

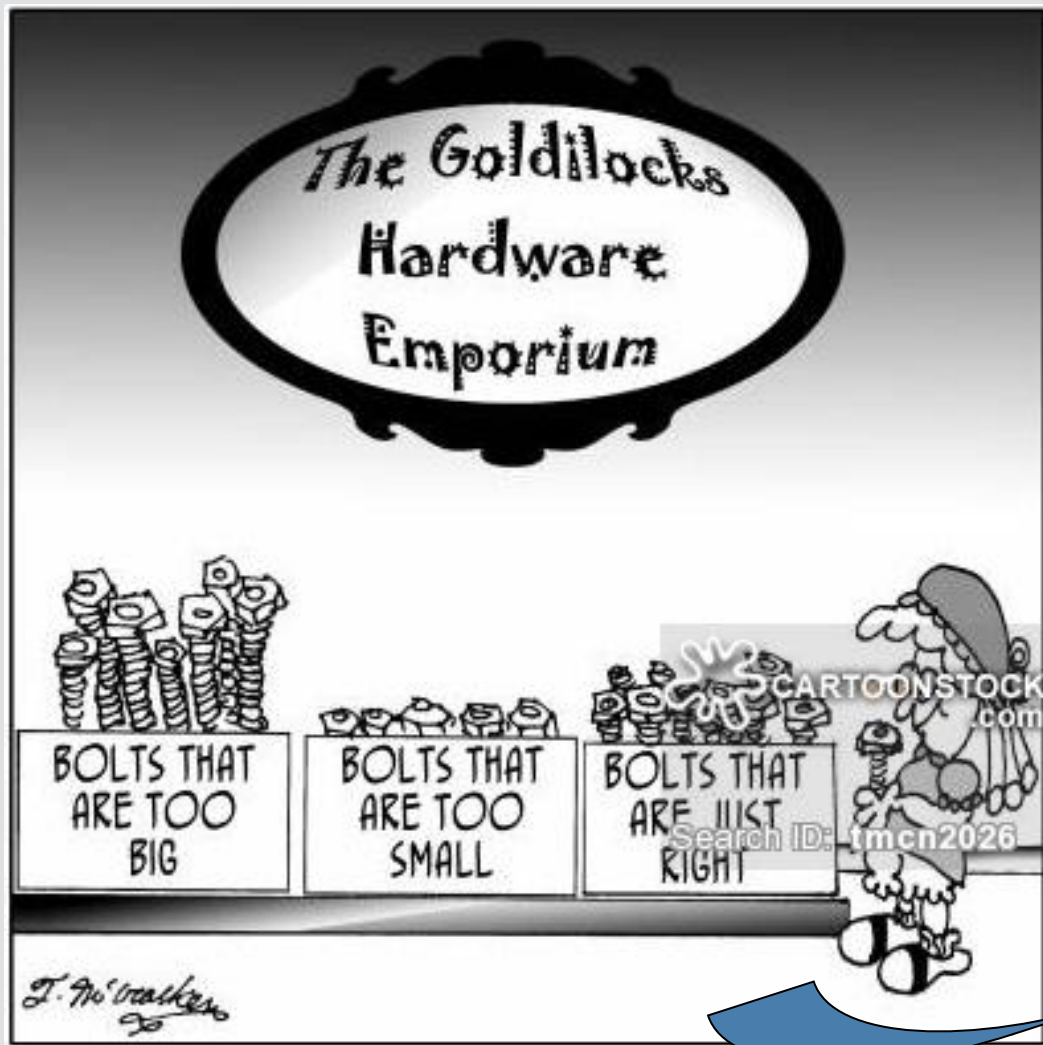
# WRITING A SUCCESSFUL IF APPLICATION

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Over 20 years of European support  
for researchers' work

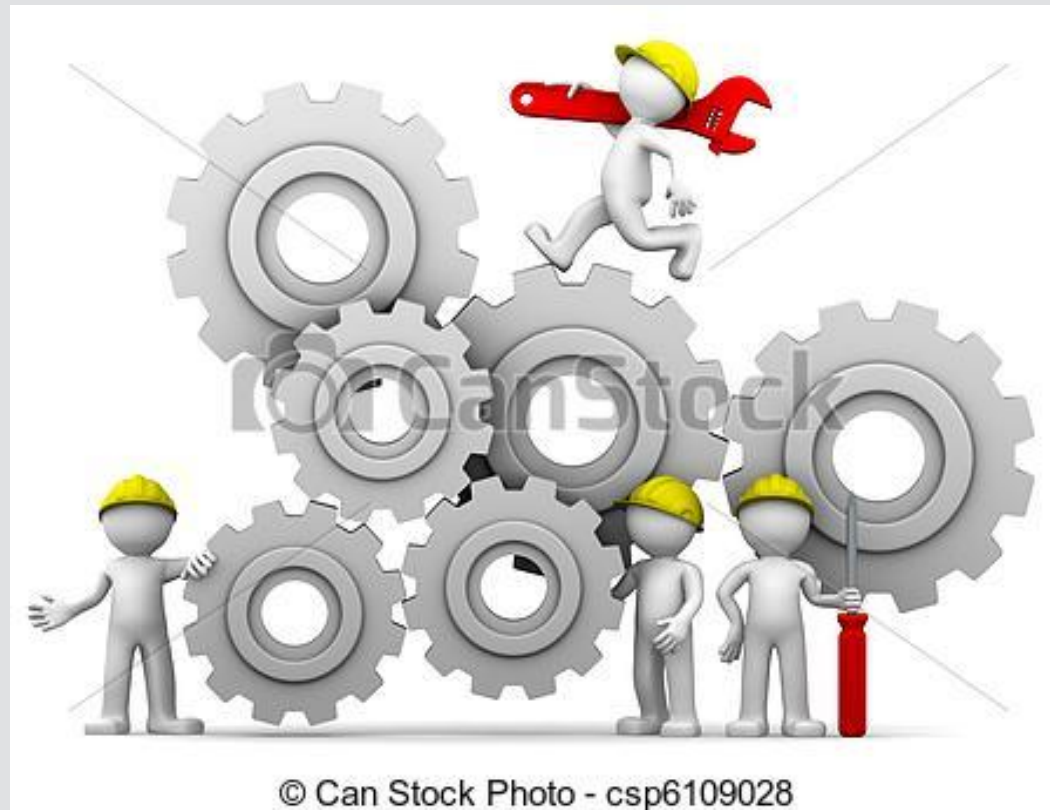
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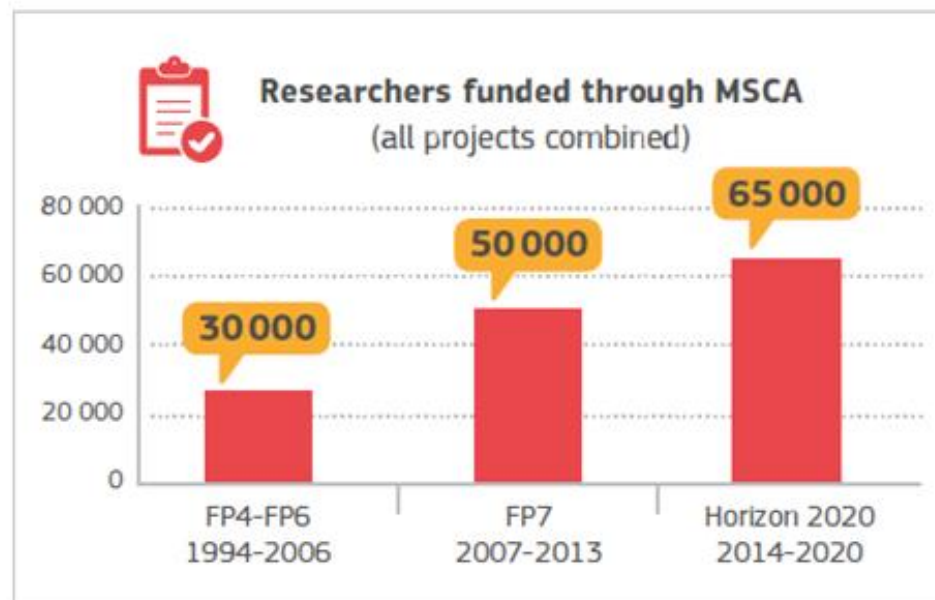
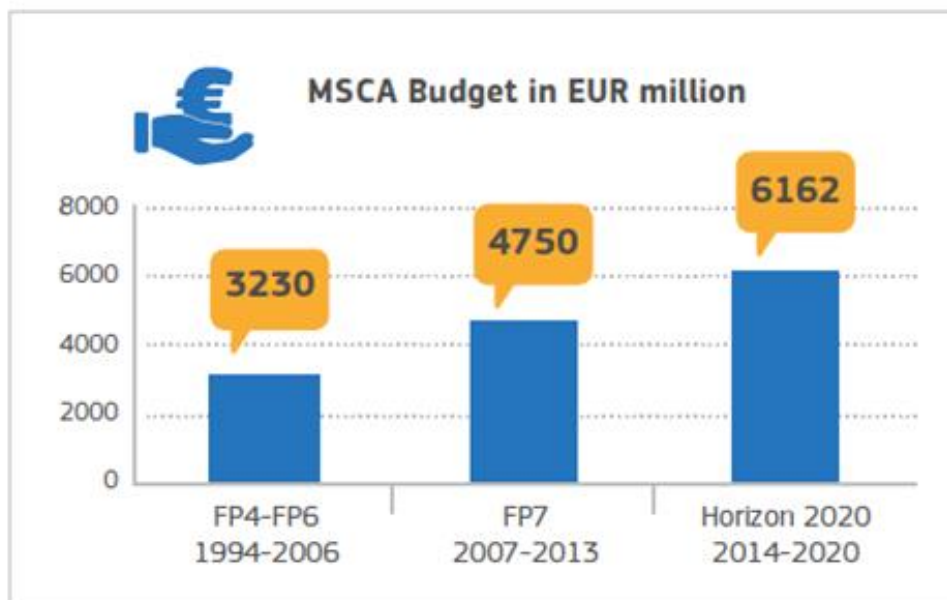


## Work Programme 2018 – 2020

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## 20 YEARS OF MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS IN NUMBERS: FUNDING AND PARTICIPANTS



## Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Interim Evaluation - Full Report

Table 74. Responses by action (only fellows): What is your current employment status?

What is your current employment status?	COFUND	IF	ITN	RISE/ IAPP/ IRSES	Grand Total
Employed	88.2%	92.6%	75.6%	95.5%	87.2%
Out of the labour force (maternity or parental leave)	1.4%	0.5%	1.3%	0.2%	0.8%
Out of the labour force (other reasons)	0.7%	0.4%	1.4%	0.8%	0.9%
Out of the labour force (retired)	0.7%	0.4%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%
Self-employed	2.1%	1.9%	2.2%	1.2%	1.8%
Unemployed	6.9%	4.3%	19.5%	2.2%	9.1%

*Note: Question was only asked to respondents for which the end of the fellowship was before or equal to date "07/31/2016", allowing for a transition phase of approximately 4 months.*



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Various stakeholders interviewed also underlined the importance of skills development as part of the programme:

- “The most important aspect of the programme is skills development. The programme aims to contribute to the development of researchers’ skills and support their careers through the prestige of the MSCA fellowships. The programme also helps to build capacity within teams and institutions through the mobility of researchers, fostering the internationalisation of teams and research in Europe”  
–National policy-maker and programme officer.

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Table 72. Share of fellows surveyed who indicate to have acquired skill to a large or very large extent (in%), by action

Please indicate to what extent you have acquired skills in the areas below during your MSCA fellowship	COFUND	IF	ITN	RISE/ IAPP/ IRSES	Total
Presentation skills, public speaking and communication	51.8%	64.4%	75.1%	56.3%	66.3%
Interdisciplinary techniques	45.2%	52.1%	52.1%	54.2%	51.4%
Publishing	50.9%	57.9%	49.5%	41.2%	51.0%
Use of specialised equipment	39.1%	47.5%	55.9%	38.6%	48.8%
Languages	44.9%	43.0%	51.9%	49.1%	48.0%
Research data management	38.9%	51.2%	49.3%	43.4%	47.6%
Project management	40.8%	61.2%	36.1%	41.5%	44.6%
Research ethics	32.2%	35.8%	47.1%	34.1%	40.1%
Proposal and report writing	45.3%	62.5%	20.7%	29.1%	37.1%
Training and supervision of students	34.6%	50.2%	25.8%	32.5%	34.8%

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New and/or advanced scientific methods	31.6%	33.6%	34.8%	35.1%	34.0%
Open science (open access, etc.)	23.7%	29.2%	39.5%	27.5%	32.7%
Gender aspects	20.3%	21.4%	26.7%	22.5%	23.7%
Intellectual property rights	16.9%	19.3%	26.3%	25.6%	22.9%
Human resource management, leadership and line management	11.2%	19.1%	10.0%	26.6%	14.9%
Entrepreneurship	10.2%	10.1%	18.3%	18.8%	14.9%
Product development	8.0%	8.1%	16.2%	25.8%	14.0%
Marketing and sales	3.7%	3.6%	6.7%	10.7%	5.9%
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▶ **Optional introductory training for all MSCA fellows**

- > **Training on skills** necessary to face the challenges of tomorrow (such as digital-enabled open science and FAIR data management, responsible research and innovation, communication and outreach, project management).
- > **Information on their career** as MSCA researchers (rights and obligations as fellows, EU support for innovation, possibilities for worldwide collaboration).

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