

ASEANSafe2025 EU Research Funding Opportunities (Horizon Europe)/Marie-Sklodowska Curie Program (MSCA) with Focus on Staff Exchanges Action

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ABSTRACT:

The importance of the world's reliance on a highly skilled research-based human capital able to detect and tackle emerging challenges was put in evidence during the Covid-19 crisis. Therefore, within the scope of the ongoing EU Research Framework Program (Horizon Europe, 2021-2027), the European Union (EU) continues reinforcing its efforts to entice more young people to a research career and promote its attractiveness for top talents from around the world.

To this end, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) are the main EU instrument financing excellent projects to support all stages of researchers' careers and encouraging their mobility. Within the period 2014-2020 (Horizon 2020 Program), the MSCA supported around 65,000 researchers, including 25,000 doctoral candidates.

The MSCA strongly contributes to excellent research, boosting jobs, growth and investment by equipping researchers with new knowledge and skills, including transferable ones and providing them with an international, as well as inter-sectoral exposure (including through academia-business collaboration), to fill the top positions of tomorrow.

This talk will first provide an overview of MSCA program in the frame of Horizon Europe. Furthermore, it will particularly focus on MSCA-Staff Exchanges Action (MSCA SE) that promotes innovative international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary collaboration in research and innovation through exchanging staff and sharing knowledge and ideas at all stages of the innovation chain. The scheme fosters a shared culture of research and innovation that welcomes and rewards creativity and entrepreneurship and helps turn ideas into innovative products, services or processes. It is open to research, technical, administrative and managerial staff supporting R&I activities.

The presentation will clarify the main features, the eligibility conditions and the novelties of MSCA SE. Guidance on the preparation and submission of MSCA proposals, along with examples of successful MSCA SE projects relevant to Food safety and sustainability topics will also be provided.

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