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# Seal of excellence

## The experience of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano Bozen – South Tyrol

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# South Tyrol

We are a small region with high potential

Mostly known as touristic destination  
than for its research and innovation



# Our funding strategy

Since 2019 we have set up a **new strategy** for **scientific research** and **internationalisation** including a varied range of measures

Call for local projects

Calls for joint projects with AT, DE, Lux, CH

Call for int. Mobility of researchers

MSCA Seal of excellence

Partner of Eu partnerships (Biodiversa+)

Grant Open Access pubs

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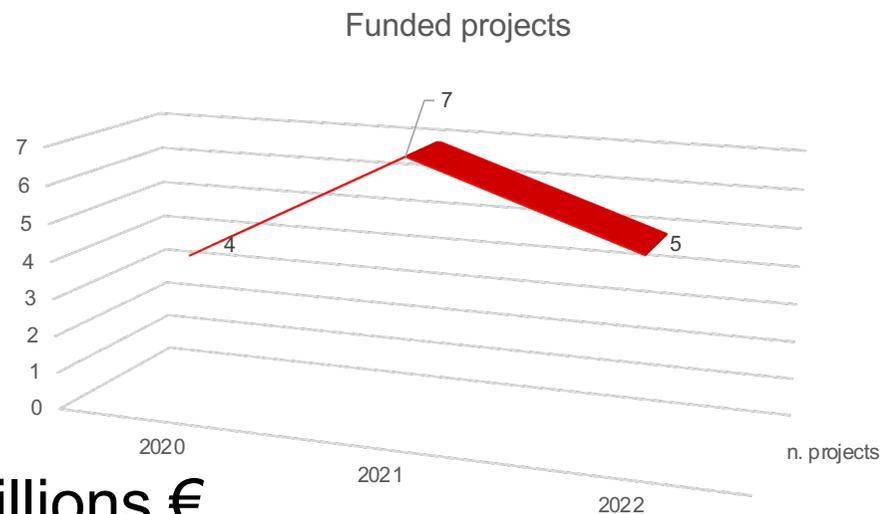
## Marie Sklodowska-Curie Action

- Launched: 2019. First projects funded: 2020
- H2020 Individual fellowships / HE post doctoral fellowships
- 500.000 € per year allocated
- Grant to the hosting institution (not the researcher)
- Project portability to South Tyrol
- Follow up projects can funded by other local measures

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## Marie Sklodowska-Curie Action

- 16 projects funded so far, despite the Covid 19 pandemic
- 15 still ongoing



- Total investment: 2,7 millions €

# SUCCESS FACTORS for the Public Administration

- **Saving time and resources:** evaluation of the project already available; just a control of formal requirements is needed
- Funds for very **high quality projects**
- **Easy management:** (no big issues so far, despite the Covid 19 pandemic, nobody renounced)
- **Flexibility:** minor delays in starting the projects, short smart-working periods
- **Brain gain:** researchers coming to or coming back

# SUCCESS FACTORS

## for the grantees

- **Fast and easy** procedure: simple request for funding (no call)
- **Fast 100% success rate**: if all formal requirements are met, the project is approved and funded
- **Flexible procedure**: project can start within 6 months after approval; part-time commitment; minor budget modifications
- **Portability** of the project to South Tyrol
- High satisfaction rate by hosted researchers as well as by hosting institutions

# CRITICAL ASPECTS

- Some (solved) issues while matching the MSCA rules to our local rules and laws: some modifications needed
- One year between project submission and its start: risk of obsolescence
- Portability of projects need some more evaluation work
- Scarce and not timely communication from the EC about the MSCA action results and management (even if asked: no answer)

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**Abteilung 0 - Bezeichnung der Abteilung**  
Bezeichnung des Amtes



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**Ripartizione 0 - Denominazione della ripartizione**  
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# Thank you for your attention

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