



# **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions COFUND Doctoral and Fellowship Programmes**

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# MSCA: 4 Actions



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Early-stage  
Researchers

**Innovative Training Networks**  
Support for doctoral and early-stage training  
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Doctorates, European Joint Doctorates**

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Experienced  
Researchers

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Exchange of  
Staff

**Research and Innovation Staff Exchange**  
International and inter-sector cooperation  
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**COFUND**

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international programmes**

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## MSCA to foster excellence throughout Europe

### Objective

- ✓ stimulate regional, national or international programmes to foster excellence in researchers' training, mobility and career development

### Scope

- ✓ international, intersectoral and interdisciplinary **research training**, as well as transnational and cross-sector **mobility** of researchers at all stages of their career
- ✓ Possibilities of synergies with structural funds
- ✓ Opportunities for **researchers from all countries**
- ✓ Researchers to comply with the mobility rules of the MSCA
- ✓ Open and transparent recruitment, vacancies widely publicised

### Expected Impact

- ✓ exploit synergies between European Union actions and those at regional, national, and international level
- ✓ leverage funding and combat fragmentation

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- ✓ Mono-beneficiary
- ✓ Legal entities (public and private) established in MS or AC and international European interest organisations



**Doctoral  
Programmes**



**Fellowship  
Programmes**

## COFUND – Main features



- ✓ **Budget:** € 90 Million in 2019 (Doctoral Programmes: 35 Mio)
- ✓ Maximum **€ 10 Million per single applicant** per call
- ✓ Duration of projects: minimum 3 years, maximum 5 years (including the time taken to publish calls and recruit researchers)
- ✓ **Fellowships: minimum 3 months**
- ✓ EU contribution to cover **living allowances for researchers and management costs**
- ✓ Minimum living allowance fixed in the WP



## COFUND – Main features



- ✓ Each single application must only address the doctoral or fellowship programme, but
- ✓ More than one application can be submitted
- ✓ Recruited researchers must respect the same mobility rule as IF (for the fellowship programme) or ITN (for the doctoral programme). Existing programmes can continue with own mobility rule if well-justified.
- ✓ Unless prohibited by national legislation all fellows, including doctoral fellows, must be recruited on a work contract.
- ✓ In the doctoral programme all fellows must be registered for a PhD

# Award criteria: COFUND



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Excellence (50%)	Impact (30%)	Implementation (20%)
<b>Quality of the selection / recruitment process for the researchers</b> (transparency, composition and organisation of selection committees, evaluation criteria, equal opportunities)	Enhancing the <b>potential and future career perspectives</b> of researchers; <b>Strengthening human resources</b> on regional, national or international level	<b>Coherence, effectiveness and appropriateness of the work plan</b>
<b>Quality of the research options offered by the programme</b> in terms of science, interdisciplinarity, intersectorality and level of transnational mobility	<b>Aligning practices of participating organisations with the principles set out by the EU for human resources development in research and innovation</b>	<b>Appointment conditions of researchers</b>
<b>Quality of career guidance and training</b> , including supervision arrangements, training	Quality of the proposed measures to exploit and <b>disseminate</b> the results	<b>Competence of the participant</b> to implement the programme
	Quality of the proposed measures to <b>communicate</b> the results to different target audiences	

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# COFUND – EU contribution



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- ✓ EU contribution to **living allowance** for contracts with full social security:
  - Early stage researchers (ESR): € 1935 per person-month
  - Experienced researchers (ER): € 2740 per person-month
- ✓ EU contribution to **management costs**: € 325 per person-month

- ✓ Minimum amounts for monthly living + mobility allowances:

- ESR: € 2709
- ER: € 3836

- ✓ Other cost items may be funded through other resources (including ESIF funds)

## Example (Fellowship programme – ER)

Cost item	Total cost [€ per person-month]	EU contribution [€ per person-month]
Living allowance	4800	2740
Mobility allowance	500	
Research costs	500	
Management costs	600	325
Indirect costs	600	
Total	7000	3065

## COFUND – EU contribution



To put the previous example in another way:

- The **living allowance and management costs** are 5400 EUR and the EU contributes 3065 EUR to this
- The remaining 2335 EUR in this category can come from any source, except EU funding.
  
- The **mobility, research and indirect costs** are 1600 EUR and these can come from any source except H2020 (but including ESIF)



# Calls



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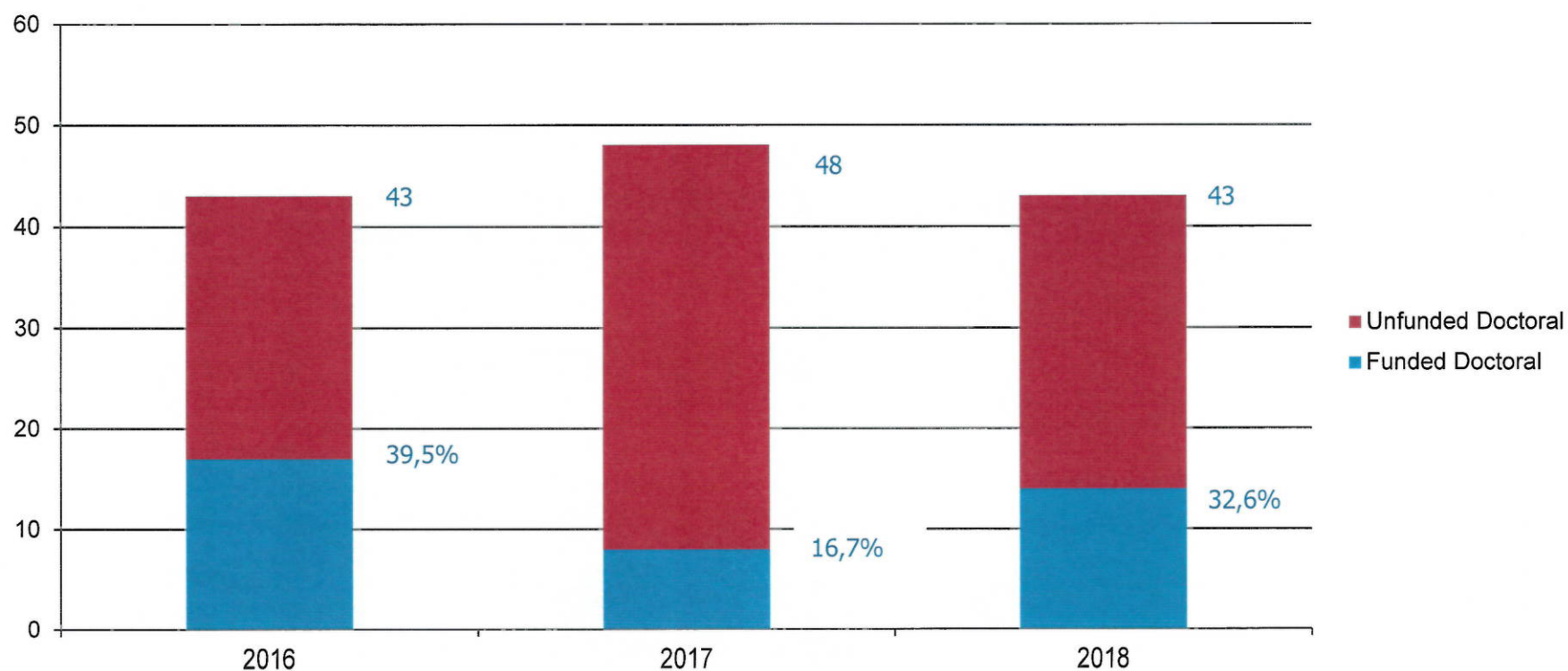
Call	Opens - Closes	Budget
COFUND 2019	04/04/2019-26/09/2019	EUR 90 million
COFUND 2020 indicative	08/04/2020-29/09/2020	EUR 100 million

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## Success rates Doctoral Programme



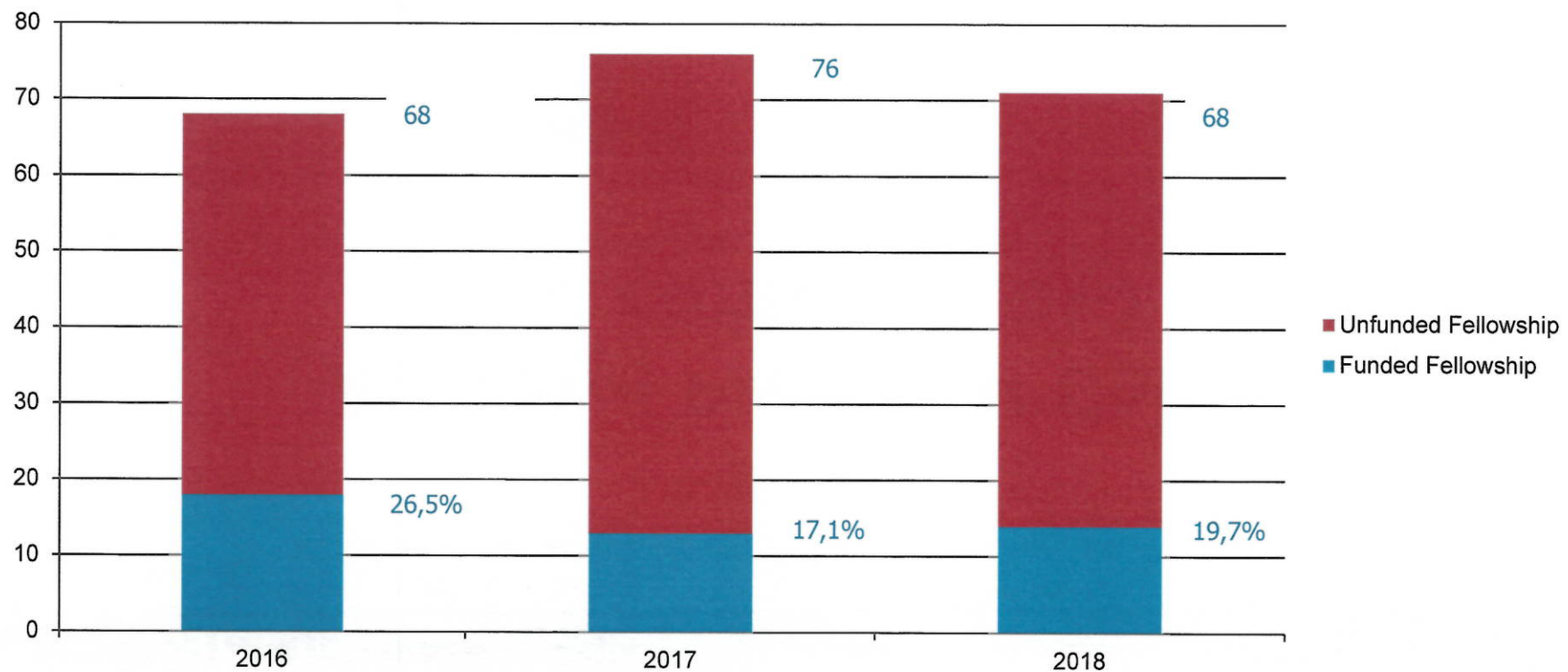


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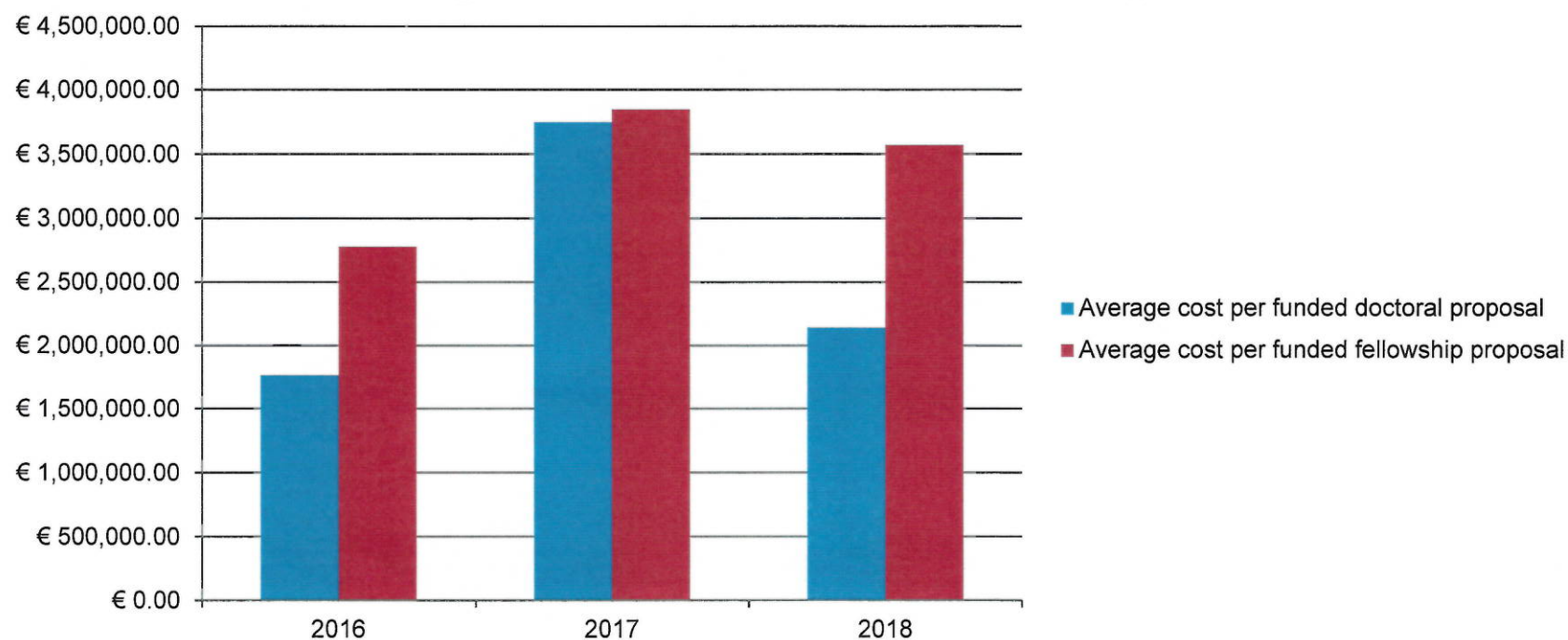


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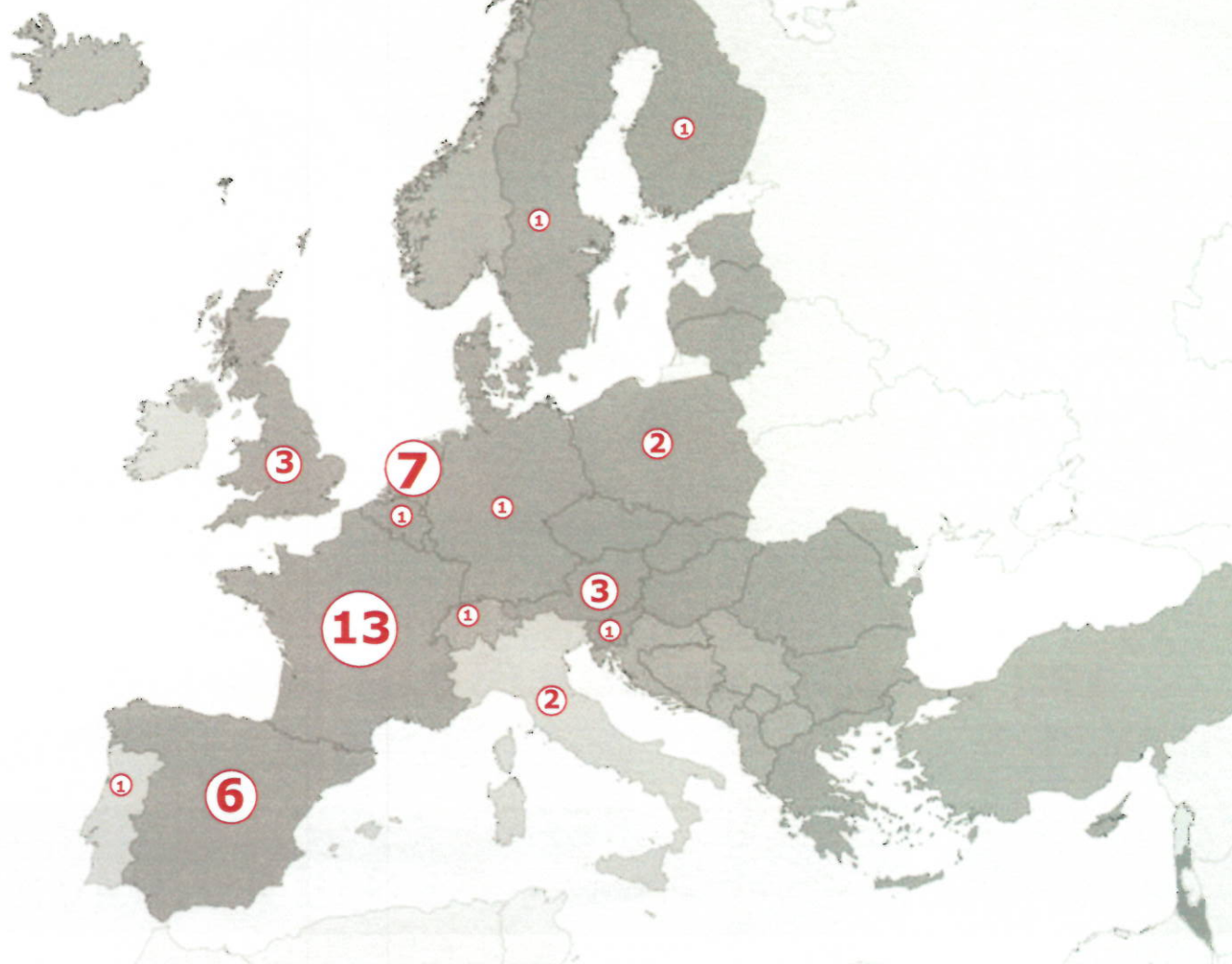
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## Doctoral Programme - Eligible Submissions



FR	13
NL	7
ES	6
AT	3
UK	3
IT	2
PL	2
BE	1
CH	1
DE	1
FI	1
PT	1
SE	1
SI	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>

**Average Requested  
Budget**

**2,73 M€**

# COFUND 2018



## Doctoral Programme - Main list



FR	4
NL	3
AT	2
ES	2
CH	1
DE	1
UK	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>

**Average Grant**

**2,07 M€**

**Success Rate**

**32,6%**





## Fellowship Programme – Eligible Submissions



ES	18
FR	8
DE	6
DK	6
IE	4
NL	4
PL	4
AT	3
CH	3
BE	2
IT	2
SE	2
UK	2
CY	1
CZ	1
EE	1
FI	1
LV	1
PT	1
SK	1

**Total** **71**

**Average Requested Budget**

**3,33 M€**



## Fellowship Programme – Main list



ES	3
IE	3
AT	2
PL	2
CH	1
DE	1
DK	1
NL	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>

### Average Grant

**3,14 M€**

### Success Rate

**19,7%**



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## Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Website

<http://ec.europa.eu/mariecurieactions>

## Horizon 2020

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020>

## Participant Portal (applications)

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/home>

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