



Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

Focus on MSCA COFUND

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What is MSCA COFUND?

**Mono-beneficiary
action:**

new or existing national, regional,
institutional schemes for doctoral training &
postdoctoral fellowships

Focus:

best practice, high standards & excellent working
conditions, sustainable structuring effects,
encouraging synergies with other EU funds

COFUND – Clarifying the Funding Structure

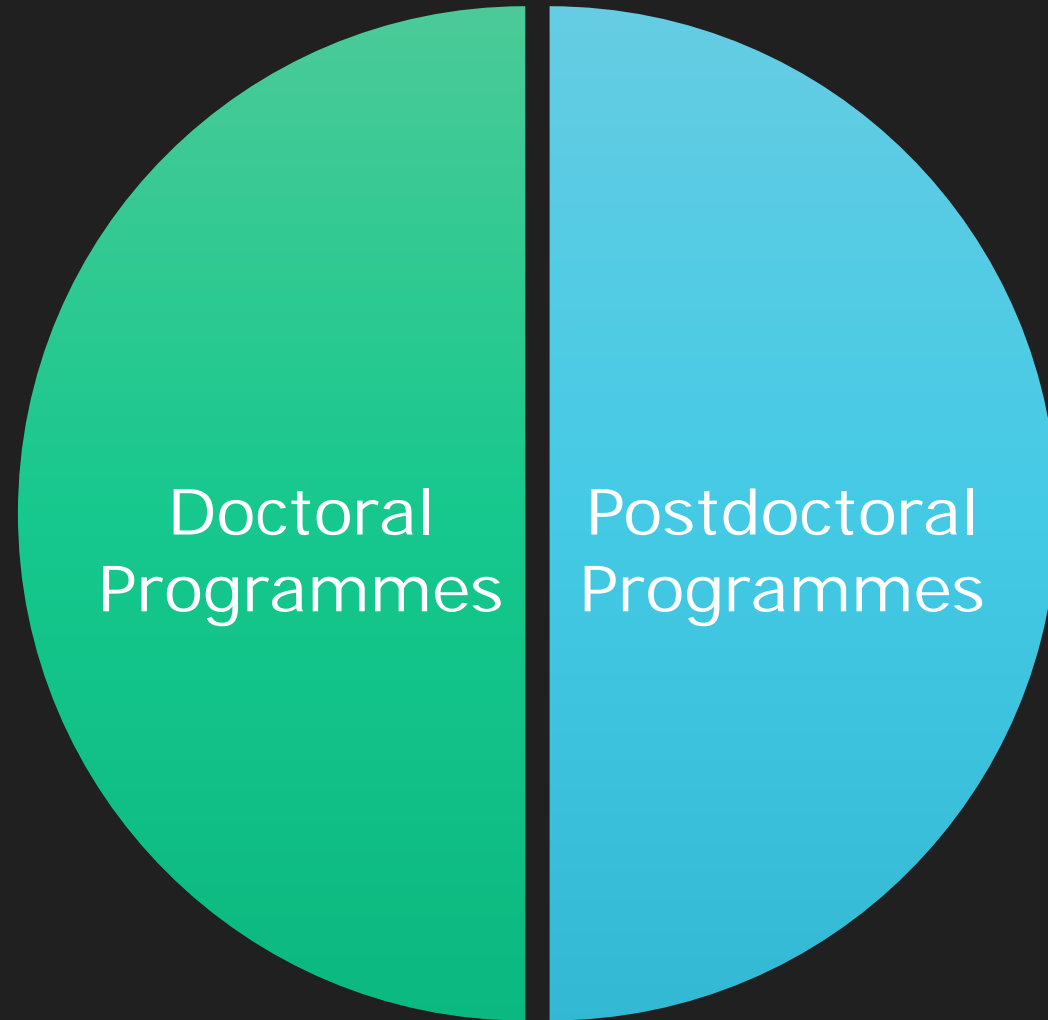
**COFUND ≠ 50-50
split**

**Flexible Co-
Funding Models**

**Beneficiary
Contribution**

**COFUND allows
financial flexibility
for tailored
funding models.**

COFUND Modalities



COFUND – For whom?



Single legal entity
established in an EU
Member State



Single legal entity
established in HE
associated country



All beneficiaries must
recruit at least three
researchers

COFUND Academic & non-academic sectors



Academic sector

Higher education establishments

Non-profits

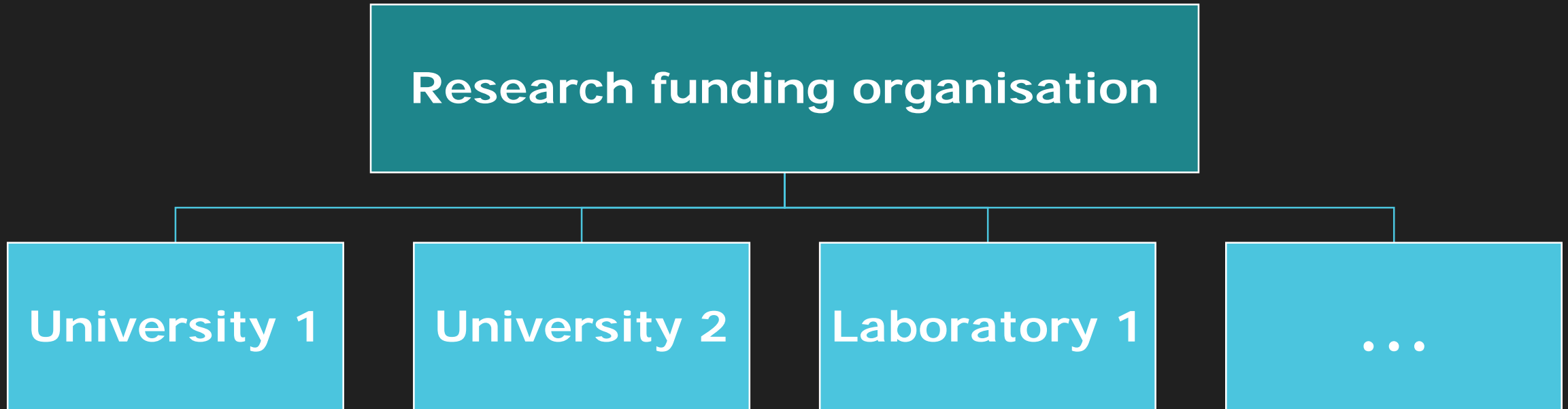
International European Research
Organisations

Non-academic sector

Any socio-economic
actor not included in
academic sector

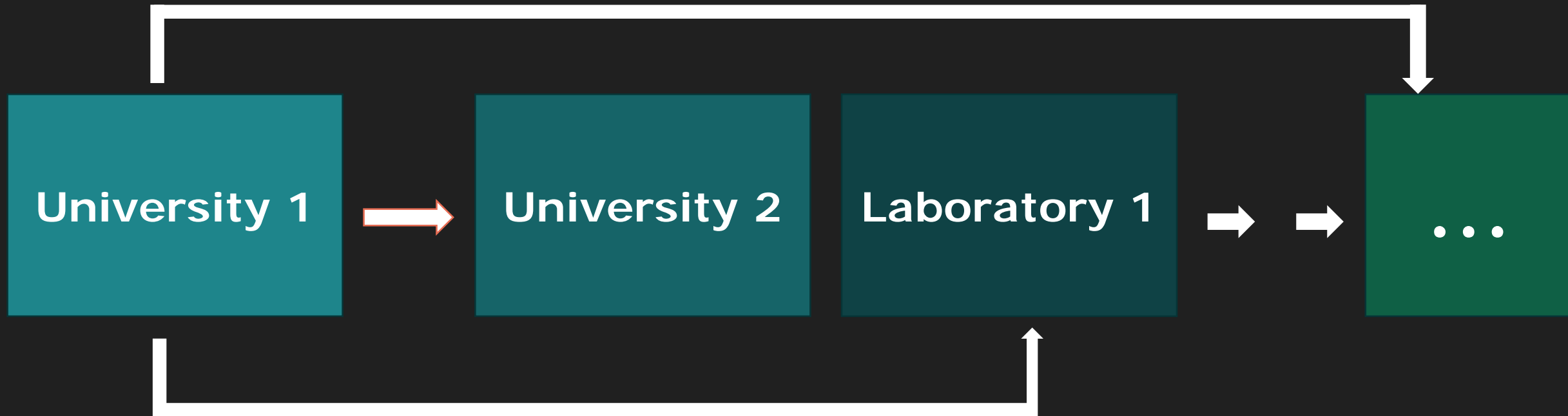
COFUND – Possible structures

1 – Hierarchical



COFUND – Possible structures

2 – Horizontal

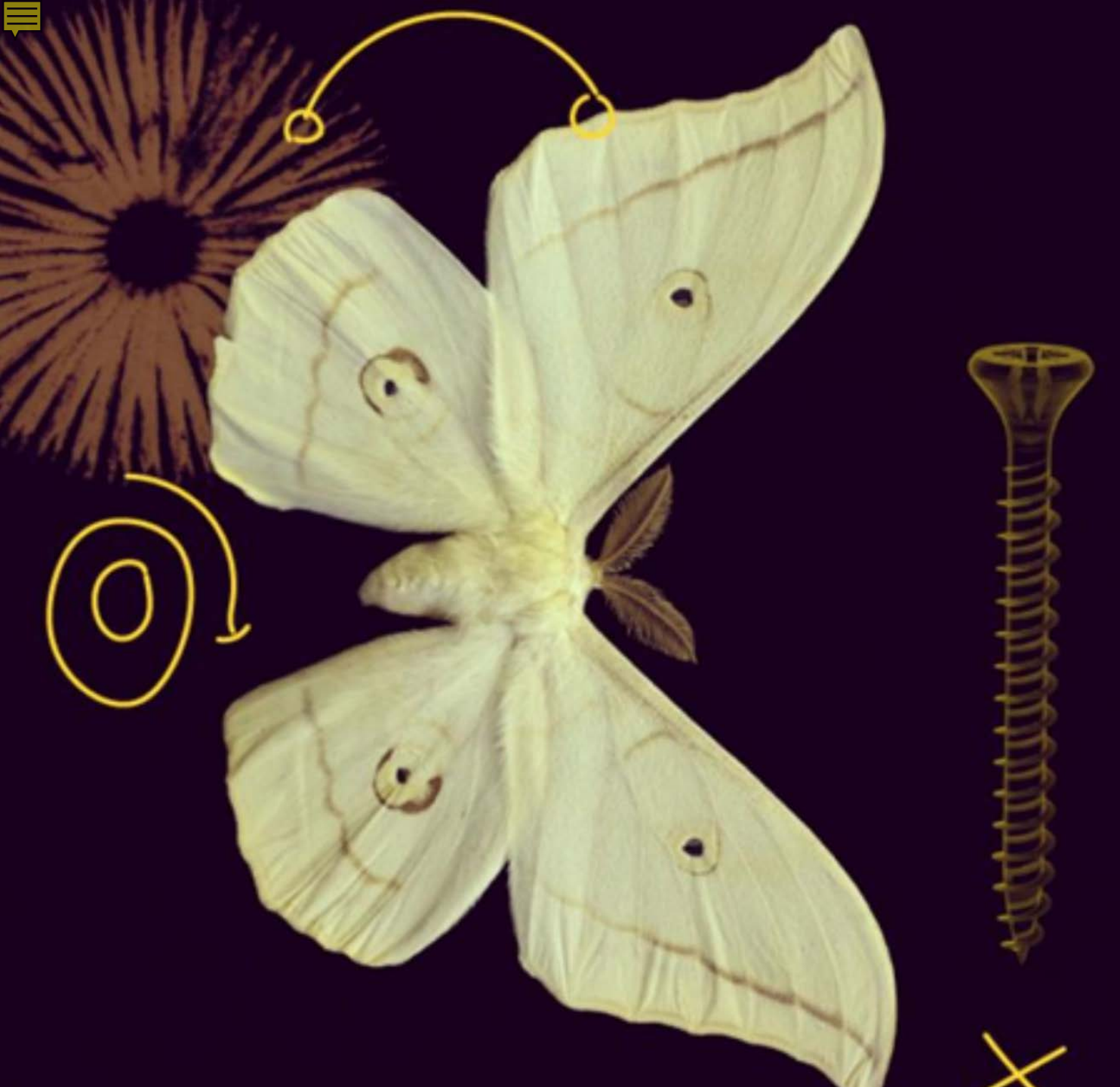


COFUND – Possible structures

3 – Single Point



We do everything



COFUND partners

Implementing partners

Associated partners

COFUND



Co-funding

Max. EUR 10m /beneficiary /call



Duration

Programme: max. 60 months
Fellowship: min. 3 months



Recruitment

Fellows: min. 3 fellows must be recruited

COFUND – Eligible researchers



**Doctoral
programmes**



**Postdoctoral
programmes**



**Any
nationality**



Mobility rule

COFUND – Bear in mind



**Researchers 100%
on project**



**EU contribution
coverage**



**Long-term
leave
allowance or
special
needs
allowance**



Researcher eligibility

COFUND – Bear in mind



Part-time allowed for personal or family reasons



Secondments up to 1/3 of fellowship duration



COFUND Seal of Excellence
for applications scoring $\geq 85\%$

COFUND – Award criteria

Excellence



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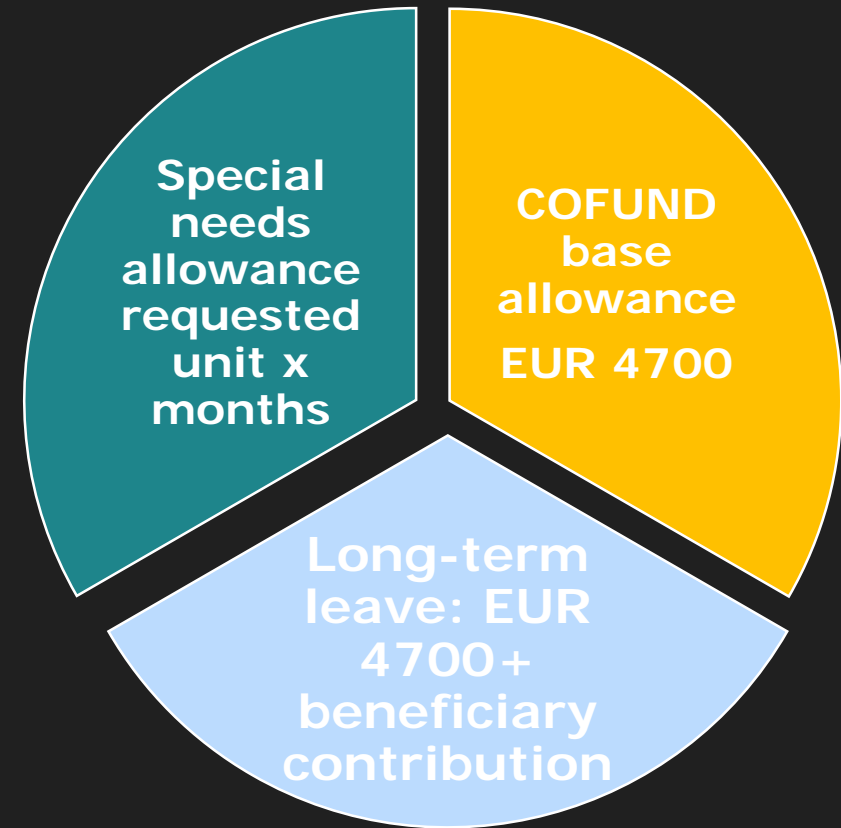
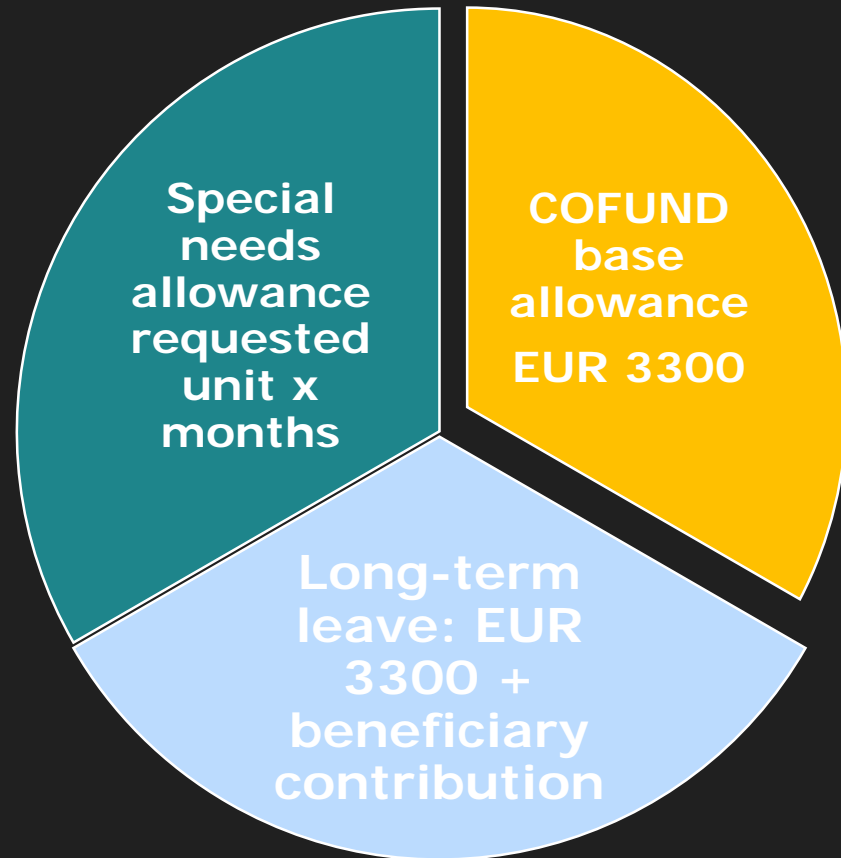
Impact

Quality & efficiency of
Implementation

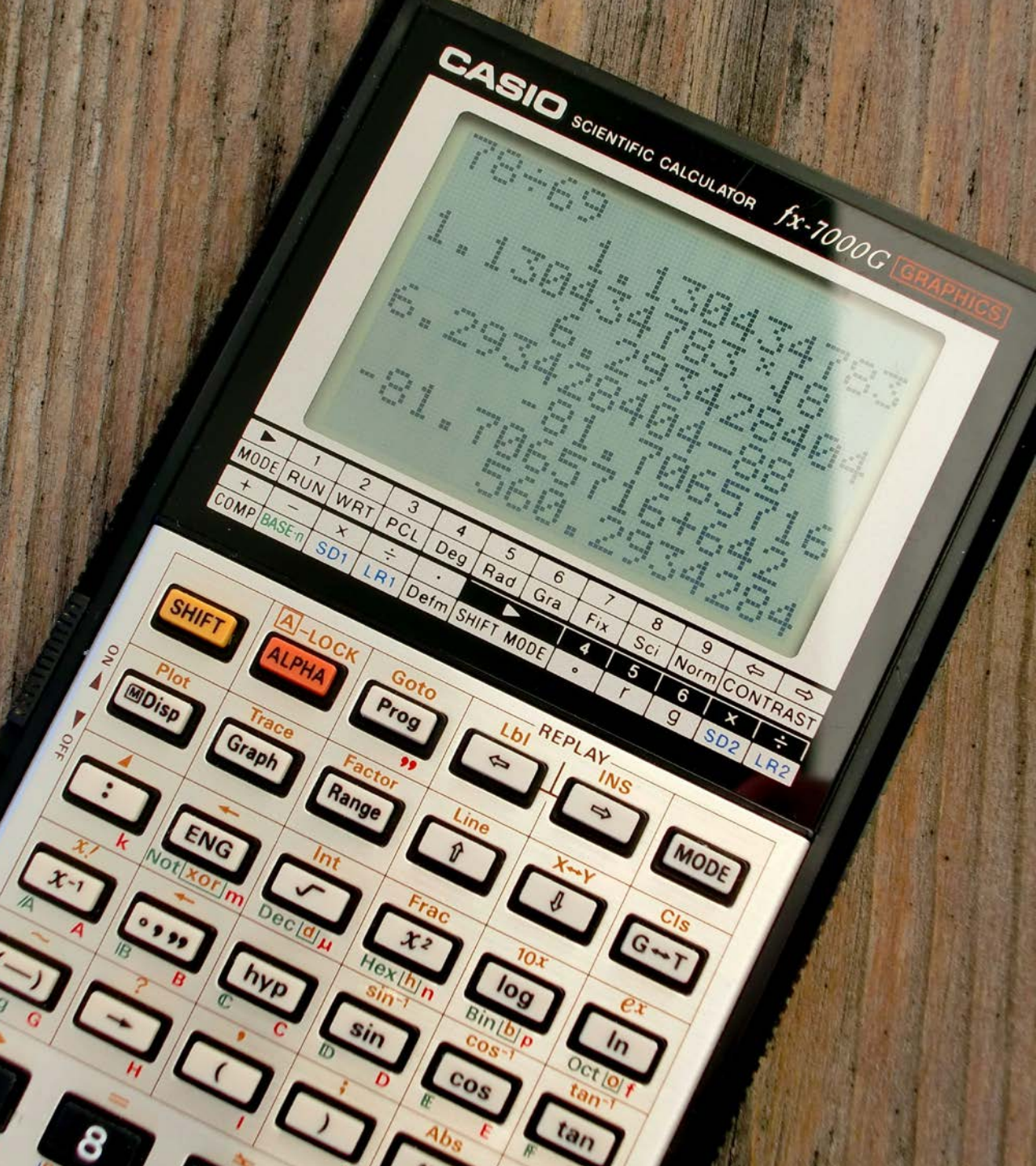
COFUND

Budget structure & Project implementation

Doctoral Programme Contributions



Postdoctoral Programme Contributions



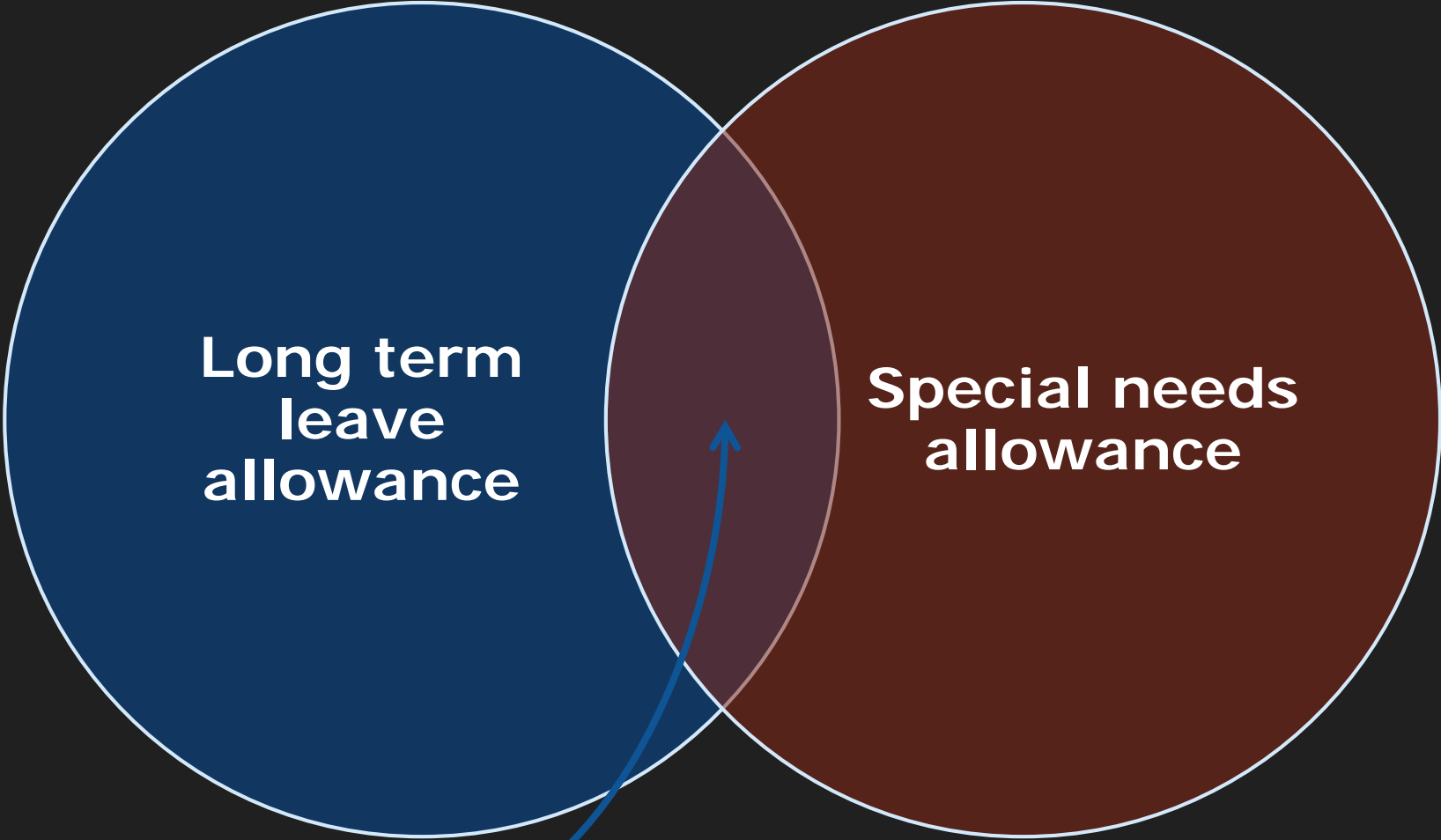
Total budget of co-funded programme

Applicants specify

Total cost of proposed programme

Amounts for benefit of researchers & for implementing organisation(s)

COFUND – Cost categories

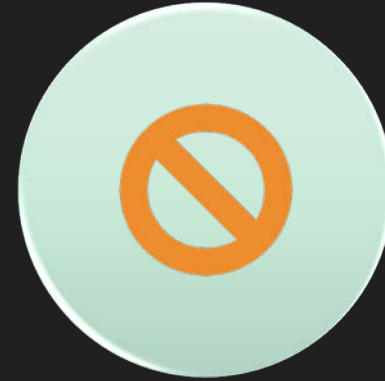


Upon request

COFUND – Project implementation



Employment
contract or
equivalent direct
contract



No fixed-amount
fellowships

COFUND – Project implementation

Independent experts
involved at every
stage of selection
process

The selection of the
researchers

Project
implementation

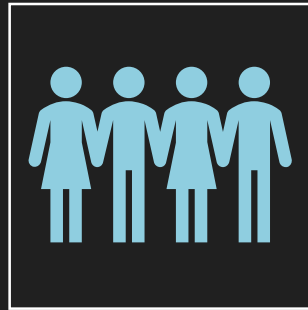
Training programme

Postdoctoral
programmes must
involve independent
international experts

COFUND – Project implementation



Call timing



**Number of fellows
to be recruited**



Reserve list

Proposal Structure

**Part A
Structured
Data**

**Part B
Proposal**

Application forms

Call: HORIZON-MSCA-2021-COFUND-01
(MSCA-COFUND-2021)

Topic: HORIZON-MSCA-2021-COFUND-01-01

Type of Action: HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-Cofund-P

Proposal number: [REDACTED]

Proposal acronym: [REDACTED]

Type of Model Grant Agreement: HORIZON Unit Grant

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| Section | Title | Action |
|---------|----------------------|--------|
| 1 | General information | |
| 2 | Participants | |
| 3 | Budget | |
| 4 | Other administrative | |

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**Part B1
Description of
Action**

**Part B2
Annexes**

Proposal Structure

Part B1 – Description of Action

1. Start Page
(1 page)

2. General
Description &
Info on
Beneficiary
(max 2 pages)

3. Table of
Contents
(1 page)

4. Excellence

5. Impact

6.
Implementation

Sections 4-6 (max 30 pages)

Proposal Structure

Part B2 - Annexes

1. Ethical Aspects

2. Partner Organisations

3. Environmental considerations (MSCA Green Charter)

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/ associated/ implementing
partner

COFUND

Forthcoming Calls – details

COFUND – call details

| Call | 2024 | |
|-------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| | Opening Closing | Budget (EUR m) |
| COFUND 2024 | April 23 September 26 | 104.80 |

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