



Introduction to the Mid-Term Review Meeting

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Research Executive Agency
Marie Curie host-driven actions



Outline

- 1-What is the REA?*
- 2-What is a MTR? Why a MTR?*
- 3-Grant Agreement (GA)*
- 4-Obligations of the Network*
- 5-Marie Curie allowances*
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Research Executive Agency (REA)



- Funding body created by the European Commission to foster excellence in research and innovation
- Set up in 2007, gained autonomy in June 2009
- Manages large parts of the FP7, including the Marie Curie Actions
- Manages almost 5,000 research projects. Over the FP7 lifetime, the REA is to manage projects for a value of €6.4 billion (12% of FP7 budget)
- Located in Brussels, Belgium
(Covent Garden building, Place Rogier)
- <http://ec.europa.eu/research/rea/index.cfm>

Research Executive Agency (REA) and Horizon 2020

- legacy management of all FP7 programmes currently delegated to REA

- Under Horizon 2020: the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, Security and Space research programmes, and

- (1) Future and Emerging Technologies (FET) open;
- (2) Food security, sustainable agriculture, marine and maritime research, and the bio-economy;
- (3) Inclusive and Innovative Societies;
- (4) ICT Security research;
- (5) Spreading excellence, widening participation (including international cooperation) and Science with and for society.

- REA's support services with a broadened scope.





Mid-Term Review:

- **A contractual obligation**
- **Objectives**
 - **Meet** with the project team
 - **Update** on the project progress
 - **Discuss** any questions, concerns, difficulties
 - **Find** solutions
- **Not just a scientific evaluation, but a unique opportunity to exchange views**
- **Useful ?**
 - Consortium and fellows on spot help in case of problems
 - REA future planning of MCA

Grant Agreement Structure

- ***Core Grant Agreement***

- ***Annexes***
 - I. Technical Annex - Description of work***
 - II. General conditions applicable to MC Actions***
 - III. Specific provisions for ITN (funding scheme)***
 - I. Form A: accession to the grant***
 - II. Form B: accession request for a new beneficiary***
 - III. Form C: Financial statement***



Some consortium obligations



- **Carry out the work as identified in Annex I (efficiently and timely)**
- **Select fellows according to eligibility criteria, conclude employment/secondment contracts, and establish a Career Development Plan**
- **Execute, by due dates, all payments to the researcher (respecting Marie Curie rates)**
- **Provide all needed infrastructures & conditions for the successful completion of the project**
- **Provide reasonable assistance to the fellows in all administrative procedures**
- **Provide information to REA and Court of Auditors (up to 5 years after the project completion)**

Budget

1	2	3	4	5	
Living allowance (1)	Mobility allowance (2)	Contribution to training expenses of eligible researchers and research/transfer of knowledge programme expenses(3)	Management activities (including audit certification) (4)	Contribution to overheads (5)	Total



Paid to the fellows



For the activities carried out by the institutions



5. Marie Curie Allowances

Category 1: Living & Mobility Allowance

- **€38,000** gross salary per **ESR** /year x country coefficient (type **A** contract)
- **€58,500** gross salary per **ER** /year x country coefficient (type **A** contract)

Flat rate allowance to cover expenses linked to the personal household, relocation and travel expenses of the researcher and her/his family in the host country: reference rate of **EUR 700 for researchers without a family and EUR 1000 for researchers with a family.**

Next steps after the Mid-Term Review

- feedback from expert reviewer and project officer
- submission of reports – deadline: 60 days after the end of reporting period
- parallel analysis of reports by project and financial officers starts
 - **full or partial submission → full or partial payment**
 - strict deadlines apply
 - notification is sent via Coreflow

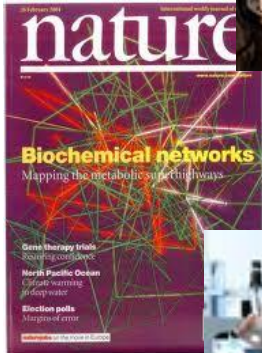


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6. Success Story

Is your project a Success Story?

- Positive impact on the citizen or society
- Interest to the public at large
- Very high scientific quality
- Product being developed or brought to market
- Generated lasting collaborations
- Developed an entrepreneurial culture
- Significant outreach activities
- Positive impact on a researcher's career
- Fellow's award or publication in a very high quality journal
- Promoted rights of researchers (e.g. gender balance, equal opportunities, family friendly)



Marie Curie Actions website:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions>

Euraxess Portal:

<http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/>

FP7 Participant Portal website:

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/people/home_en.html

Helpdesk:

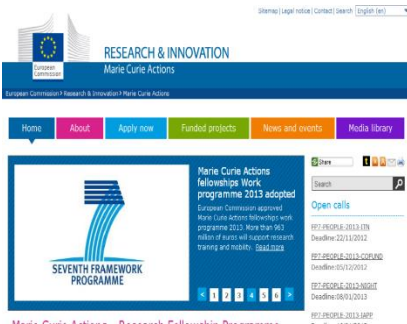
<http://ec.europa.eu/research/enquiries>

Register as an expert (for PIs):

<http://cordis.europa.eu/emmfp7/index.cfm>

Register to Marie Curie Alumni Platform (for MC fellows):

<https://www.mariecuriealumni.eu>





Thank you for your attention!

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