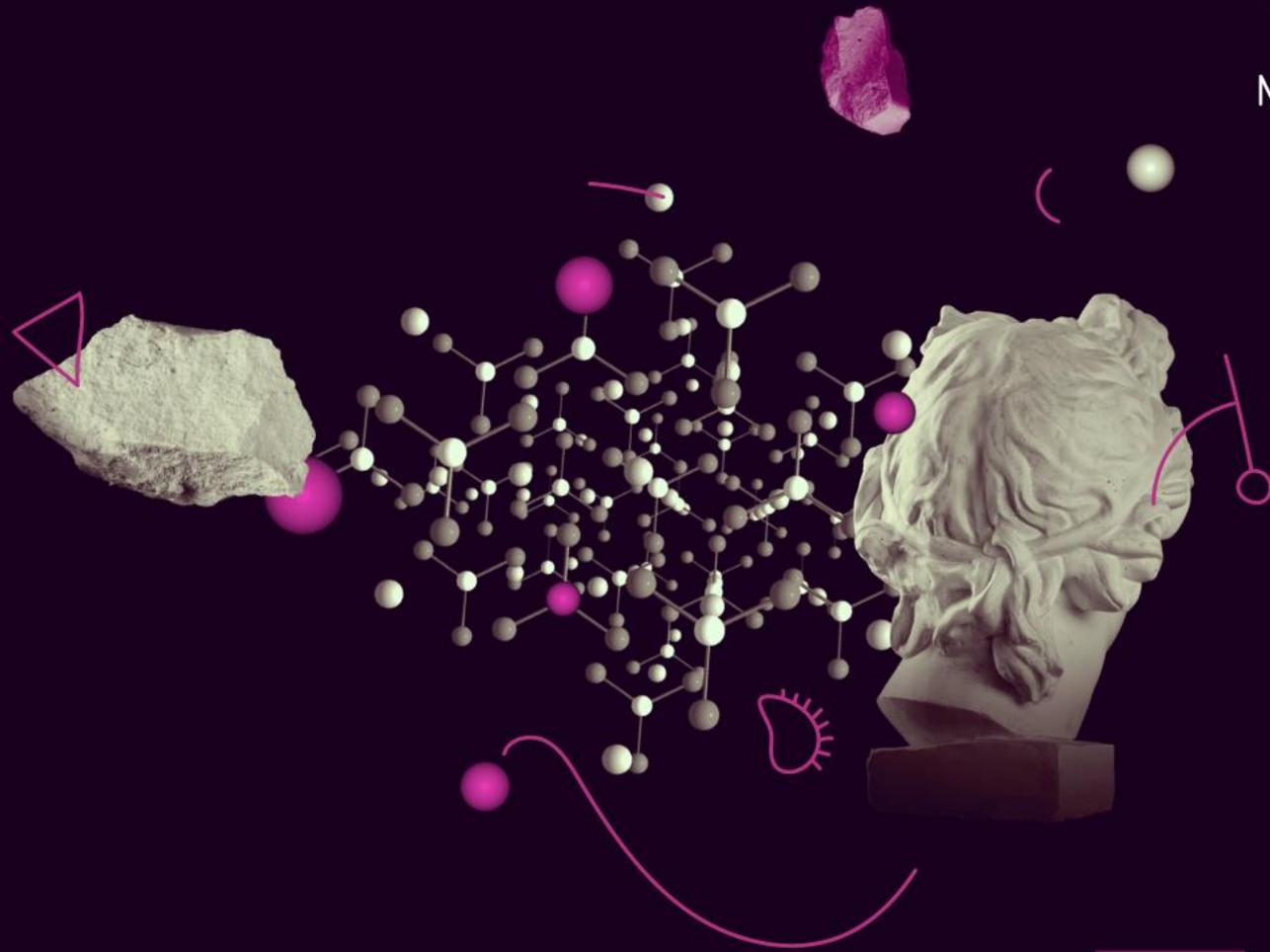




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Update on MSCA Seal of Excellence support schemes

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The MSCA Seal of Excellence



- **MSCA Seal of Excellence** awarded to proposals submitted under Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF) and COFUND
- **Quality label** awarded to high-quality project proposals (equal or above to 85% evaluation score) which could not be funded due to budget constraints
- Helps researchers secure funding from other funding bodies, taking advantage of the EU evaluation process
- Helps **increase participation** and overall success rates
- Increases the **attractiveness** of hosting countries, regions and institutions, particularly widening countries (currently 10 out of the 17 countries with support schemes in place)

The MSCA Seal of Excellence

- **Over 11,900 MSCA Seals of Excellence** awarded under **Horizon 2020**
- **5,355** awarded under **Horizon Europe** so far
 - 1,956 under 2021 MSCA PF
 - 1,607 under 2022 MSCA PF
 - 1,737 under 2023 MSCA PF
 - 21 under 2021 COFUND
 - 34 under 2022 COFUND



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MSCA Seal of Excellence awarded to outstanding researchers

This recognition will allow MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships applicants to seek alternative funding for their excellent projects.

1,737 Seals of Excellence awarded under 2023 MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships

Host organisations in 32 countries

News details



Country	Number of proposals		
Austria	59	Israel	8
Belgium	84	Italy	269
Bulgaria	1	Lithuania	5
Switzerland	11	Luxembourg	7
Cyprus	9	Latvia	1
Czechia	31	Malta	2
Germany	192	The Netherlands	124
Denmark	94	Norway	71
Estonia	3	Poland	6
Greece	15	Portugal	53
Spain	272	Romania	3
Finland	41	Republic of Serbia	2
France	224	Sweden	79
Croatia	4	Slovenia	12
Hungary	7	Slovakia	3
Ireland	39	Turkey	6

MSCA Seal of Excellence funding schemes

30 schemes across 17 countries for Postdoctoral Fellowships

Recovery and Resilience Facility funding	RO, IT, SI, ES, LT, SK
Cohesion funds (ERDF, ESF+)	CY (ERDF), CZ (ERDF), FR (ERDF), EE (ERDF), LT (ESF+ until 2022)
National funding	BG, PL, SE, SI, TR
Regional funding	BE-Flanders, IT-Bolzano, IT-Lombardy, DE-Hessen
Institutional funding	AT, IT (universities, research institutions, foundations)

CH scheme may resume if an association agreement to Horizon Europe is concluded

2 schemes for COFUND in SI (national funding), CZ (ERDF)

MSCA Seal of Excellence funding schemes

- From five (CY, CZ, IT, SE, SI) to **17 countries**:
AT, BE, BG, CY, CZ, EE, FR, DE, IT, LT, PL,
RO, SK, SI, ES, SE, TR
- From 127 supported researchers in 2017 to at least **1,127 supported researchers this year**



MSCA Seal of Excellence funding schemes

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The list below provides regularly updated information about available support at national, regional or institutional level for MSCA proposals which have been awarded a Seal of Excellence under MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships or MSCA COFUND actions.

If you are the recipient of an MSCA Seal of Excellence, you may also wish to contact the National Contact Point in your host country to enquire about funding opportunities.

[National Contact Points](#) 

https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/funding/funding-opportunities/seal-excellence/funding-opportunities-under-msca_en

Available support at national/regional level

Austria

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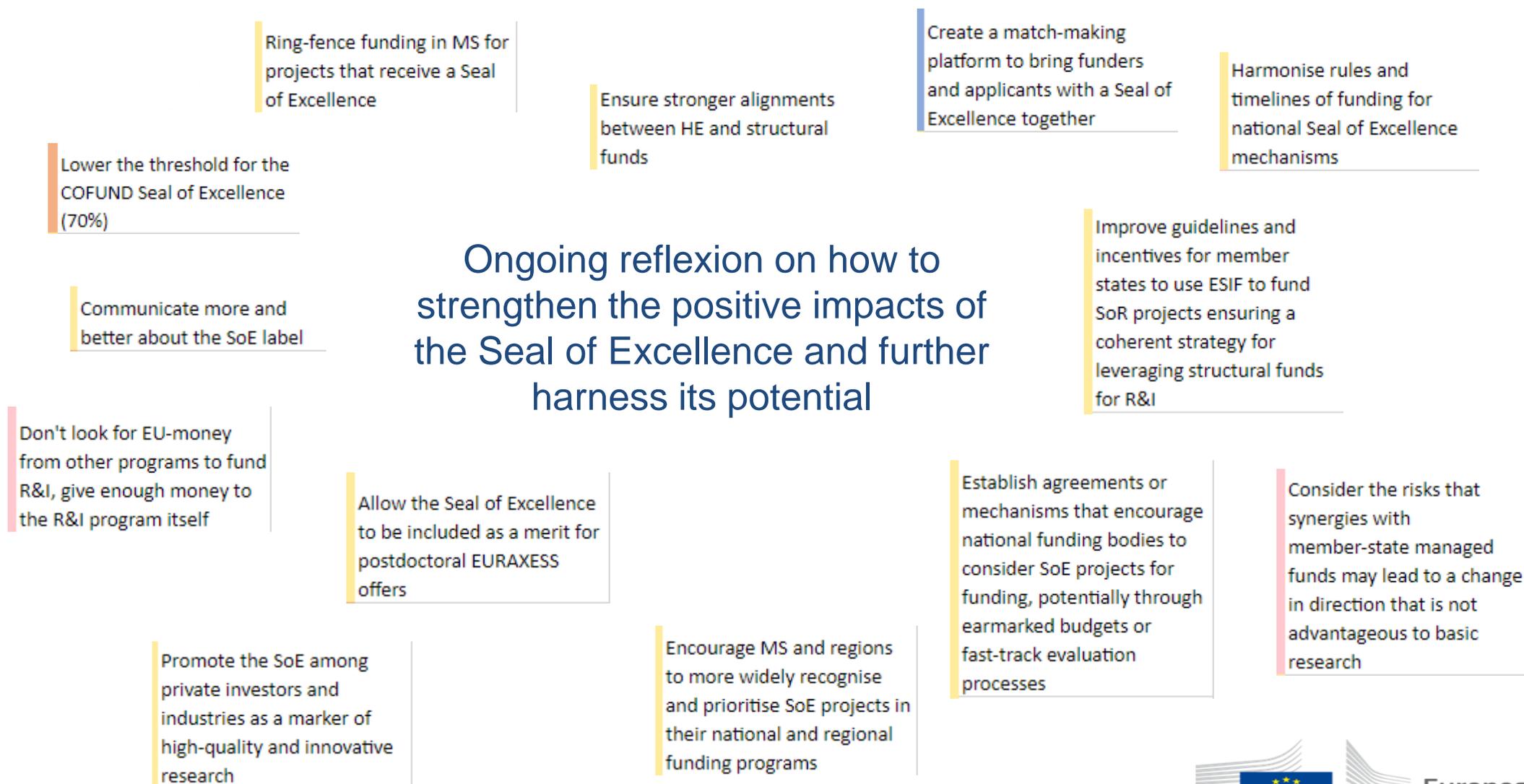
Belgium

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The MSCA Seal of Excellence: towards FP10

- A **very appreciated instrument** overall based on FP evaluations
- Recognises the **value of the proposal** and the significant time and effort that were invested in it; gives excellent proposals a greater chance to secure national or regional support
- **Facilitates support** from other funding bodies which can rely on the EU evaluation while adding their own funding criteria
- A best practice example in terms of **synergies with other sources of funding**: national and regional funding, but also cohesion funding

The MSCA Seal of Excellence: towards FP10



Thank you!



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