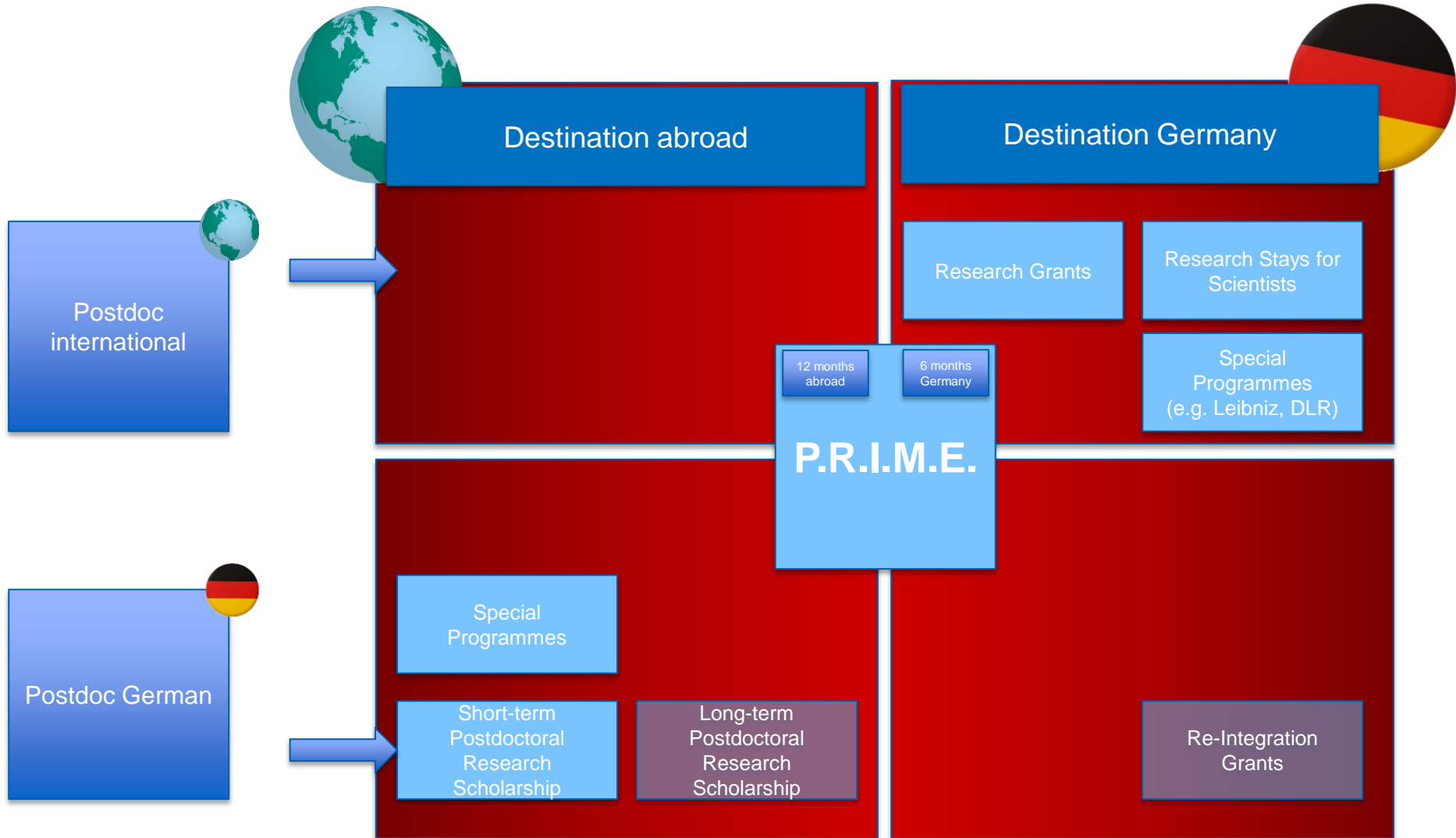


# COFUND-supported innovation: DAAD's P.R.I.M.E. programme

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- **Funding of postdoctoral outgoing mobility based on employment/position instead of stipend**
- **Project duration: 03/2014 - 02/2019 (5 years)**
- **Funding: Overall budget about € 12.2 Mio.**  
60 % BMBF  
40 % EU (FP7/Marie Curie/COFUND)
- **Programme scope: 85 Fellowships in 3 selection cycles\***

\*deviation from to initial concept: 84 Fellowships in 4 selection cycles

## ■ Individual funding/Project funding

- P.R.I.M.E. is an individual fellowship programme
- Implementation of fellowships enabled via project funding for participating German universities

## ■ Fellowship duration:

18-months work contract at German university

Research stay abroad (12 months)

Return phase (6 months)

## ■ Endowment contracts with employing universities:

- Scope: roughly € 125.000 per fellowship



## ■ **Funding conditions:**

- All nationalities (independent of country of residence)
- All subject areas
- No age restrictions
- All destinations (compliance with “mobility rule”)

## ■ **Funding administered by employing German university**

- Salary (with social security benefits)
- Expatriate allowance (depends on destination and salary)
  
- Direct DAAD component: Travel allowance

## ■ **Employment/Social security:**

- Employment in Germany; also during mobility phase abroad („Entsendung“)
- Full social-security coverage throughout entire fellowship duration
- Pension scheme entitlements
- Possibility of parental leave, part-time work
- As employed researchers: Fellows on equal footing with other scientists at German host institute

## ■ **Re-integration**

- re-integration phase as integral part of the programme (instead of former return scholarships)

## ■ **DAAD:**

- Pilot phase: Three P.R.I.M.E selection cycles
- Abolishment of former scholarship/stipend scheme
- Long-term postdoctoral outgoing mobility now based on P.R.I.M.E. model (employment instead of stipend)

## ■ **Participating German universities**

- 85 endowment contracts with 44 German universities
- Leverage effect: Universities start to enable postdoctoral outgoing mobility based on work contracts

## ■ **Individual researchers**

- P.R.I.M.E. highly popular/competitive (funding quota ~15%)
- Benefits of employment/social security

- **EU contingent** of COFUND-supported fellowships almost exhausted after three selection cycles
- Fourth selection cycle will overwhelmingly be funded by **national funding provider (BMBF)**  
(application/selection 2017; fellowships start 01/2018)
- **Programme Evaluation** (12/2016-04/2017)
- **New COFUND proposal: H2020/MSCA/COFUND/2017**
  - Deadline: 28 September 2017
  - Result: March 2018
  - Grant agreement (if we succeed): May 2018
  - Project duration: 01/2019 – 12/2023 (5 years)



## ■ Programme specific aspects

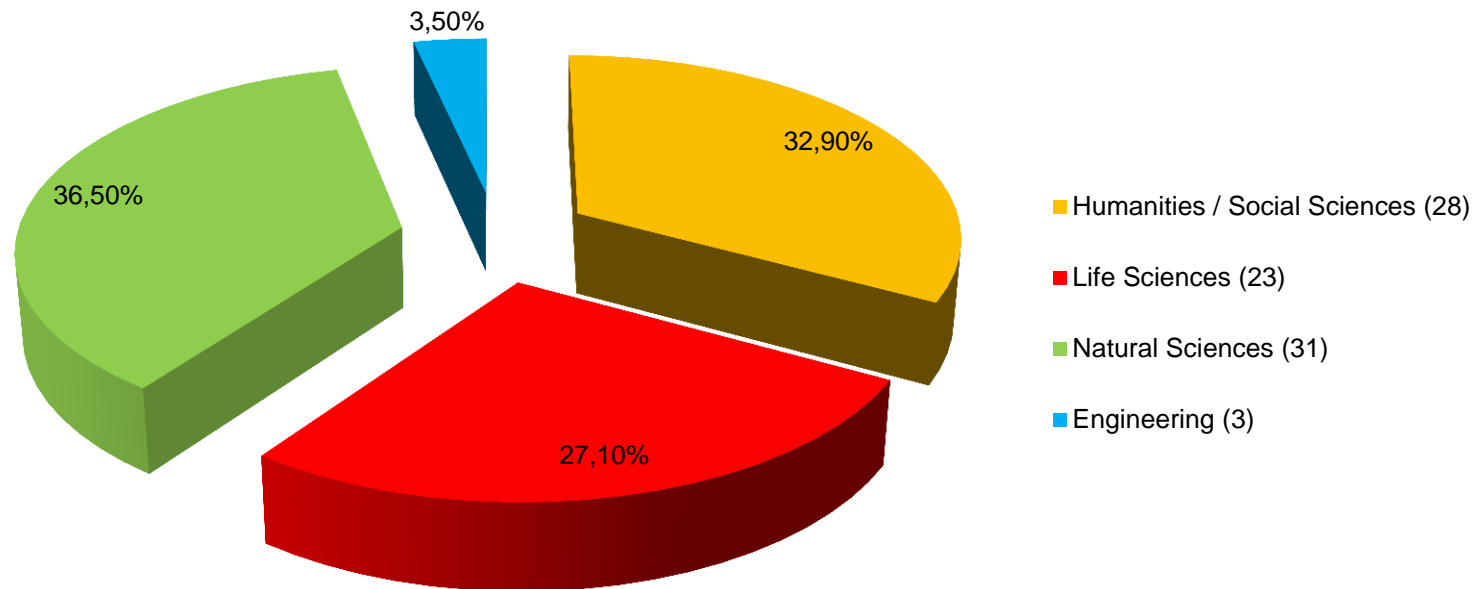
- more flexibility for research stay abroad:  
e.g. 12-18 months abroad + 6 months in Germany
- increased support for families during research stay abroad:  
e.g. adjustment of expatriate allowance
- researcher training/professional skills development

## ■ Context German funding landscape

## ■ Context MSCA/COFUND

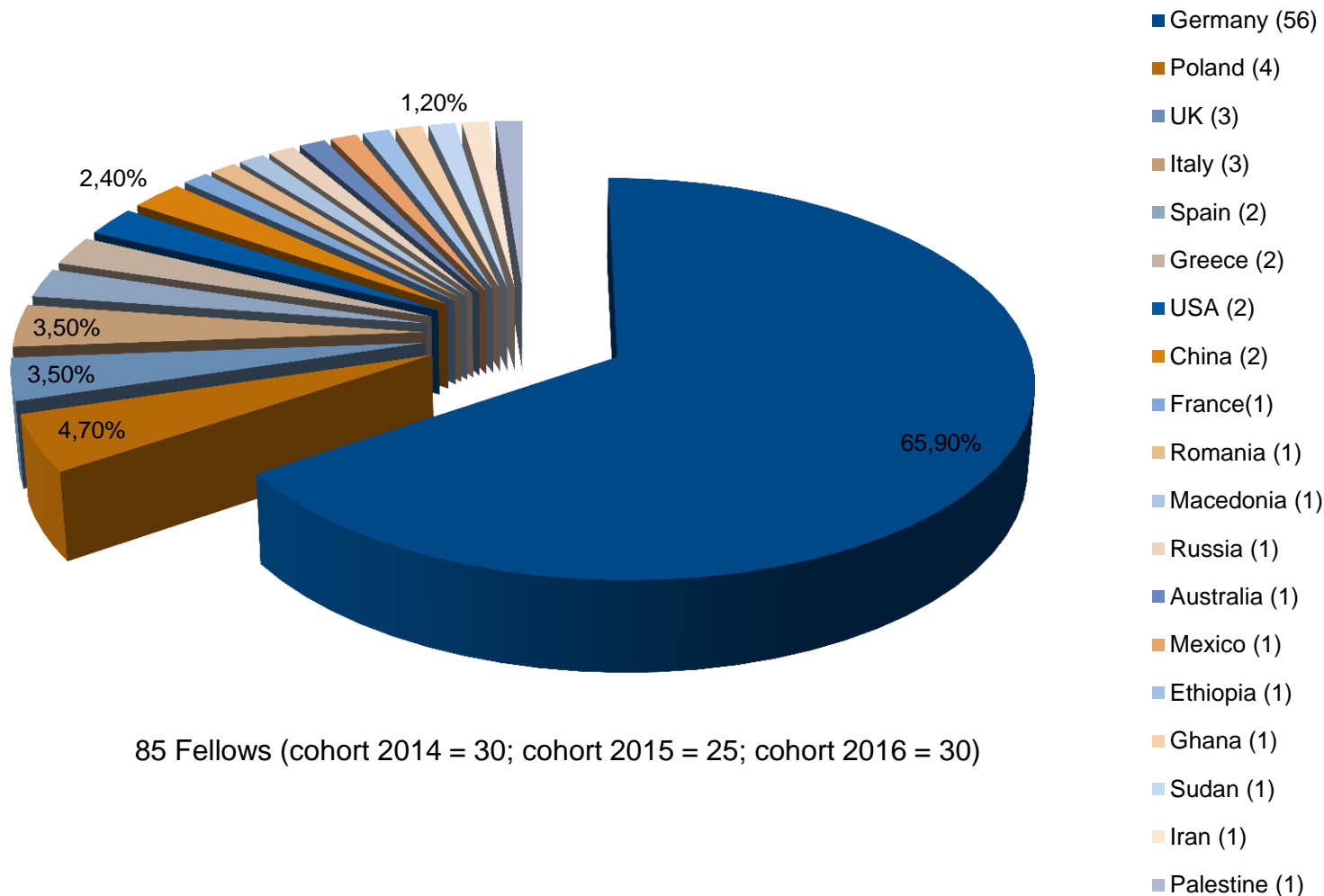
- H2020, Art. 32: „Charter“/„Code“
- researcher training / career development
- trans-sectoral mobility, career paths of equal value

# P.R.I.M.E. – Fellows by subject area, 2014 - 2016

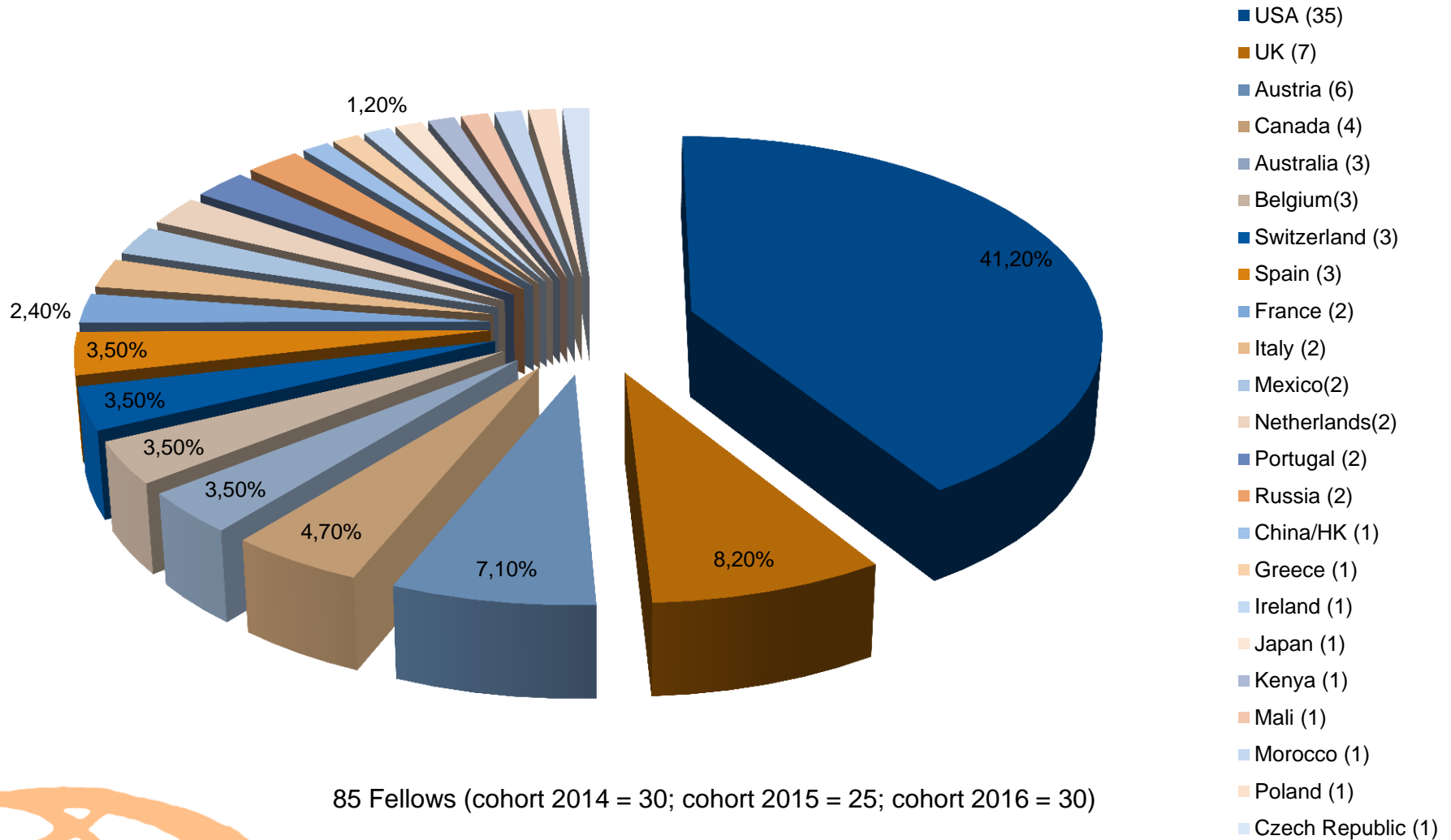


85 Fellows (cohort 2014 = 30; cohort 2015 = 25; cohort 2016 = 30)

# P.R.I.M.E. – Fellows by nationality, 2014 - 2016



# P.R.I.M.E. – Fellows by country of destination, 2014 - 2016



# P.R.I.M.E. Fellows: Career development, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> cohort



Jun.-Prof. Dr. Timothy Bartley, U Paderborn  
Quantum Optics



Jun.-Prof. Dr. Sebastian Jobs, FU Berlin  
North American Studies



Jun.-Prof. Dr. Malte Krack, U Stuttgart  
Aeronautical Engineering



Prof. Dr. Eleftheria Paliou, U Köln  
Archaeoinformatics



Jun.-Prof. Dr. Antonie Schmiz, U Osnabrück  
Geographic Migration Research



Jun.-Prof. Dr. Doris Reiter, U Münster  
Ultrafast optics in nanostructured solids



Jun.-Prof. Dr. Simon Lentner, U Hamburg  
Algebra and Number Theory



# Thank You!

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