



INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH STAFF EXCHANGE SCHEME (IRSES)



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Electronic Proposal Submission Service, EPSS

<https://www.epss-fp7.org/epss/>

Where can I find additional information?

European Commission Research Participant Portal

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/home>

IRSES section of the Marie Curie Actions official website

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/mariecurieactions/irses_en.html

PeopleNetwork project dedicated to transnational mobility in R&D

co-funded by the European Commission

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<http://www.fp7peoplenetwork.eu/>

Russian Mobility NCP

<http://fp7.hse.ru/mobility>

The series of information Newsletters on FP7 "People" (in Russian)

<http://fp7.hse.ru/mobility/bull>

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Further details about EU-Russian
S&T cooperation are available on
the web portal S&T Gate RUS.EU

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Technological Development and
Demonstration Activities (2007-2013)

FP7 "People" Programme

The International Research Staff Exchange Scheme (IRSES) is one of the Marie Curie Actions within the FP7 People programme. IRSES aims to strengthen research partnerships between European research organisations and research organisations from countries with which the European Union has an S&T agreement (including Russia), through staff exchange and networking activities.





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Participants are non profit public or private research organisations (e.g. universities, research centres etc) which receive support from the EC to establish or reinforce long-term cooperation with research organisations located in third country (which is neither Member nor Associated States).

An IRSES partnership shall be composed of at least two independent participants established in two different EU MS/AC, and one or more organisations based in an other Third Country (including Russia). There is no maximum size for an exchange programme. All partners, beneficiaries and partner organisations from Third Countries, are required to conclude a partnership agreement. The coordinator of a project must be from an EU Member State or Associated Country.

Typical Activities of an IRSES Project

A multiannual joint programme may include joint research and training activities or joint workshops and seminars, as well as other networking activities. In addition to achieving scientific results in a particular area, the IRSES projects are above all expected to create additional benefits for the participants in terms of transfer of knowledge and to generate a basis for sustainable cooperation.

Thematic Areas of IRSES Programmes

All Marie Curie actions have a **bottom-up approach**, i.e. all fields of research of interest to the EU are eligible for funding, except areas of research covered by the EURATOM Treaty.

How does it work?

IRSES participants are research organisations that will be members of a partnership, built on a **joint research programme**. Knowhow and competences will be increased through **short exchanges of staff**.

For staff from MS or AC, the mobility must take place towards the other third country partner organisations and from the other third country partner organisations towards MS and AC participants. Staff exchange between European beneficiaries or between other third country partner organisations is not eligible for funding.

The IRSES scheme targets **early stage** (must be in the first four years full-time equivalent of research careers and have not yet been awarded a doctoral degree) and **experienced researchers** (in possession of a doctoral degree or have at least four years of full-time equivalent research experience). Technical and managerial staff can also benefit from the exchange programme.

The **maximum duration** of the exchanges for each **researcher/manager/technician** is **12 months**, which can be split into several exchange periods within the total duration of the programme. Very short stays (i.e. of less than one month), are exceptional and should be well justified in the application.

The staff to be exchanged should be guaranteed full reintegration and the positive recognition of the mobility experience, thus maximising the benefit of this action for long term cooperation.

Duration of IRSES

Financial support is provided for a period of **24 to 48 months**.

What is funded in IRSES?

The European Union contribution consists of a fixed monthly allowance of **€ 1900 per exchanged staff member**. The contribution is intended to cover the cost of travel and subsistence of the exchanged staff, as well as networking activities, management costs and overheads directly related to the execution of the exchange. Staff members to be exchanged **are seconded** and remain employed by their institution of origin (with full salary and the right to return).

Evaluation criteria

- Quality of Exchange programme (25%): Objective and relevance of the joint exchange programme; Scientific quality of partners; Synergies between partners.
- Transfer of Knowledge (30%): Quality and mutual benefit of the ToK; Adequacy and role of staff exchange with respect to ToK.
- Implementation (15%): Capacities (HR; infrastructures; facilities); Appropriateness of the plans for the overall management of the exchange programme.
- Impact (30%): Relevance of the partnership for the European Research Area (ERA); Potential to develop long term collaboration.

Preparation and submission of proposals

The Call Information Package published on the Participant Portal call page includes the following key documents required for the preparation of proposals:

- Call fiche,
- Work Programme,
- FP7 factsheets,
- Guide for Applicants - Common Part,
- Guide for Applicants - Ethics,
- Guide for Applicants - Call Specific,

as well as additional useful documents, such as the Rules for Submission and Evaluation of Proposals etc.