



Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

Postdoctoral Fellowships
ERA Fellowships new

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Postdoctoral Fellowships

Main Objectives:

- Foster excellence through the implementation of a research project
- Enhance the creative and innovative potential of researchers holding a PhD (training on transferable skills & career development)
- Focus on i3 (international, inter-sectoral, interdisciplinary) mobility
- Bridges with and exposure to the non-academic sector

Research areas:

- All scientific fields

new

- Euratom areas are eligible (indicative amount EUR 1 million annually)

Postdoctoral Fellowships

Activities

PF is a mono-beneficiary action to support post-doctoral research and careers with:

- European Postdoctoral Fellowships coming to Europe from any country in the world or moving within Europe
- Global Postdoctoral Fellowships outside EU Member States and Horizon Europe AC

Postdoctoral Fellowships

- **Participating organisations***

- Legal entity in an EU Member State or HE Associated country

- **Researchers** - target groups:

- any nationality (Global Fellowships: nationals or long-term residents of MS or HE AC)*

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- in possession of PhD at the call deadline

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- up to 8 years research experience after PhD (with exceptions: career breaks, work outside research, research outside Europe for reintegrating researchers,...)
- mobility rule: not resided / had main activity in the country of the beneficiary (or host organization for GF) more than 12 months in the 36 months before call deadline

**Specific eligibility criteria for PFs supported by Euratom:*

- *Organisation: legal entity established in an EU Member State or Euratom AC*
- *Researcher: nationals or long-term residents of an EU Member State or a Euratom AC*

Postdoctoral Fellowships

- **Duration**

- European Fellowships: 12-24 months
- Global Fellowships: 24-36 months (12-24 outgoing phase & 12 months mandatory return phase in Europe)

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- **Secondments** *worldwide* up to 1/3 of the fellowship duration (or outgoing phase of GF)

new

- **Optional additional placement** of up to 6 months in a non-academic European organization at the end of the regular duration of the Fellowship

Postdoctoral Fellowships

Eligible researchers – European Fellowships:

Nationality	Any
Mobility	The researcher cannot have resided or carried out his/her main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the beneficiary for more than 12 months in the three years immediately prior to the call deadline
Research experience (FTE)	<p>Maximum 8 years from date of award of the (first) doctoral degree new</p> <p>This limit can be extended for the following reasons (to be encoded in the submission forms):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Maternity leave (18 months – i.e. 548 days) per child born after the PhD award date, or exact duration of leave taken, whichever is longest);- Paternity leave (exact duration per child born after the PhD award date);- Research in a non-associated TC (only for nationals or long-term residents of MS or AC, wishing to reintegrate in Europe);- Compulsory national service;- Time spent not working in research (also applies to part-time contracts);- Long-term sick leave (periods longer than 30 days).

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Doctoral Degree (or, date of successful defense) should be obtained before call deadline

Postdoctoral Fellowships

Eligible researchers – Global Fellowships:

Nationality	Nationals or long-term residents of EU MS or HE AC.
Mobility	The researcher cannot have resided or carried out his/her main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the associated partner (in the third country) for more than 12 months in the three years immediately prior to the call deadline
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Postdoctoral Fellowships

(Optional) **Secondments vs placements:**

	Secondment		Non-academic placement	new
Maximum Duration	EF:	GF:		
new	Up to 1/3 of the normal project duration	Up to 1/3 of the duration of the outgoing phase	Up to 6 months duration	
Timing	EF:	GF:	Additional period after the standard duration of the fellowship	
	At any time during the during the standard project duration	- up to three months possible at the start of the outgoing phase, to be included within the 1/3 maximum duration - not allowed during the mandatory 12 month return phase		new
	Can be divided in several smaller periods			
Mobility	Any country <i>worldwide</i>		EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country	new
Sector	Any sector		Non-academic sector only	
Encoding in part A	Yes. In "Call Specific Questions" - complete all required information.		Yes. The associated partner must be encoded as a participating organisation.	
Description in part B1	Yes. Its relevance and quality will be assessed by the evaluators.		Yes. Its relevance and quality will be assessed by the evaluators.	
Supporting Doc in part B2	None.		Yes. A letter of commitment is required.	

Budget structure

Contributions for recruited researchers Per person-month					Institutional unit contributions Per person-month	
Living allowance	Mobility allowance	Family allowance (if applicable)	Long-term leave allowance (if applicable)	Special needs allowance (if applicable)	Research, training and networking contribution	Management and indirect contribution
EUR 5 080	EUR 600	EUR 660	EUR 5 680 x % covered by the beneficiary	Requested unit ¹ x (1/number of months)	EUR 1 000	EUR 650

* A country correction coefficient applies to the living allowance in order to ensure equal treatment and purchasing power parity for all researchers

Allowances - novelties

Family allowance – increases from 500€ to **660€** - paid during the project life-time

Long-term allowance – personnel costs incurred by the beneficiaries in case of researchers' leave, including **maternity, paternity, parental, sick or special leave** – during the project life-time

Special needs allowance – additional costs for the acquisition of **special needs items and services** for researchers with disabilities (up to 60 000€ per researcher) - during the project life-time

ERA Fellowships

- Widening activities: “**ERA Fellowships**”
- **No separate application or evaluation** – integral part of the MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships call application form
 - For specific countries – available in Work Programme
 - Only for European Fellowships, Global Fellowships do not qualify
 - ***Attention:*** “call specific question” to be completed in the PF submission for EF to indicate willingness to participate in this call (only if host organisation is a qualifying country)
 - Only proposals scoring over 70% in the PF call will be considered
 - Timing aligned with PF call

Evaluation and award criteria

Excellence	Impact	Quality and efficiency of the implementation
Quality and pertinence of the project’s research and innovation objectives (and the extent to which they are ambitious, and go beyond the state of the art)	Credibility of the measures to enhance the career perspectives and employability of the researcher and contribution to his/her skills development	Quality and effectiveness of the work plan , assessment of risks and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages
Soundness of the proposed methodology (including <i>interdisciplinary</i> approaches, consideration of the <i>gender</i> dimension and other <i>diversity</i> aspects if relevant for the research project, and the quality of <i>open science</i> practices)	Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise expected outcomes and impacts , as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan, including communication activities	Quality and capacity of the host institutions and participating organisations , including hosting arrangements
Quality of the supervision, training and of the two-way transfer of knowledge between the researcher and the host	The magnitude and importance of the project’s contribution to the expected scientific, societal and economic impacts	
Quality and appropriateness of the researcher’s professional experience , competences and skills		
50%	30%	20%

Evaluation and award criteria

Excellence:

Changes to H2020:

- H2020 subcriterion 1.1 split in two parts in HE (now 1.1 and 1.2)
- H2020 subcriteria 1.2 and 1.3 merged into one in HE (now 1.3)

New in HE:

- Optional placement in non-academic sector assessed under HE criterion 1.3
- Gender dimension and open science to be addressed

Evaluation and award criteria

Impact:

Changes to H2020:

- H2020 subcriteria 2.2 and 2.3 merged into one in HE (now 2.2)

New in HE:

- Addition of subcriterion 2.3: Impact assessed not only in scientific area, but also on societal and economic levels

Evaluation and award criteria

Quality and efficiency of the implementation:

Changes to H2020:

- Re-arranging and merging of three H2020 subcriteria into 2 HE subcriteria

Next Calls

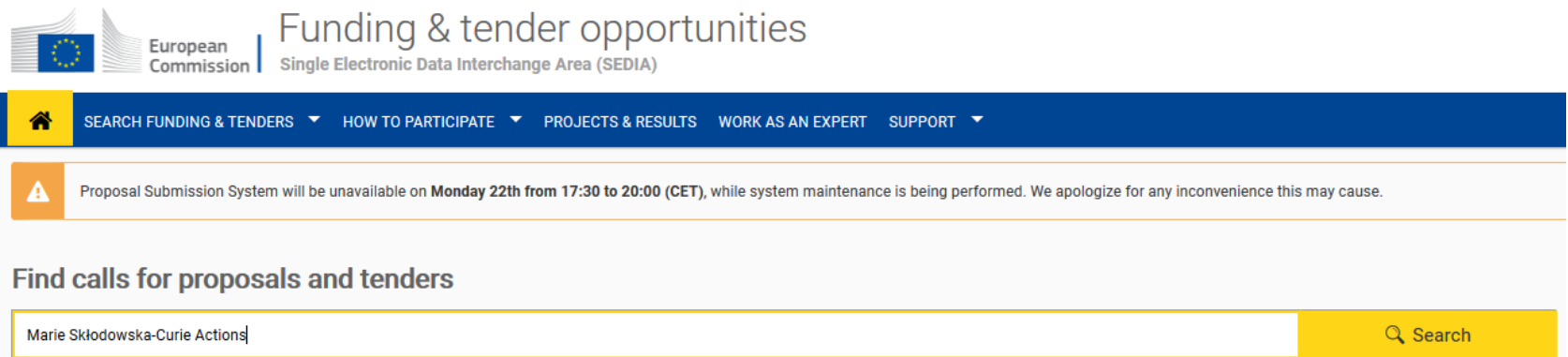
- **2021:** 22 June – **12 Oct**; 242 M€ [+indicative: EUR 1mln for Euratom and EUR 10mln for ERA]
- **2022:** 13 Apr – 14 Sept; 257 M€

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Resubmission restrictions applying as of 2022 for applications receiving a score below 70% in the previous call.

How to apply?

- All calls are published on the Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal
- Applications are submitted through the portal:




The screenshot shows the top section of the European Commission's Funding & tender opportunities portal. At the top left is the European Commission logo. To its right, the text 'Funding & tender opportunities' is displayed in a large font, with 'Single Electronic Data Interchange Area (SEDIA)' in a smaller font below it. A dark blue navigation bar contains a home icon and several menu items: 'SEARCH FUNDING & TENDERS', 'HOW TO PARTICIPATE', 'PROJECTS & RESULTS', 'WORK AS AN EXPERT', and 'SUPPORT'. Below the navigation bar, an orange warning banner states: 'Proposal Submission System will be unavailable on Monday 22th from 17:30 to 20:00 (CET), while system maintenance is being performed. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.' The main content area has a light gray background with the heading 'Find calls for proposals and tenders'. Below this heading is a search bar with a yellow border. The search bar contains the text 'Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions' and a yellow button with a magnifying glass icon and the word 'Search'.

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Part A (structured data)

Horizon Europe
Research & Innovation - Participation
Proposed Submission Form

Call: H2020-MSCA
(Marie Skłodowska-Curie Research & Innovation Actions)

Topic: MSCA-RI-2019-01
Type of action: MSCA-RI-2019-01

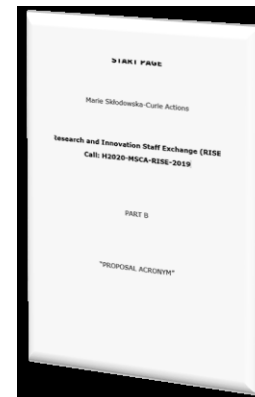
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Table of contents

Section	Title
1	General information
2	Participants & contacts
3	Ethics
4	Call-specific questions

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Part B (description of action)



**10 page
limit**

Proposal submission

Key features:

Part A: use of submission wizard (same principle as H2020)

Researcher information:

- PhD award date only, no other qualification fields available
- Residency and activity table : same principle as H2020
- Table for extensions on the 8-year post PhD limit – number of days/category only, beneficiary to keep relevant records

Beneficiary information:

- PIC based: same principle as H2020
- Non-academic placement host and secondment host: in development

Budget:

- Family allowance (selection box as H2020)
- Long term leave allowance and special needs allowance (not visible in proposal as cannot be requested at that stage)

Proposal submission

Key features:

Call specific questions (non-exhaustive)

- Euratom: applicant to confirm if they qualify for the Euratom topics/conditions
- **ERA Fellowships**: applicant to confirm if they wish to be considered for ERA call (question appears based on qualifying PIC country)
- Secondment information
- Optional non academic placement information

Keywords are updated for HE

- main principle remains: KW's 1, 2 mandatory and of selected scientific panel, KW 3 mandatory and of any panel, KW's 4 and 5 optional and of any panel

Resubmissions

- question will appear in the forms, however resubmission restrictions do not apply for HE-MSCA-PF-2021 call

Proposal submission

Important:

Part B-1 is strictly restricted to 10 pages.

=> a cover page, table of contents, ...on page 1, 2, will count towards the page limit and automatically result in excess pages that cannot be evaluated

=> the Part B-1 should start with “1. Excellence” (instructions, definitions to be deleted before submission)

Part B-2 (no page restriction):

- Researcher's CV
- Participating organisations (*max 1 page for beneficiary, max ½ page others*)
- Letters of commitment (*host for outgoing phase of GF or non-academic placement host*)
- Ethics & Security (additional info, if needed)

Resources and guidance

Read all guidance documents:

- Guide for applicants: overview of rules, financial aspects, etc.
- MSCA Work Programme and annexes
- Proposal templates
- Model Grant Agreements
- Online manual on how to submit an application
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Guidelines on Supervision: <https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2766/508311>
- Green Charter: <https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2766/720690>

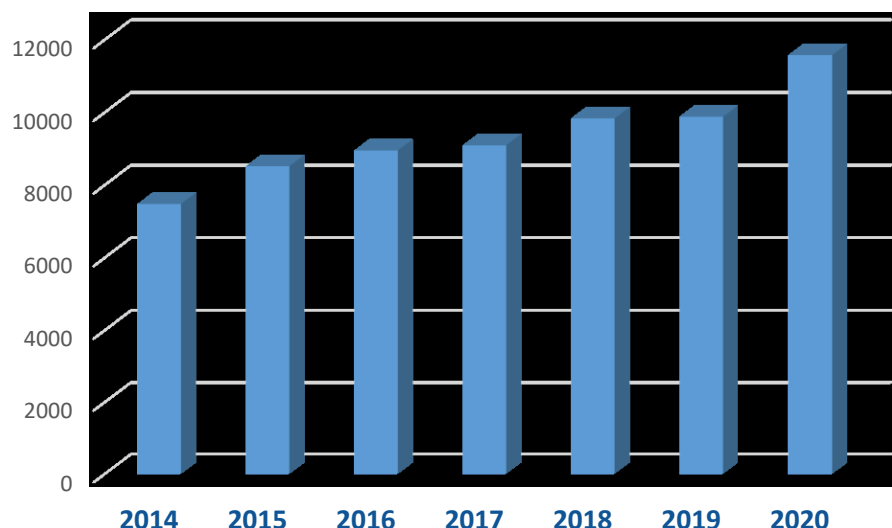
Ask for advice to your MSCA National Contact Point (list available on Funding and Tenders Portal)

Submit specific queries to the Research Enquiry Service (funding, validation of participants, etc.)

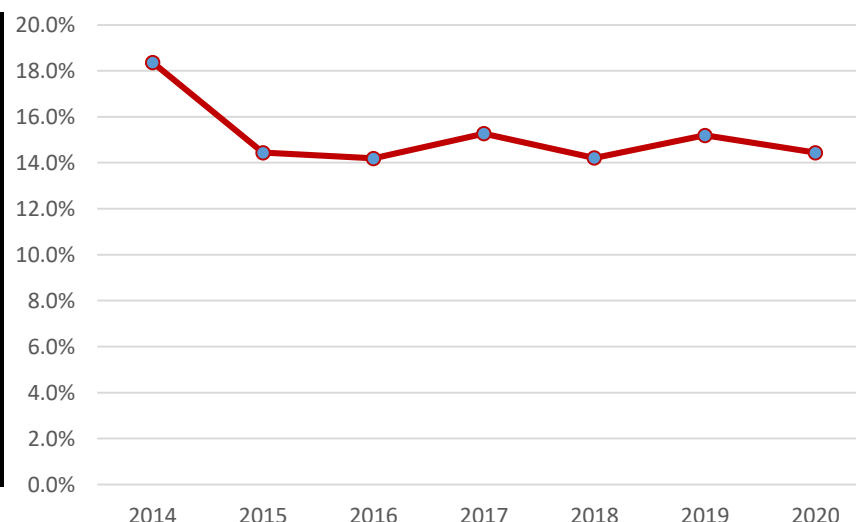
IF under H2020

Summary 2014-2020

IF submission evolution



IF Success rate

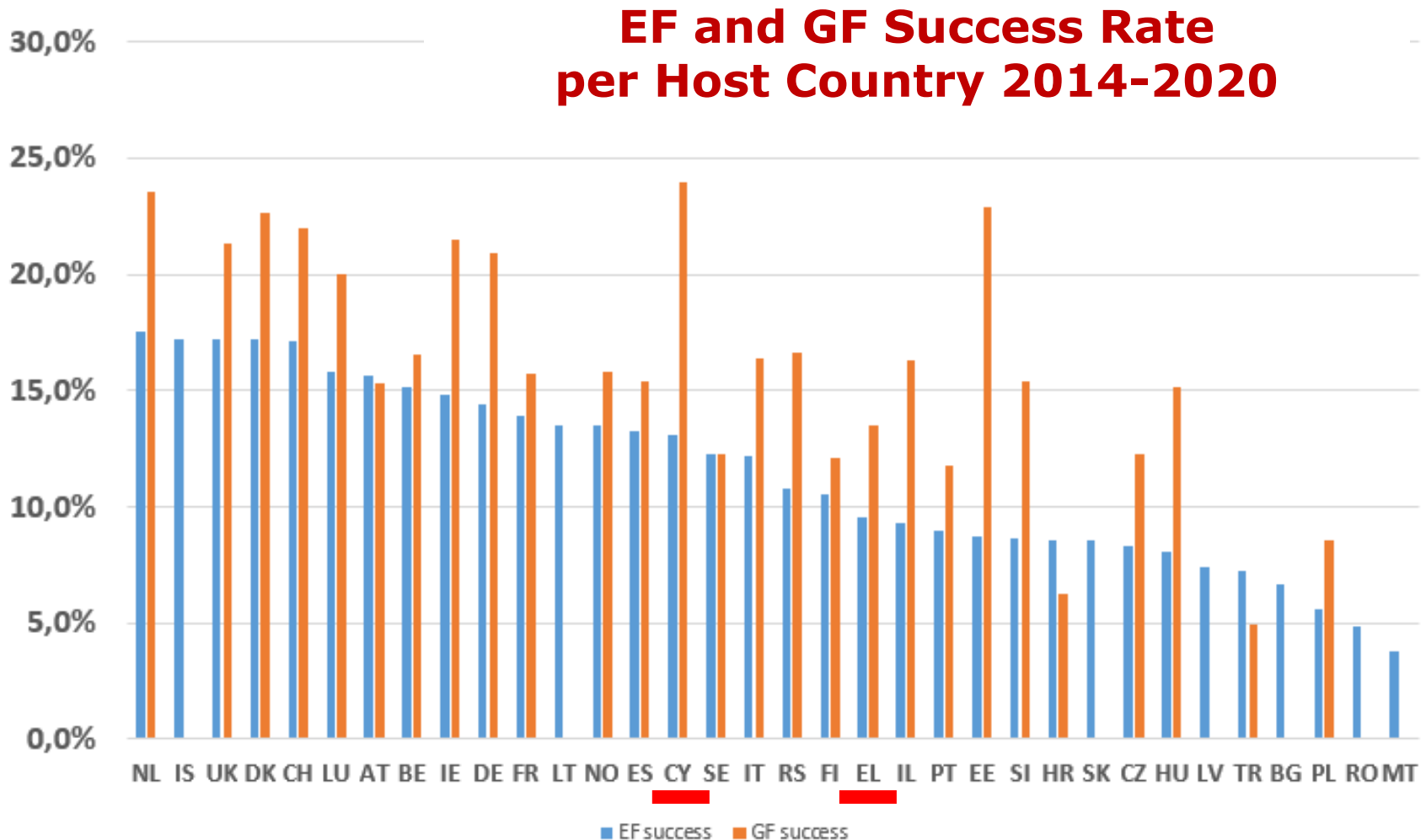


	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Proposals submitted	7472	8514	8946	9089	9830	9875	11573
Proposals evaluated	7409	8380	8829	8957	9676	9709	11382
Budget (WP) M€	240,5	215	218,71	248	273	296,49	328
GA signed	1361	1210	1253	1368	1375	1497	1644*
Success rate	18,3%	14,4%	14,2%	15,3%	14,2%	15,4%	14,4%*

*Based on proposals in GAP

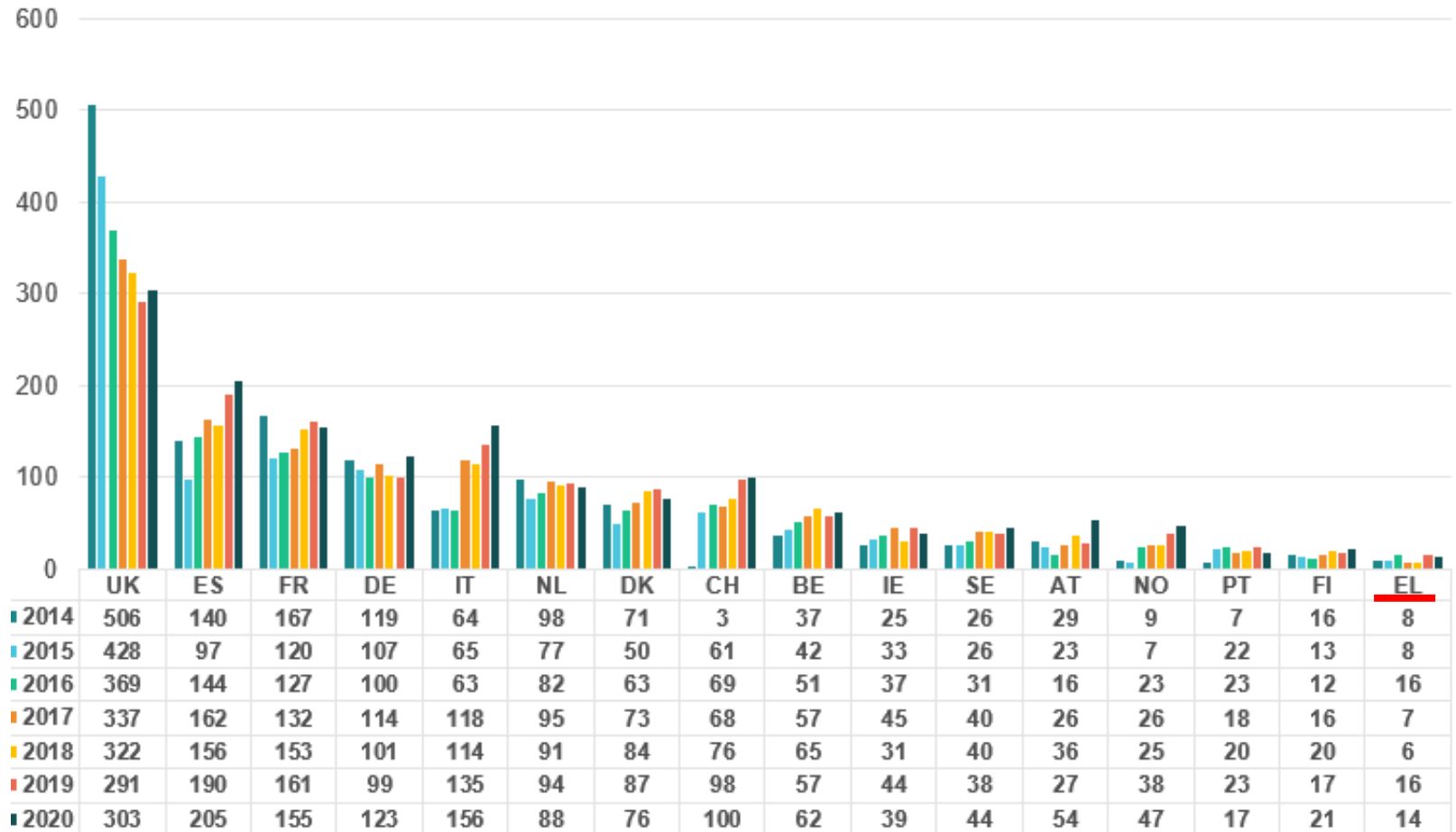
IF under H2020

EF / GF Success rate per Host Country



IF under H2020

Country Funding Statistics all Actions (1/2)

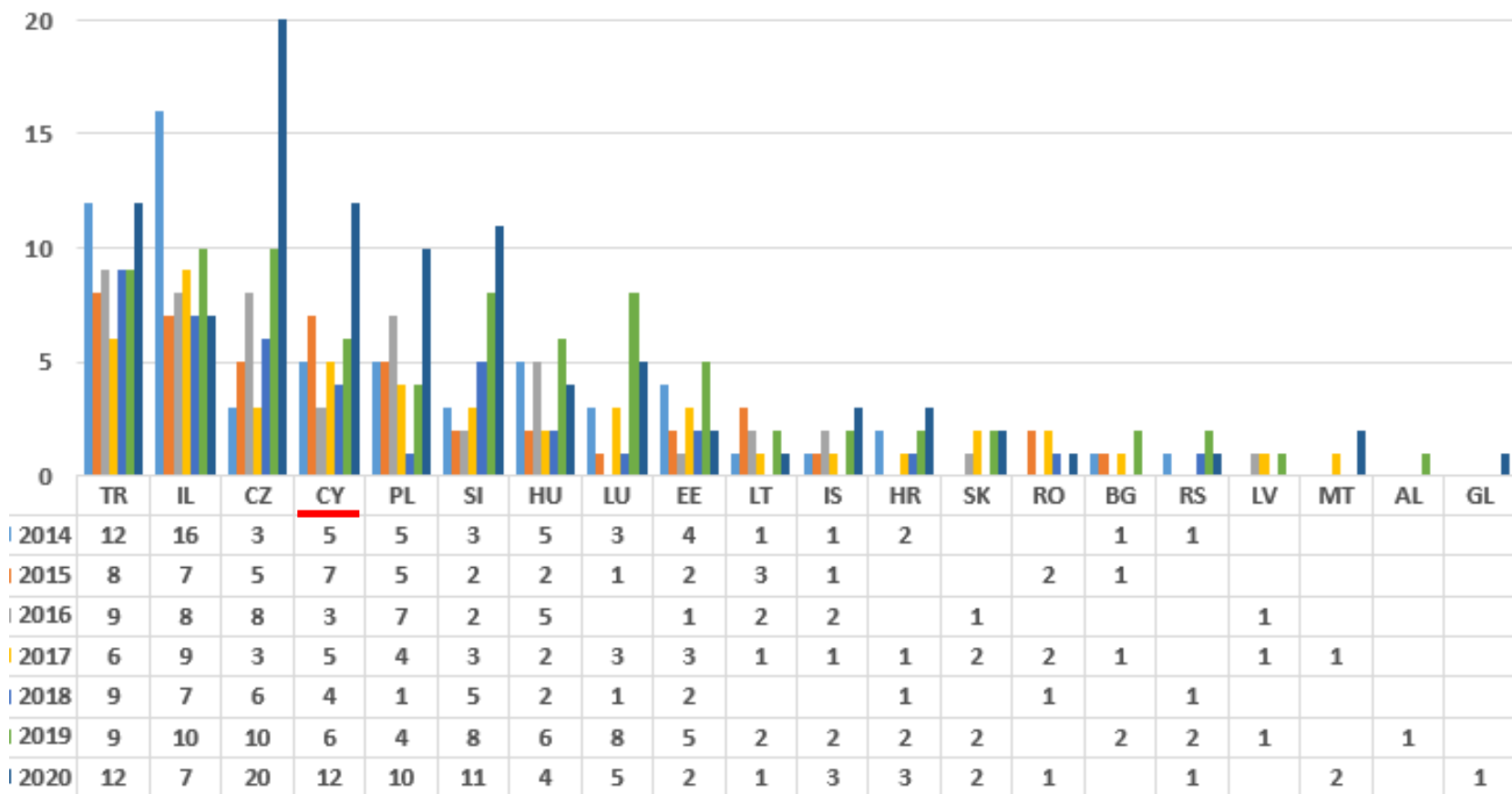


Main and reserve list projects; 2020 data are from Grant Agreement Preparation phase.

IF under H2020

Country Funding Statistics all Actions (2/2)

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Main and reserve list projects; 2020 data are from Grant Agreement Preparation phase.

Resources and guidance



Marie Skłodowska-Curie Website

https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/node_en

Research Enquiry Service

https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/contact/research-enquiry-service_en

National Contact Points

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/ncp>

Funding and Tenders Portal (applications)

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen>



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