

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

Overview

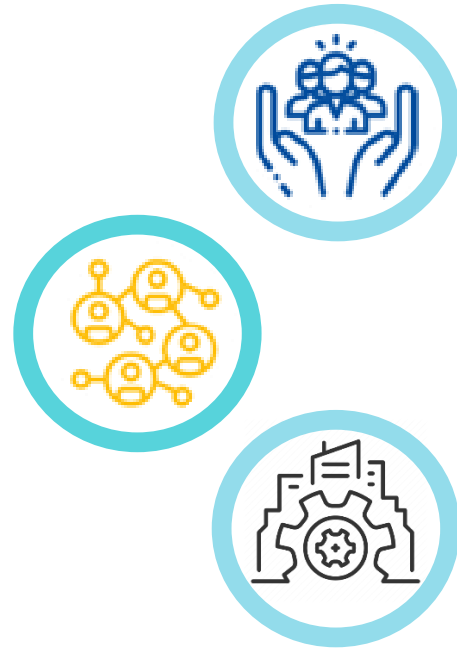


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- Based on mobility (international, intersectoral, interdisciplinary);
- All scientific domains;
- Strong accent on participation of industry, SMEs and non-academia partners;
- Attract and retain talents
- Institutional visibility and networking
- Joint advanced training
- @ interfaces of the knowledge value-chain

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Doctoral Networks

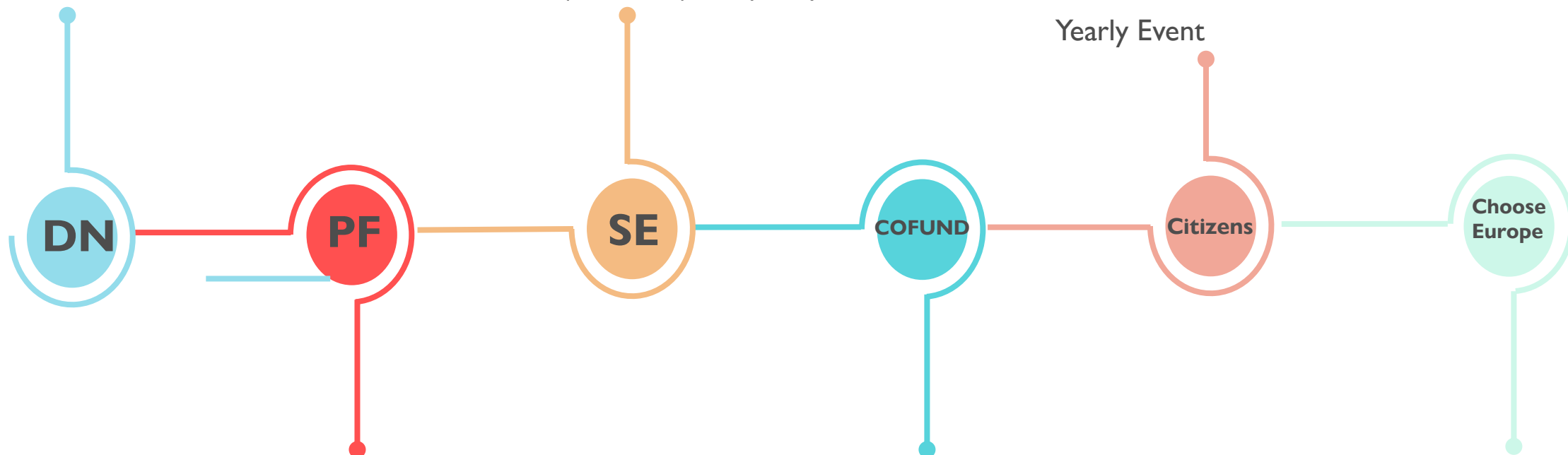
Joint Doctorates
Industrial Doctorates
Other Doctoral Programmes

Staff Exchanges

Secondments Inter-
-sectoral | -national | -disciplinary

MSCA & Citizens

Yearly Event



Postdoctoral Fellowships

European Fellowships
Global Fellowships

COFUND

Co-financed Programmes:
Doctoral and Postdoctoral

Choose Europe

Co-fund long term
employment for
researchers

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions – 2025 calendar

Doctoral Networks

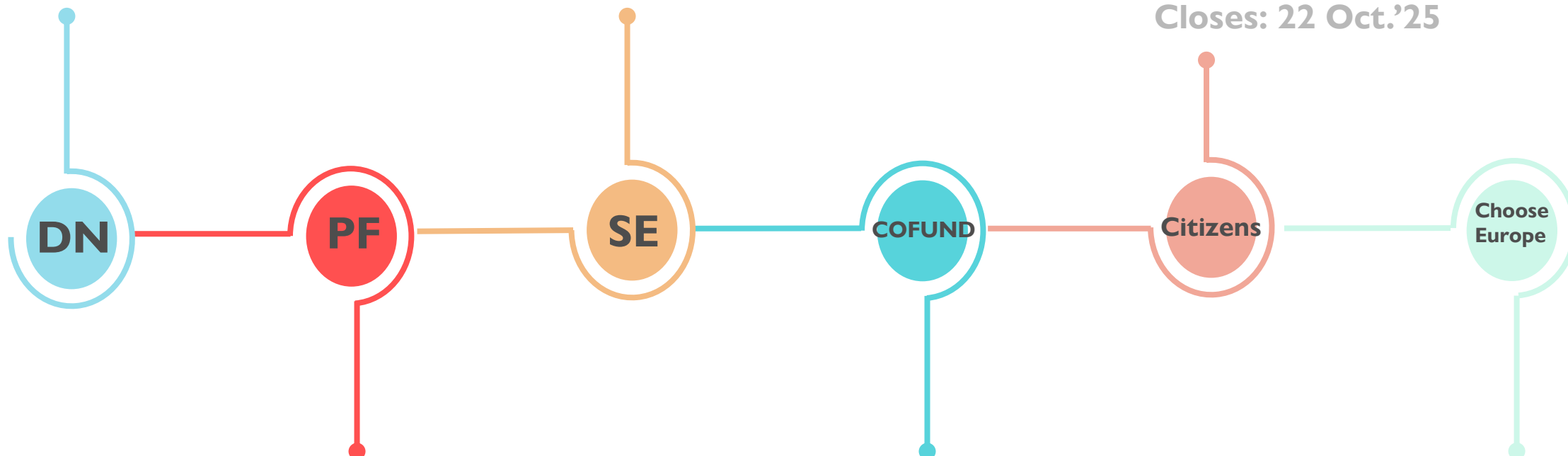
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Closes: 25 Nov.'25

Staff Exchanges

Opens: 27 Mar.'25
Closes: 08 Oct.'25

MSCA & Citizens

Opens: 17 Jun.'25
Closes: 22 Oct.'25



Postdoctoral Fellowships

Opens: 09 Apr.'25
Closes: 10 Sep.'25

COFUND

Opens: 23 Jan.'25
Closes: 24 Jun.'25

Choose Europe

Opens: 01 Oct.'25
Closes: 03 Dec.'25

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Doctoral Networks

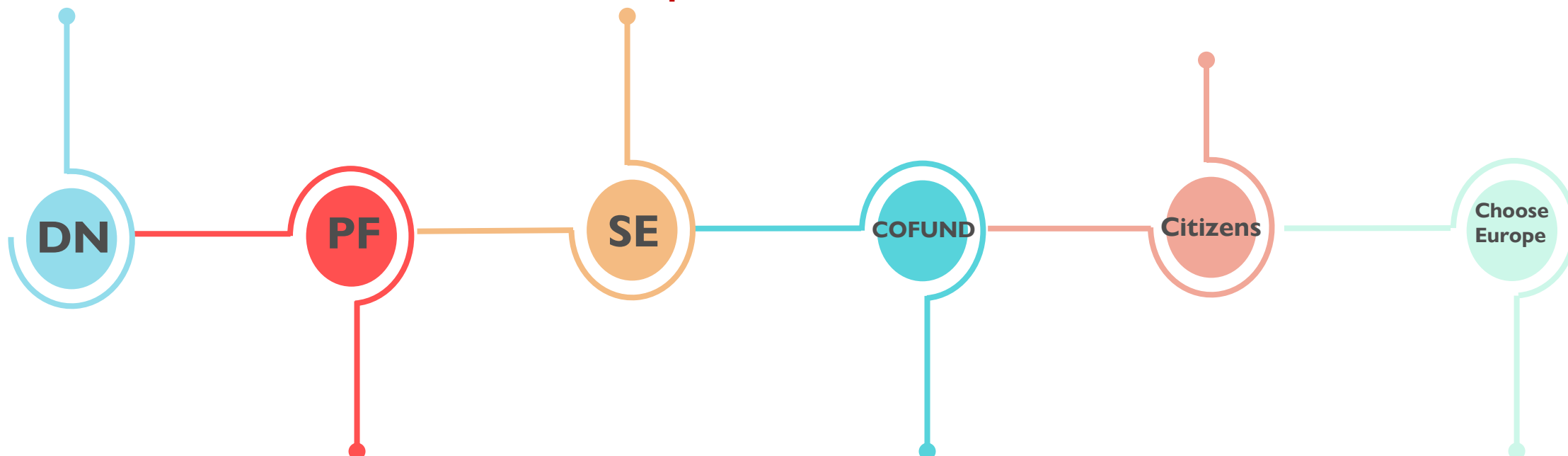
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Staff Exchanges

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MSCA & Citizens

No call foreseen



Postdoctoral Fellowships

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Closes: 09 Sep.'26

COFUND

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Closes: 08 Apr.'26

Choose Europe

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Doctoral Networks

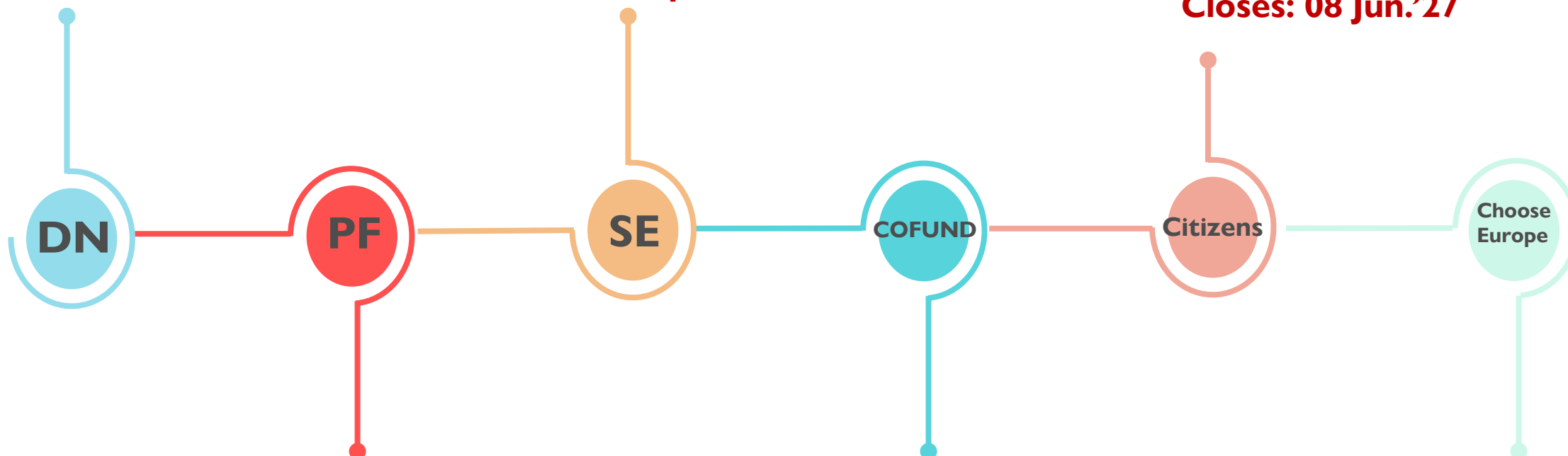
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Staff Exchanges

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MSCA & Citizens

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Postdoctoral Fellowships

Opens: 07 Apr.'27
Closes: 08 Sep.'27

COFUND

Opens: 08 Dec.'26
Closes: 06 Apr.'27

Choose Europe

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Eligible organisations:

Academic sector

- ✓ public or private higher education establishments
- ✓ public or private non-profit research organisations
- ✓ International European Research Organisations



Non-academic sector

- ✓ any socio-economic actor not included in the academic sector

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Summary of Tasks				
Role in the network	Recruitment of Researchers	Training and/or Hosting of Seconded Researchers	Participation in Supervisory Board	Directly Claims unit contributions
Beneficiary	✓	✓	✓	✓
Associated Partner	x	✓	✓	x

Postdoctoral Fellowships

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Postdoctoral Fellowships

Main objectives:

- **Foster excellence** through 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 and **exposure to the non-academic sector**

Postdoctoral Fellowships

Two main types of Fellowships:

- European Fellowships (EF)
- Global Fellowships (GF)

All research topics including Euratom areas

- Competition within regular scientific panels, no separate ranking
- Stricter eligibility conditions linked to Euratom MS/AC

ERA Fellowships

- Spreading excellence and contribute fostering balanced brain circulation in Widening Countries
- “Second chance” for Widening countries like Portugal. Two calls within

Postdoctoral Fellowships

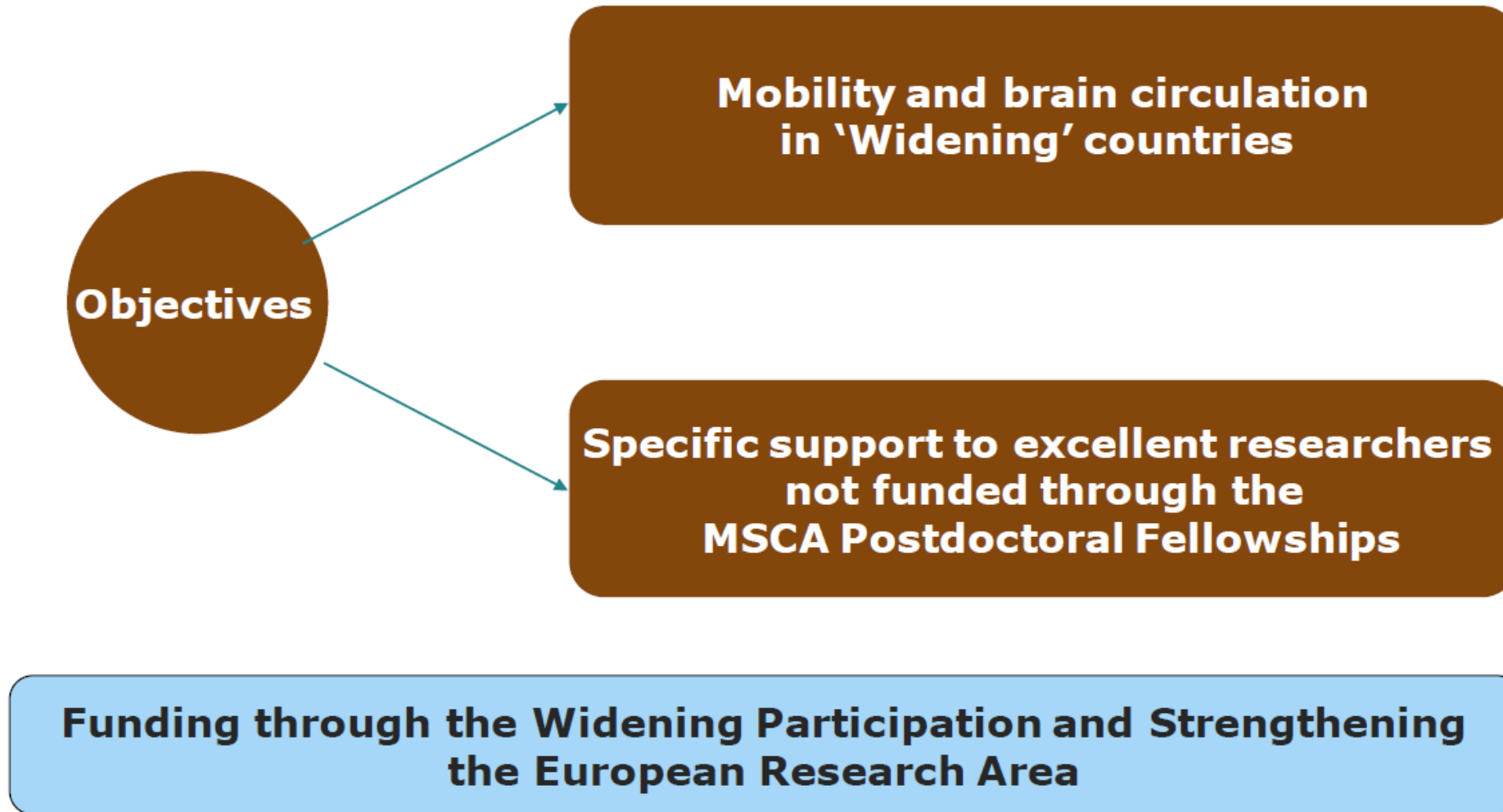
Project duration:

- **European Fellowships:** between 12 and 24 months
- **Global Fellowships:** outgoing phase between 12 and 24 months in Third Country (TC), followed by a mandatory 12 month return phase in EU Member State (MS) or HE Associated Country (AC).

Possibility to add a **non-academic placement at the end of the project for a duration of up to 6 months** (EF and GF)

Placement ≠ secondment! (see table below)

ERA Fellowships



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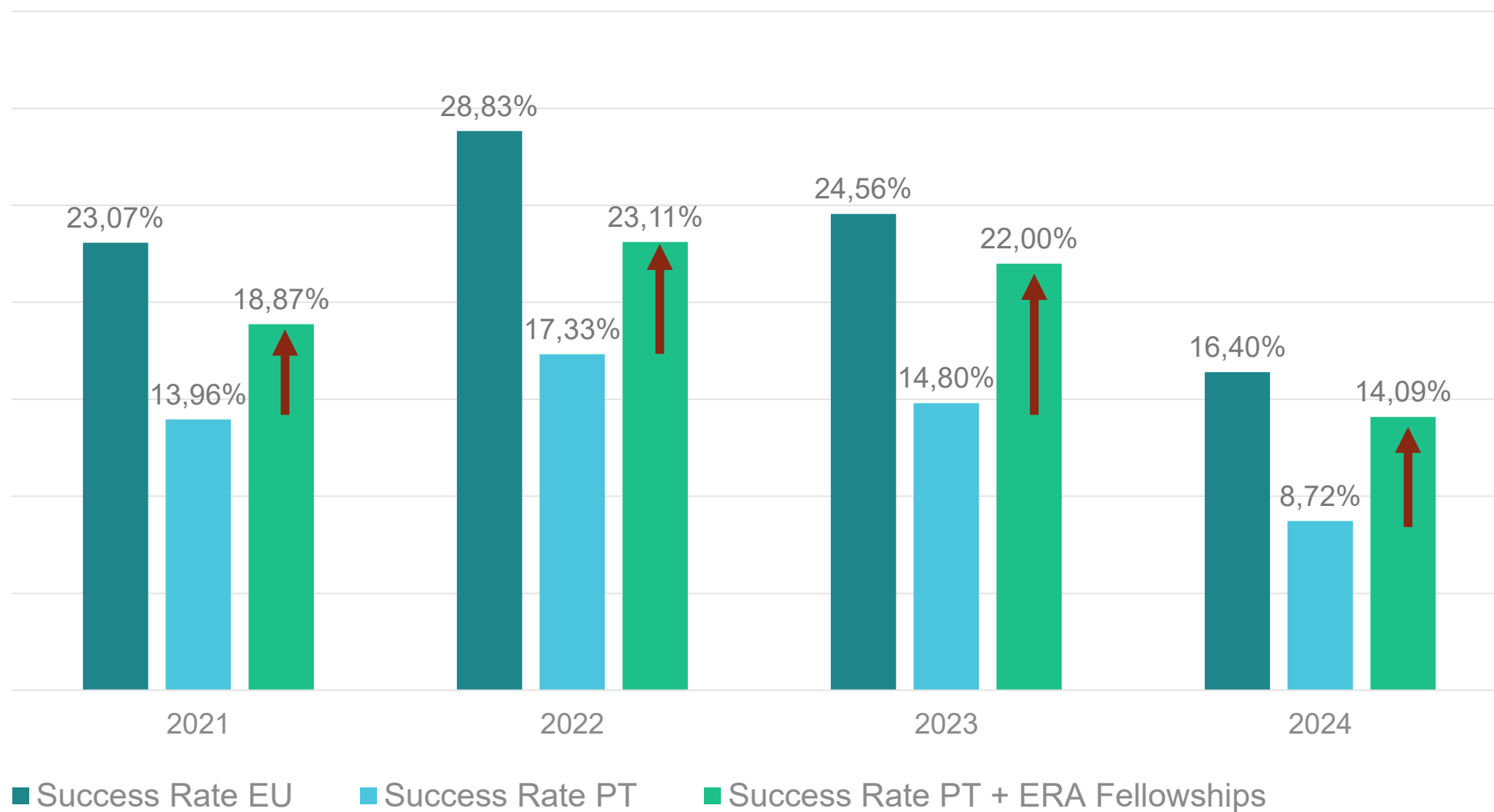
One single evaluation performed under MSCA-PF call:
Only one submission & one simple agreement (tick box),
applicants **significantly increase their opportunities to be funded.**

Proposals are eligible for ERA fellowships funding if:

- submitted by a host institution from a 'Widening' country,
- admissible and eligible for MSCA-PF European Fellowships (EF)*,
- have agreed to be considered for ERA Fellowships call,
- passed all the thresholds under the MSCA-PF-EF call ,
- Failed to reach an adequate place in the ranking to be funded under that call.

** MSCA-PF Global Fellowships (GF) proposals are not eligible.*

Success rates MSCA PF (PT + ERA Fellowships and EU)



Postdoctoral Fellowships – 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 interdisciplinary approaches, consideration of the gender dimension and other diversity aspects if relevant for the research project, and the quality of open science 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%

MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships – budget structure (2024 →)

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 5990	EUR 710	EUR 660	EUR 6700 x % covered by the beneficiary	Requested unit ¹ x (1/number of months)	EUR 1 000	EUR 650

CCC PT
93,7%
5612 euros

* Living allowance is adapted with the country correction coefficient listed in the WP EF= 1 coefficient for the country of the beneficiary (CCC PT= **93,7%**)

GF= 1 coefficient for the country of the beneficiary + 1 coefficient for the associated partner hosting the outgoing phase

PF – “What is my net salary” ?

- **The values on the table are from the perspective of the MSCA budget**, that is, they corresponds to the costs of hiring from the employer's perspective.
- **A country correction coefficient is applied to the living allowance**, in the case of Portugal is 93,7%, which reduces the living allowance. But this has to cover not only the employee's tax obligations, but also those of the employer.
- **The mobility allowance and family allowance** will be included in the salary and **will also be subject to taxation**. No country correction coefficient here.
- Portuguese labor law foresees **14 salaries during the year**, the 12 months, plus Holiday allowance and Christmas allowance
- Portuguese labor law also foresees **end of contract indemnities**, that might decrease the monthly salary, but on the end of contract, the employee is compensated
- The **employer social security tax** is usually 23.75%
- The **employee social security tax** is usually 11%
- Your **income tax (IRS)** rate will vary depending on your household and other income you have.

Doctoral Networks

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Modalities:

Multi-beneficiary Action to set up **doctoral programmes**, including:

- **Industrial Doctorates (ID):** Training in academia and industry, Joint supervision
- **Joint Doctorates (JD):** Joint collaborations leading to a joint/multiple doctoral degree, Joint selection and supervision; pre-agreement for joint degrees required
- **Doctoral Networks (standard):** Training in academia and/or industry

Doctoral Networks

Size

- Up to **540 person-months** (for all types of DN)

540 PM (example)

15 PhD students recruited for 36 months each

Duration

- **Programme:** max. 48 months (max 60 months in JD)
- **Fellowship:** between 3 and 36 months (max. 48 months in JD)
- **Secondments:** worldwide (standard up to 1/3 of the fellowship duration; **JD/ID no limit**)
- **Industrial doctorates:** 50% in the non-academic sector; academic and non-academic organisations jointly supervising can be in the same country

528 PM (JD example) 11
PhD students recruited for
48 months each

Doctoral Networks

Eligible participants:

- **Consortia** of universities, research institutions and research infrastructures, businesses including SMEs, and other socio- economic actors
- At **least three independent legal entities**, each established in a different Member State (MS) or Horizon Europe Associated Country (AC); minimum of 1 beneficiary from a MS (on top of this minimum, any entity from any third country can join; no minimum for associated partners)
- Should none of them be entitled to award a doctoral degree, a university or a consortium/grouping of academic/research institutions entitled to award a doctoral degree must be added to the project as an associated partner or an associated partner linked to a beneficiary.

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Doctoral Networks

Eligible researchers:

- Supported researchers must be **doctoral candidates** (not already in possession of a doctoral degree at the date of recruitment)
- Researchers must be **enrolled in a doctoral programme**, in at least 1 EU Member State/Associated Country
- **Any nationality**
- **Mobility rule**: must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the recruiting beneficiary for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately before their recruitment date.

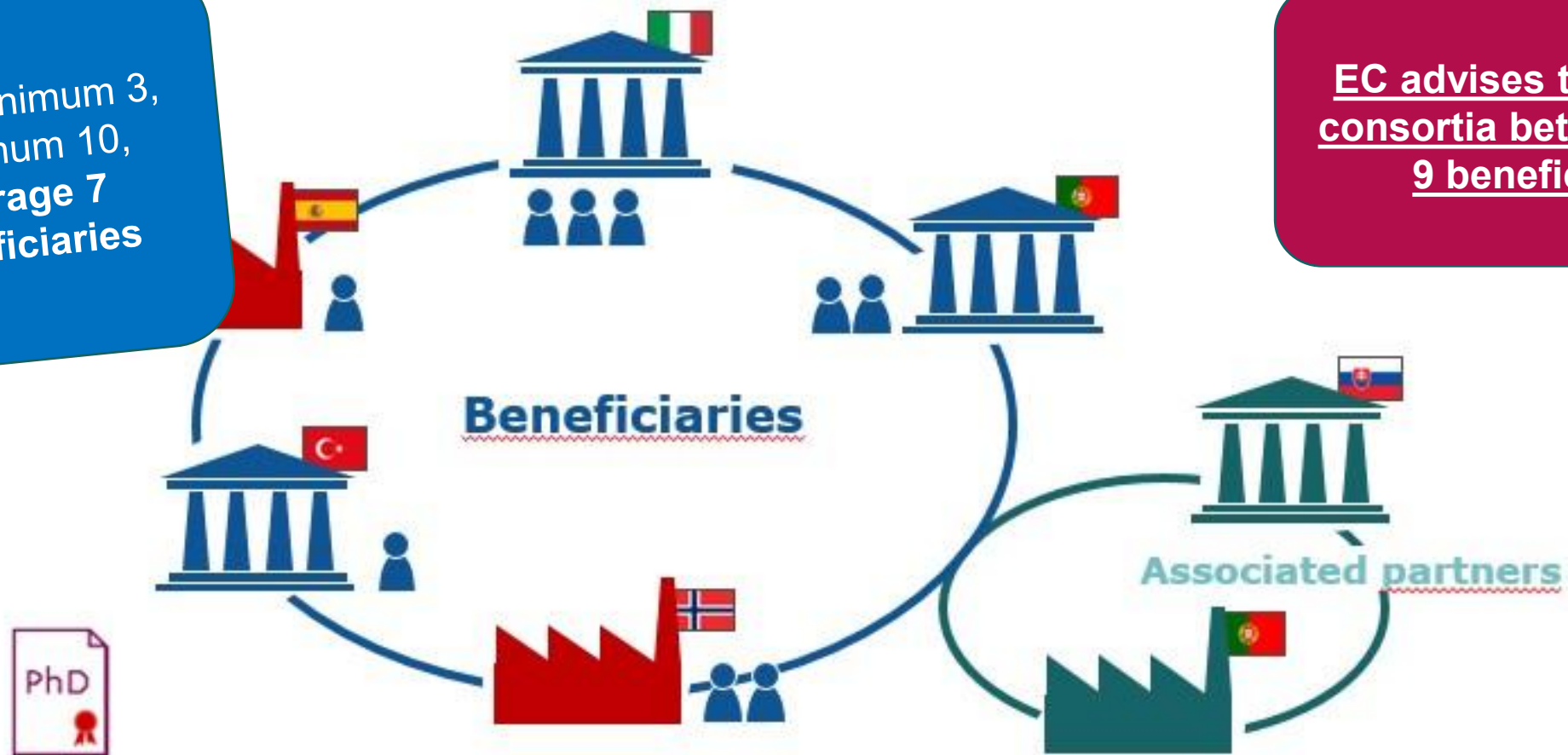
Country of the main activity: where the researcher is physically based when carrying out the main activity **and** the country of the institution for which the main activity is performed (e.g., employer)

Doctoral Network – example

MSCA-NET

DNs: minimum 3,
maximum 10,
average 7
beneficiaries

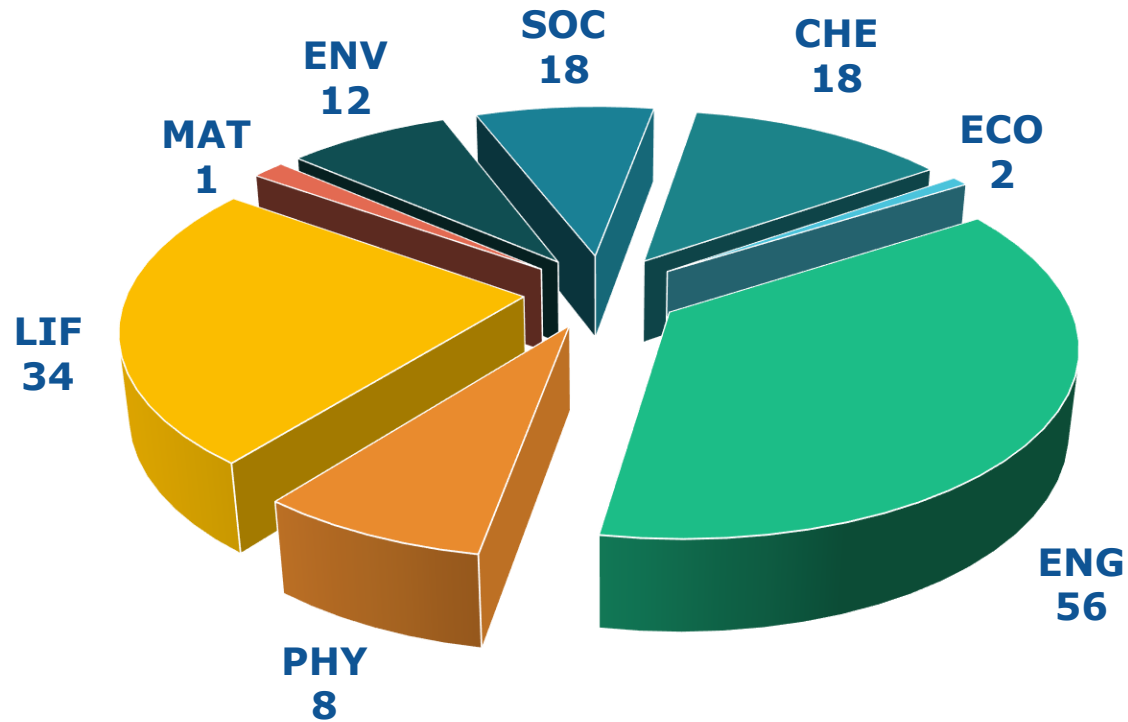
EC advises to keep the
consortia between 6 and
9 beneficiaries



DN 2024 call

Success rates per panel/ mode

Main list proposals

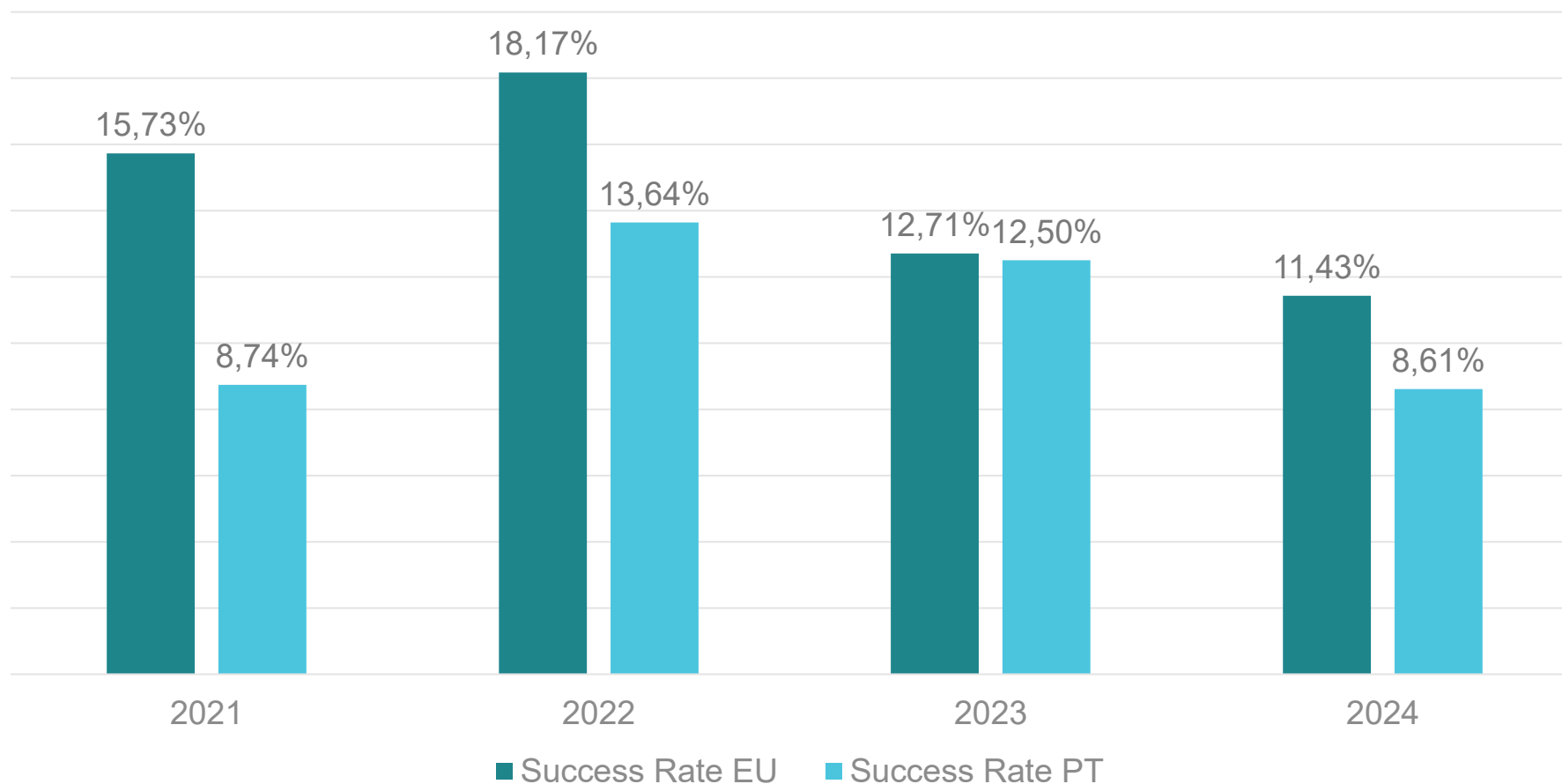


Panel	DN	DN-ID	DN-JD	Total
CHE	15	2	1	18
ECO	2			2
ENG	47	6	3	56
ENV	11		1	12
LIF	33		1	34
MAT	1			1
PHY	8			8
SOC	16		2	18
Total	133	8	8	149
Success Rate	10.7%	10.1%	9.2%	10.6%

CHE	ECO	ENG	ENV	LIF	MAT	PHY	SOC	Total
10.8%	11.1%	10.8%	10.0%	10.3%	5.9%	8.6%	12.7%	10.6%

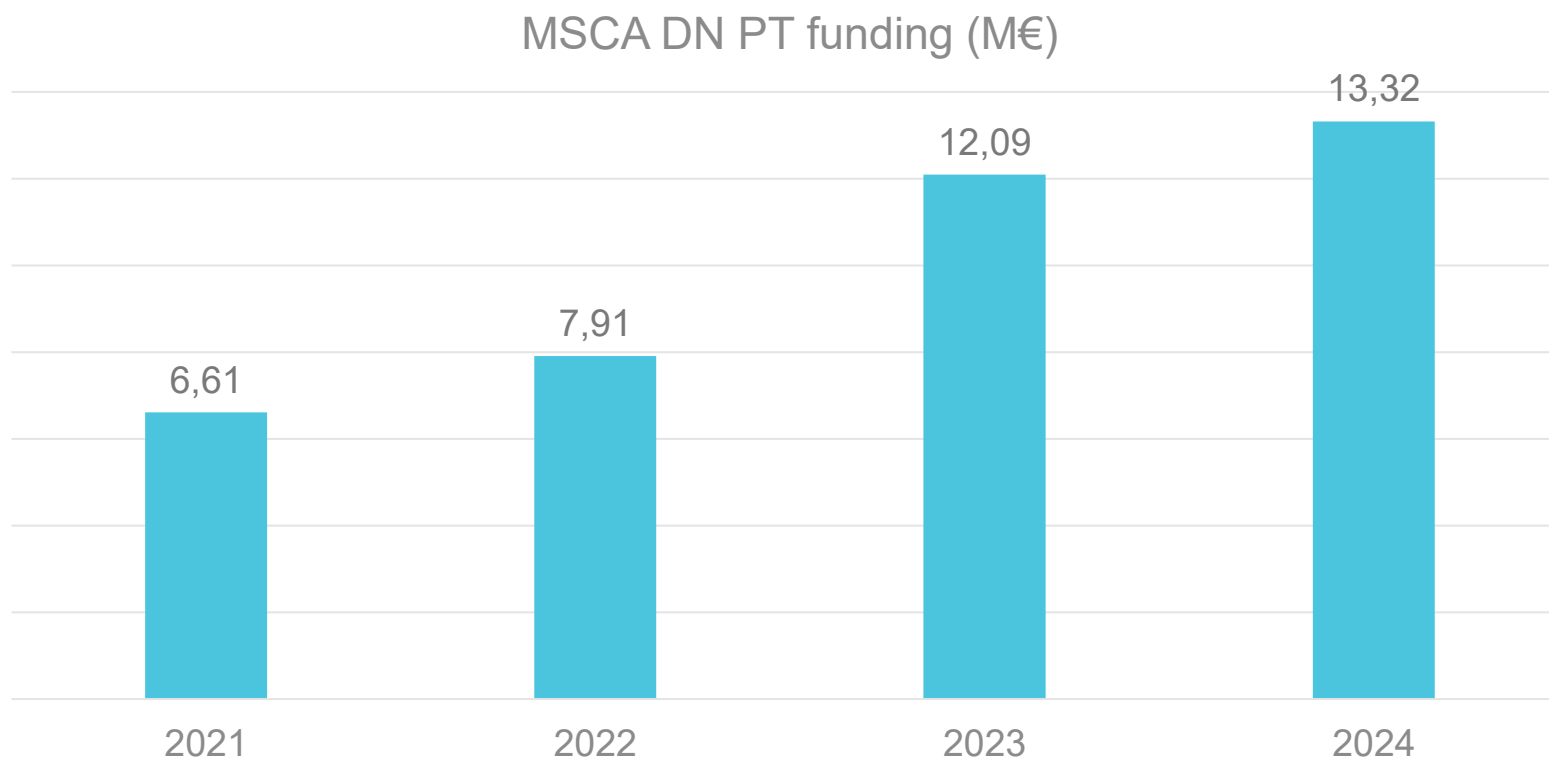
MSCA Doctoral Networks in Horizon Europe

Success rates EU vs PT



MSCA Doctoral Networks in Horizon Europe

Funding obtained by Portuguese institutions



DN – award criteria

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Quality and pertinence of the project's research and innovation objectives	Contribution to structuring doctoral training at European level and strengthening European innovation capacity	Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, assessment of risks, and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages
Soundness of the proposed methodology	Credibility of the measures to enhance the career perspectives of researchers and contribution to their skills development	Quality, capacity and role of each participant, including hosting arrangements and extent to which the consortium as a whole brings together the necessary expertise
Quality and credibility of the training programme	Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise expected outcomes and impacts, as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan, including communication activities	
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CCC PT
93,7%
3757 euros

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