The Marie Skłodowska-Curie grant helped me enter more deeply into the philosophical research areas that I have specialised in and gave the opportunity to form new research collaborations.

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- 23% of participants work within industry. Of these participants 34% work in a small to medium sized enterprise (SME)
- 38% of participants are women
- 90% of participants are in employment two years after their fellowship
- 9 out of 10 from the top Research and Development (R&D) investors in Europe participating in MSCA
- From the Shanghai top 500 world university ranking, 2/3 participate in MSCA
- Over 130 nationalities and host organisations in more than 80 countries
- A third of Marie Skłodowska-Curie researchers are from outside the EU

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Want to go further in your research career? Use the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions!

These actions offer a myriad of opportunities for researchers from Europe and beyond, taking careers to the next level. There is an action for every need.

Considering a doctoral degree? Go to section 1 to learn more about the Innovative Training Networks (ITN).

Advancing your career with a change of country and possibly sector? Have a look at the Individual Fellowships (IF) in section 2.

Interested in collaborating and sharing knowledge? Read about the Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE) in section 3.

Does your organisation fund or manage a doctoral or fellowship programme? Check out the Co-Funding of Regional, National and International Programmes action (COFUND) in section 4.

1. Innovative Training Networks (ITN)
If you are an organisation aiming to host early-stage researchers, ITN will finance you to train them to be excellent in their research field, plus equip them with a range of skills (such as entrepreneurship, commercialisation of research results, management or patenting) to maximise their future employment options. Researchers will apply to specific vacancies of the project finally funded.

High-quality international and intersectoral training for researchers at doctoral level is supported under:

- European Training Networks (ETN): research training delivered jointly by at least three partners from different EU Member States or Associated Countries.
- European Industrial Doctorates (EID): at least two partners: one academic organisation entitled to deliver doctoral degrees and one non-academic organisation (primarily businesses). They jointly supervise the doctoral degree candidate, who spends at least 50% of his/her time in the non-academic sector.
- European Joint Doctorates (EJD): at least three organisations entitled to award doctoral degrees from three different EU Member States or Associated Countries.

2. Individual Fellowships (IF)
Advanced training based on international and possibly intersectoral mobility for researchers at postdoctoral level and beyond.

- Returning to research after a career break, re-integrating in Europe after time away, or working on research projects elsewhere in or outside Europe are the opportunities that this action offers.

3. Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE)
Should you be an organisation interested in short-term researchers’ mobility (1-12 months), RISE is your action. You can benefit from these international and intersectoral exchanges based on a joint research and innovation project. You could involve researchers or management, administrative or technical staff members of your organisation.

- Keystones of RISE are the transfer of advanced knowledge through exchange of personnel and the reinforcement of research partnerships involving organisations in EU Member States/Associated Countries and possibly also non-European countries.

4. Co-Funding of Regional, National and International Programmes (COFUND)
Funding for doctoral programmes or fellowship programmes at postdoctoral level. Regional, national or international research programmes fostering excellence in researchers’ training, mobility and career development can be supported by COFUND.

- Mobility across borders is a must. Cross-sectoral mobility is also encouraged. COFUND aims at improving employment conditions of researchers and the quality of the selection and recruitment processes.