

Vitae Research Development Conference 2008

Fringe Session – FP7 Marie Curie Actions

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- **Meeting room in Brussels**
- Monthly publication - **British Council 'European RTD Insight'**
- **National Contact Points** (Marie Curie and ERC)

FP7 Specific Programmes



Co-operation – Collaborative Research

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Capacities – Research Capacity

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Objectives and Policy Context:

- Make Europe more **attractive** to researchers
- Structuring effect on the European Research Area through transnational and intersectoral mobility in order to create a European labour market for researchers
- Strengthen **human potential** by:
 - Encouraging people to become researchers
 - Encouraging researchers to carry out their research in Europe
- Trans-national and inter-sectoral **mobility**
- €4.7 Billion

Principles

- **Skills and competence development at all stages of researchers career**
- **Open to all research areas addressed under the Treaty plus possibility of targeted calls**
- **Strong participation from enterprises**
- **Reinforce international dimension**
- **Appropriate gender and work/life balance**
- **Good working environment, transparent recruitment and career development**



Overview of Marie Curie Actions



Host Actions	Individual Actions
<p>Initial Training Networks (no 2009 call)</p> <p>Industry Academia Partnerships and Pathways</p> <p>International Research Staff Exchange Scheme</p>	<p>Intra- European Fellowships</p> <p>International Incoming Fellowships</p> <p>International Outgoing Fellowships</p> <p>European Reintegration Grants</p> <p>International Reintegration Grants</p>

Also funded: Researchers' Night, CO-FUND

Changes for 2008 to 2009



- **Removal of nationality rule**
 - For Intra-European Fellowships (IEF), International Incoming Fellowships (IIF), Initial Training Networks (ITN) and Industry-Academia Partnerships and Pathways (IAPP)
- **New evaluation criterion**
 - Under impact a new sub-criterion of benefit to the ERA
- **World Fellowships**
 - New branding for IOF, IIF, and IRSES but maintain individual names
- **Reintegration grants**
 - Joint call so ensure same success rate as budget in proportion to eligible proposals

Further issues - feedback

- **Postdocs and PhDs on employment contracts.....EC now more or less insisting**
- **ITNs 3-year funding for fellows**
- **Simplification of the process is an aim of the EC – but what would actually helps applicants, fellows, and institutions (realistically!)**
- **Return to research after a career break – could Marie Curie promote issue more?**
- **Part-time fellowship**

UK Participation - 2007



- **ITNs**
 - ~30% coordinators British, UK second highest number of participants.
- **IAPPS**
 - UK coordinating 15 out of 41 projects (next highest 5 by Ireland)
- **IEFs**
 - UK by far the most popular host (169 out of 423) but few UK nationals (19)
- **IIFs**
 - UK most popular host country (44 out of 131)
- **IOFs**
 - UK European host in only 2 out of 100 projects.

MCA - Deadlines

Industry-Academia Partnerships & Pathways (IAPP)	<i>27 July 2009</i>
International Research Staff Exchange Scheme	<i>27 March 2009</i>
Reintegration grants	<i>2 April and 8 October 2009</i>
Intra- European Fellowships (IEF) International Incoming Fellowships (IIF) International Outgoing Fellowships (IOF)	<i>18 August 2009</i>
Initial Training Networks (ITN)	<i>No 2009 call – early 2010 call</i>
CO-FUND	<i>19 February 2009</i>
Researchers' Night	<i>14 January 2009</i>

Links

- **UK National Contact Point for Marie Curie**
 - <http://www.ukro.ac.uk/mariecurie>
- **CORDIS**
 - <http://cordis.europa.eu/mariecurie-actions/>
- **The Charter and the Code**
 - <http://europa.eu.int/eracareers/europeancharter/>
- **UK HE Sector analysis:**
 - <http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/news/gapanalysis.htm>
- **EURAXESS – researchers in motion**
 - <http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/>
- **Marie Curie Vacancies (FP6)**
 - <http://mc-opportunities.cordis.lu/>
- **Queries**
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