**HORIZON EUROPE Research and Innovation Framework Programme**

**MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS**

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

**Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF)**

**HORIZON-MSCA-2021-PF-01**

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| **Organisation Name/ Department** *(if applicable)* | Foundation for Innovation and Research – Malta (FiR.mt) | |
| **Website of the organisation** *(in English)* | [FiR.mt](file:///C:\Users\brian\Downloads\FiR.mt) | |
| **Organisation Short Name** | FiR.mt | |
| **Organisation Type** | Academic | Higher Education establishment  Research organisation  International European Research Organisation |
| Non-academic | SME  Other (please specify) |
| **Research Fields** | Chemistry (CHE)  Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC)  Economic Sciences (ECO)  Information Science and Engineering (ENG)  Environment and Geosciences (ENV)  Life Sciences (LIF)  Mathematics (MAT)  Physics (PHY) | |
| **Sub-Fields/ Keywords** *(up to 5)* | Energy Transition  Transport Electrification  Solar Energy and Renewable Energy Sources  Energy Storage Devices  Optimisation and Decision Making Support | |
| **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action(s) of interest** | European Postdoctoral Fellowships  Global Postdoctoral Fellowships | |
| **Short Description of the Organisation/ Department -** strengths and scientific achievements (publications, patents, etc.), important infrastructure  *(up to 2000 characters with spaces)* | The Foundation for Innovation and Research – Malta (FiR.mt), is an independent, voluntary, non-profit and public purpose foundation. The Foundation is a research and knowledge dissemination organisation as well as a Research and Technology Organisation (RTO). It is strongly committed to promote the advancement of innovation and research for humanity throughout the Mediterranean, highlighting the role of Malta as a hub of knowledge between EU and the region, to support the ongoing Maltese economy expansion into an innovation-led economy.  The Foundation is the home to Maltese based innovators and researchers, with already a pool of personnel engaged and dedicated to innovation and research, acting as a vehicle to their success and Maltese R&I index. The current research, technology and dissemination activities are related to renewable energy, electric mobility, vision techniques and technology transfer and has established network of experienced experts, active public and private entities in the field throughout the country and beyond. | |
| **Link to the short country profile in case of Widening countries** |  | |
| **Previous Projects/ Research Experience** (international/ EU/ big national or regional projects especially in the areas in which you would like to host fellows) *(up to 5)* | The FiR.mt founders are responsible to over 50 successful research and industrial projects and grants proposals, all of which were successfully finished or are currently ongoing. These projects have generated over €50M and have been tasks with coordination, research coordination and supervision, principal investigation, and/or co-investigation, chief consultant and chief engineer. | |
| **Thematic areas and list of supervisors who are looking forward to preparing a project proposal with postdoctoral researchers** | 1. **Energy Transition** 2. **Transport Electrification** | |
| **Contact Person/ Position in the Organisation/ Phone/ E-mail** | [*info@fir.mt*](mailto:info@fir.mt) | |
| **Deadline for Expressions of Interest from postdoctoral researchers** |  | |
| **Necessary documents** | * CV * Brief description of the project idea * Draft of MSCA PF Proposal Template | |
| **What we offer** | * Full-time contract to work on a research project and enjoy advanced training, * Competitive salary – €4,475.48 gross amount, including compulsory deductions under national law, such as employer and employee social security contributions and direct taxes; * Mobility (€ 600) and Family allowances (if applicable - € 660); * Budget for Research, Training and Networking costs (€ 1 000); * Special needs allowance (if applicable). | |
| **Requirements** | * Experience: * Applicants should be in a possession of a doctoral degree at the call deadline. * At the call deadline, supported researchers must have a maximum of 8 years full-time equivalent experience in research, measured from the date of award of the doctoral degree. Years of experience outside research and career breaks (e.g. due to parental leave) will not count towards the amount of research experience. For nationals or long-term residents of EU Member States or Horizon Europe Associated Countries who wish to reintegrate to pursue their research career in EU Member States or Horizon Europe Associated Countries, years of experience in research in third countries will not be considered in the above maximum. * Mobility rule: * European Postdoctoral Fellowships - applicants must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the beneficiary for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately before the call deadline, * Global Postdoctoral Fellowships - applicants must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the host organisation for the outgoing phase for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately before the call deadline. | |
| **IMPORTANT – apply with us and increase your chances for success[[1]](#footnote-1):** | * Not funded applications for European Postdoctoral Fellowships with a host organisation from ………. have the chance to be funded under the **ERA Fellowships** Call (‘Widening Participation and Strengthening the European Research Area’ part of the Framework Programme). They will be automatically transferred to the ERA Fellowships Call and will be ranked in one single list according to the scores and evaluation of the Postdoctoral Fellowships call with an additional budget of € 8 million for each 2021 and 2022. | |
| * Information on national/ regional/ institutional **Seal of Excellence Programme**   **……………………………………………………………** | |
| * **European Commission website for Seal of Excellence Programmes:** <https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/funding/funding-opportunities/seal-excellence/funding-opportunities-under-msca_en> | |

1. The first bullet is only for Widening countries, the second bullet is only for countries and/ or organisations that have a Seal of Excellence programme adopted. Delete accordingly. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)