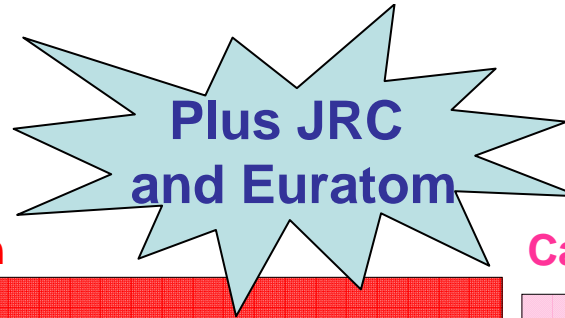


Marie Curie Actions

- An introduction

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Opportunities available



Co-operation – collaborative research

Health
Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, Biotechnology
Information and Communication Technologies
Nanosciences, Nanotechnologies, Materials and new Production Technologies
Energy
Environment (including Climate Change)
Transport
Socio-Economic Sciences and the Humanities
Space
Security

Capacities

Research Infrastructures
Research for the Benefit Of SMEs
Regions of Knowledge
Research Potential
Science in Society
Activities of International Co-operation
Coherent Development of Policies

Ideas – European Research Council (ERC)

Starting Independent Researcher Grants
Advanced Investigator Grants

People - Marie Curie

Individual Fellowships & Reintegration Grants
Initial Training Networks
Industry-Academia Partnerships and Pathways
International Research Staff Exchange Scheme
Researcher's Night

Training, Training, Training



Marie Curie covers the People and Training side of FP7

- **Make Europe more attractive to researchers**
- Encouraging people to become researchers
- Encouraging researchers to carry out their research in Europe

What Research?

- Bottom-up – all fields of research are covered

How?

- A number of different schemes depending on situation

Why?

- €50B until 2012
- High success rate for applications

Marie Curie: €50B until 2012



Action	Success rate	Who	When
Industry-Academia Partnerships & Pathways (IAPP)	40%	Host applies	25 March 2008
International Research Staff Exchange Scheme	NEW	Host applies	28 March 2008
European Reintegration Grants (ERG)	85%	Individual applies with host	3 April and 8 October
International Reintegration Grants (IRG)	60%		
Intra- European Fellowships (IEF) International Incoming Fellowships (IIF) International Outgoing Fellowships (IOF)	26%	Individual applies with host	19 August 2008
Initial Training Networks (ITN) <i>One stage proposal, 2 years worth funding</i>	35%	Host applies	2 September 2008

Central to all MC projects..

...is the **RESEARCHER**, their training and mobility.

In order to assess eligibility (for project or fellowship), it is essential that you consider the following:

- The minimum or maximum amount of research experience stipulated for the action
 - ESR - Early-Stage Researchers 0 - 4 years (FTE) *from obtaining degree that qualified them to embark on a doctorate*
 - EXR - Experienced Researchers: PhD or at least 4 years experience (FTE)
- The transnational mobility requirements for the action

Marie Curie Actions

- Host Schemes

- Industry–Academia Pathways and Partnership
- International Research Staff Exchange Scheme
- Initial Training Networks

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Industry–Academia Pathways and Partnership



- It is a two-way partnership with at least one commercial enterprise and non-commercial organisation in two different Member States or Associated Countries
 - Supporting the creation, development of strategic partnerships
 - Creating diverse career possibilities and experience for researchers
 - Knowledge sharing/cultural exchange, especially SMEs
- Staff exchange – early stage or experienced researchers (and possibly technical staff and research managers!) for between 2 months and 2 years
- Contribution
 - Salary costs, contribution to research, networking and management costs
 - For SMEs, a contribution towards small equipment costs (up to 10% of project total)
- Majority of projects are between just two partners

International Research Staff Exchange Scheme



- Two-way staff secondments between institutions in EU/AC and eligible third countries
- At least two participants from two different Member States/Associated Countries and one partner from an eligible third country (see map)
- Project duration of 24 – 48 months
 - Secondment between 0 – 12 months
- Commission contribution:
 - € 1800/researcher/month for EU/AC secondments

Main FP7 Countries



EU-27

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, UK

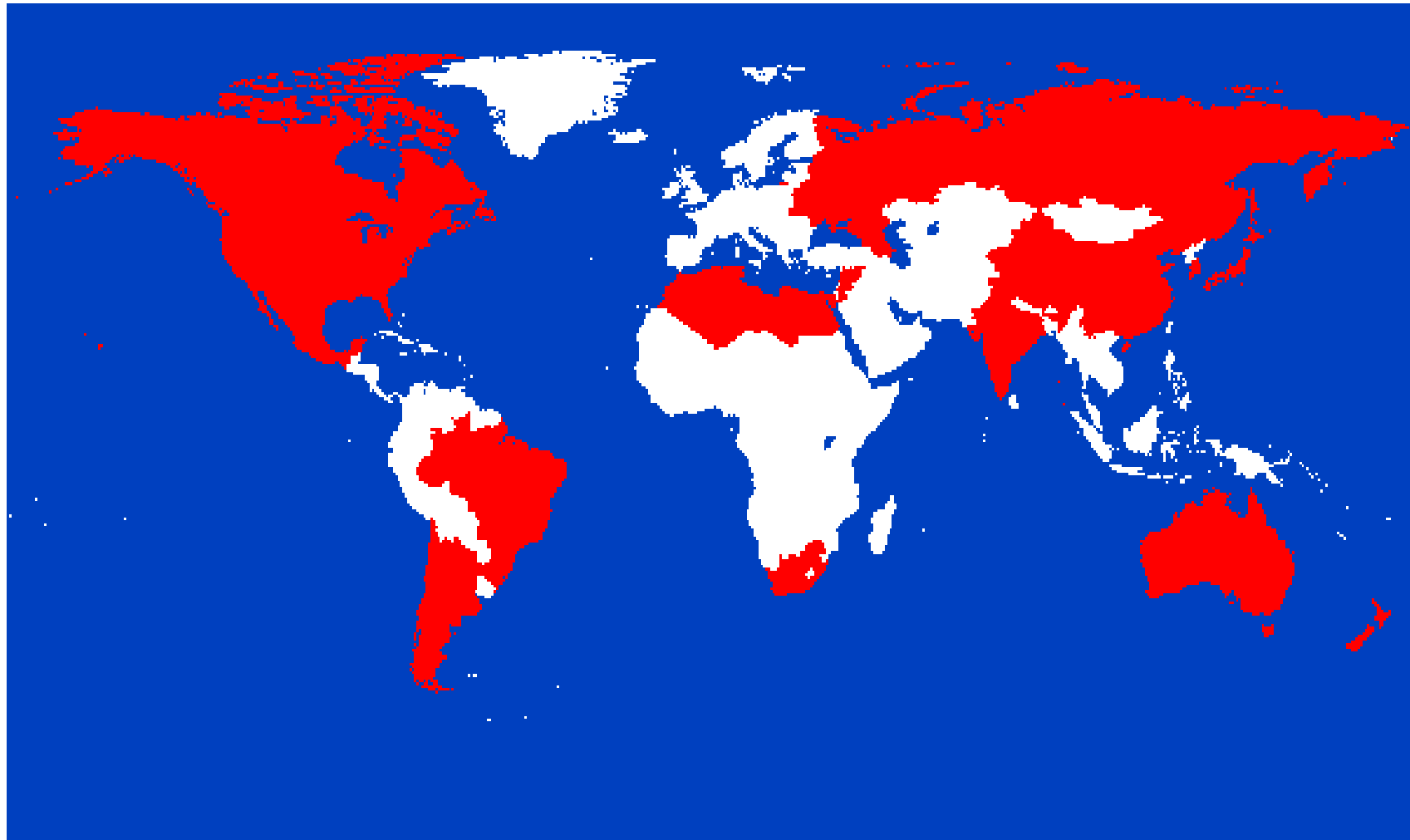
Associated Countries (FP7)

Albania, Croatia, Iceland*, Israel*, Liechtenstein*, Montenegro, FYR Macedonia*, Norway*, Serbia, Switzerland, Turkey

Bosnia Herzegovina (in the process of associating to FP7)

**except Euratom*

Eligible IRSES Countries (not showing eligible EU MS/AC)



Initial Training Networks

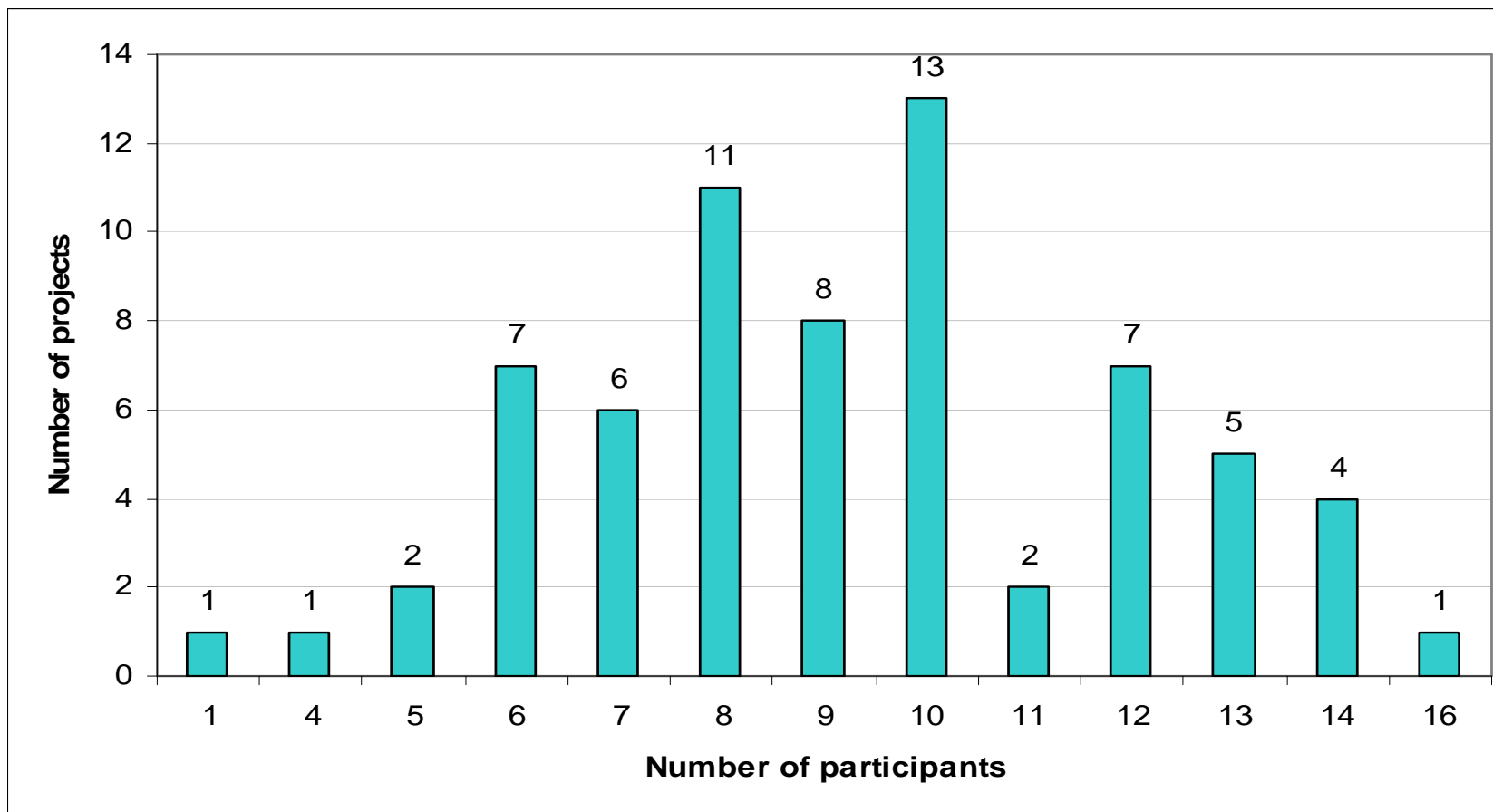
- **An ITN aims to :**
 - Strengthen Early Stage Training at EU level
Attract people to scientific careers
 - Improve career perspectives by development of broad skills (including needs of industry)
- **By:**
 - Offering a series of fellowships to ESR and EXR through a Joint Training Programme including complementary skills modules
 - As an **option**, hold short training events open to researchers outside the network
 - As an **option**, recruit ‘visiting scientists’
 - Defined scientific fields as well as inter-disciplinary, new and emerging supra-disciplinary fields

Who can participate in an ITN?



- **At least 3 different research groups from Member or Associated States, of which 2 must be Member or Candidate Countries**
- **Third country partners are eligible, in addition to the minimum requirements.**
- **An ITN has both industrial and academic partners. Industry must be involved at one of three levels:**
 - **As a full partner**
 - **Provider of specific training or secondment opportunities**
 - **On the Advisory Board**

2007 Call Number of partners per project



Who can you recruit to an ITN?

- **An ITN supports researchers:**
 - With up to 5 years FTE
 - From all over the world
 - For periods of 3 - 36 months (ESRs)
 - For periods of 3 – 24 months (EXRs)
- **As well as visiting scientists (optional)**
 - To carry out teaching and supervisory work
 - For a period of at least 1 month
- **Contribution to**
 - Salary, Relocation, travelling costs

Researcher Salaries for ITNs

Experience	Stipend (€/yr)	Employment contract (€/yr)
Early-Stage researchers	17,250	34,500
Experienced researchers (< 5yrs)	26,500	53,000
Visiting Scientist (4 - 10 yrs experience)	34,450	68,900
VS (> 10 yrs experience)	51,675	103,350

Salaries are inclusive of all compulsory deductions
Correction factor applied for cost of living (UK Coefficient 109.2%)

Marie Curie Actions

- Individual Fellowships

- Intra-European Fellowships
- Incoming International Fellowships
- Outgoing International Fellowships

- European (Re)integration Grants
- International Reintegration Grants

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Individual Fellowships



- **Aimed at ‘Experienced Researchers’**
- **Skills diversification**
- **Three categories:**
 - Intra-European Fellowships (IEF)
 - International Incoming Fellowships (IIF)
 - International Outgoing Fellowships (IOF)
- **Contribution to**
 - Management, overheads, fixed cost per researcher

Intra-European Fellowships



- EU Member or Associated State National or Third Country national if in EU for at least 4 of the last 5 years
- 12 – 24 months in a different EU Member State or Associated Country
- Resuming a career in research
- Individual applies with host
- Attaining or strengthening professional independence
- Skills diversification

International Outgoing Fellowships



- EU Member or Associated State Nationals only
- 24 – 36 months in total of which 12 -24 months in third country followed by mandatory reintegration phase in European host institutions
- Individual applies with host
- Acquiring new knowledge in the third country – bringing it back to the EU/AS
- Contract is between European host institution and Commission for duration of fellowship
- Mandatory return phase of 1 year

International Incoming Fellowships



- Third Country nationals only
- 12 – 24 months incoming phase in EU/AS
- Possible 1 year reintegration for nationals from ICPC
- Individual applies with host
- Contract between European host institution and EC for incoming phase, and between third country host and EC for reintegration / return
- Knowledge-sharing
- Mutually-beneficial research co-operation

European Re-integration Grants



- (Re)-integration into research career following a period of transnational mobility
- Applicants must have already benefited from a Marie Curie fellowship under FP6 or FP7 - 18 months minimum FTE
- The European Re-integration Grant:
 - Supports a research project of 2- 3 years
 - Contributes to the research costs
 - Researcher applies with host institution
 - Start within 12 months of your fellowship end



International Re-integration Grants



- Integration into research career in Europe following a period of transnational mobility outside Europe for at least 3 years
- Contribute to development of lasting co-operation with scientific community of the third country from which they have returned
- No requirement to have benefited from Marie Curie Action previously
- The International Re-integration Grants
 - Support a research project of 2- 4 years
 - Contributes to the research costs
 - Researcher applies with host institution
 - Host commits to researcher for at least 3 years
 - NEW: Researcher is allowed to be employed in research in EU at time of application

UKRO Help



- **UKRO**

- Marie Curie Contact point

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