Concept note for

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral European Fellowships proposals 2024

**Purpose:** This document is intended as a helpful tool to get you started and make a summary of your project idea/proposal. It is also very useful for discussing your project with potential supervisors, trainers, collaborators and funding advisers.

**How to:** Fill out the parts you can, and contact the Research Support / Forschungsförderung if you have any questions in the process. Use bullet points, and be specific, brief and honest.

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| Given name(s), surname(s), gender (female/male/diverse) |  |
| **The Concept** | |
| Do you have a project title?  Do you have an acronym?  It should be informative, accessible, memorable. |  |
| Describe your basic idea in a concise way  (“10 seconds elevator pitch”). |  |
| What are the key objectives that you want to achieve?  Try to develop **SMART** objectives:  **S**pecific  **M**easurable  **A**chievable (attainable).  **R**elevant (reasonable, realistic)  **T**ime bound (time limited)  1 sentence for each objective |  |
| Is this an inter-/multi- disciplinary project? How/what different disciplines are you combining? |  |
| Which of your proposed research tasks will be the most challenging, and why? What is your contingency plan? |  |
| Which aspects of your proposed research are original, novel, and go beyond the state-of-the-art in your own specific research field? |  |
| **The Impact** | |
| Why is your topic important and relevant to do right now? Why hasn’t someone else done it already? |  |
| What are the big unaddressed challenges of your research field with relation to this project? |  |
| Who could potentially use and apply your project outputs?  Think of both researchers and stakeholders. Address scientific, economic/technological and societal impacts of your project. |  |
| **European dimension** | |
| What are the benefits to Europe?  Why is this project internationally important and excellent? |  |
| **The Novelty and Innovation** | |
| What are the scientific breakthroughs of the project? |  |
| What new methodologies will you develop? What new applications of existing methods do you want to find? |  |
| **The fellow** | |
| Why do you want to do this particular project? |  |
| How will you demonstrate that you are among the top 10 per cent within your research field? |  |
| How is this project different from what you have done before? Remember that It should not be a direct continuation of your PhD. |  |
| What are your career goals? Name a few and be specific. |  |
| **National and international partners/collaborators**  HAVEs (names of definitive collaborators)  MAY HAVEs (names of likely collaborators)  NEED (types of organisations the project needs)  Also consider: Why these specifically? Are they the best ones in their field? |  |
| **The host institution and the associated partners** | |
| Have you already contacted a potential supervisor at your host institution? If not, do it now! |  |
| What is your training plan at the host/partner institution? Discuss options with your supervisor.  Describe the applicability of the training and experience for your future career.  Think of fundraising events, specialised workshops in your field, teaching, courses, soft skills, data management, etc. |  |
| Do you plan a short-term secondment and/or a non-academic placement? They are highly recommended by the EU. Have you already contacted the supervisors in the associated partner institutions? |  |

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