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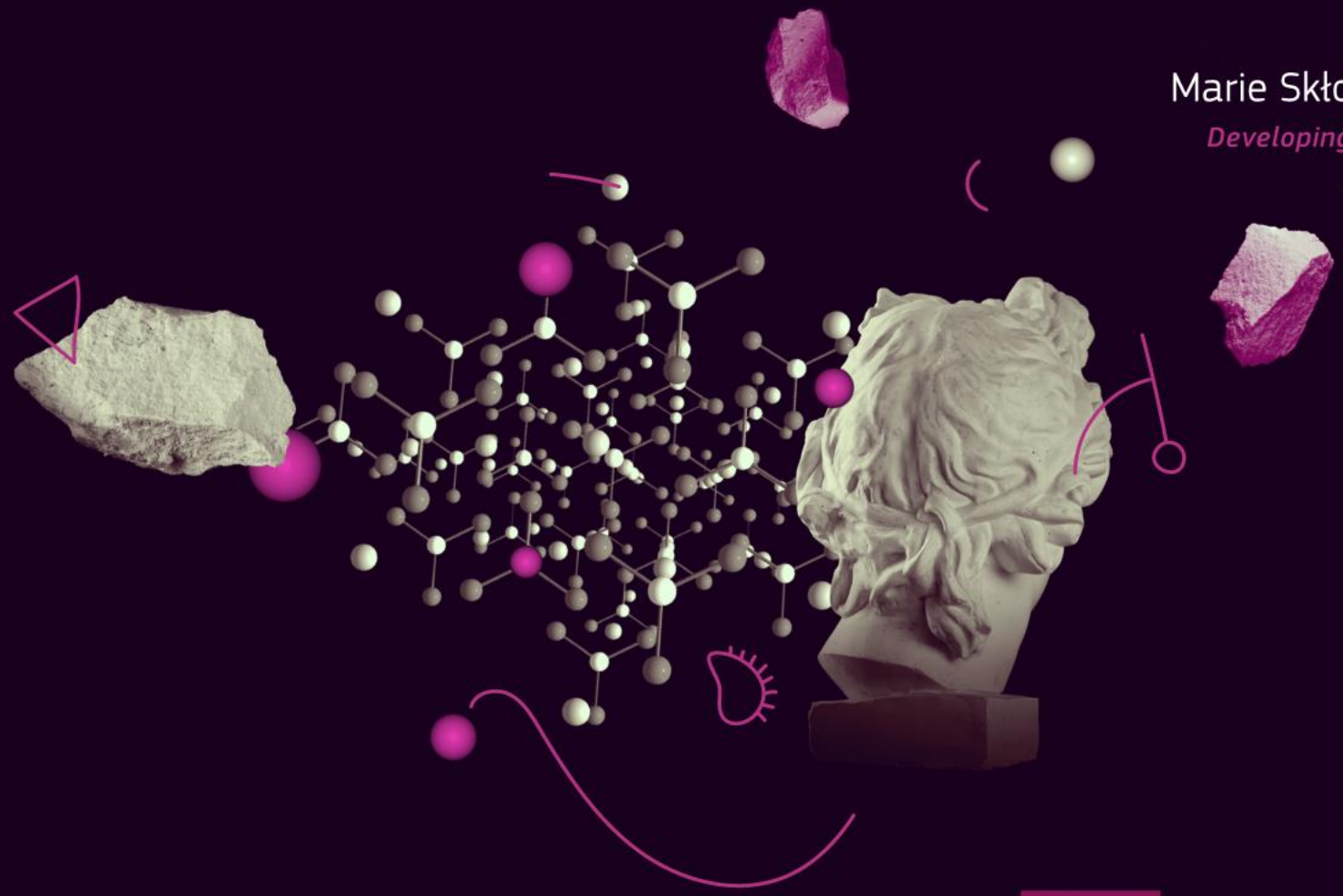
Developing talents, advancing research



MSCA Staff Exchanges

Webinar, 28/11/2023

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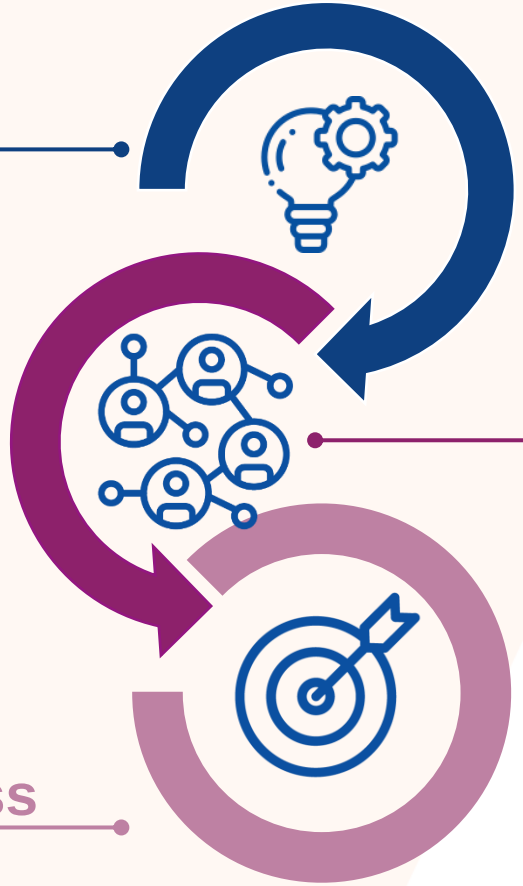
Overview

Policy background



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Application process

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The MSCA under Horizon Europe

Pillar I
EXCELLENT SCIENCE

European Research Council

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Research Infrastructures

Pillar II
GLOBAL CHALLENGES & EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS

Clusters

- Health
- Culture, Creativity & Inclusive Society
- Civil Security for Society
- Digital, Industry & Space
- Climate, Energy & Mobility
- Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture & Environment

Joint Research Center

Pillar III
INNOVATIVE EUROPE

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European Innovation Ecosystems

European Institute of Innovation & Technology

WIDENING PARTICIPATION AND STRENGTHENING THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA

Widening participation & spreading excellence

Reforming & enhancing the European R&I system

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Pillar I: Excellent Science

Reinforcing and extending the excellence of the Union's science base

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Frontier research by the best researchers and their teams

€16 billion

Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions

Equipping researchers with new knowledge and skills through mobility and training

€6.6 billion

Research Infrastructures

Integrated and inter-connected world-class research infrastructures

€2.4 billion

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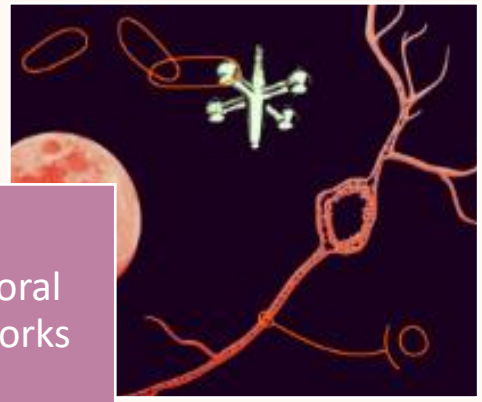

Doctoral Networks

Staff Exchanges:
Equipping researchers and organisations with new knowledge and skills through mobili tyand training

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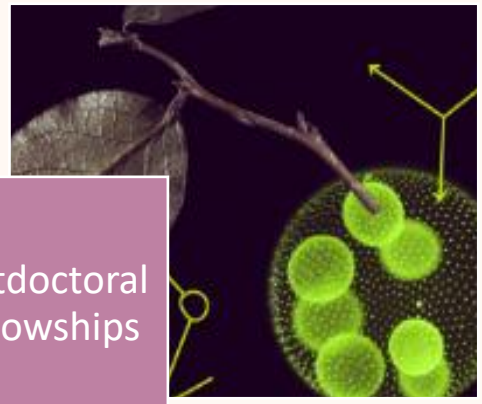

Postdoctoral Fellowships

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MSCA: Key figures 2014-2020

+65,000
Researchers, including 25,000 PhD candidates

37%
Researchers from outside EU

6.2 billion €
Under Horizon 2020

+1,000
Doctoral programmes

+4,500
Companies supported

42%
Female researchers

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MSCA: Key policies

Researchers' training, skills & career development

(all career stages)

Excellent research in all domains (bottom-up approach)

International,

cross-sectoral & interdisciplinary mobility

Attractive working & employment conditions

Structuring impact on organisations through excellent programmes

Strong collaboration with industry & SMEs

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Objectives

- International, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary mobility of R&I staff (“secondments”)
- Knowledge transfer between participating organisations
- Collaboration between the academic and non-academic sectors (including SMEs)
- Cooperation across the globe

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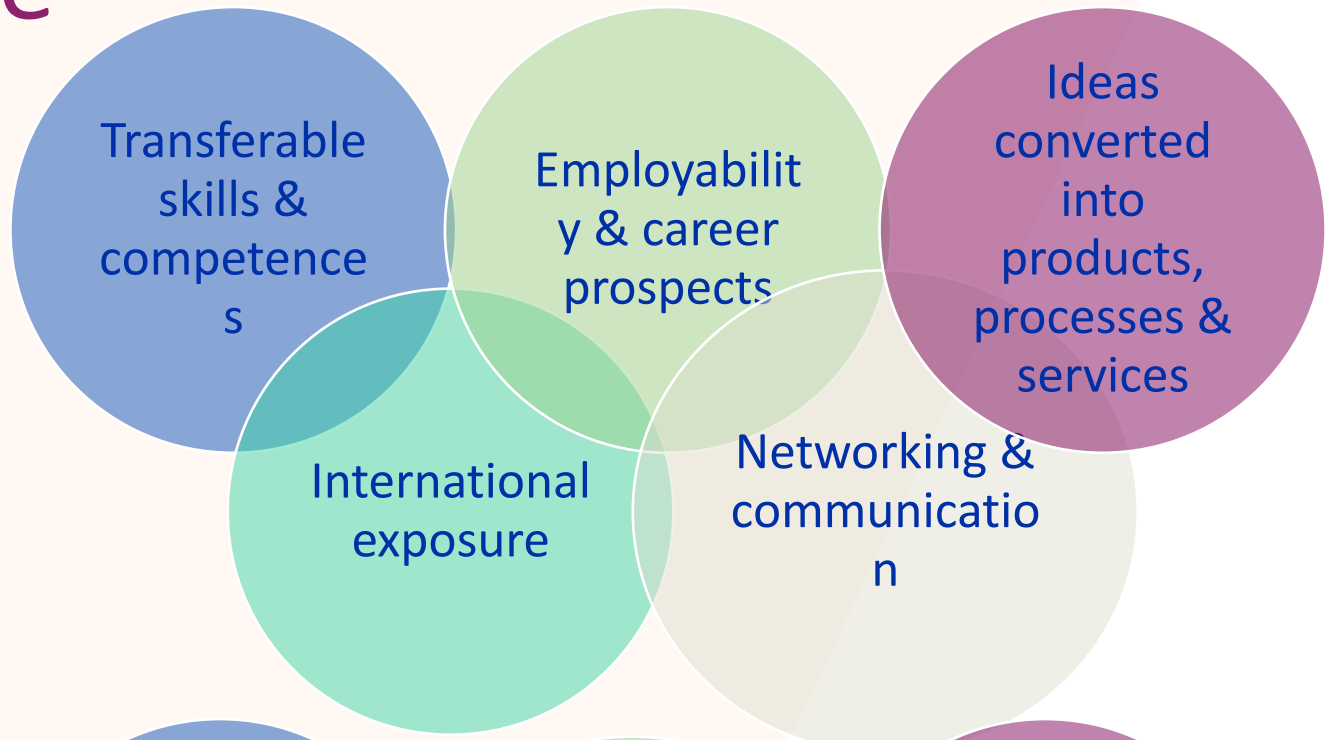
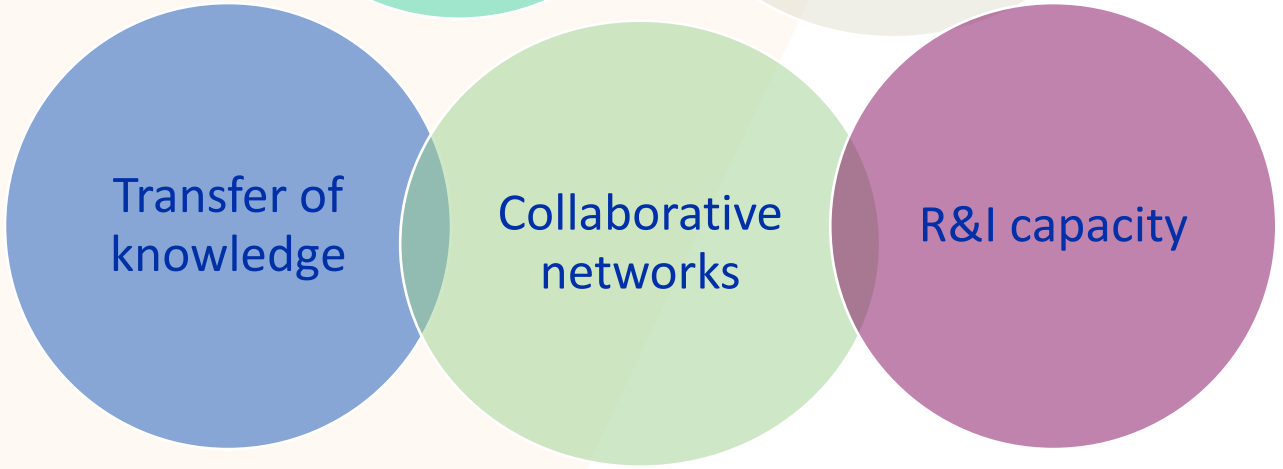
Added value

Staff members



Organisations



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Who can participate

Consortium of min. **3 legal entities in 3 different countries,** 2 of which in a different EU Member State or HE Associated Country

If all organisations from the **same sector**, there must be at least 1 organisation from a non-associated Third Country*

* Secondments within EU MS or HE AC must be between different sectors (between academic and non-academic), except for interdisciplinary secondments, which must be limited to a maximum of 1/3 of the total implemented months.

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Eligible staff

Seconded staff members

Any type of staff involved in R&I activities (researchers, administrative staff, managerial staff, technical staff)

Researchers at any career stage (from doctoral candidates to postdoctoral researchers)

Actively engaged in research and/or innovation activities for at least **1 month** prior at the sending institution

Each staff member is seconded for a period of **1 to 12 months** (may be split into several stays *)

Staff needs to be devoted **full-time** to the action during the secondment

After the secondment, staff should **return to their sending organisation**

* With one or several beneficiaries or associated partners.

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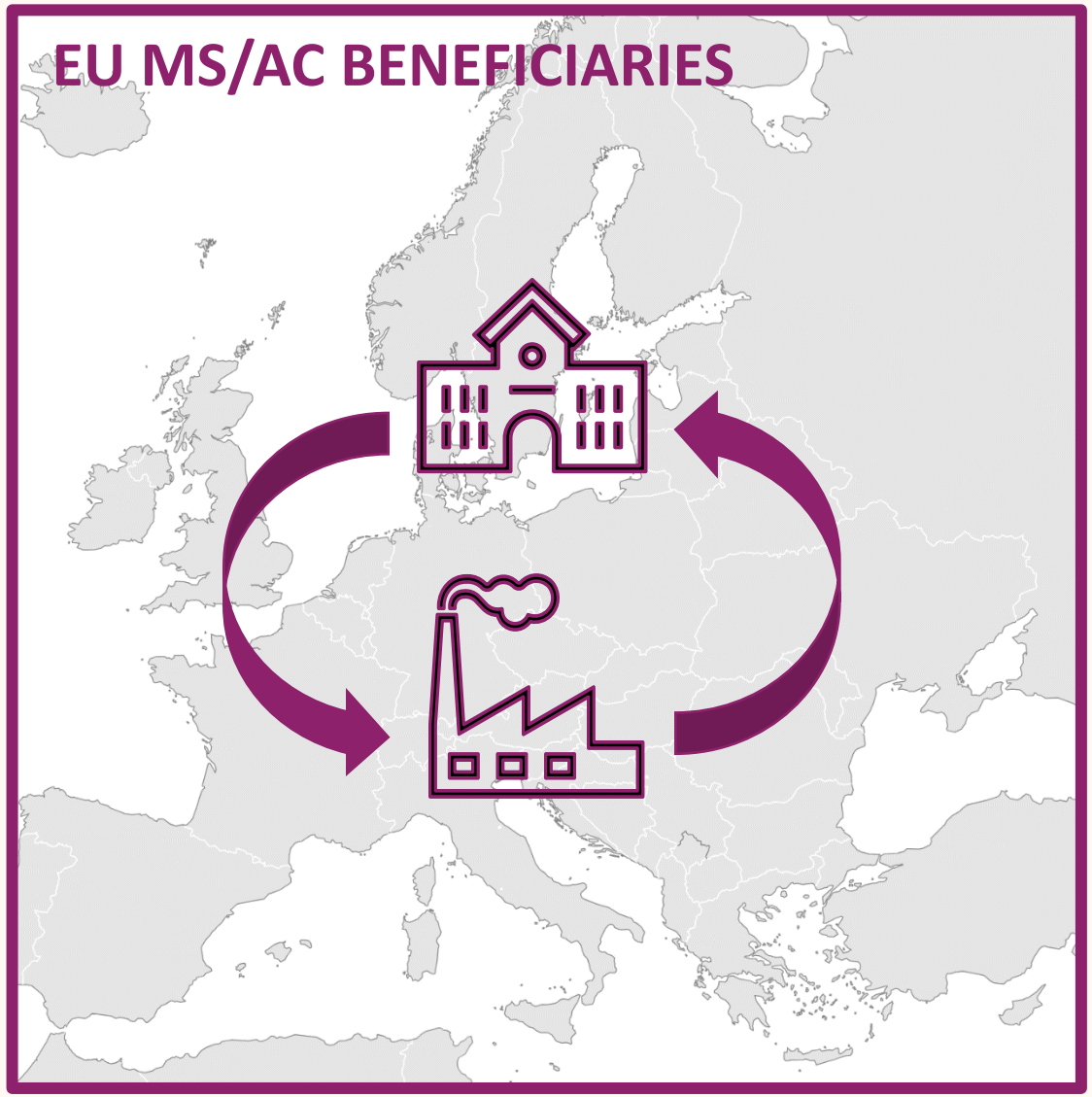
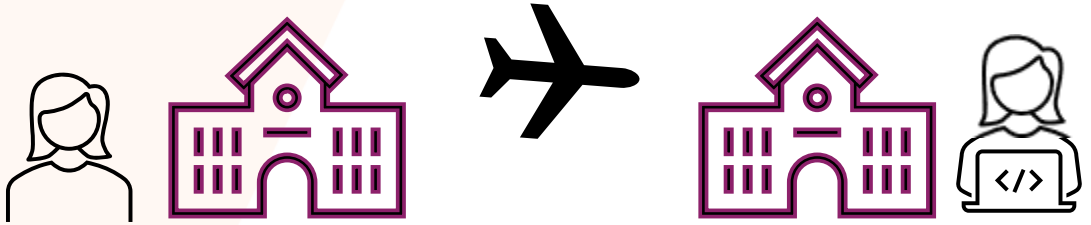
Eligible secondments





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Guidance/programme-guide_horizon_countries.pdf

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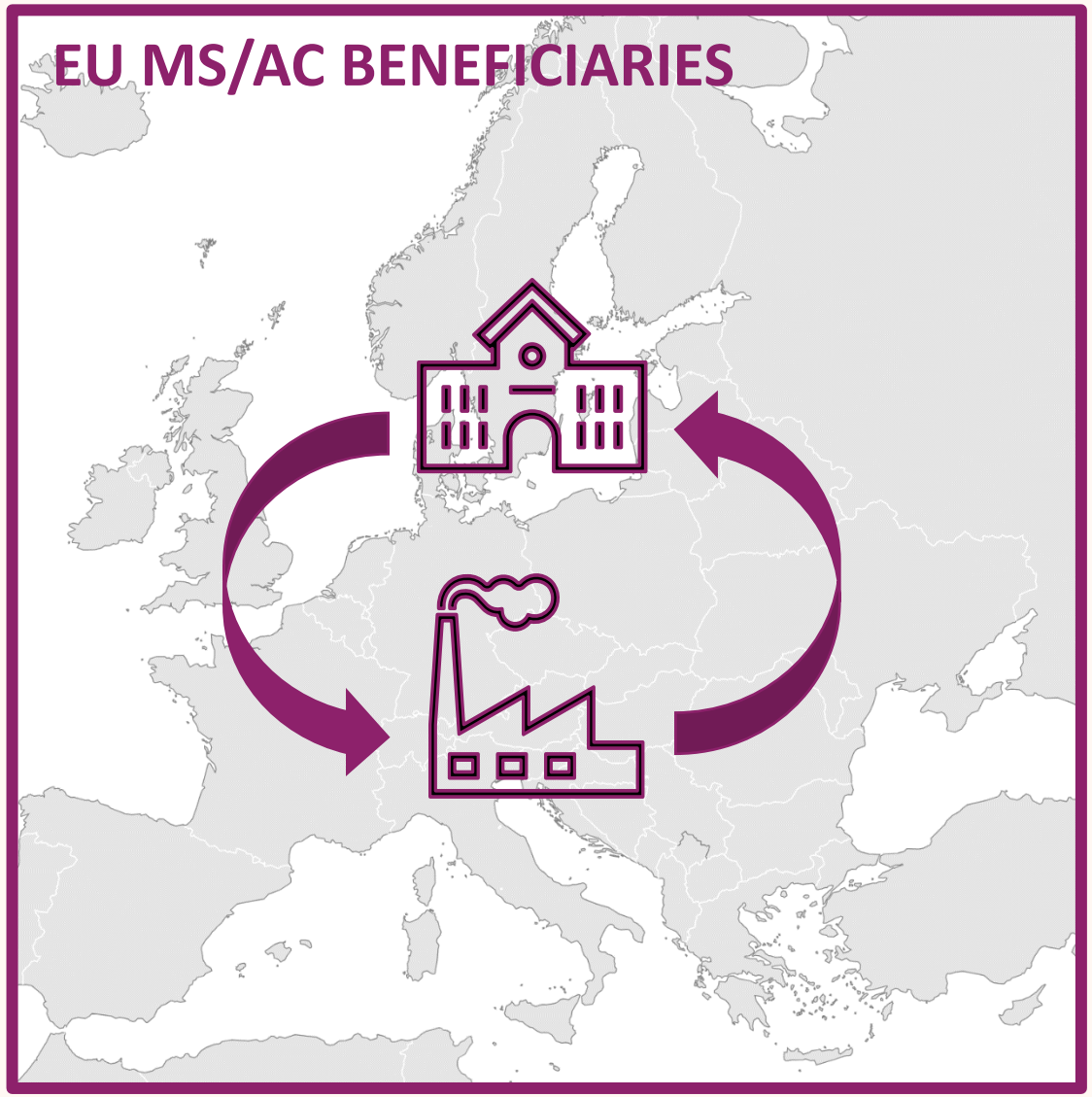
Eligible secondments



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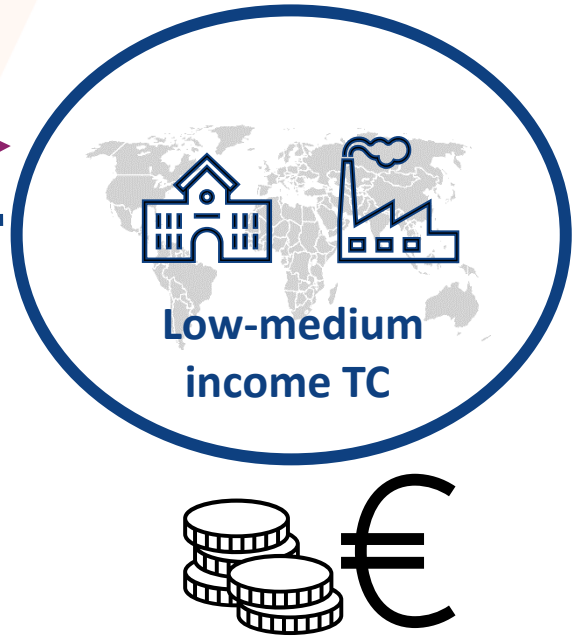

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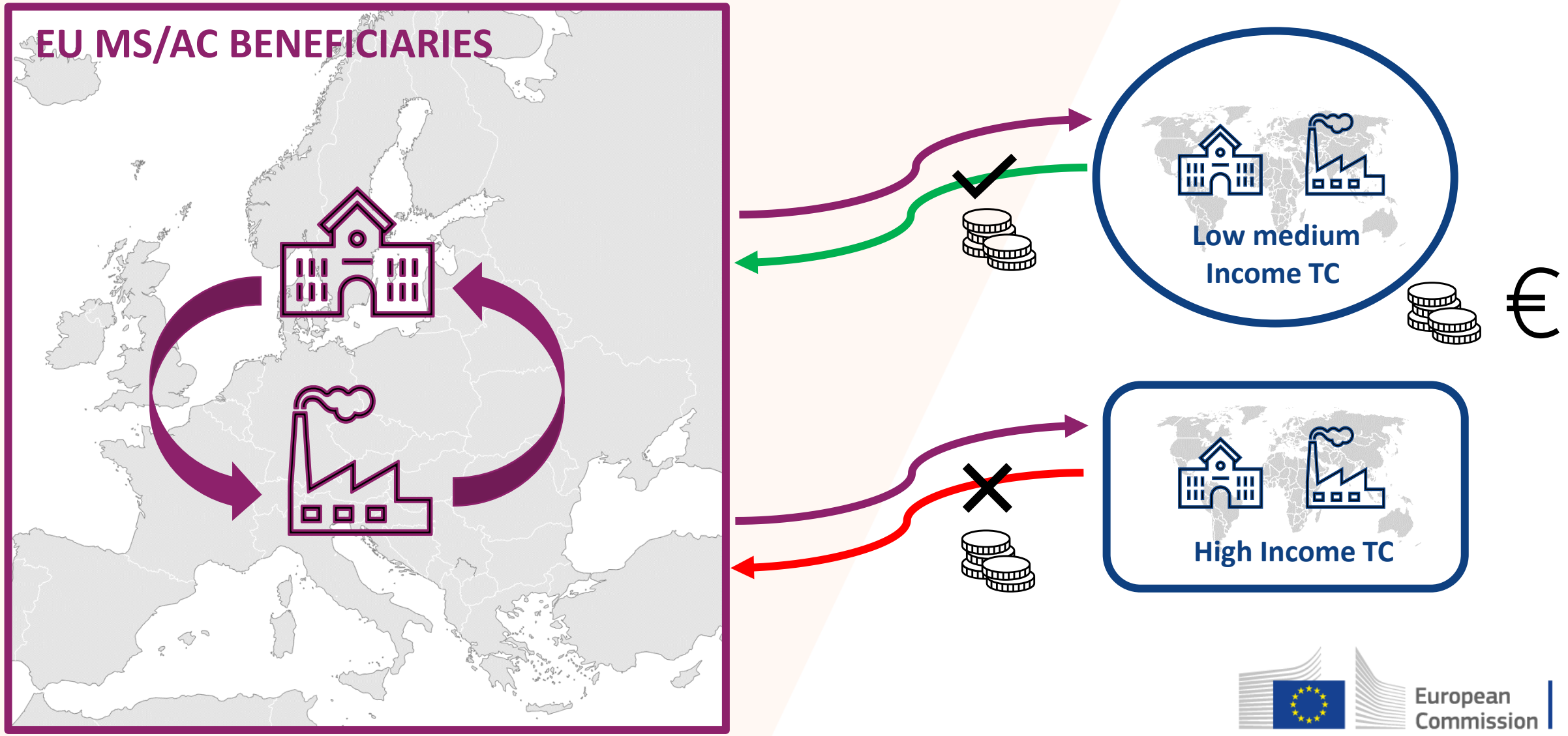

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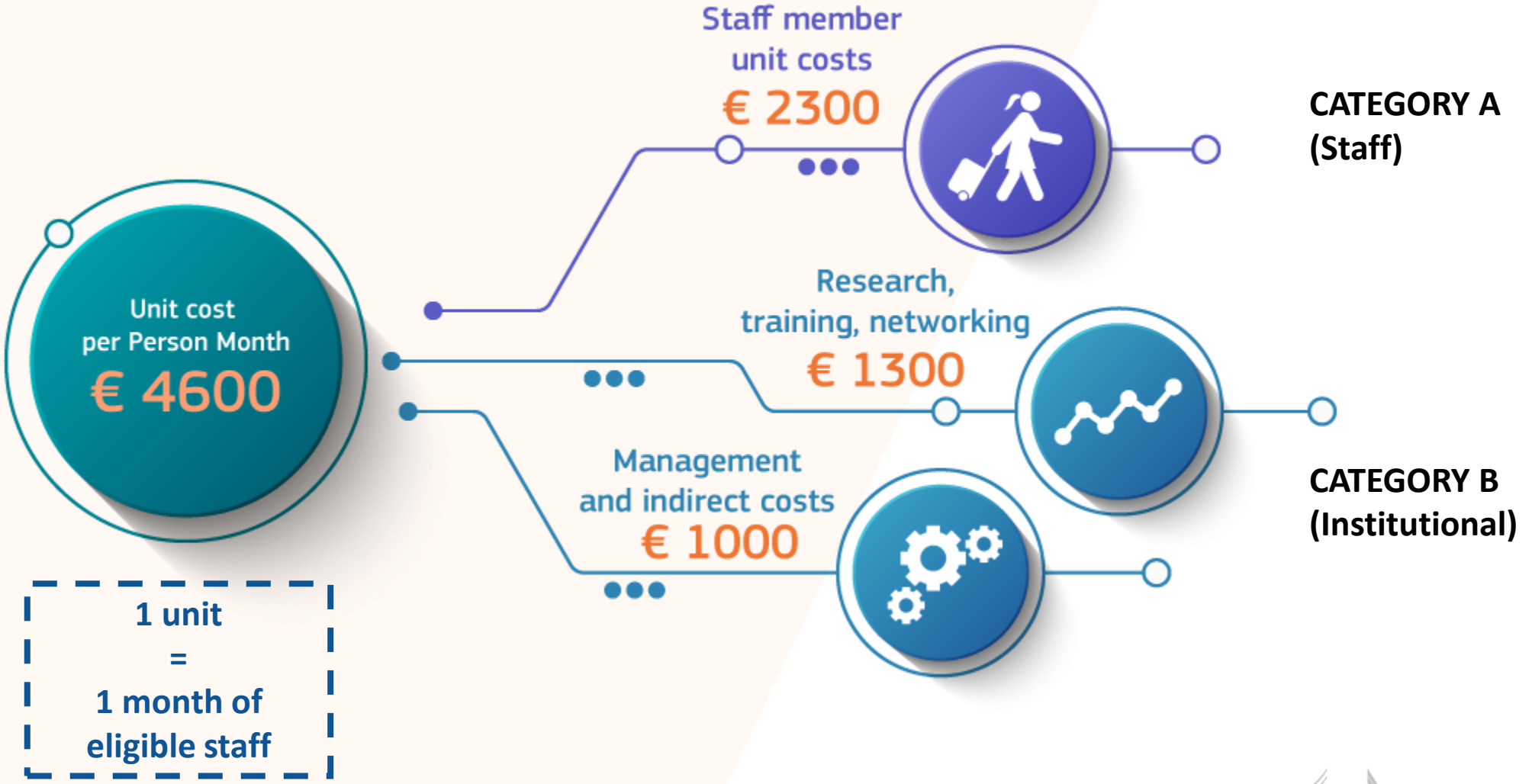

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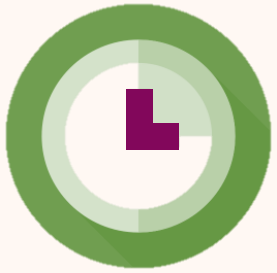
Key features – summary



DURATION
Max 4 years
(48 months)
360 PM per
project

SECONDMENTS
1-12 months per staff

Mandatory interdisciplinary secondments:
same sector, between MS/AC for max 1/3 PM

UNIT COST
4600€ total
2 categories:

2300€ - Staff allowance
2300€ - Institutional

BUDGET
EU funding
average
75,5 Mio€/call

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Staff Exchanges - Making a Difference

WORLD-WIDE
The highest participation of non-EU countries in MSCA

BUSINESS PARTICIPATION
Businesses receive an estimated 20% of the available funding

PATENTS
37% of all patents in MSCA actions are generated in SE projects

SUCCESS RATE
The success rate is up to 40% depending on the discipline

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How to find partners?

Networking events (conferences, workshops, etc.)

Former or current collaborations

Joint projects

Dedicated platforms (Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal)

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Application process

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Key Dates & Budget Call 2023

Call Opening 2023: **5 October 2023**

Call Closure: **28 February 2024**

Call 2023 Budget: **€ 78,5 M**

SE Info Session: **8 December 2023**

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HORIZON-MSCA-2023-SE-01 – Indicative timeline

Launch of the call for proposals	Deadline for submitting proposals	Notification of call results to applicants (TBC)	Grant agreement signature for successful projects (TBC)	First EU-funded projects start (TBC)
5 Oct. 2023	28 Feb. 2024	June–July 2024	Nov. 2024	Nov. 2024

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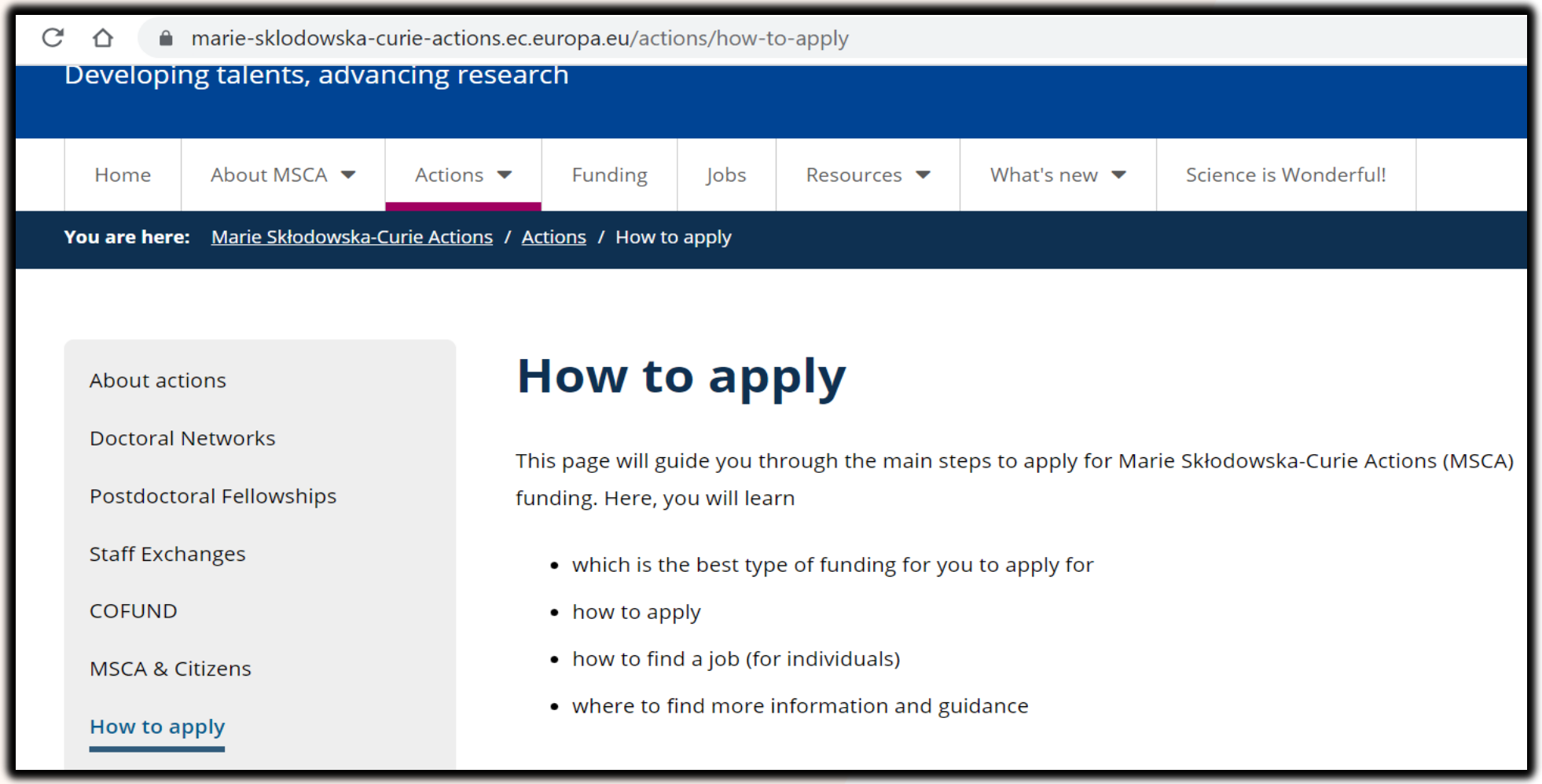
MSCA actions on Europa - REA Website



REA Website link

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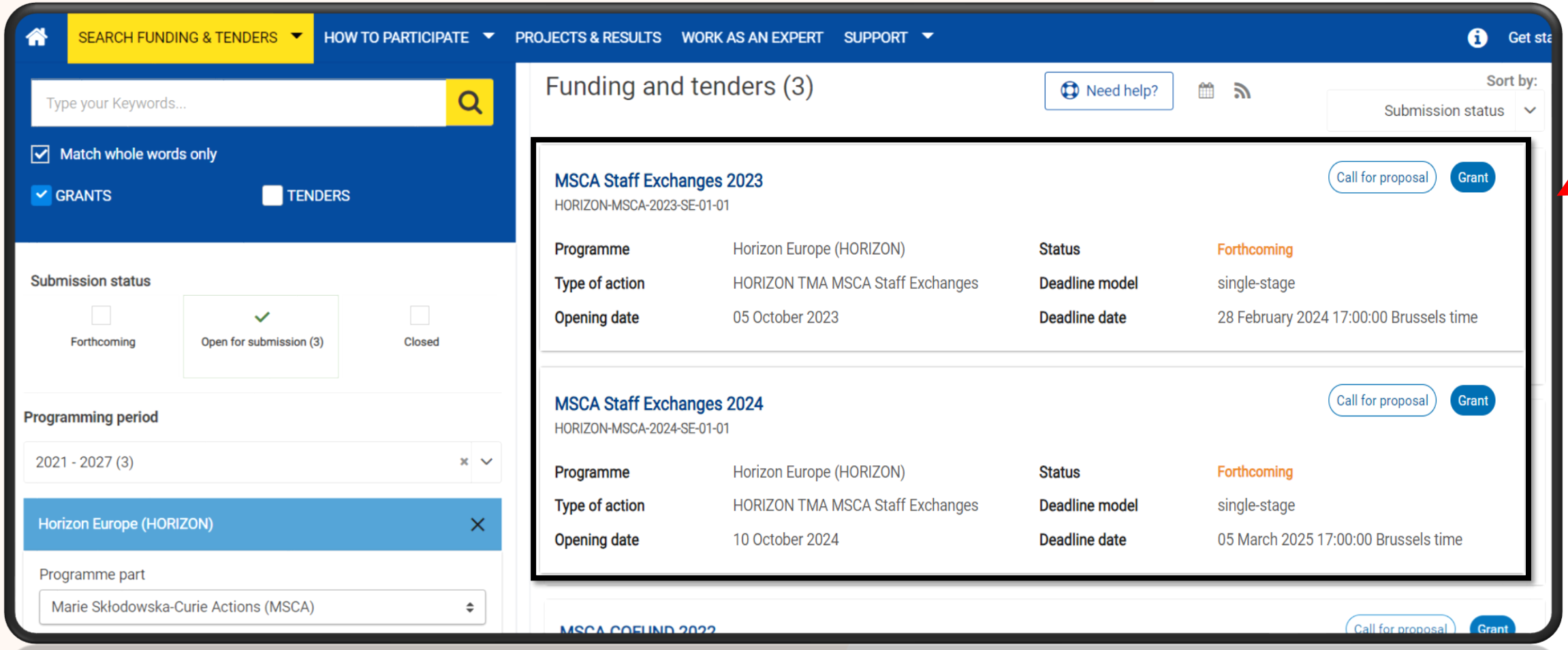
Staff Exchanges 2023 call for proposals



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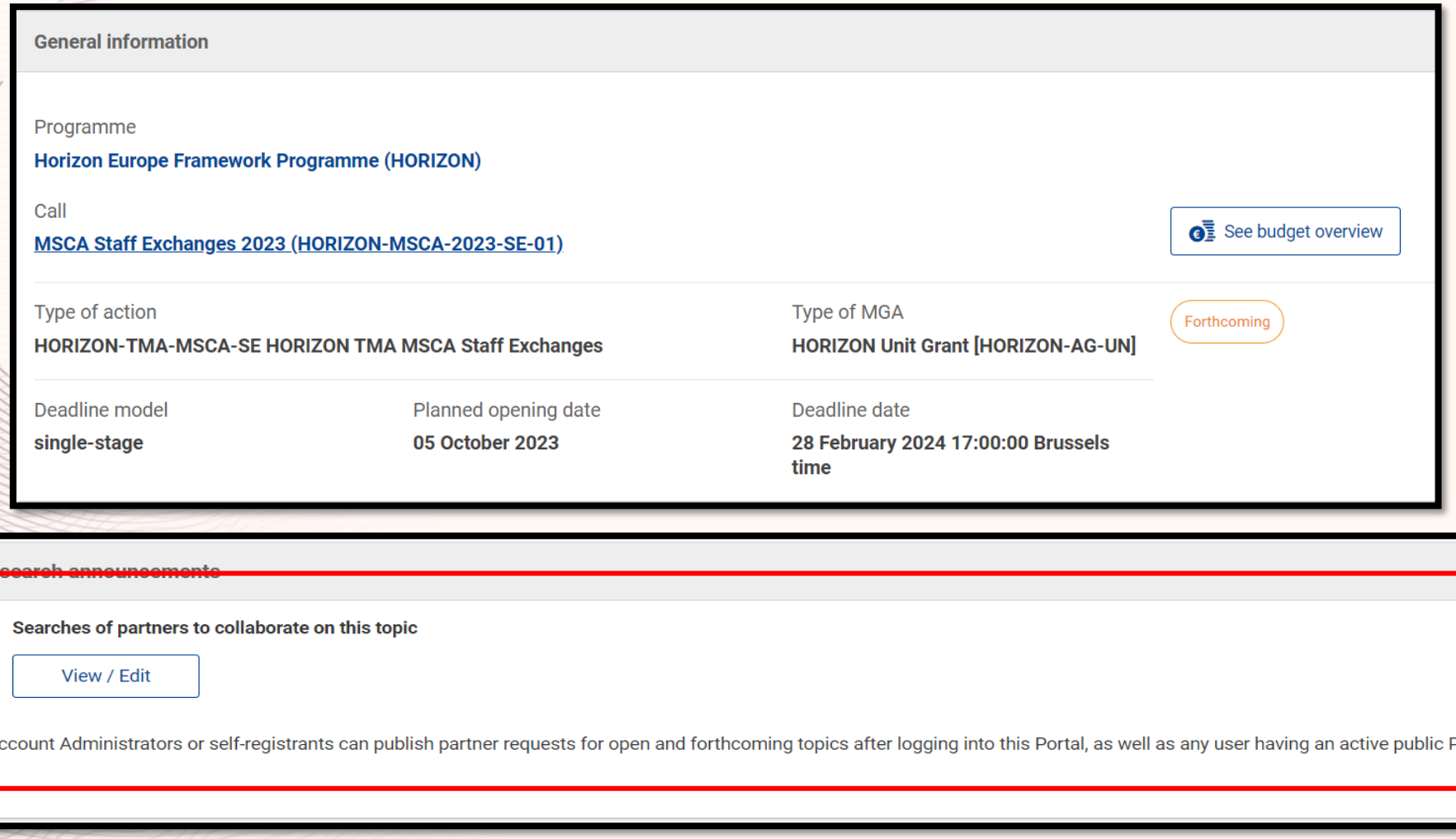
Staff Exchanges 2023 – Funding & Tenders Portal



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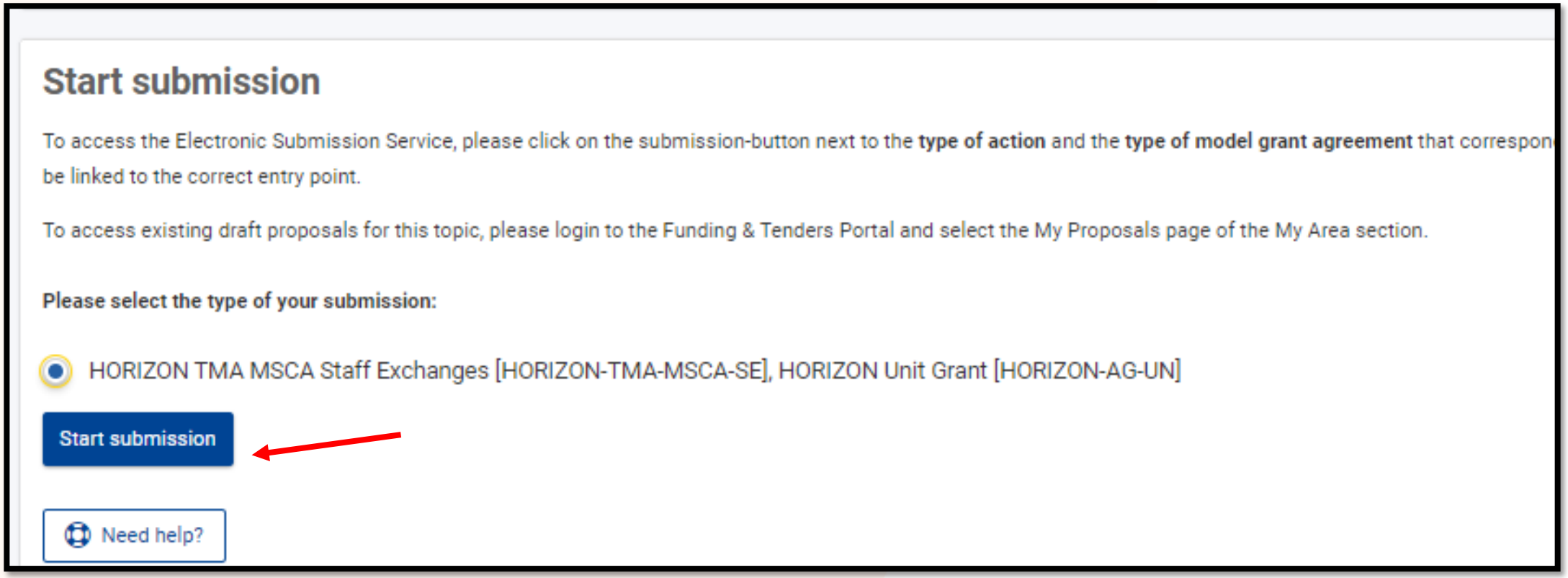
Starting an application



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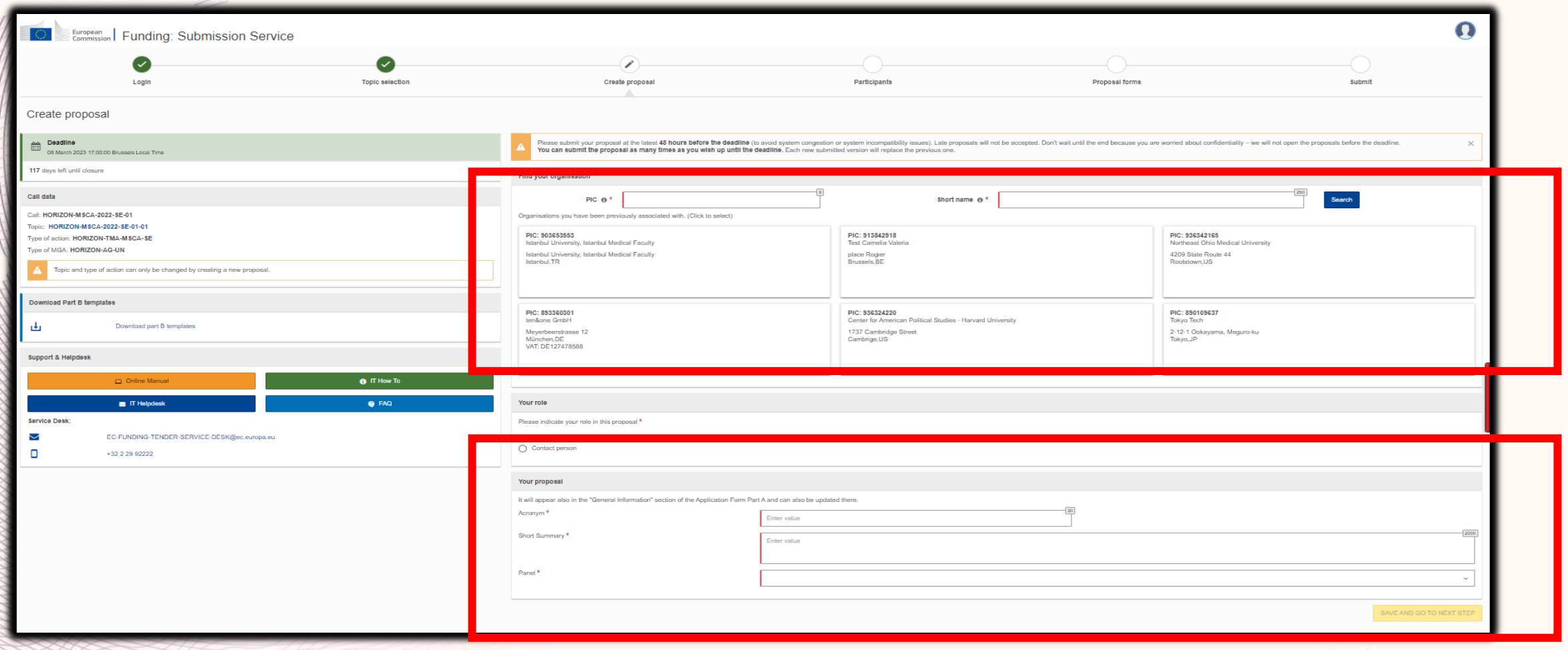

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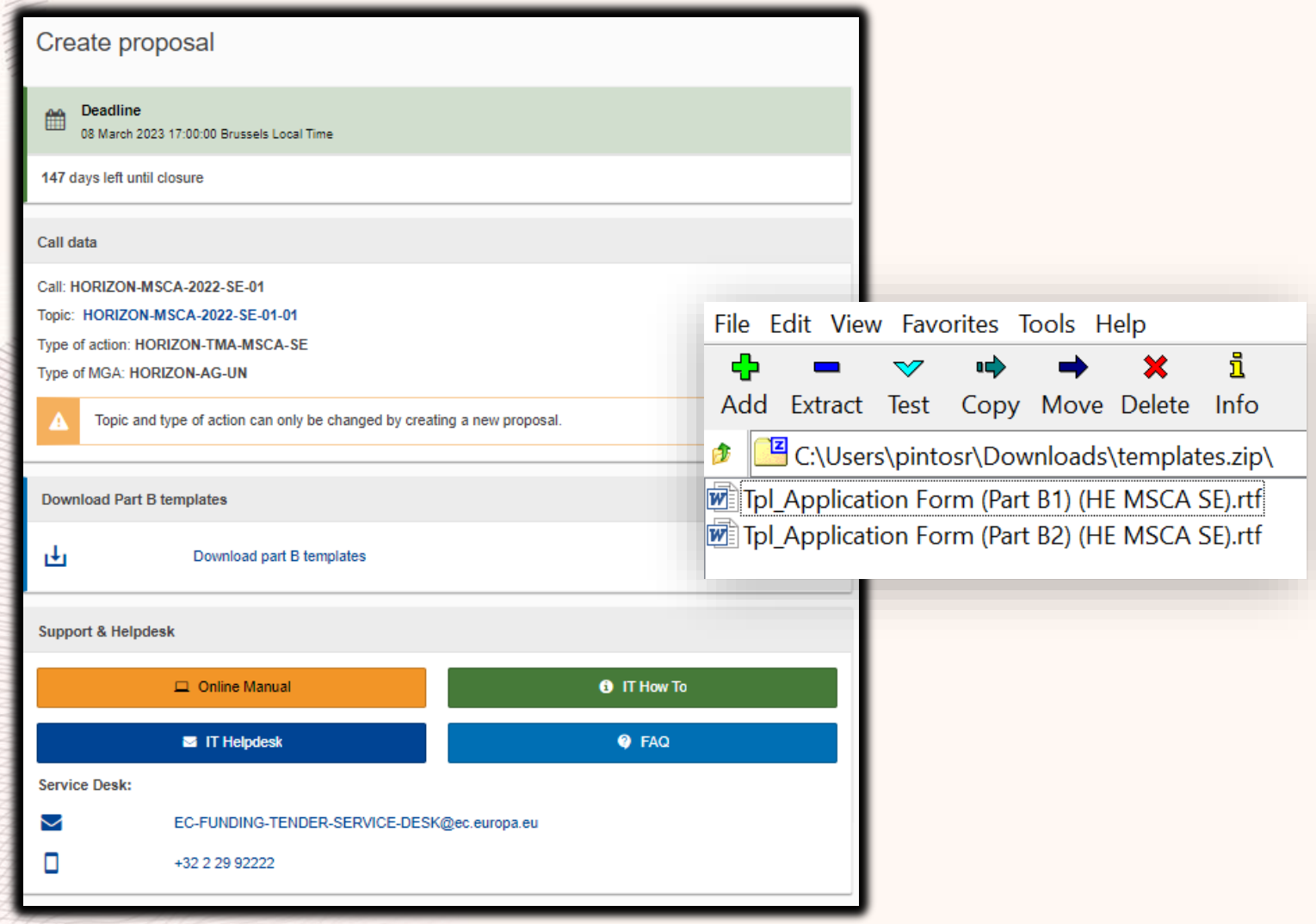

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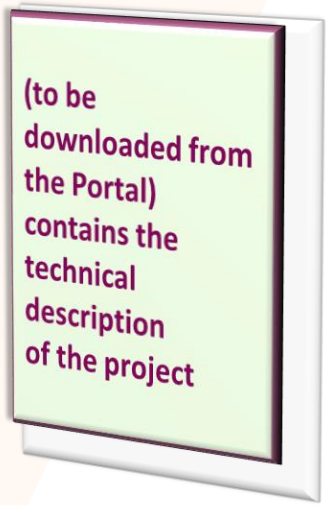
Proposal documents

Part A (structured data)

Part B1 and B2 (description of action)



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Reference Documents

- Guide for Applicants
- MSCA Work Programme & annexes
- Proposal templates
- Model Grant Agreement
- Online manual on how to submit an application
- Frequently Asked Questions

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Tips and tricks

Closely follow the call requirements

Be in line with the action's objectives and expected outcomes

Follow available guidelines

Use the structure provided in the template and address all the evaluation criteria

Highlight the EU dimension

Show that your proposal addresses EU policy priorities and/or societal challenges

Get a second opinion

Have your proposal proof-read by a colleague and pre-screened by your NCP

Sustainability of collaboration

Describe the benefits of cooperation and how they can go beyond this project

Contact your

National Contact Point

(NCP)

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Upcoming event:

- **Staff Exchanges Info Session**

  8 December 2023 - 10:00 - 12:30 – E-event

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