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EU RESEARCH AND INNOVATION POLICY: FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS AND RESEARCHERS

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ABSTRACT

This presentation provides an overview of the funding opportunities available for doctoral education and postdoctoral training of researchers through the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA), a key program managed by the European Research Executive Agency (REA). The MSCA plays a crucial role in fostering research and innovation in Europe by providing a range of opportunities for researchers to engage in innovative training, conduct cutting-edge research, and develop innovative projects. Additionally, the MSCA promotes collaboration and knowledge-sharing among researchers through mobility schemes, which enable them to work with colleagues from different countries and disciplines. By investing in excellent researchers and funding innovative projects, the MSCA enhances the EU's research and innovation capacity, contributing to a more sustainable and competitive Europe. This is achieved through the support of research projects that address key societal challenges, the development of new technologies and innovations, and the creation of new job opportunities. Through the REA and MSCA, the European Commission offers a unique chance for researchers to join a vibrant and diverse research community, comprising thousands of researchers from across Europe and beyond. By participating in MSCA-funded projects, researchers can gain valuable experience, develop new skills, and contribute to shaping the future of European research and innovation, ultimately helping to address the major challenges facing our society and economy.

BRIEF CV

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