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MARIE CURIE INITIAL TRAINING NETWORKS (ITN)

This Marie Curie action aims to **improve career perspectives of early-stage researchers in both public and private sectors, thereby making research careers more attractive to young people** through a trans-national networking mechanism, aimed at structuring the existing high-quality initial research training capacity throughout Member States and associated countries with involvement of organisations from different sectors, including (lead-) participation by private enterprises in appropriate fields. The action will be primarily for researchers from EU Member States and Associated Countries, but also open to researchers from other **third countries (including Russia)**.

Partnership:

- Participants (level 1): organisations (e.g. universities, public or private non-commercial research centres, large enterprises, SMEs, non-profit or charitable organisations, etc.) that are full partners of a network. They recruit, employ and supervise eligible researchers, provide training in research and in transferable skills, as well as secondment opportunities.
- Associated partners (level 2): both public and private sector organisations located in any country; do not recruit any researchers, but provide training in research and transferable skills, as well as secondment opportunities.

The active involvement of the Private sector (including SMEs) in the research training programme is considered essential (either at level 1 or at level 2) to ensure that researchers are trained in a suitably intersectoral environment.

Type of networks:

- **Multi-partner ITNs (ITN)**

At least **three participants** established in at least three different EU MS or AC. Above this minimum, the participation of other third countries and of international organisations is possible. Participation of the private sector at level 1 is highly encouraged. Associated partners (level 2) can also complement the training programme.

- **European Industrial Doctorates (EID)**

Two participants: one academic institution and one participant from the private sector, established in two different Member States or associated countries. Any additional associated partners (level 2) can also complement the training programme. **Each researcher must:**

- be enrolled in a doctoral programme of the academic participant;
- be employed by either both participants at level 1, or employed by one of them and seconded to the other for the share of the time foreseen under this action;
- spend at least 50% of his/her time in the participant from the private sector;
- be jointly supervised by at least two supervisors, one from each participant.

- **Innovative Doctoral Programmes (IDP)**

A **sole participant** (universities or research institutions offering innovative doctoral programmes ensuring an international, interdisciplinary and intersectoral training) with a network of associated partners. The sole participant shall be established in a Member State or in an associated country.

Duration of ITN

The duration of the project is normally **48 months from the start date of the grant agreement**. The recruitment of each individual **Early Stage Researcher** will be supported for a **minimum of 3 months and up to a maximum of 3 years**. Appointments for the maximum 3-year period are encouraged, particularly in the context of EID and IDP. However, since IDP and EID are doctoral programmes, researchers under these schemes are expected to be appointed for the maximum 36 month period. The recruitment of each **Experienced Researcher** will be supported for a **minimum of 3 months up to a maximum of 2 years**. Note that the recruitment of *Experienced Researchers* is restricted to Multi-Partner ITNs. The share of ES researcher months for a Multi-Partner ITN must be at least 80%. For EID and IDP, the share must always be 100%.

What is funded in ITN?

The European Union contribution and rates will be associated to: **the recruitment of researchers** to be trained; **training and networking costs**, organisation of joint activities and conferences. The host organisation must appoint each eligible researcher under an **employment contract**. The basis for calculating the gross monthly **living allowance** of the recruited researchers is **38 000 €/year** for Early stage researchers, **58 500 €/year** for Experienced researchers. Monthly **mobility allowance**: reference rate of **EUR 700** for researchers without a family and **EUR 1000** for researchers with a family. **Contribution to the Training Expenses of Eligible Researchers and Research/Transfer of Knowledge Programme Expenses: €1800** for Multi-Partner ITNs and **€1200** for EID and IDP per researcher-month managed by the host organisations (the participation of researchers in training activities; expenses related to research costs; execution of the training/partnership project; contribution to the expenses related to the co-ordination between participants). **Management Activities**: maximum of **10 %** of the total EU contribution that will be paid towards the management of the project. **Contribution to Overheads** up to **10%** of direct costs.

Preparation and submission of proposals

The Call Information Package published on the Participant Portal http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/fp7_calls includes the following key documents required for the preparation of proposals:

- Call fiche,
- Work Programme,
- FP7 factsheets,
- Guide for Applicants - Common Part,
- Guide for Applicants - Ethics,
- Guide for Applicants - Call Specific,

as well as additional useful documents, such as the Rules for Submission and Evaluation of Proposals etc.

Proposals in this call must be submitted electronically using a special web-based service (Electronic Proposal Submission Service, EPSS) before a strictly enforced **deadline**.

For additional information, please see the ITN section of the Marie Curie Actions official website <http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/>.

The series of information Newsletters issues 1-6 2011 (<http://fp7.hse.ru/mobility/bull>) in Russian describes in details FP7 “People” procedures from project proposals submission to finalization of financed projects including reporting.

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