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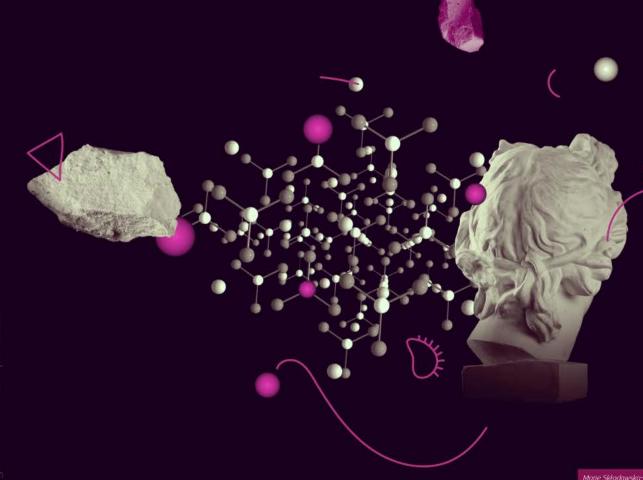
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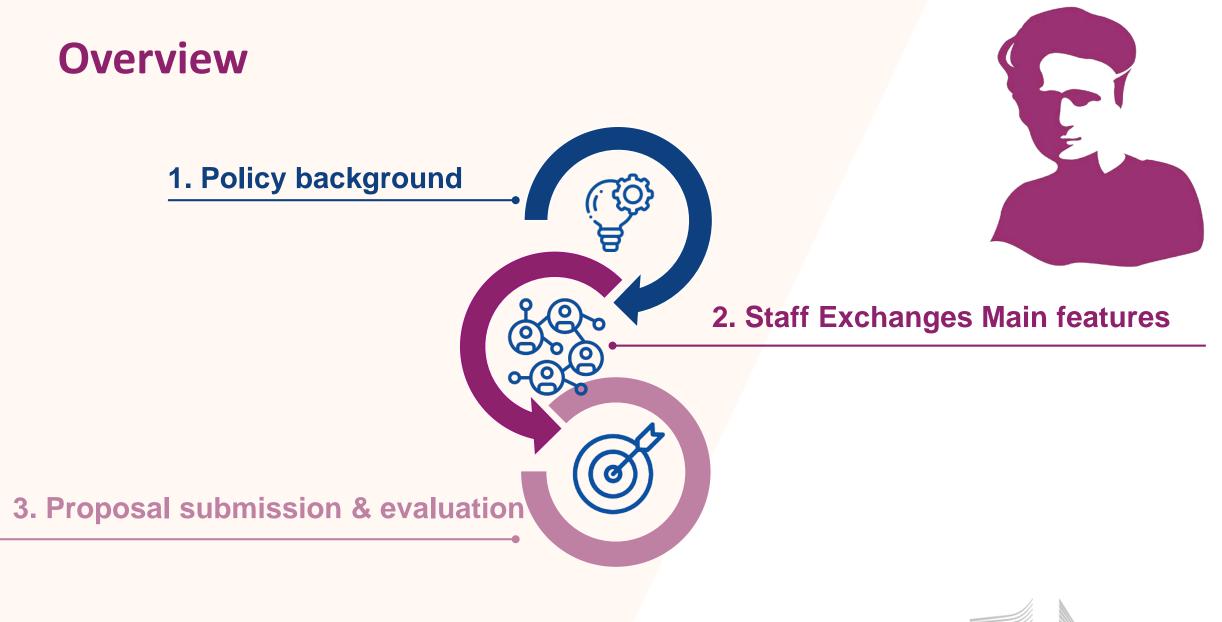
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## **Staff Exchanges**

## **Policy background**

Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions

## Pillar I: Excellent Science

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

#### European Research Council

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 interconnected world-class research infrastructures

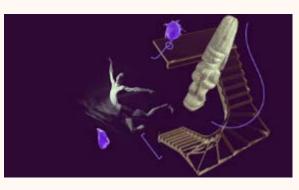
#### €2.4 billion



## Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)

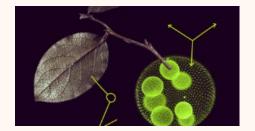


**Doctoral Networks** 





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**Postdoctoral Fellowships** 

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



#### **MSCA** and Citizens







## **Staff Exchanges**

## **Main features**

Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions

## Staff Exchanges : Funding mobility in R & I

Knowledge transfer between participating organisations

Collaboration between universities and the private sector

Different scientific disciplines

#### Bottom-up approach



## Eligible consortia

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

Academic

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

**Non-academic / SME** 

'Academic sector' = public or private higher education establishments awarding academic degrees, public or private non-profit research organisations and International European Research Organisations (IERO). 'Non-academic sector' = any socio-economic actor not included in the academic sector and fulfilling the requirements of the Horizon Europe Rules for Participation.

## Eligible staff



Seconded staff members



Any type of staff involved in R&I activities (researchers, administrative staff, managerial staff, technical staff) Each staff member is seconded for a period of **1 to 12 months** (may be split into several stays)

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

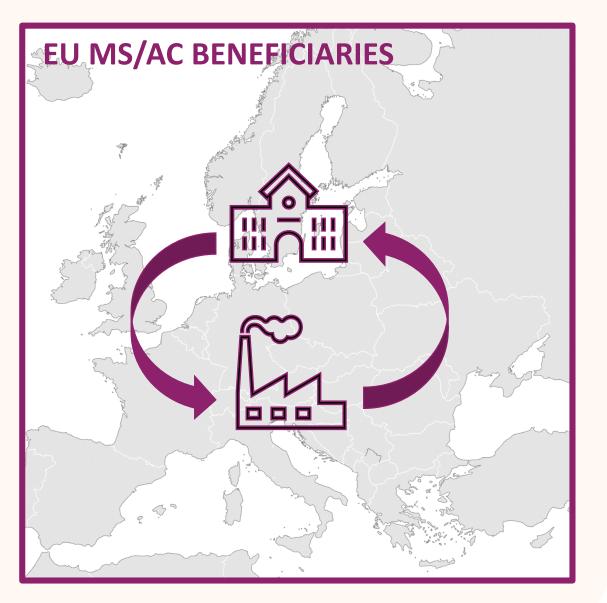
Staff needs to be devoted full-time to the action during the secondment

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

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



#### Eligible secondments

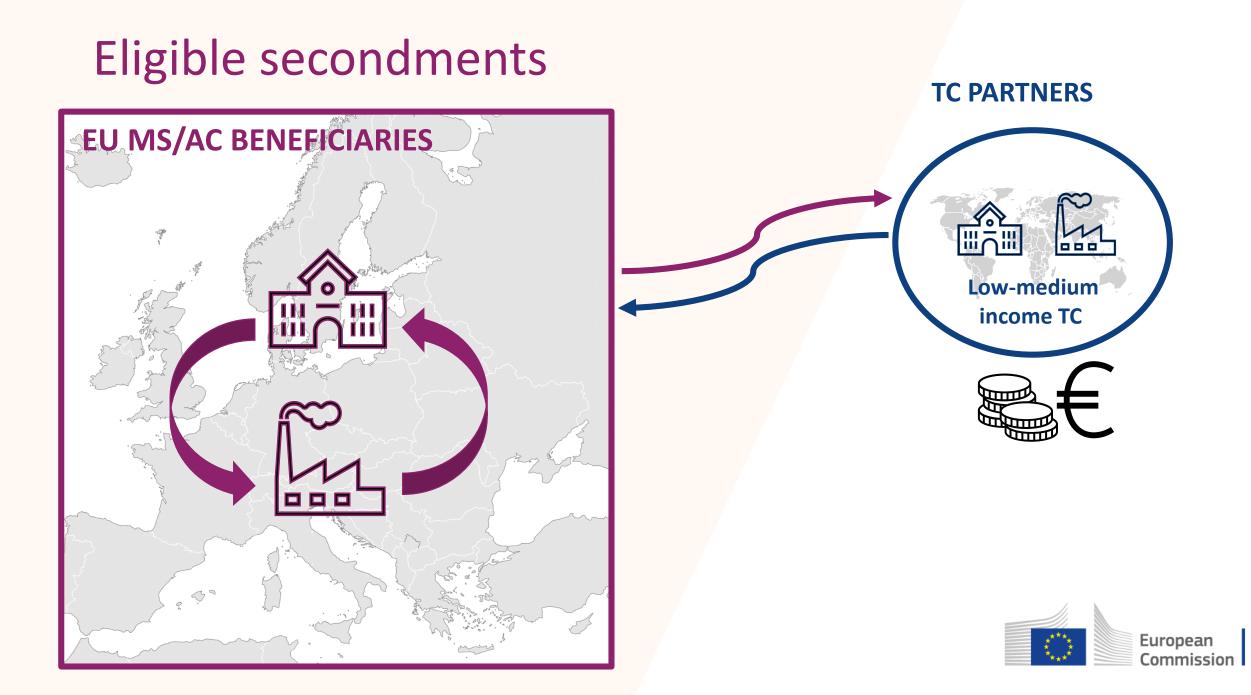


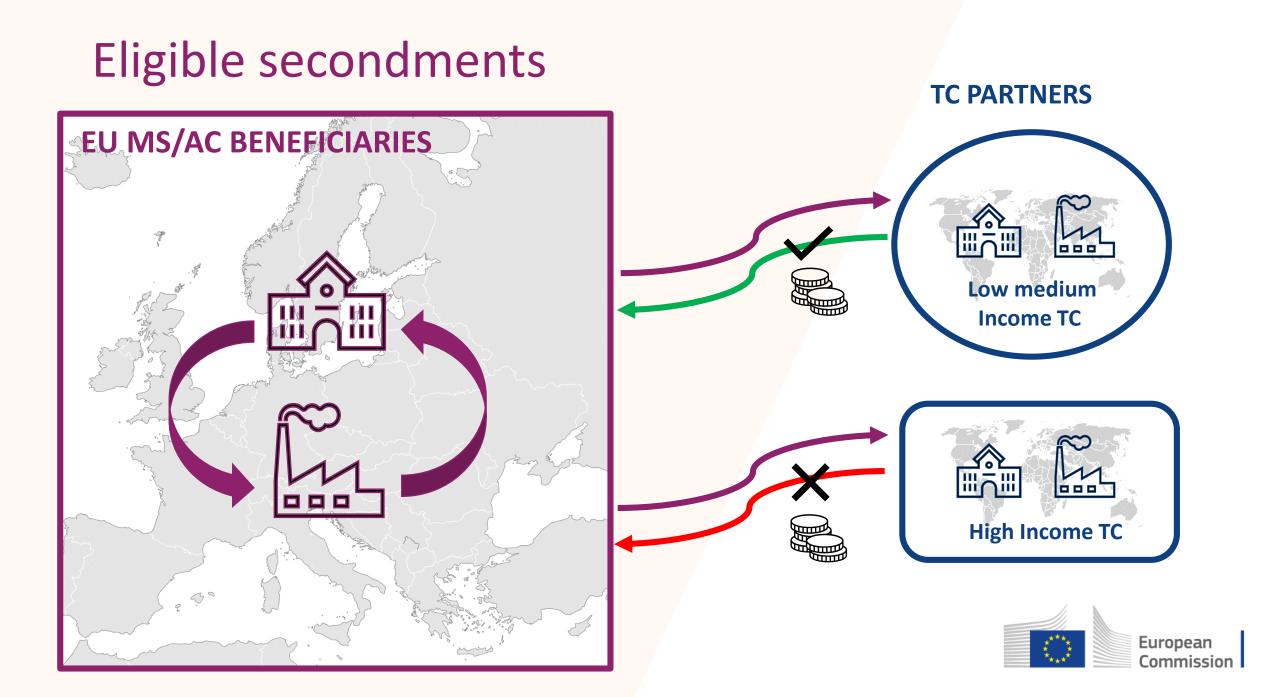




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## What Staff Exchanges is ...

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<u>Funding</u> meant to contribute to <b>travel</b> , <b>accommodation</b> , <b>subsistence</b> and other costs associated with the secondment/exchange (Category A)	Funding not meant to replace salary
Funding based on <b>unit costs</b> . One unit = one month of eligible staff, 1 PM= 4600 EUR	Funding not based on real costs Country coefficient is not used
<b>The secondment</b> / exchange itself is an important outcome	Action does not focus exclusively on scientific deliverables
Research, technical, administrative and managerial staff active in the R&I activities.	No need to be a doctoral candidate to be seconded

## A programme straightforward to manage



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#### Staff Exchanges – Key features











**BOTTOM-UP** Funding mobility in all scientific disciplines **DURATION** 4 years 360 PM per project SECONDMENTS 1-12 months per staff *Interdisciplinary* secondments: same sector, within Europe for max 1/3 PM UNIT COST 2300€ - Staff allowance 2300€ - organisation BUDGET EU funding average 77 Mio€/call



### 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

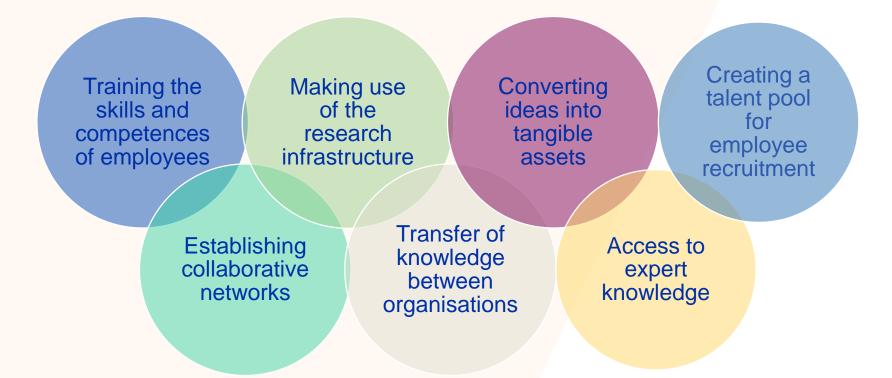




SUCCESS RATE The success rate is up to 40% depending on the discipline



#### How can you benefit from Staff Exchanges?









## **Staff Exchanges**

## **Proposal submission & evaluation**

Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions

## **Proposal Submission**

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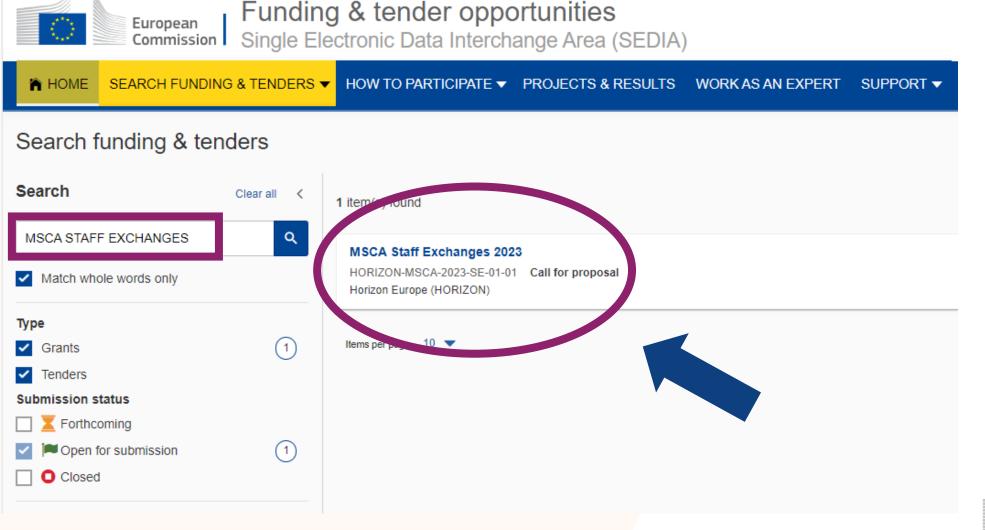
- Find your call
- Sign in and register your organisation (get a PIC number)
- Find partners
- Apply!





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Conditions and documents	Standard evaluation form — will be used with the necessary adaptations
Partner search announcements	Standard evaluation form (HE MSCA) MGA
Start submission	HE Unit MGA v1.0
Topic related FAQ	Call-specific instructions
Get support	HE MSCA SE Guide for Applicants
Call information	
Call updates	Additional documents:
	HE Main Work Programme 2023–2024 – 1. General Introduction



## **Reference Documents**

- Guide for Applicants
- Proposal templates
- Online manual
- **MSCA Work Programme & annexes** 
  - Frequently Asked Questions
- Model Grant Agreement

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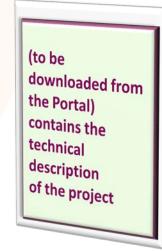
#### **Proposal documents**

# Start submission To access the Electronic Submission Service, please click on the submission-button next to the type of action and the type of model grant agreement that corresponds to your proposal. You will then be asked to confirm your choice, as it cannot be changed in the submission system. Upon confirmation, you will be linked to the correct entry point. To access existing draft proposals for this topic, please login to the Funding & Tenders Portal and select the My Proposals page of the My Area section. Please select the type of your submission MORIZON TMA MSCA Staff Exchanges [HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-SE], HORIZON Unit Grant [HORIZON-AG-UN] Start submission

# Part A (structured data)

(to be filled online ) contains administrative information about the applicant organisations

#### Part B1 and B2 (description of action)





#### Proposal documents: PART A

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#### 1 - General information

	Fields marked * are mandatory to fill.
Горіс	Type of Action
Call	Type of Model Grant Agreement
Acronym	
Proposal <u>title</u>	Max 200 characters (with spaces). Must be understandable for non-specialists in your field.
	Note that for technical reasons, the following characters are not accepted in the Proposal Title and will be removed: <> " &
Duration in months	Estimated duration of the project in full months.
Panel	
	Please select up to 5 descriptors (and at least 3) that best characterise the subject of your proposal, in descending order of relevance. Note that descriptors will be used to support REA services in identifying the best qualified evaluators for your proposal.
Descriptor1	Word or words that best describe(s) the subject of your project.
Free keywords	Enter any words you think give extra detail of the scope of your proposal (max 200 characters with spaces).



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- Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC)
- Economic Sciences (ECO)
- Information Science and Engineering (ENG)



**Environment and Geo-Sciences (ENV)** 



Life Sciences (LIF)



Mathematics (MAT), and



Physics (PHY)



#### Proposal documents: PART B



PART B1

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Table 6- Data for non-academic beneficiaries

Name	Location of research premises (city/country)	Type of R&I activities	No. of full - time employees involved in the project	No. of employees in R&I	Web site	Annual turnover (approx. in Euro)



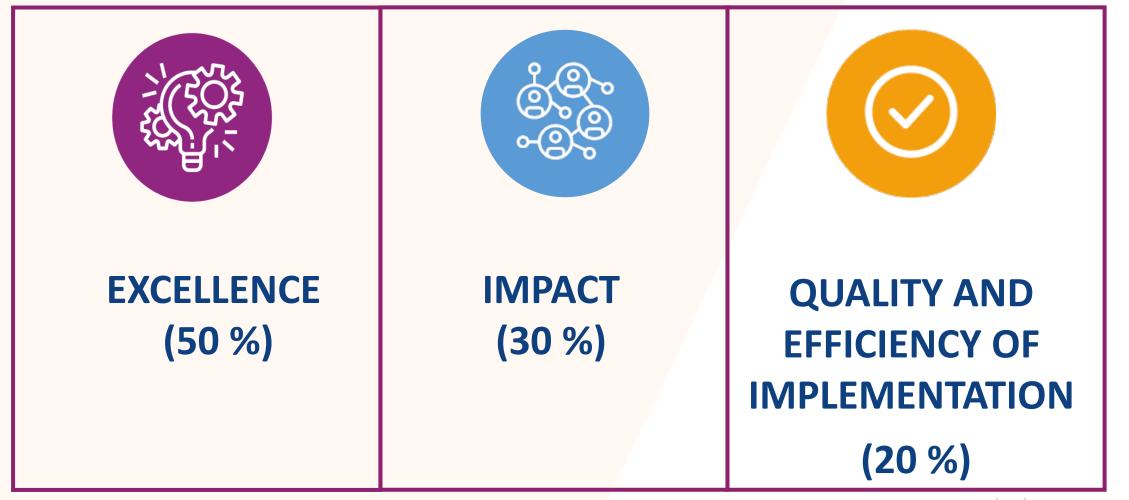
#### Table 7 – Organisations (Beneficiaries and Associated partners) data

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Beneficiary (organisations in EU M	IS/AC) legal name
General description	
Role and profile of key people	Include names, qualifications of the person(s) supervising the action.
Key Research Facilities, Infrastructure and Equipment	Demonstrate that the team has sufficient resources to offer a suitable environment to seconded staff and to contribute significantly to the research/innovation activities proposed.
Independent research premises?	Please explain the status of the beneficiary's research facilities – <u>i.e.</u> are they owned by the beneficiary or rented by it? Are its research premises wholly independent from other beneficiaries and/or associated partner organisations in the consortium?
Previous Involvement in Research and innovation actions	Describe relevant research/ innovation actions in which the organisation took part
Current involvement in Research and Innovation actions	Describe relevant research/ innovation actions in which the organisation is currently participating
Publications and/or research/ datasets/ <u>softwares</u> / innovation products/ other achievements	Max 5 key elements of the achievement, including a short qualitative assessment of its impact and (where available) its digital object identifier (DOI) or other type of persistent identifier (PID). Publications, in particular journal articles, are expected to be open



#### **Evaluation criteria**





## 1. EXCELLENCE



Quality and pertinence of research and innovation **objectives** 



Soundness of the proposed methodology (including gender dimension and open science practices) Interaction between the participating organisations



#### 2. IMPACT



Develop research collaborations, achieve transfer of knowledge improving research and innovation potential at the European and global level



Enhance the career perspectives of staff members



Maximise expected outcomes and impacts



Scientific, societal and economic impacts



#### **3. QUALITY AND EFFICIENCY OF IMPLEMENTATION**



Quality and effectiveness of the **work plan**, assessment of **risks** 



Quality, capacity and role of each participant



## 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)



#### Key Dates & Budget Call 2023



Call Opening 2023: 5 October 2023



Call Closure : 28 February 2024



Call 2023 Budget: € 78,5 M



Info session : 8 December 2023



#### AERAS # 872735 H2020-MSCA-RISE-2019

AERAS aims to develop a realistic and rapidly adjustable <u>cyber range</u> <u>platform for systems and organisations in the critical healthcare sector</u> and to effectively prepare stakeholders with different types of responsibility and levels of expertise <u>against advanced, known and</u> <u>new cyber-attacks</u>





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# AERAS



- Italian Coordinator
- 7 Beneficiaries:
- 4 Universities
- 2 SMEs
- 1 hospital



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**Bottom-up approach - first step in EU funding** 



High success rate



**Transfer of knowledge – increased innovation** 



#### **International collaboration**



Access to scientific and technological capabilities



#### Work as an Expert



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Work as an expert

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.



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- · Evaluation of proposals, prize applications and tenders
- · Monitoring of actions, grant agreements, public procurement contracts

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Registered experts can update the profile via the My Expert Area after login.



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