opening and submission deadline for **Starting grants**; first and second quarter of 2014
- Opening and submission deadline for **Consolidator grants**; second quarter of 2014
- Opening and submission deadline for **Advanced grants**; fourth quarter of 2014
- - no calls for **Synergy Grants** in 2013 and 2014

Preliminary information

## **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>



## EURAXESS Website

- **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
- **EURAXESS Links:** Networking tool for researchers outside Europe

## 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.



## Information at MPI of Psychiatry:

- Office hours of EU-office („Sprechstunde“): Wednesdays from 15-17hrs, room 006 Kraepelinbau
- link on internal webpage to EU-office website:  
[www.mpg.mpg.de/eubüero-bayern](http://www.mpg.mpg.de/eubüero-bayern)
- Information corner in library

**Thank you for your attention!**

**...Questions??**