

FP7 People: RE-INTEGRATION GRANTS-RG
Marie Curie Actions-Mobility Services

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What funds will be available and when?

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- **Call Publication:** 09 October 2008
- **Call Deadline: Continuous submission with “cut-off dates”:** April 2nd & October 8th, 2009
17.00 Brussels local time
- **Budget 2009 (indicative):** ~ € 31 mio total
The final budget awarded to this call, following the evaluation of projects, may however vary up to 10% of the total value of the call.

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Introduction and objective of the Re-Integration Grants (ERG & IRG) :

The ERG, European Re-integration Grant, and the IRG, International Re-integration Grant, have been regrouped under the appellation “RG: RE-INTEGRATION GRANTS”, with common cut-off dates and a total budget of € 31 mio.

- The ERG, European Re-integration Grant, aims at assisting experienced researchers in the (re)integration into a research career after a trans-national mobility experience within the frame of the Marie Curie Actions (FP7 or previous FPs). The ERG offers the opportunity for experienced researchers to capitalize on their experience gained abroad.
- The IRG, International Re-integration Grant, aims to reinforce the attractiveness of Europe by encouraging European researchers who have carried out research outside Europe for at least three years, to reintegrate in a Member State or an Associated Country.

1' ERG: EUROPEAN RE-INTEGRATION GRANT

Projects and participants: The ERG offers the opportunity for *experienced researchers* to capitalise on their trans-national mobility period after having participated in a Marie Curie action under the 7th or previous Framework Programmes. The mechanism will assist the professional (re)integration of the eligible researchers in a research organisation in a Member State or Associated country, including in their country of nationality.

The proposal, consisting of a research project to be executed at the proposed (re)integration host institute, will have to be submitted by the researcher in conjunction with the proposed host, at the earliest one year before the end of the initial Marie Curie fellowship and not later than six months following its end. The execution of the project must start at the latest 12 months after the end of the initial fellowship. Applications can be submitted continuously and will be evaluated and selected at regular intervals, based on cut-off dates, from the date of publication of the call. When a proposal is submitted after the final cut-off date for a call, it will be carried over to the first cut-off date of the appropriate subsequent call. Grant agreements will be issued with the (re)integration host in a Member State or Associated country, which will commit itself to provide the researcher with a work contract for a period of at least the duration of the (re)integration grant.

Eligible Researchers: On the relevant cut-off date, researchers addressed under the ERG are those defined as *experienced researchers*. Researchers must be benefiting at the time of application or have previously benefited from a training and mobility action under the 7th or one of the previous FPs of at least 18 months full-time equivalent.

Rules of mobility and nationality applicable to eligible researchers: Applicants can be of any nationality. They must be hosted by an organisation located in a Member State or Associated country.

Community Contribution, Rates and Evaluation Criteria: The grant, which can cover a period of two up to three years, is a fixed-amount contribution to the employment and/or research costs of the researcher at the reintegration host. The Community rates are those for the funding scheme Support for Training and Career Development of Researchers, as set out in Annex 3 of this work programme. The evaluation, selection and award criteria are set out in Annex 2.

Expected impact of the ERG : Projects under this action are expected to contribute significantly to brain circulation in the European Research Area, thereby providing research organisations in both private and public sectors with opportunities to benefit from the knowledge and experience gained by researchers during their initial mobility experience, while at the same time adding to these researchers' career development at European level and helping to enhance their employability.

2' IRG: INTERNATIONAL RE-INTEGRATION GRANT

Projects and participants: This IRG consists of financial support for between two and four years for professional (re)integration projects in the research area in a host organisation in a Member State or Associated country. The project can, amongst other things, address research activities, training, teaching, transfer of knowledge, commercial exploitation, diffusion, development of co-operation with the scientific and/or industrial sector of the *third country* from which the researcher is returning. Applications can be submitted continuously and will be evaluated and selected at regular intervals, based on cut-off dates, from the date of publication of the call. When a proposal is submitted after the final cut-off date for the call it will be carried over to the first cut-off date of the appropriate subsequent call. For selected projects, a grant agreement is issued with the reintegration host organisation, which will commit itself to ensure an effective and lasting professional integration of the researcher for a period of at least the same duration as the project. Evidence that the researcher will be integrated in the host organisation on this basis for a longer term will be positively taken into account during evaluation. The scheme is intended to improve considerably the prospects for the permanent reintegration of European researchers in Europe. Normally the scheme is intended to encourage researchers who have not yet gained employment in Europe to do so. In exceptional cases,

applications from researchers who are already employed by a European research organisation at the time of the submission will be considered, but they must demonstrate significant improvement in their employment conditions or career prospects.

Projects will be selected by the Commission on the basis of a proposal submitted by an eligible researcher in liaison with a host organisation.

Eligible researchers: To be eligible, at the relevant cut-off date, researchers must be *experienced researchers*.

Rules of mobility and nationality applicable to eligible researchers: Applicants must be nationals of a Member State or Associated country, and must at the cut off have been active in research in a *third country* for at least 3 years. They must be hosted by an organisation located in a Member State or Associated country. Applicants must comply with the rule for *mobility* at the relevant cut-off date.

Community Contribution, Rates and Evaluation Criteria: The grant which can cover a period of 2 to 4 years is a fixed-amount contribution to the employment and/or research costs of the researcher at the reintegration host. The Community rates are those for the funding scheme Support for Training and Career Development of Researchers, as set out in Annex 3 of this work programme. The evaluation, selection and award criteria are set out in Annex 2.

Expected impact of the IRG: Projects under the IRG are expected to contribute significantly to “brain circulation” at global level and substantially add to the reinforcement of the human research potential in the European Research Area. The projects provide research organisations in both the private and public sectors with opportunities to acquire new knowledge and experience gained by researchers during their mobility experience outside Europe. At the same time these researchers bring with them a network of beneficial future international research collaborations. The return and reintegration phase also adds to these researchers' career development at European level and helps to enhance their employability./.