

## ITN: Innovative Training Networks European Training Networks (ETN)

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### What is it?

A European Training Network (ETN) is a consortium that sets up a joint research and training programme for researchers at doctoral level. The researchers receive research and innovation training and are hired for periods from 3 to 36 months, ideally with the goal of completing their PhD thesis. Exchanges between the partners are usual, especially to the private sector. The ETN is expected to have a structuring effect on research and doctoral training in Europe that endures beyond the life of the project.

### Why should I do it?

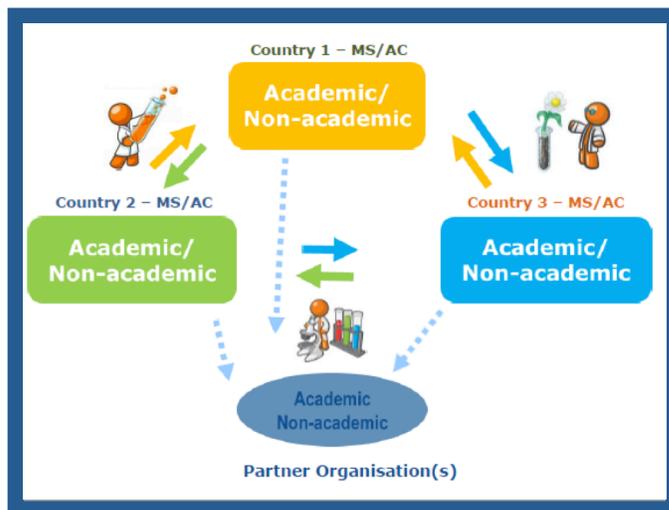
You are able to expand and strengthen your existing networks and gain new expertise. You can give researchers unique opportunities for research and training.

### Who can apply?

A network (consortium) of at least 3 different institutions in 3 different EU Member States or Associated Countries. Partners from the private sector are encouraged but not mandatory.

### Eligibility criteria for researchers

Researchers participating in an ETN have to be 'Early-Stage Researchers' at the time of recruitment. This means that they are in the first four years (full-time equivalent research experience) of their research career and have not yet been awarded a doctoral degree. At the time of recruitment, they cannot have lived or worked for more than 12 months in the country of their future host organisation (short stays such as vacation are not taken into account).



### How can I apply?

Inform yourself about the application timeline and familiarise yourself with the most important documents (Work Programme, Call Fiche). For questions, get in touch with your National Contact Point or Euresearch Regional Office. Start the search for suitable partners early.

### When I can apply?

The ITN-2014 call for proposals was opened on 11 Dec. 2013 with a deadline of 9 Apr. 2014. The ITN-2015 call for proposals will open on 2 Sep. 2014 with a deadline of 13 Jan. 2015.

### How much funding can I expect?

The EC contribution is calculated using the 'researcher unit cost' (= 1 researcher month for Early-Stage Researchers) of €2900/month + the 'institutional unit cost' of €3000/month (research and training costs of €1800 + management and overhead of €1200). The maximum EU contribution is limited to 540 researcher months, so a maximum of €3 186 000 is possible.

The living allowance is multiplied by a country correction coefficient, which is currently 113.1% for Switzerland.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the success rate?

The success rate of the previous, similar action ‘Initial Training Network’ in FP7 was traditionally low and between 9% and 12%.

### Can partners from the USA take part in the funding scheme?

Yes, if the minimum consortium criteria are met but they will not receive funding from the EC, so will have to provide their own.

### When will I know the outcome of my proposal?

Approximately 3 months after the deadline. You can expect to start your project 8 months after the deadline.

### What is the average consortium size?

The average ITN consortium size in FP7 was 9 partners with 1 or 2 ESRs per partner. There were also successful smaller and larger consortia, however, more than 12 partners can be difficult to manage.

Find more questions and answers at:

<http://mariecurieactions.blogspot.ch/>



*“After all, science is essentially international, and it is only through lack of the historical sense that national qualities have been attributed to it.”*

Marie Skłodowska-Curie

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