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Community Research

People Programme

Marie Curie Actions

International Research Staff Exchange Scheme

IRSES

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What is it for? - Objectives

- *Strengthen **research collaborations with the rest of the world***
- *Strengthen **sustainable** research **partnerships between research institutions***
- ***[not** mobility programme **for individual career development**!]*
- *S&T agreement and Neighbourhood policy countries*
- *Based on **joint programmes**, with commitment from both EU*/AC** and Third countries*

European Union
****Associated Countries to the RTD Framework Programme***

Which countries ?

Countries with EC agreements on S&T: Argentina*, Australia, Brazil*, Canada, China*, Chile*, Egypt*, India*, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico*, Morocco*, New Zealand, Russia*, South Africa*, Tunisia*, Ukraine*, United States

Countries of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP):

- ***Eastern Europe & Central Asia (EECA)*** Armenia*, Azerbaijan*, Belarus*, Georgia*, Moldova*, Ukraine*
- ***Mediterranean Partner Countries (MCP)*** Algeria*, Egypt*, Jordan*, Lebanon*, Libya*, Morocco*, Palestinian-administrated areas*, Syrian Arab Rep*., Tunisia*

**** International Cooperation Partner Countries (ICPC)***

Participation rules

- ***Partnership:*** *min. 2 independent EU/AC research organisations of at least 2 different countries and one or more organisations in a third country*
- ***Coordinator*** *from EU/AC*
- ***Duration of Partnership:*** *2-4 years*

Exchange programme

- *Multi-annual **joint exchange programme** (balanced & coordinated)*
- ***Short term exchanges** (up to 1 year per person in total)*
- *Researchers, management, technical staff*
- *Exchanges **to/from Europe** (not between EU/AS partners)*
- *Staff are **seconded** (**maintain salary** in institution of origin and have the right to return)*
- ***Partner institutes** select their staff for exchange*
- *No restriction for **size** of programme*

Financial rules/Community contribution

- **Balanced exchange** expected out/in Europe (in person years)
- **Each partner funds** its own **outgoing** researchers
- **Community contribution for EU/AC partners**
  - Fixed 1800€/person/month (incl. travel, subsistence)
  - Only for EU/AS partners
  - Non-EU/AC partners may apply their own rates
- Community funding of ICPC and Neighbourhood policy countries in **exceptional cases**

IRSES-Example

Partner country	Staff to be exchanged	Duration in months	Total person months	Requested community contribution
EU Member State/Associated Country	**10 researchers**	**12**	**120**	**216.000**
	2 researchers	**10**	**20**	**36.000**
	3 researchers	**8**	**24**	**43.200**
	2 technicians	**2**	**4**	**7.200**
Total			168	302.400
EU Member State/Associated Country	**5 researchers**	**12**	**60**	**108.000**
	8 researchers	**9**	**72**	**129.600**
	1 technician	**6**	**6**	**10.800**
Total			138	248.400
Total Partners from EU MS/AC			306	550.800
Eligible Third Country	**15 researchers**	**12**	**180**	**0**
	5 researchers	**9**	**45**	**0**
	10 researchers	**6**	**60**	**0**
	6 researchers	**3**	**18**	**0**
Total Third Country			303	0
Total Programme			609	550.800

Selection of programmes

- Call for proposals published 30 Nov 2007; **deadline** for submission **28 March 2008**
- Proposal must be submitted by European coordinator
- Evaluation by independent experts (50% from third countries)
- Evaluation results by June; contract negotiations initiated July-September; 1st contracts by Sept/Oct.

Evaluation Criteria

- **Quality of the Exchange programme (**Weighting:25%)
  - Objective and relevance of the joint exchange programme
  - Scientific quality of the partners
  - Complementarities/synergies between the partners
- **Transfer of Knowledge (**Weighting:30%)
  - Quality and mutual benefit of the transfer of knowledge
  - Adequacy and role of staff exchanged with respect to the transfer of knowledge

- **Implementation (**Weighting:15%)
  - Capacities (expertise/human resources/facilities/infrastructure) to achieve the objectives of the planned cooperation
  - Appropriateness of the plans for the overall management of the exchange programme
- **Impact** (Weighting:30%)
  - Relevance of the proposed partnership to the area of collaboration and for the ERA
  - Potential to develop lasting collaboration with eligible Third country partners**.**

Financial aspects for partners from 3d countries

- Need for own funding to cover costs of researchers coming to Europe (matching funds)
- These may come from:
  - ***A public programme***
  - ***Own resources of the institution***
- Importance to plan public funding: Contract negotiations will start in July 2008
- Requests for Community funding may be granted exceptionally on a case by case basis

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Information

- Information on the PEOPLE programme
  http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/people/home_en.html

- EU research: http://ec.europa.eu/research/

- Seventh Framework Programme:
  http://ec.europa.eu/research/future/index_en.cfm

- Information on research programmes and projects:
  http://cordis.europa.eu/

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Thank you for your attention!

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