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Open/foreseen calls Horizon Europe:

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

Call	Call Opening	Submission Date
MSCA—Researchers at Risk 2021	02.09.2021	06.01.2022
MSCA- Staff Exchanges 2021	07.10.2021	09.03.2022
MSCA- Postdoctoral Fellowships 2022	13.04.2022	14.09.2022
MSCA-Doctoral Networks 2022	03.05.2022	15.11.2022

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European Research Council (ERC):

Call	Call Opening	Submission Date
ERC-Synergy Grants 2022	15.07.2021	10.11.2021
ERC-Starting Grants 2022	October 2021?	13.01.2022

KoWi Instrument: MSCA- Matchmaker for participating in Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

KoWi offers German institutions a platform to express their interest in participating in Postdoctoral Fellowships and Doctoral Networks in the frame of Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions. The MSCA Matchmaker will support institutions in finding fellows or suitable project partners by providing a template for an "Expression of Interest" (Eoi), which will be published on the KoWi website.

Completed "Expression of Interest" as a PDF-file are to be sent to the following e-mail address: msca-host-offer@kowi.de

More information [here](#)

Registration as Evaluator:

The European Union Institutions appoint external experts to assist in the evaluation of grant applications, projects and tenders, and to provide opinions and advice in specific cases.

You may obtain more information and register under <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/work-as-an-expert>

Knock-on financing (Anschubfinanzierung) provided by BMBF for German coordination proposals in Horizon Europe

The Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF) offers as of Spring 2021 knock-on financing for the preparation of proposals within Horizon Europe with the condition that the coordinator is a German Institution.

The beneficiaries of this financing are German universities, research institutions and small and medium enterprises (SMEs) acting as coordinator in a Horizon Europe proposal. The funding amounts to € 50.000, -/proposal with a maximal duration of twelve months. The knock-on financing will support network meetings, workshops, travel and stay costs and is restricted to the "Global Challenges" in Pillar II.

The BMBF knock-on total funding amounts to € 2 Mio. and will be available between 2021 and 2024.

This funding follows the guidelines of BMBF and will be announced through the usual BMBF "Förderbekanntmachungen". You may sign for the Newsletter here: <https://www.bmbf.de/newsletter/> ("BMBF- Förderbekanntmachungen") and in this website: <https://www.eubuero.de/era-foerderrichtlinie.htm>

Calendar of Events related to Horizon Europe

EUK: EU Competence Network Brandenburg

The EU Competence Network of Brandenburg Universities is planning an event in November entitled "How to Write a Competitive Proposal for Horizon Europe" with Seán McCarthy, which we would like to organise exclusively digitally this year in order to be independent of the pandemic. Seán McCarthy is the Managing Director of Hyperion Ltd and specialises in designing and delivering training on EU research funding. He will be explaining the structure and funding mechanisms in Horizon Europe during the online workshop, similar to previous University of Potsdam- UE Research Funding

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years' events, provide helpful hints for successful applications and give tips on finding partners as well as consortium planning. The event will be held in English. Participation will be limited to 80 persons.

Date: 16.11.2021

Time: 10:00 - 12:45 hrs

Location: digital

Further details and the agenda will follow in the official invitation at the end of September/beginning of October. Questions can already be sent to the following e-mail address: euk-veranstaltung@fh-potsdam.de.

KoWi:

The German *Kooperationsstelle EU der Wissenschaftsorganisationen* (KoWi) as well as the German National Contact Points (NKS) organise different information events (English and German) related to Horizon Europe.

You may find these events here:

<https://www.kowi.de/kowi/services/schulungen-veranstaltungen/veranstaltungskalender.aspx>

→Tipp: Die Antragstellung bei den Marie Skłodowska-Curie Staff Exchanges am 20.10.2021 (online, German language)

https://www.kowi.de/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-39/1905_read-6854/usetemplate-desktopdefault/

NKS:

The German National Contact Point (NKS) also organizes information events related to Horizon Europe:

<https://www.horizont-europa.de/de/Veranstaltungskalender-1790.html>

→Tipp: Rechtliche und finanzielle Regelungen in Horizont Europa am 13.10.2021 (online, German language)

<https://www.eubuero.de/seminar-ruf.htm>

Erasmus+: Funding Opportunities in Key Actions 2 and 3 and Jean Monnet Actions



Figure 1: Structure of the Erasmus+ Key Actions 2 and 3 and Jean Monnet Actions

Source: own illustration

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Which funding opportunities offers Key Action 2?

The funding measures included in Key Action 2 are grouped in Partnerships for Cooperation, Partnerships for Excellence, Partnerships for Innovation and other actions.

Partnerships for Cooperation (including partnerships in the field of sport) encompass:

- **Cooperation Partnerships:** This funding measure aims at increasing the capacity of organisations to work transnationally and across sectors as well as enabling transformation and change at individual, organisational or sectoral level. Cooperation Partnerships can last between 12 and 36 months and receive a funding up to 400.000 EUR.
- **Small-Scale Partnerships:** This action is designed to enable small-scale actors to cooperate at European level. Projects can have a duration of between 6 and 24 months and be funded with a lump sum of 30.000 EUR or 60.000 EUR.

Partnerships for Excellence encompass three actions targeting higher education institutions:

- **European Universities:** This action supports transnational alliances of universities in Europe that aim at developing joint long-term strategies in education and research.

Project duration and funding criteria are established in each specific call for applications.

- **Erasmus+ Teachers Academies:** This measure is addressed to higher education institutions offering teacher education and training in order to build a European partnership for the development of an international outlook in teacher education (e.g. promoting multilingualism and cultural diversity, developing teacher education considering EU priorities and contributing to the development of the European Education Area). Projects have a duration of 3 years with a funding up to 1,5 million euros.
- **Erasmus Mundus Action:** The overall aim of this action is to support the creation and implementation of international joint master's degree programmes. The **Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters** funding measure supports running joint master's degrees. Projects receive a grant for 6 academic years to fund at least 4 student intakes. The amount of funding depends on the duration of the intake (60, 90 or 120 credits), the number of students enrolled and the number of student scholarships granted. Besides, this action includes the **Erasmus Mundus Design Measures** to support the creation of new joint master's degree programmes. These projects have a duration of 15 months with a funding of 55.000 EUR.

Partnerships for Innovation include:

- **Alliances for Innovation:** This action is divided in two lots:
 - **Alliances for Innovation** bringing together industry partners and higher education institutions. Projects have a duration of 2 or 3 years and a funding up to 1,5 million euros.
 - **Alliances for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills** aiming at supporting partnerships for the development of specific skills with a duration of 4 years and a funding of maximum 4 million euros.
- **Forward-Looking Projects:** This action has the objective of fostering innovation, creativity and social entrepreneurship. It will support partnerships that develop forward-looking ideas in the fields of education, training, youth and sport. The project duration and funding criteria will be established in each specific call for applications.

Besides, Key Action 2 includes:

- **Capacity Building Projects** that strengthen the cooperation between higher education institutions in Programme and Partner Countries (see "Who can take part in the Erasmus+ programme?" below). The project duration and funding rules will be set in each call for applications.

- **Not-for-Profit Sport Events** for the preparation and organization of sport events that promote social inclusion, equal opportunities and health-enhancement. The duration of the project can be of 12 or 18 months with a funding up to 450.000 EUR.

Which funding opportunities offers Key Action 3?

Key Action 3 fosters cooperation related to policy development in the European Union and covers various funding measures. Of special relevance for higher education institution is the action **European Policy Experimentations**, which supports transnational cooperation among public authorities and other organizations in order to carry out field trials on policy measures in European countries. The project duration and funding criteria of this action will be established in each specific call for applications.

Which funding opportunities offer Jean Monnet Actions?

Jean Monnet Actions support teaching and research in the area of European Union studies. They comprise the following actions:

- **Modules:** teaching programmes or courses in subjects related to the European Union. Project duration: 3 years. Maximum EU grant: 30.000 EUR.
- **Chairs:** teaching posts for university professors specialized in European Union studies. Project duration: 3 years. Maximum EU grant: 50.000 EUR.
- **Centres of Excellence:** focal points gathering knowledge and expertise on topics related to European Union studies. Project duration: 3 years. Maximum EU grant: 100.000 EUR.
- **Teacher Training:** activities addressed to teachers in schools and Vocational Education and Training (VET) providers in order to enhance the knowledge and teaching skills on European Union topics. Project duration: 3 years. Maximum EU grant: 300.000 EUR.
- **Networks:** cooperation between schools and VET providers in order to enhance knowledge related to teaching EU subjects. Project duration: 3 years. Maximum EU grant: 300.000 EUR.
- **Support to designated institutions:** funding measure to carry out activities such as research, teaching, organisation of events and dissemination of results in priority areas for the EU.

Who can take part in the Erasmus+ programme?

In general, organizations participating in Erasmus+ projects have to be established in Programme Countries. In addition, some actions are open to participants from Partner Countries. The list of all Erasmus+ Programme and Partner Countries can be found [here](#).

Relevant Sources

- Erasmus+ Website of the European Commission:
https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/node_en
- Erasmus+ Programme Guide:
https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/programme-guide_en
- Website of the German National Agency for EU Higher Education Cooperation (NA DAAD):
<https://eu.daad.de/de/>

Note: Most of the information provided above about the funding opportunities in Key Actions 2 and 3 and Jean Monnet Actions has been gathered from the Erasmus+ Programme Guide specifying the details of the 2021 calls for proposals. Funding measures and conditions might change in future calls. Therefore, the information included in this document must be considered provisional until the calls for applications are published.

About us:

In Dezernat 1 you find guidance on EU Research funding (Horizon 2020-Horizon Europe) in the following ways:

Consultancy (pre award support)	Application (pre award support)	Management (post award support)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of the right funding for your research in Horizon 2020 • Organization of workshops and information events • Support through local, regional, national and international networks • Other information (i.e. success rates) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative issues • Formal assessment of the proposal • Funding & Tenders Portal • Detailed feedback on the structure and formal issues of the proposal • Elaboration and checking of the budget 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation and signature of the Grant Agreement • Elaboration and signature of the Consortium Agreement • Coordination and support to the administrative and financial management

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You also find guidance on the preparation and submission of proposals in the frame of ERASMUS + (Key Actions 2 and 3 and Jean Monnet Activities):

Consultancy (pre award support)	Application (pre award support)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of the right funding for your research in Erasmus+ • Organization of workshops and information events • Support through local, regional, national and international networks • Other information (i.e. success rates) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative issues • Formal assessment of the proposal • Funding & Tenders Portal • Detailed feedback on the structure and formal issues of the proposal • Elaboration and checking of the budget

UP project managers can address the EU Research Funding Team at D1 if they have administrative-related questions.

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