



Recovery and Resilience Plan for Romania

INVESTMENT 9 - „19. Support for the holders of certificates of excellence received in the Marie Skłodowska Curie Individual Fellowship Award”

Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digitalisation is launching the competition call for the Investment 9 - *Support for the holders of certificates of excellence received in the Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions*.

50 Marie Skłodowska Curie recipients of Seal of Excellence for excellent individual fellowships shall receive a grant to carry out Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe research projects. As the projects have been already evaluated and received a Seal of Excellence Certificate under MSCA from the EU Commission, **the grants will be selected on a first come/first served basis.**

➤ *Scope*

An alternative source of funding both for projects that have obtained Seal of Excellence certificates in calls launched under Horizon 2020 and for projects that have obtained Seal of Excellence certificates in calls launched in Horizon Europe, which would allow for exceptional projects to be implemented by EU researchers in Romanian research institutions.

➤ *Who can apply*

The project director who has a doctoral degree and is a Seal of Excellence Certificate holder and meets all of the following conditions:

- ❖ the project director is a European Union citizen
- ❖ the project director is a holder of Seal of Excellence Certificate for Marie Skłodowska-Curie IF/PD under Horizon 2020 or Horizon Europe **starting with 2020**
- ❖ the project director did not receive funding from Horizon 2020 or Horizon Europe due to the exhaustion of the budget allocated to the Marie Skłodowska-Curie competitions

The host institution is a research organization or enterprise with main activity of RDI that carries out its activity in Romania and that fulfils the following condition:

- It is a higher education institution, research organization or enterprise with main Research Development and Innovation activity mentioned in the statute or in the legal act of establishment, or the main object of activity is the dissemination on a scale of the results of RDI activities by teaching or publishing or knowledge transfer.

- ❖ If there are enterprises that can exert a decisive influence on the organization (through associates or shareholders), they do not have preferential access to the research results generated by the organization, according to a statement on their own responsibility in this regard
- ❖ If the original project of the researcher was to be carried out within a research organization, either public or private, from abroad, in order to be eligible under this scheme, the researcher has to collaborate with a research institution in Romania for the realization of this project

➤ *Indicative timeline*

The competition call will be launched by the end of this month (July 2022).

➤ *Full call details*

Full details for this call are available at Ministerul Cercetării, Inovării și Digitalizării :: www.research.gov.ro, under *Lansări competiții*. For more information please contact us at adrian.popescu@research.gov.ro and anamaria.buzu@research.gov.ro.