

# MSCA DOCTORAL NETWORKS

## Applicable unit contributions

The EU contribution for MSCA Doctoral Networks will take the form of unit contributions, as stipulated in Decision of 11 March 2021 authorising the use of lump sum contributions and unit contributions for Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions under the Horizon Europe Programme.

The following budget categories apply:

MSCA Doctoral Networks	Contributions for recruited researchers per person-month				
	Living allowance	Mobility allowance	Family allowance (if applicable)	Long-term leave allowance (if applicable)	Special needs allowance (if applicable)
	EUR 3 400	EUR 600	EUR 660	EUR 4 000 x % covered by the beneficiary	requested unit <sup>76</sup> x (1/number of months)

A country correction coefficient applies to the living allowance in order to ensure equal treatment and purchasing power parity for all researchers. This coefficient is the one applicable to the country of the recruiting beneficiary (see Table 1 at the end of this document). The living allowance is a gross amount, including compulsory deductions under national law, such as employer and employee social security contributions and direct taxes. The beneficiary must recruit each eligible doctoral candidate under an employment contract or equivalent direct contract with full social security coverage (including sickness, parental, unemployment and invalidity benefits, pension rights, benefits in respect of accidents at work and occupational diseases). An exemption from this rule can be accepted only in cases where national legislation or the equivalent internal regulations of International European Research Organisations (IERO), entities created under Union law, or an international organisation, prohibit this possibility and subject to the prior agreement of the granting authority.

When an employment contract cannot be provided, the beneficiary may exceptionally recruit the doctoral candidate under a 'fixed-amount fellowship'. In this case, the living allowance will be halved and the beneficiary must ensure that the doctoral candidate enjoys minimum social security coverage (including sickness, parental and invalidity benefits, and benefits for accidents at work and occupational diseases).

The beneficiary must pay to the doctoral candidates at least the amount of the **living allowance** (minus all compulsory deductions under national legislation). A top-up may be paid

to the researchers in order to complement this contribution. In addition to the living allowance, all doctoral candidates must receive a **mobility allowance**. This allowance covers their additional, private mobility-related costs (e.g. travel and accommodation costs), not their professional costs under the action, which are covered by the research, training and networking contribution.

If the recruited doctoral candidate has or acquires family obligations during the action duration, i.e. persons linked to him/her by (i) marriage, or (ii) a relationship with equivalent status to a marriage recognised by the legislation of the country or region where this relationship was formalised; or (iii) dependent children who are actually being maintained by the researcher, the **family allowance** must be paid to him/her as well.

The **long-term leave allowance** contributes to the personnel costs incurred by the beneficiaries in case of the researchers' leave, including maternity, paternity, parental, sick or special leave, longer than 30 consecutive days. The **special needs allowance** contributes to the additional costs for the acquisition of special needs items and services for researchers with disabilities, whose long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments<sup>77</sup> are certified by a competent national authority, and of such nature that their participation in the action may not be possible without them (e.g. assistance by third persons, adaptation of work environment, additional travel/transportation costs). These special needs items or services must not have been funded from another source (e.g. social security or health insurance). Both long-term leave and special needs allowances should be requested when the need arises. The **research, training and networking contribution** should cover, for example, costs for training and networking activities that contribute directly to the researchers' career development (e.g. participation in conferences, trips related to work on the action, training, language courses, seminars, lab material, books, library records, publication costs), research expenses, visa-related fees and travel expenses, additional costs arising from each secondment of six months or less, which require mobility from the place of residence (e.g. travel and accommodation costs).

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**Table 1: Country correction coefficients (CCC) for Doctoral Networks and Postdoctoral Fellowships living allowances**

For countries where the correction coefficient is not indicated, the Commission will decide on a case-by-case basis.

Country Code <sup>105</sup>	CCC
<b>EU Member States</b>	
AT	106,3%
BE	100,0%
BG	54,8%
CY	77,5%
CZ	79,1%
DE	98,3%
DK	132,0%
EE	80,3%
EL	81,6%

<sup>105</sup> [ISO 3166 alpha-2](#), except for Greece and the United Kingdom (EL and UK used respectively instead of GR and GB).

ES	91,3%
FI	119,5%
FR	116,4%
HR	75,5%
HU	72,0%
IE	119,5%
IT	97,4%
LT	72,8%
LU	100,0%
LV	76,0%
MT	88,1%
NL	109,6%
PL	70,5%
PT	84,3%
RO	65,4%
SE	125,4%
SI	83,3%
SK	78,1%

<b>Third Countries</b>	
AE	94,0%
AL	59,0%
AM	77,7%
AO	130,0%
AR	62,5%

AU	100,9%
AZ	82,1%
BA	63,9%
BB	112,8%
BD	81,2%
BF	95,0%
BI	81,3%
BJ	91,9%
BO	83,9%
BR	84,7%
BW	62,9%
BY	66,8%
BZ	79,9%
CA	95,2%
CD	151,9%
CF	109,3%
CG	117,3%
CH	128,6%
CI	94,6%
CL	69,5%
CM	87,8%
CN	90,0%
CO	67,6%
CR	77,6%
CU	82,5%
CV	69,6%

DJ	87,2%
DO	61,4%
DZ	67,9%
EC	79,4%
EG	67,4%
ER	120,4%
ET	81,9%
FJ	73,5%
FO	132,0%
GA	107,9%
GE	62,2%
GH	73,9%
GM	68,8%
GN	84,2%
GT	87,3%
GW	81,9%
GY	71,7%
HK	115,4%
HN	77,4%
HT	85,0%
ID	73,0%
IL	107,2%
IN	73,8%
IS	130,5%
JM	84,4%
JO	98,8%

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JP	103,3%
KE	85,6%
KG	73,7%
KH	78,6%
KM	75,7%
KR	95,5%
KZ	71,9%
LA	89,8%
LB	116,2%
LI	128,6%
LK	77,4%
LR	149,6%
LS	56,2%
MA	72,6%
MD	63,2%
ME	61,6%
MG	85,6%
MK	50,7%
ML	90,0%
MM	67,0%
MR	68,1%
MU	73,3%
MW	60,9%
MX	60,3%
MY	67,2%
MZ	71,7%
NA	66,9%
NC	107,4%

NE	80,0%
NG	85,2%
NI	67,3%
NO	128,7%
NP	87,8%
NZ	98,9%
PA	76,8%
PE	88,0%
PG	99,8%
PH	81,3%
PK	54,8%
PS	112,5%
PY	63,0%
RS	57,7%
RU	97,3%
RW	81,6%
SA	83,4%
SB	112,7%
SD	107,8%
SG	124,4%
SL	107,1%
SN	98,4%
SR	69,1%
SV	72,2%
SZ	61,3%
TD	100,1%
TG	82,8%
TH	78,8%

	58,4%
TL	88,7%
TM	82,9%
TN	67,4%
TR	64,5%
TT	81,8%
TW	84,7%
TZ	67,9%
UA	68,5%
UG	67,2%
UK	136,9%
US	102,3%
UY	89,7%
UZ	68,0%
VE	139,2%
VN	61,3%
VU	104,8%
WS	82,2%
XK	70,2%
YE	104,4%
ZA	55,3%
ZM	74,8%
ZW	98,3%