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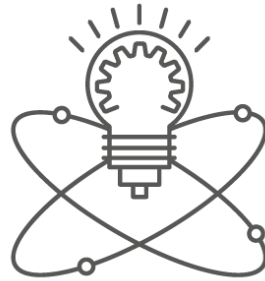


Funding for PostDocs – MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships & European Research Council (ERC)

*DAAD Networking Forum „EU-Higher Education Cooperation between
Germany and Eastern Africa”*

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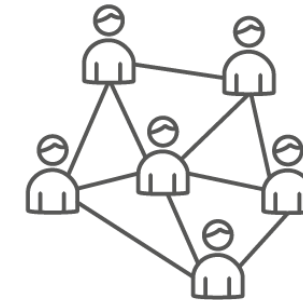
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Horizon Europe – Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2021-2027)

Horizon Europe (2021-2027) — 95,52 Mrd.



Pillar I
Excellent Science — 25,01 Mrd.

European Research Council (ERC) — 16,00 Mrd.

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) — 6,60 Mrd.

Research Infrastructures — 2,41 Mrd.



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Pillar I Excellent Science

European Research Council (ERC)

Marie Skłodowska-Curie
Actions (MSCA)

Research Infrastructures

- Doctoral Networks
- **Postdoctoral Fellowships**
- Staff Exchanges
- Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes (COFUND)
- MSCA and Citizens

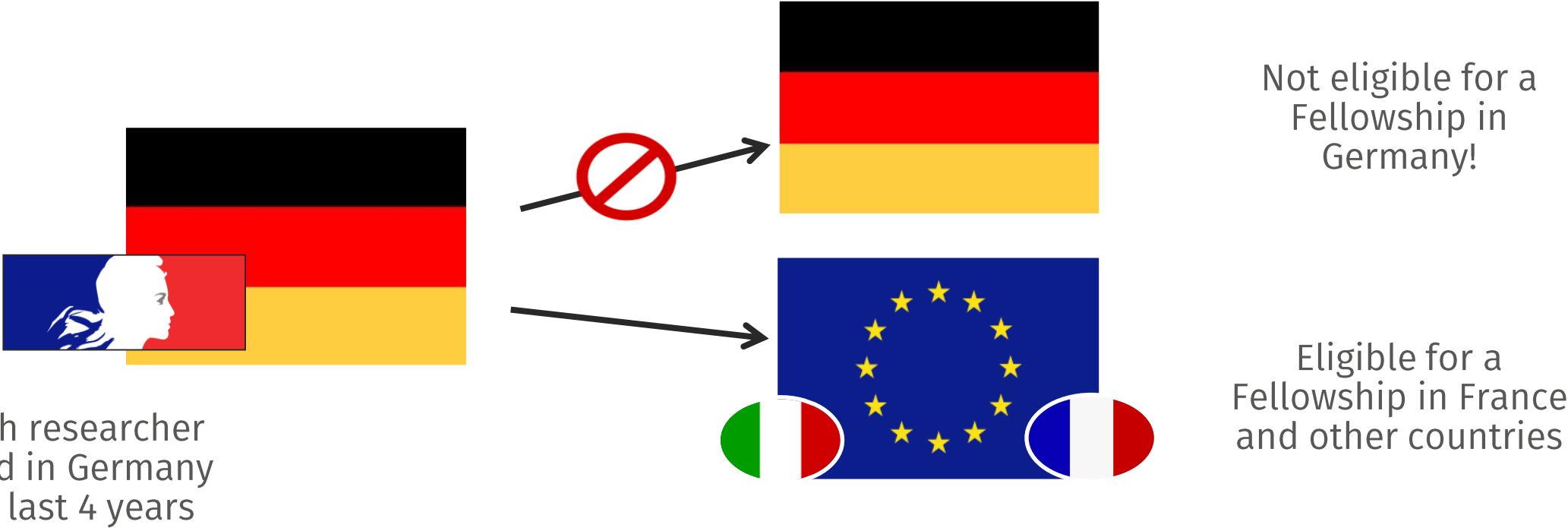
MSCA – Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF)

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships – Aims

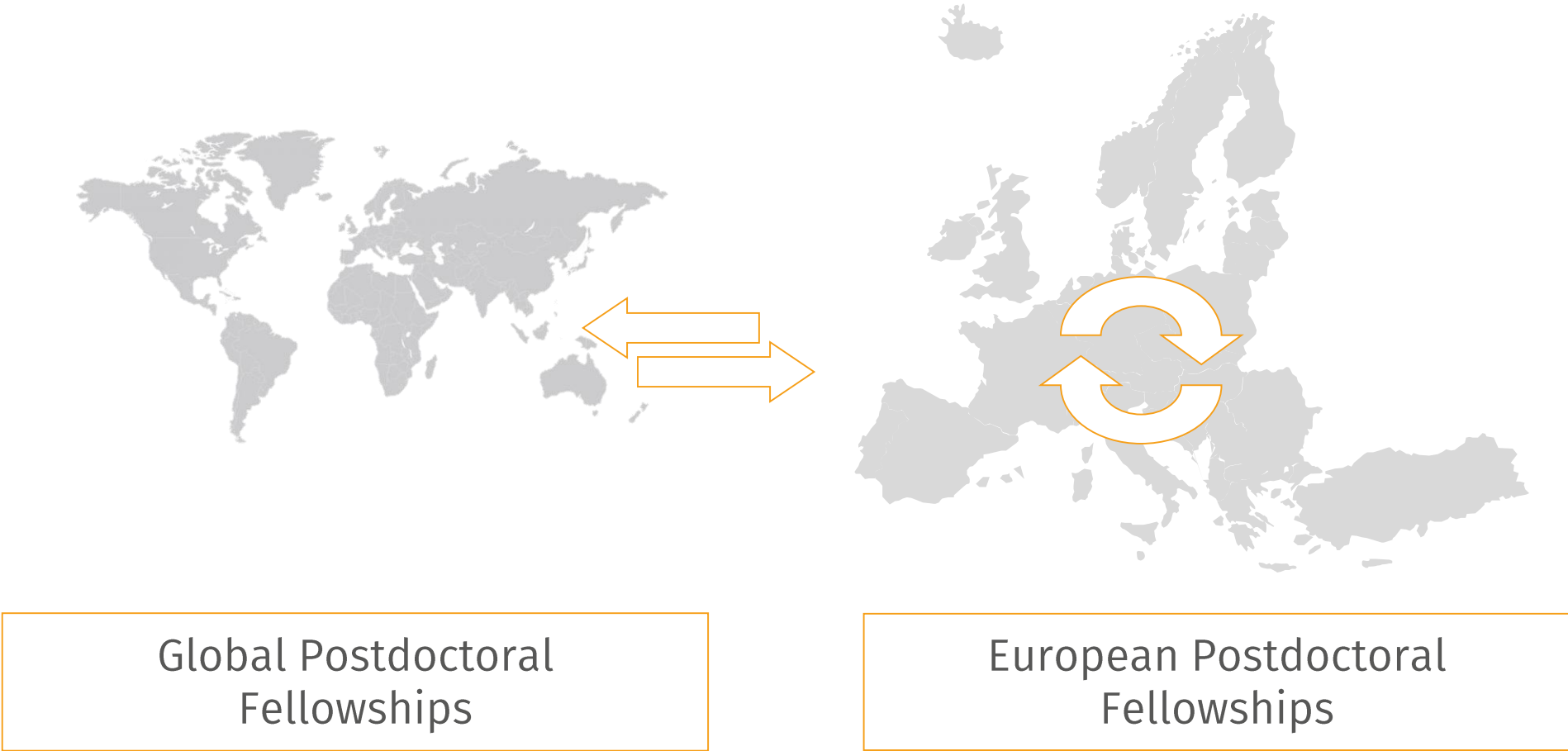
- Strengthening the European Research Area (ERA)
 - Encouraging people to embark on research careers in Europe
 - Foster excellence through implementation of research project
- Enhancing mobility and collaboration
 - International
 - Interdisciplinary
 - Inter-sectoral
- Promoting the researchers' career development
 - Providing training for key competences in science and industry (training on research & transferable skills) -> employability
 - Creating fair and attractive working conditions

MSCA - Mobility Rule

Fellow has lived or worked ≤ 12 months within the last 3 years in the potential host country



Postdoctoral Fellowships – Global and European Fellowships



Global Postdoctoral Fellowships

European Postdoctoral Fellowships

European Postdoctoral Fellowship – Research Project in Europe (MS or AC)

- Eligible
 - Postdoctoral researchers with ≤ 8 years* of full-time postdoctoral research experience, no nationality restriction
 - for resubmissions: application must have reached the quality threshold of 70%
- Mobility Rule: Stay in the host country not longer than 12 months within the last 3 years
- Project duration: 1-2 years (placement optional: +6 months in the non-academic sector in Europe)
- Secondment phase: Optionally worldwide for max. 1/3 of the project duration
- Procedure and contents of the Fellowship:
 - Fellow writes individual application jointly with Host Institution
 - Research & skill training at Host Institution

*Departing from periods outside research and career breaks as well as periods in a TC (only applies to citizens of an EU MS or AC, or "long-term residents").

Global Postdoctoral Fellowship – Research Project in Third Country (TC) and Europe

- Eligible
 - Postdocs with ≤ 8 years* of research experience after PhD (full-time)
 - for resubmission: proposal must have reached the quality threshold of 70%
- Researchers Nationality: MS / AC or at least 5 years of residence in MS /AC ("long-term residents")
- Mobility Rule: Stay in the host country not longer than 12 months within the last 3 years
- Project duration
 - 1-2 years in TC (outgoing phase) + 1 year obligatory return phase in MS /AC (placement optional: +6 months in non-academic sector in Europe)
- Secondment phase: Optionally worldwide for max. 1/3 of the outgoing phase
- Procedure and contents of the Fellowship:
 - Fellow writes individual application jointly with Host Institution
 - Research & skill training at Host Institution

MSCA Financing

In EUR; Funding 100%, in gross	Research unit cost (person/month)					Institutional unit cost (person/month)	
	Living allowance*	Mobility allowance	Family allowance**	Long-term leave allowance	Special-needs allowance	Research, training and networking costs	Management & Overhead
Postdoctoral Fellowships	5990	660	660	6700	Depending on request	1000	650

*Application of the country correction coefficient: for Germany 101.2%.
 ** If applicable, can also be applied for after project start

Evaluation Criteria and Panels

Excellence
(weighting: 50%)

Impact
(weighting: 30%)

Implementation
(weighting: 20%)

- 8 Main Evaluation Panels
 - Chemistry (CHE)
 - Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC)
 - Economic Sciences (ECO)
 - Information Sciences and Engineering (ENG)
 - Environment and Geosciences (ENV)
 - Life Sciences (LIF)
 - Mathematics (MAT)
 - Physics (PHY)

MSCA Call 2025

Action	Call opening	Deadline
Postdoctoral Fellowships	09 April 2025	10 September 2025

Information online

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Excellent Science

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Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)

Die Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions gibt es als europäische Mobilitätsmaßnahmen seit 1997. Sie verfolgen das Ziel, die Forschenden in Forschung und Innovation in Europa in qualitativer und quantitativer Weise zu stärken, d.h. die individuelle Karriereentwicklung hin zu innovativen Forschenden zu fördern. Dabei spielt die Mobilität eine zentrale Rolle: es wird internationale, interdisziplinäre und intersektorale Wissenschaft/Projekte gefördert, wodurch individuelle Forschungskompetenzen erweitert und vertieft werden wie auch institutionelle strukturierende Effekte erzielt werden.

Über die gesamte Laufzeit von Horizon Europe (2021-2027) sind die Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions mit einem Budget von 24,9 Mrd. EUR ausgestattet. Die Förderlinien sind für alle Forschungsbereiche offen und fördern Projekte aus der Grundlagenforschung bis hin zur Markterschließung. Man unterscheidet insgesamt fünf spezifische Förderlinien:

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2 results

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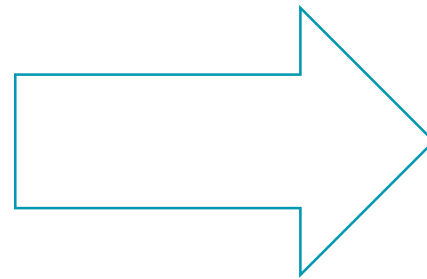
Programme Antrag Projekt Beratung Monitoring Service

Marie-Sklodowska-Curie-Maßnahmen

Die Europäischen Kommission hat Marie-Sklodowska-Curie-Maßnahmen eingerichtet, um die Länder- und sektorübergreifende Mobilität und die Karriereentwicklung von Forschenden zu fördern.

NCP MSCA

The magic of EU Research Funding



„Furthermore, there is evidence that former MSCA fellows tend to be more successful when applying for ERC grants“

Quote from the Horizon 2020 Ex-Post-Evaluation, January 2024

European Research Council

ERC Funding Schemes



Pillar I Excellent Science

European Research Council (ERC)

**Marie Skłodowska-Curie
Actions (MSCA)**

Research Infrastructures

- **Starting Grants**
2-7 years after PhD
- **Consolidator Grants**
7-12 years after PhD
- **Advanced Grants**
10 years track record
- **Synergy Grants**
Teams with 2-4 PIs
- **Proof of Concept**
Preparing ideas from ERC
Grants for the market

ERC Underlying Principles

- European funding of basic research („frontier research“)
 - Development of funding schemes is science-driven (Scientific Council)
 - Open to all fields of research: bottom-up, investigator-driven, annual calls for proposal
 - Open for researchers of any age and nationality
- Scientific excellence is the sole criterion for evaluation!

ERC Funding Modalities

- Funding of individuals: Principal Investigator (PI) + project
- Support for researchers to start or consolidate their own independent research team in Europe (MS or AC)
- Funding: 100 % + 25 %
 - All direct project costs: salary of PI and project team (partly/full), travel expenses, consumables, publication costs (incl. Open Access), research-related costs, equipment costs (within the limits of depreciation rules), subcontracts
 - Additional financing of indirect costs: 25 % overhead

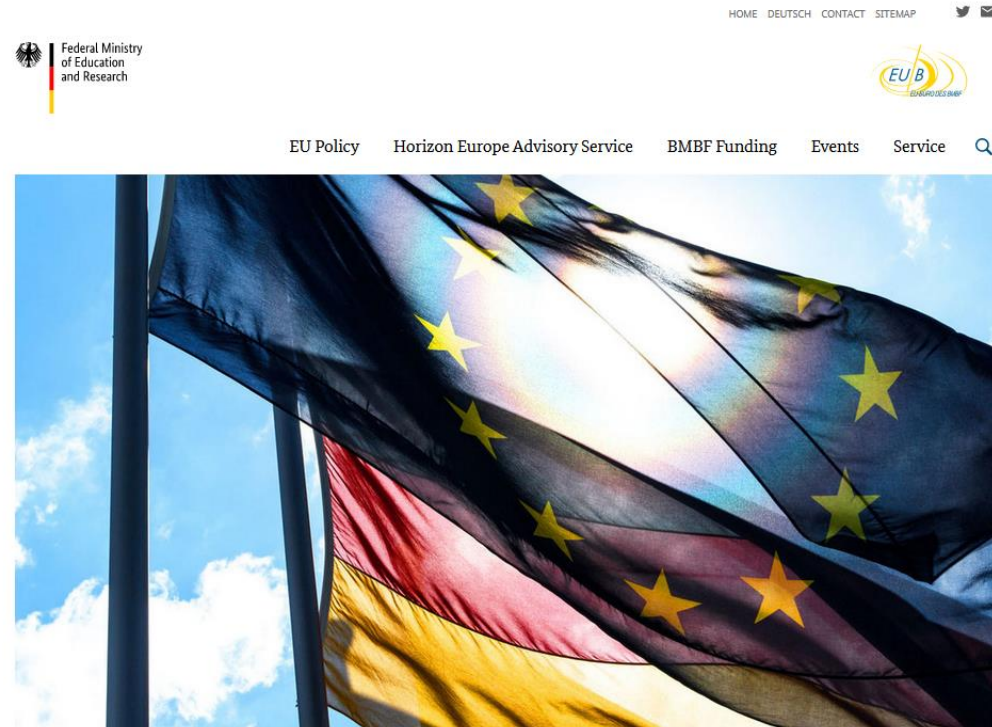
ERC Starting Grants – Overview

- Target group
 - 2 - 7 years after PhD defence (extensions possible in exceptional cases; special rules for MD)
- Funding
 - Max. EUR 1.5 million for max. 5 years (all direct project costs, e.g. salary of PI and team members)
 - Exception: + EUR 1 million for major equipment, major fieldworks/ experimental costs or for PIs from Third Countries
- Host institution
 - In EU Member State or Associated Country
- Time commitment
 - $\geq 50\%$ ($\geq 50\%$ in Europe)
- Procedure
 - Single submission of full proposal, two-step evaluation (incl. Interview)
- Yearly Call

ERC Work Programme 2025 – dates

Funding scheme	Call-opening	Call-Deadline	Budget (Mio. EUR)	Estimated number of grants
Starting Grants	10 July 2024	15 October 2024	751	483
Consolidator Grants	26 September 2024	14 January 2025	719	354
Advanced Grants	22 May 2025	28 August 2025	683	276
Synergy Grants	11 July 2024	06 November 2024	500	48

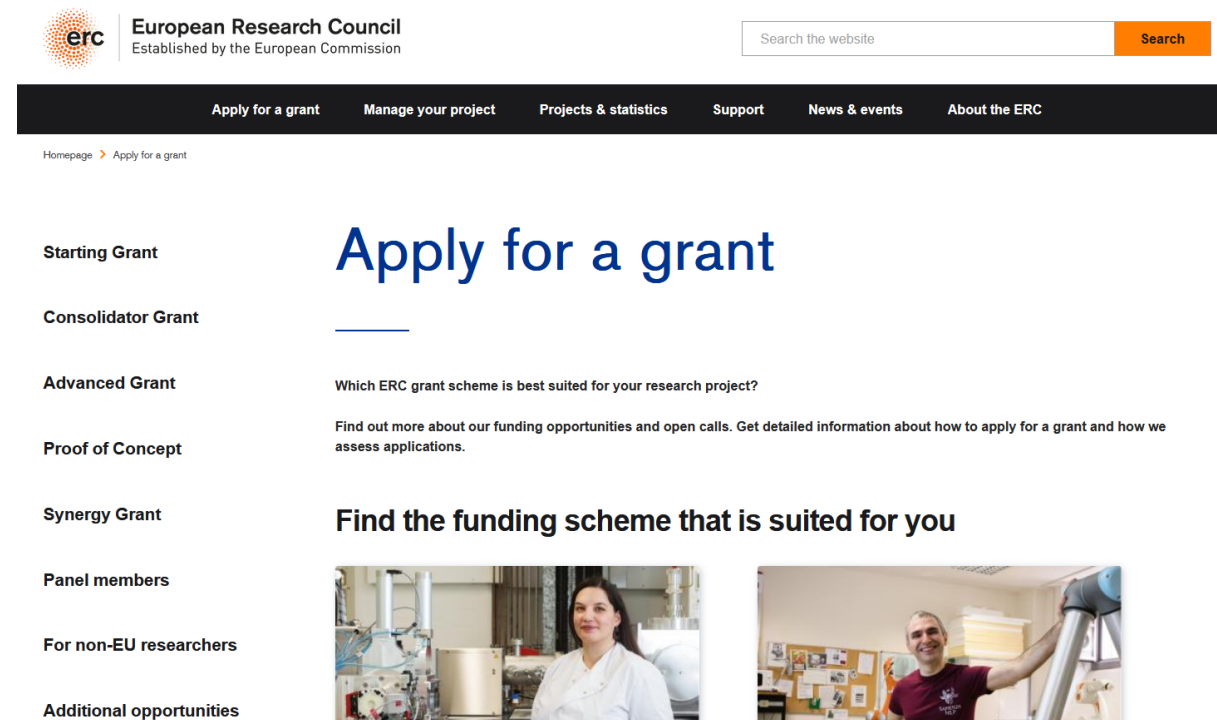
ERC Information online



Welcome to the website of the EU Bureau of the BMBF!

We offer information and advice on European research and innovation policy and the corresponding EU Framework Programme.

National Contact Point ERC (NCP ERC):
<https://www.euburo.de/en/index.html>



ERC Website:
<https://erc.europa.eu/>



Further opportunities

AFRICA INITIATIVE II - HORIZON EUROPE strengthens EU-Africa cooperation in Research & Innovation



Africa Initiative II

In the 2nd Work Programme of Horizon Europe 2023-2024

- Building on the positive outcome of the Africa Initiative I of Horizon Europe Work Programme 2021-2022.
- A total budget of **~300 MEUR** through **~30 topics** under **calls for proposals** to boost **EU-Africa cooperation on Research & Innovation (R&I)**.

→ Link:

<https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/worldwide/africa/news/africa-initiative-ii-horizon-europe-strengthens-eu-africa-cooperation>



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- Individual advice and support for applicants
- Advice on legal, financial and project management aspects

Training

- Workshops on application and grant management
- ERC Interview trainings

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