

National Contact Point North Macedonia

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Key recommendation to the applicants

Do:

- Familiarise yourself well with the MSCA funding programme
- Explore all possible approaches to network, find a good match
- Treat all sections in the proposal equally

Don't:

- Be afraid to be original and authentic
- Forget to check if your HEI has a GEP; links with strategies
- Forget to consider potential implementation risks and how to deal with them (e.g. financial plans rules for public universities; registration of foreigners' stay; companies' commitment, etc.)

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National Contact Point Kosovo*

Gentrit Berisha



Key recommendation to the applicants

Do:

Align with EU policy priorities and societal challenges.

Don't:

Double down on the narrow research interest of the departament/institution

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National Contact Point Montenegro

Martina Lukic



Key recommendation to the applicants

Do:

- Choose wisely partnerships that will last beyond the project
- Underline the benefits of synergy that mobility provides to institutions
- Clearly indicate the importance and benefits that will bring the exchange of staff

Don't:

- Avoid making multiple and ambitious partnerships
- Neglecting or ignoring the risk that may come during the mobility
- Failing to monitor and control risks and contingency plans throughout the mobility

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National Contact Point Albania

Robert Dumi



Key recommendation to the applicants

Do:

- Use the MSCA-NET documents for your applications
- Follow information from NASRI who is informing, supporting and helping organisations and individuals in Albania
- Follow the Western Balkans Info Hub (<u>www.westernbalkans-infohub.eu</u>) provided by the POLICY ANSWERS project

Don't:

• Wonder if you are eligible to participate: all Western Balkans are Associated to Horizon Europe, so the programme is fully open to your participation

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National Contact Point Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Key recommendation to the applicants

Do:

- The best time to start was yesterday
- Notify your employer about your intentions to apply and seek their support
- Study all the necessary documents and guidelines provided by the F&T page, MSCA funding programme
- Have a clear-sighted, well formulated, comprehensive yet neatly summarized project with clear goals & outcomes

Don't:

- Don't lack in details, be sure to complete all necessary documents filled with crucial information
- Don't underestimate the risks of implementation, as well as, clearly define tasks and objectives for all parties involved in the consortium

Result:

Impressed evaluators – received grant/fellowship

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Key recommendation to the applicants

Do:

- Inform your MSCA NCP of your intention to apply for any MSCA call
- Discuss your IDEA with your peers and colleagues to test attractiveness, timeliness, pertinence, etc.
- Nothing goes without saying! YOU know your project too well, but evaluators need to read a coherent, clear, well articulated proposal.
- Level of details IS a game changer!
- Use ample resources provided by MSCA-NET project!
- Take the time to read and understand all relevant documents: F&T topic page and more (MSCA Green Charter, watch YT videos and info sessions, follow EC official streaming channels and info days)



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Key recommendation to the applicants

Don't:

- Leave any last-minute work on your proposal and risk submission - do it well in advance
- Leave unanswered questions and template sections that require specific details
- Forget to keep tight coordination of your consortium (if a Coordinator) to avoid misunderstandings if you get funded make sure everyone knows position, tasks and finances
- Forget to double check eligibility of your partners, secondments, intersectoral arrangements, interdisciplinarity aspects, etc.

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