



ESIF and H2020 synergies for Postdoctoral support in Latvia

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Postdoctoral Research Support Programme – PostDoc Latvia



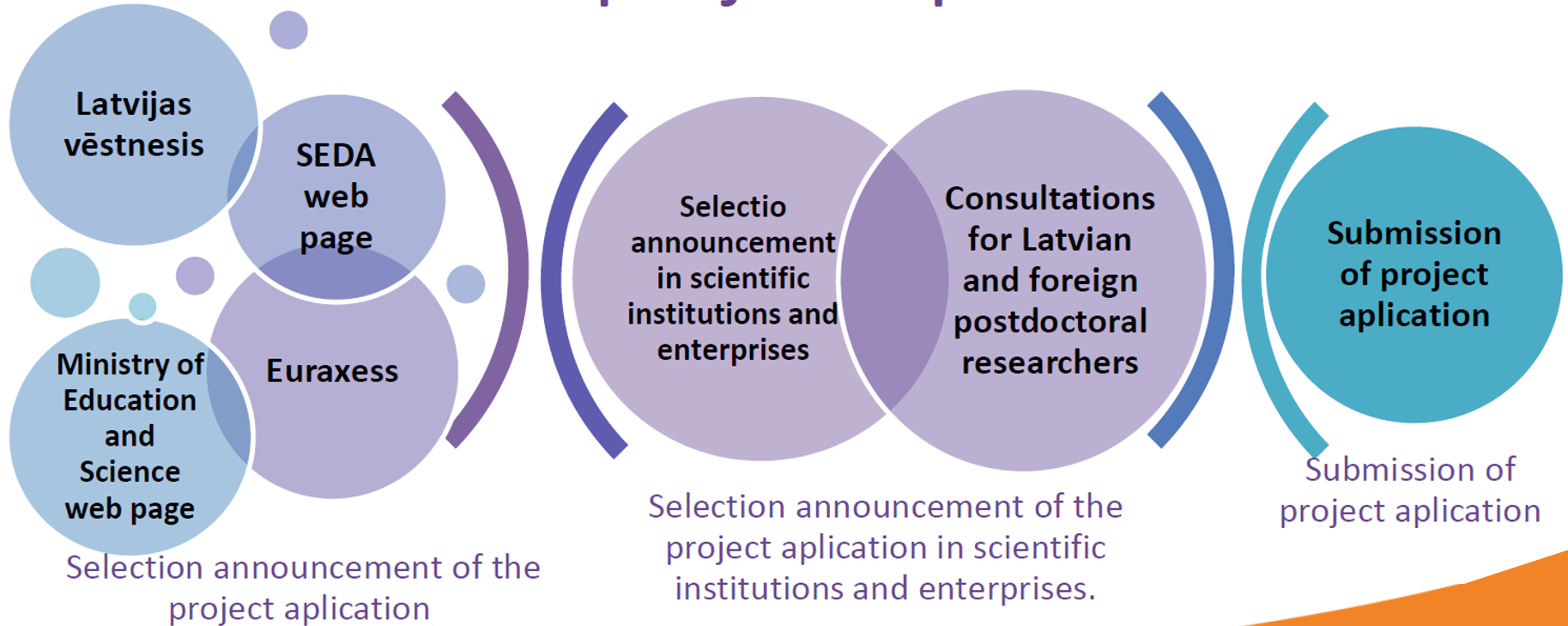
- Implementation period 2017 - 2023
- 64M € funding from ERDF Operational Programme “Growth and Employment”
- Target: at least 455 postdocs supported
- Individual research projects up to 36 months, with budget up to 133 806 €

PostDoc Latvia



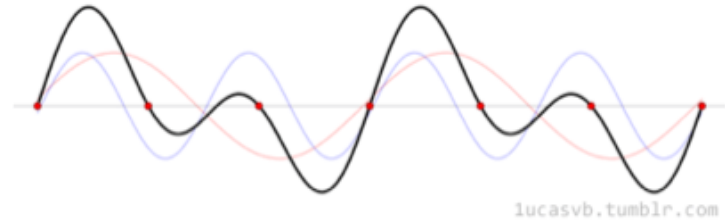
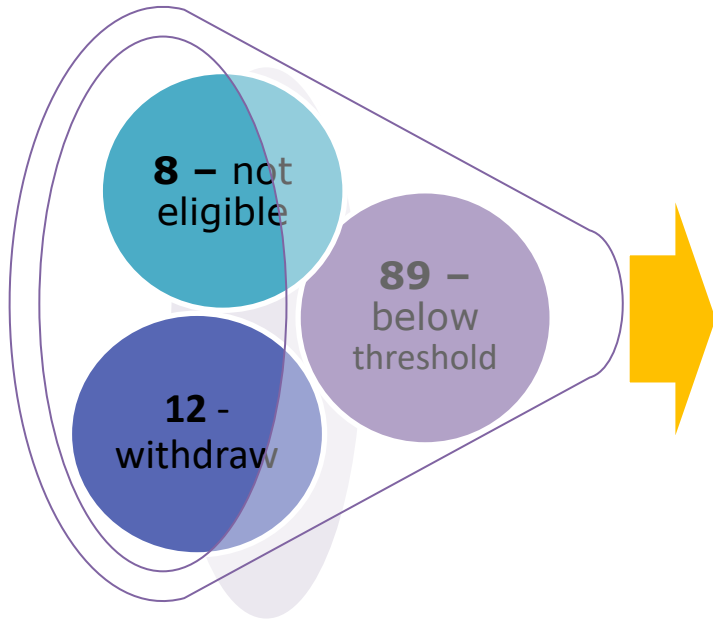
- Who: researchers who have acquired PhD (doctoral) degree less than 5 years before the deadline for submission
- Foreign researchers, including from non-EU countries, are encouraged to apply
- Hosts: all research organizations, SMEs and large enterprises registered in Latvia
- Full time employment with salary 2.731 € p/m; other expenses set at 800 € p/m (similar to **MSCA unit costs**)

Submission of project application



PostDoc Latvia

Total of 246 applications



137 projects approved (2017)

55% of applications successful

124 grants signed (Feb 2018)

16 498 341 € committed + 280k € private investment

PostDoc Latvia: some ESIF and H2020 synergies

- Postdocs can work up to 20% overtime in H2020 research projects
- Postdocs may use grant to develop H2020 applications
- Participation in COST Actions etc. supported

PostDoc Latvia+ (PLUS)

Increased & direct ESIF and H2020 synergies

- A new fellowship programme (FP) to strengthen principles of H2020 MSCA in PostDoc Latvia
- Direct synergy between ERDF and H2020
- Designed to deliver the added value of researcher support measure synergy at the national level combined with the international prestige and visibility of MSCA
- PLUS was submitted to Call: H2020-MSCA-COFUND-2017

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME PLUS

Table 3.5. PLUS budget summary

| Cost categories | Total cost according to EC COFUND requirements, EUR (Actual costs) | EU contribution, EUR | Total State Funding, EUR | Total funding for fellows and host institutions, EUR | | Total funding for SEDA | |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| | | | | For fellows (EC COFUND + State Funding) | For host institution (EC COFUND + State Funding) | EC COFUND | State Funding |
| Living allowance | 3675 | 2625 | 1050 | 3675 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mobility allowance | 480 (600)* | 0 | 480*** | 480 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Family allowance | 400 (500)* | 0 | 400*** | 400 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Research costs | 800 | 0 | 800*** | 800 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Management costs | 650 | 325 | 325 | 0 | 150 | 325 | 175 |
| Indirect costs | 341 | 0 | 341*** | 0 | 186 | 0 | 155 |
| For one fellow per month (EUR) | 6346 (6566)* | 2950 | 3396 | 5355 | 336 | 325 | 330 |
| Number of fellows | 50 | | | | | | |
| Duration of one fellowship in months | 36 | | | | | | |
| Total amount | 11 422 800 | 5 310 000** | 6 112 800*** | 9 639 000 | 604 800 | 585 000 | 594 000 |

* - mobility allowance and family allowance in budget calculation are represented as 80% average of the total person/months, therefore the actual allowance rates that will be applied for fellows are 600 and 500 EUR accordingly; adjustments have been based on the following estimates:

1) mobility allowance will not be applied during the return phase of outgoing fellows;

2) up to 80% of the potential fellows may qualify for family allowance according to the information of the Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia.

** COFUND – 46.5% from the total programme budget; *** Includes co-financing from ERDF and represents direct synergy between programmes

PostDoc Latvia+ (PLUS)



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Horizon 2020 - Research and Innovation Framework Programme

Evaluation Summary Report

Call: H2020-MSCA-COFUND-2017
Funding scheme: MSCA-COFUND-FP
Proposal number: 800917
Proposal acronym: PLUS
Duration (months): 60
Proposal title: Fellowship Programme Postdoc Latvia+
Activity: FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMMES

| N. | Proposer name | Country | Total Cost | % | Grant Requested | % |
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| 1 | VALSTS IZGLITIBAS ATTISTIBAS AGENTURA | LV | 10,620,000 | 100.00% | 5,310,000 | 100.00% |
| | Total: | | 10,620,000 | | 5,310,000 | |

Abstract:

"Postdoc Latvia+", PLUS, is a new fellowship programme that will introduce and strengthen principles of Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action Programme and the European Charter & Code for Researchers in the national postdoctoral researchers' fellowship system in Latvia. PLUS will be managed by the State Education Development Agency, a nationwide public body that has extensive experience with research support measure planning and management. It currently serves as the programme office for the national postdoctoral fellowships. Direct synergy between programmes will be achieved with PLUS and this will deliver positive impact on the national research environment, in particular, its mobility, international visibility and attractiveness. PLUS will contribute to career development opportunities and mobility of experienced researchers whilst strengthening Latvia as an integral part of European Research Area. PLUS duration will be 60 months, with a total of 50 fellowships (25 outgoing and 25 incoming) to be awarded under three Calls based on transparent and competitive selection procedure that involves independent international peer-review. Applications will be assessed according to Horizon 2020 ethics guidelines. The programme will be open to all domains of research and innovation, from fundamental to industrial research, with "bottom-up" selection by the applicants. International, interdisciplinary and intersectoral mobility that facilitates career development in public and private sector will be supported and accompanied with research and non-research skill training. Fellowship duration will be 12 to 36 months, with family allowance available and equal opportunities ensured via programme design. Overall, PLUS is designed to deliver the added value of researcher support measure synergy at the national level combined with the international prestige and visibility of MSCA Programmes.

Evaluation Summary Report

Evaluation Result

Total score: 90.40% (Threshold: 70/100.00)

Form information

**Mutual exchange of ideas
and learning from great
Croatian team –**

Zorana and Miljenka

Thank you!





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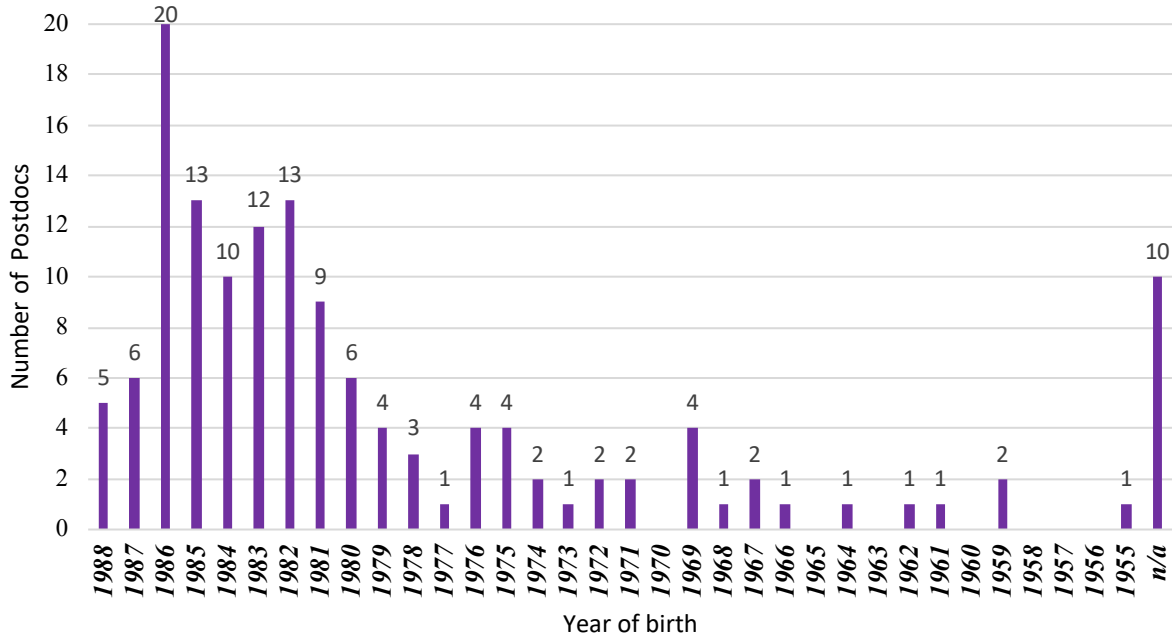
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PostDoc applications & RIS3



- Biomedicine, medical technologies, bio-pharmacy and biotechnologies
- ICT
- Social sciences and humanities
- Smart energy
- Smart materials, technology and engineering systems
- Knowledge-intensive bio-economy

Postdoc profile (I) – personal

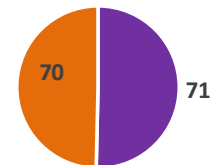


Average age of postdoc – 36 y

Most senior – 62 y

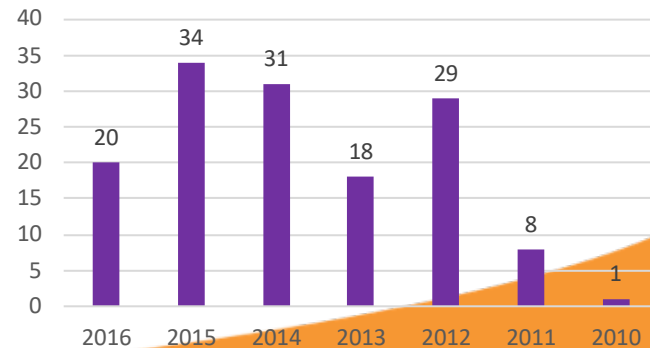
Youngest – 29 y

Gender balance



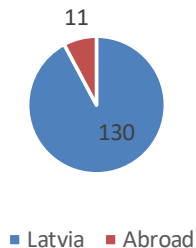
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Year of graduation

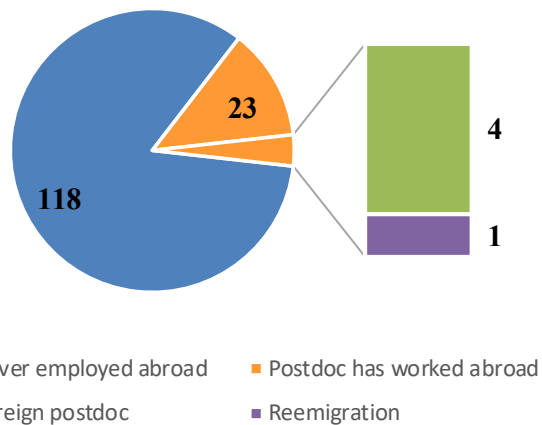


Postdoc profile (II) - professional

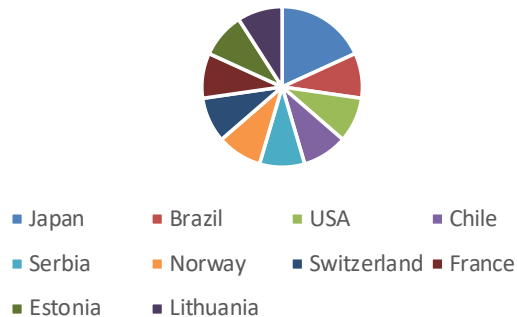
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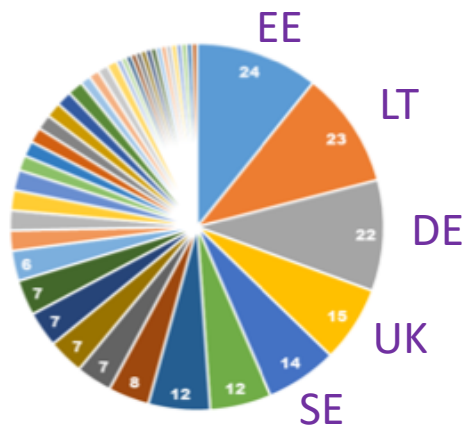
Employment history



Country of PhD Graduation



Postdoc profile (III) - mobility



Average number per postdoc grant – 2,6
Average lengths of stay – 2,5 m

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| ■ ASV | ■ Somija | ■ Nīderlande | ■ Itālija | ■ Francija |
| ■ Norvēģija | ■ Polija | ■ Dānija | ■ Šveice | ■ Čehija |
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Total 44