

Horizon 2020 – Types of Action

For Researchers

Type of Action ¹	Code	Minimum Conditions ²	Funding Rate	Typical Duration	Average EC Contribution	Aim
Research & Innovation Action	RIA	≥ 3 legal entities from 3 MS/AC	100%	36-48 months	€ 2.0 – 10.0M	collaborative projects for basic& applied research, technology development, integration, prototyping, testing, validation
Innovation Action	IA	≥ 3 legal entities from 3 MS/AC	70% ³	30-36 months	€ 2.0 – 5.0M	produce plans & arrangements or designs for new, altered or improved products, processes or services
Coordination & Support Action	CSA	1 legal entity	100%	12-48 months	€ 0.5 – 2.0M	accompanying measures (standardisation, dissemination, policy dialogues etc.) no research
MSCA ⁴ (except Cofund)	MSCA	see separate factsheet				facilitate mobility of researchers for training & career development
ERC Grants	ERC	1 legal entity in MS/AC	100%	60 months	Starting: ≤ € 2.0M Consolidator: ≤ € 2.75M Advanced: ≤ € 3.5M	support excellent investigators and their research teams to pursue ground-breaking, high-gain/ high-risk research
Prizes	PRI	1 legal entity	n/a	n/a	variable; see respective topic	- recognise past achievements - induce future activities
SME Instrument	SME	1 SME in MS/AC	3 phases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 1: lump sum of € 50K / project Phase 2: € 0.5 – 2.5M / project (1-2 years) (70% of eligible costs reimbursed) Phase 3 : no funding 			combination of demonstration activities (testing, prototyping, ...), market replication
Fast Track to Innovation	FTI	≤ 5 legal entities from 5 MS/AC	70% ³	≤ 36 months	≤ € 3.0M	produce plans & arrangements or designs for new, altered or improved products, processes or services

¹ Defined in the Work Programme.

² Additional conditions may be listed in the respective Work Programmes.

³ 100% for non-profit organisation (= any legal entity except companies)

⁴ MSCA = Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions

For Public Sector and other Funding Bodies, Programme Managers etc. (Cofund Actions)

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MSCA Cofund ³	MSCA Cofund	1 legal entity	50%	36-60 months	≤ € 10.0 M	Cofunding of regional, national & international doctoral & fellowship programmes
ERA-NETs	ERA-NET	≥ 2 legal entities in MS/AC	33%	60 months	variable, see respective topic	coordinate research efforts of participating MS/AC in the field described & implement joint transnational call for proposals with EU co-funding
Pre-Commercial Procurement	PCP	≥ 3 legal entities in MS/AC of which 2 must be public procurers ⁴	90%	18-48 months for 2 Phases: A) Preparation B) Execution	variable, see respective topic	enable the public sector as a technologically demanding buyer to encourage research, development and validation of breakthrough solutions in areas of public interest
Public Procurement of Innovative Solutions	PPI	≥ 3 legal entities in MS/AC of which 2 must be public procurers ⁴	35%	18-48 months for 2 Phases: A) Preparation B) Execution	variable, see respective topic	enable trans-national buyer groups of procurers to share the risks of acting as early adopters of innovative goods or services which are not yet available on a large-scale commercial basis

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⁴ Public procurers = legal entities that are contracting authorities or other contracting entities