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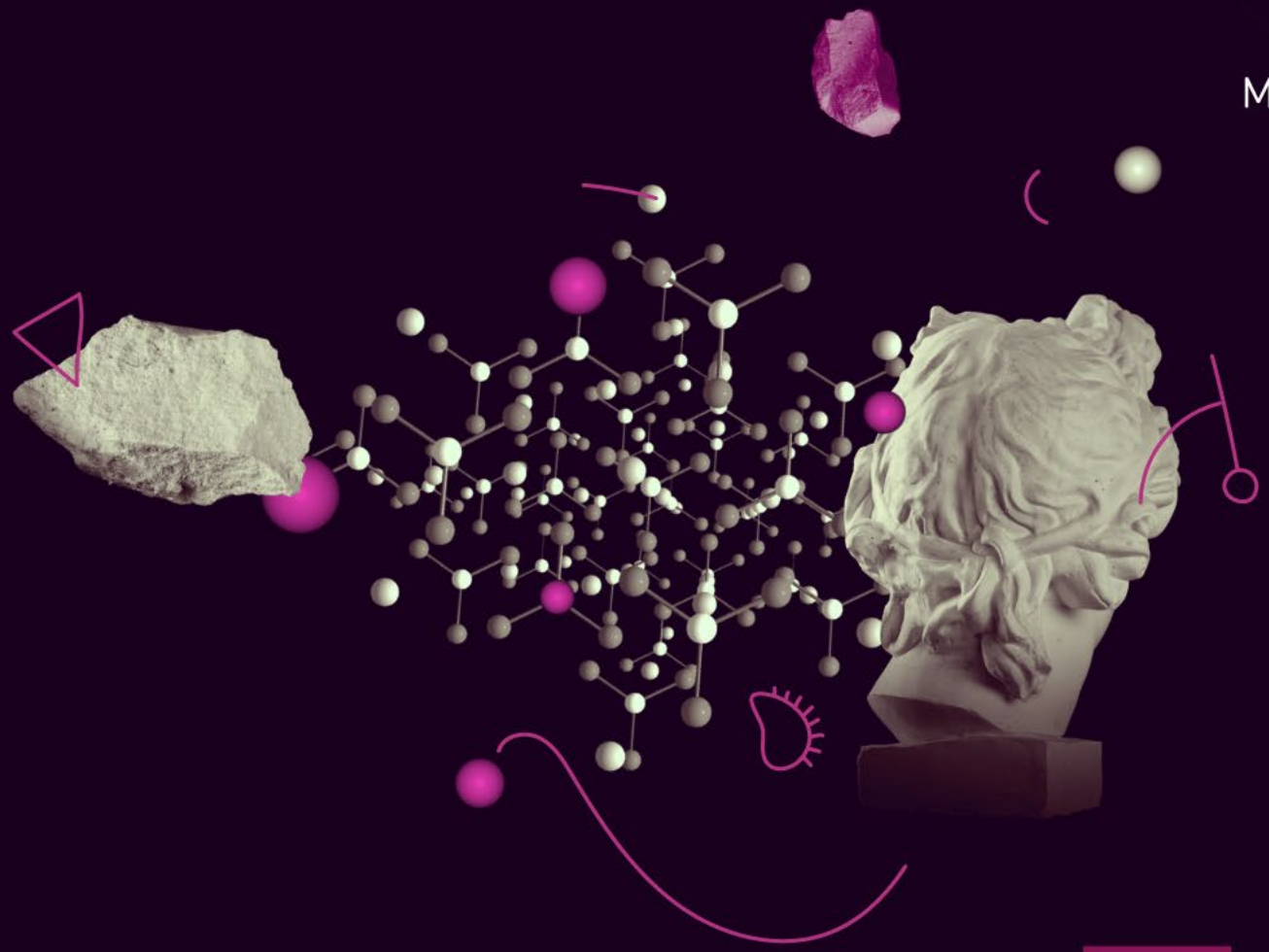

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Seal of Excellence

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The MSCA Seal of Excellence

- **Quality label** awarded to high-quality project proposals (evaluation score equal or above to 85%) which could not be funded due to budget constraints
- Helps researchers secure funding from other funding bodies, taking advantage of the EU evaluation process
- Helps **increase participation** and overall success rates
- Increases the **attractiveness** of hosting countries, regions and institutions, particularly widening countries (currently 8 out of the 15 countries with support schemes in place)
- Over **11,900 Seals of Excellence** awarded under Horizon 2020

The MSCA SoE under Horizon Europe

- Seal of Excellence awarded for **MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships** and **COFUND**
- Same evaluation score threshold: proposals with a score equal or above 85%, but which could not be funded
- **3,584 Seals of Excellence** awarded under HE so far
- Next Seals of Excellence to be awarded in December for the 2022 COFUND call

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MSCA SoE funding schemes

24 schemes across **15 countries** for **Postdoctoral Fellowships**, using different funding sources

Recovery and Resilience Facility funding	IT, RO, SI, ES, LT, SK
Cohesion funding (ERDF, ESF+)	CY (ERDF), CZ (ERDF), FR (ERDF), LT (ESF+ until 2022)
National funding	BG, PL, SE, SI
Regional funding	BE-Flanders, IT-Bolzano, IT-Lombardy, DE-Hessen
Institutional funding	AT, IT (universities, research institutions, foundations)

CH scheme may resume if an association agreement to Horizon Europe is concluded

2 schemes for **COFUND**: SI (national funding), CZ (ERDF)

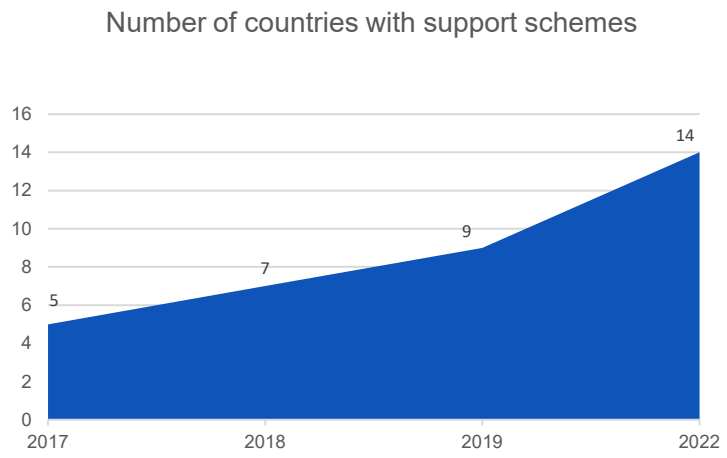
MSCA SoE funding schemes

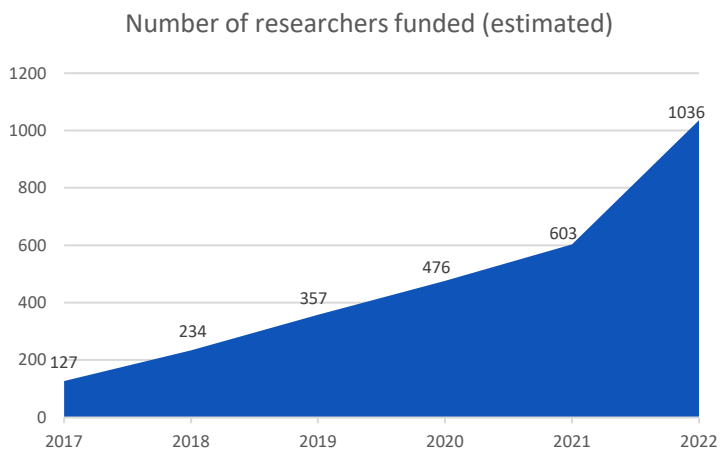
9 schemes in Italy

- Italian Ministry of Research
- University of Siena
- University of Trento
- University of Padova
- Politecnico di Milano
- University La Sapienza
- Province of Bolzano
- Fondazione Regionale Per La Ricerca Biomedica
- Fondazione Compagnia di San Paolo

MSCA SoE funding schemes

- From five (CY, CZ, IT, SE, SI) to **15 countries**
- **10 new schemes** announced over the past two years: eight for Postdoctoral Fellowships (AT, SK, RO, IT, ES, two in FR, DE); and two COFUND schemes (SI, CZ)
- From 127 total supported researchers in 2017 to at least **1,137 in 2023**





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The list below provides regularly updated information we receive about available support at national/regional level for MSCA proposals with a Seal of Excellence.

A number of other countries have suggested that recipients may wish to contact the National Contact Point in your host country to check if there are funding possibilities available.

National Contact Points

Belgium (Flanders)

As from the 2018 call for Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions Individual Fellowships, up to 8 candidates with the highest scores on the reserve list will be picked up by the FWO.

https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/funding/funding-opportunities/seal-excellence/funding-opportunities-under-msca_en

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Thank you!

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