

## **FP7 FINAL CALL FACT SHEETS ON STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: Europe - A destination for World-Class Researchers careers.**

### **PEOPLE Programme, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions**

#### **Facts & figures**

Well-trained, dynamic and creative researchers are the key to top science and productive research-based innovation. Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MCA) contribute towards a strong, high-quality research landscape in Europe by fostering the international and cross-sectoral mobility of researchers, offering attractive employment and training opportunities, promoting professional standards in research careers and equipping researchers with the skills needed in the modern economy. 40% of the MCA budget is allocated to the training of early-stage researchers. Under FP7, by 2013, the programme expects to have supported 50,000 researchers and funded 10,000 PhDs.

#### **How much money do we plan to invest?**

Approximate budget of €963 million

- Initial Training Networks (ITN): €470 million for the top-quality training of early-stage researchers within a wide network of universities, research institutes, businesses and other socio-economic partners. Includes €30 million for European Industrial Doctorates.
- Intra-European Fellowships for Career Development (IEF): €134 million for experienced researchers to move within Europe in order to undertake a research project.
- Career Integration Grants (CIG): €40 million towards the costs of experienced researchers who choose Europe as their longer-term location.
- Co-funding of Regional, National, and International Programmes (COFUND): an international dimension is mandatory in MCA actions. €115 million will support the internationalisation of existing or new national or regional research mobility programmes.
- Industry Academia Partnerships and Pathways (IAPP): €81 million to promote partnership and collaboration between business and academia.
- International Outgoing Fellowships (IOF): €44.5 million for experienced researchers seeking to work in a host institution in a third country (outside Europe), with a mandatory return phase to Europe to transfer the knowledge acquired.
- International Incoming Fellowships (IIF) : €44.5 million for experienced researchers based in third countries to be employed in a host institution located in Europe.
- International Research Staff Exchange Scheme (IRSES) : €30 million for a staff exchange scheme between European research institutions and their equivalents in third countries.

#### **What results do we expect in which area?**

- More researchers receiving high-quality initial training
- Greater industry-academia cooperation: Companies – half of them SMEs - represent 12% of ITN participants and 38% of IAPP participants. In addition, under the European Industrial Doctorates (EID) programme, researchers are exposed to industry for at least 50% of the duration of their PhD.
- Improved working conditions for researchers: the possibility to researchers to balance career and family life. MCA fellows have attractive working conditions with full social benefits including maternity leave
- A better gender balance: 38% of FP7 MCA researchers are women. While this is higher than the average number of female researchers in the EU, the target is to reach at least 40%
- Stronger international scientific collaboration: MCA researchers come from all over the world (more than 130 nationalities, host organisations in more than 80 countries).