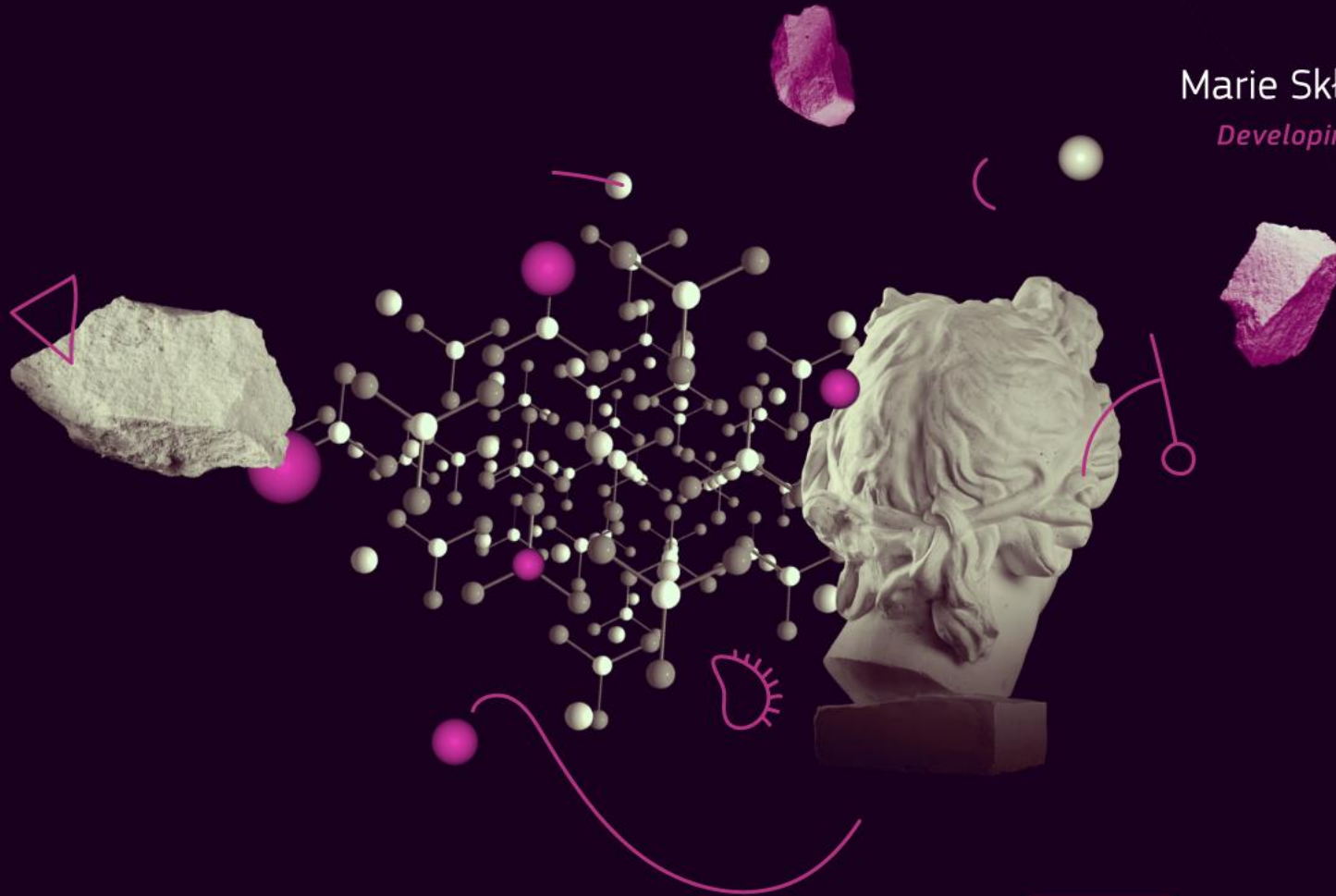




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# MSCA Choose Europe for Science

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# Choose Europe for Science

- € 500 million package for 2025-2027
  - ERC+ grants (seven-year grants) + relocation grants
  - MSCA Choose Europe for Science call (co-funded projects)
- Initiatives at national and regional level to attract international talent
- List of initiatives on [EURAXESS](https://euraxess.eu)
- New visa Strategy



# Timeline of Choose Europe for Science in MSCA

[Heitor Report](#) recommends a new co-funded Choose Europe scheme in MSCA

Launch of the [Choose Europe for Science campaign](#) by President von der Leyen

Launch of the consolidated [Choose Europe for Science package](#)

5 March

15 May

1 October –  
3 December

16 October

5 May

23 May

Publication of the [Union of Skills](#) Communication

Adoption of amended [2025 WVP](#) including the MSCA Choose Europe for Science pilot

Pilot call open for applications

# What is MSCA Choose Europe for Science?

## **Mono-beneficiary action:**

recruit and train researchers at postdoctoral level with a vision to employment beyond the project period

## **Focus:**

- tackling precarity in research careers
- spreading best practice through promoting high standards & excellent working conditions
- encouraging sustainable structuring effects and support existing good practices

# What issue does this call tackle?

## REDUCING THE PRECARIETY OF ACADEMIC RESEARCH CAREERS

OECD SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INDUSTRY POLICY PAPERS

May 2021 No. 113

## CESAER

The strong and united voice of universities of science and technology in Europe

## Research careers: A critical choice for Europe

Results, insights and recommendations from CESAER Research Careers Survey 2024

Initiative for Science in Europe  
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### Towards establishing funding schemes that promote academic Job Security for Early Career Researchers

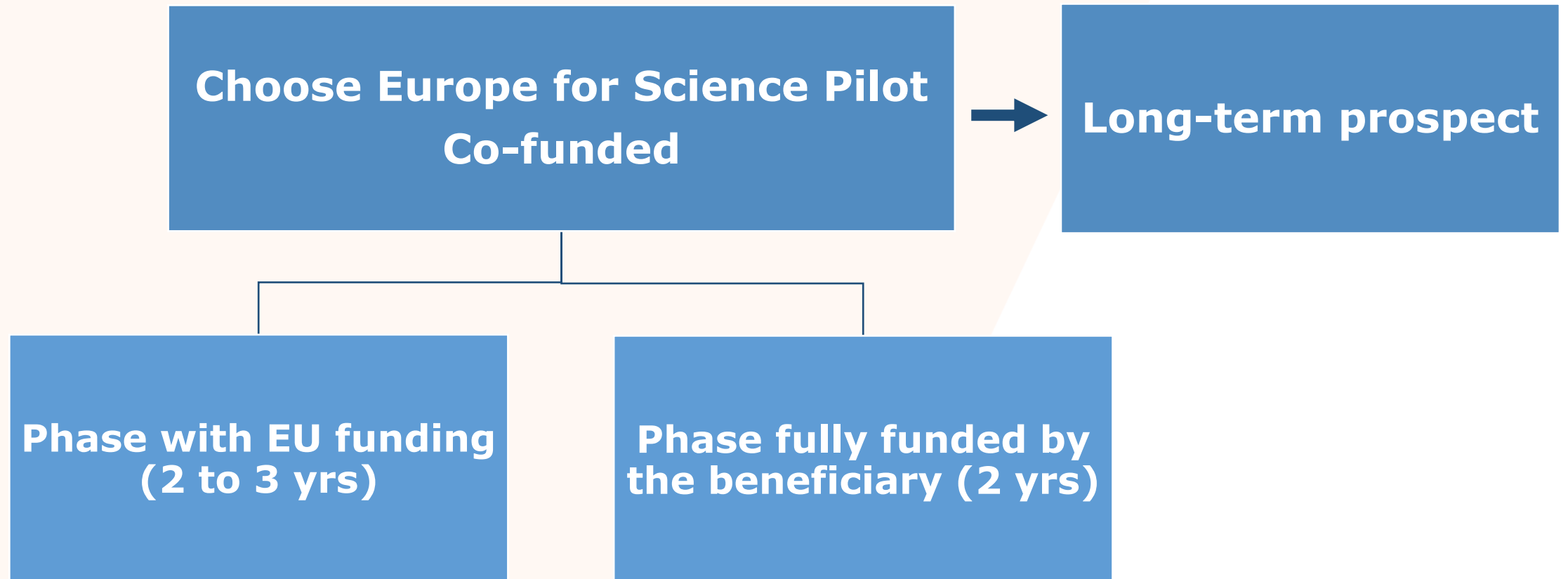
The low quality of career paths for researchers in Europe undermines the Union's capacity to compete with its main competitors in research: too many European researchers embrace academic careers outside the EU or give up such careers to embrace non-academic careers. The Council of the EU has adopted a [recommendation on researchers' careers](#) in December of 2023.

It is urgent to go one step further. In this paper, we argue for the establishment of an ambitious programme by the European Commission, in cooperation with national funders and universities/research institutions to foster job security for Early Career Researchers (ECR) in Europe. We focus here on researchers who have completed their doctorate, who are employed in Academia (universities and research performing or funding organisations), typically "R2" researchers (see below the discussion on terminology); it does not discuss the status and working conditions of doctoral candidates, nor the transition to non-academic careers, nor to research support functions' careers.

## Results of MSCA end of fellowship evaluation questionnaires (Horizon 2020) 2025 Update

Date of release:  
May 2025

# How is it implemented?



# What are we looking for?

## Excellence in...

- Research/academic objectives
- Selection procedures
- Working conditions
- Long-term prospects

## Impact through...

- Addressing human resource needs
- Spreading best practice

## Implementation plans that demonstrate...

- Quality, credibility and effectiveness
- Capacity of the recruiting institutions

# The Future of Choose Europe for Science in MSCA

## Work Programme 2025

- **Action:** Launch a pilot call
- **Aim:** Test modalities for encouraging secure research careers based
- **Status:** Call closes tomorrow
- **Next steps:** Evaluation of response

## Work Programme 2026-2027

- **Action:** Launch a scale-up
- **Aim:** Increase attractiveness for researchers and support for institutions

## Next Framework Programme

- **Action:** current reflections on how to integrate the Choose Europe dimension at a large scale



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pilot initiative



*Aucune initiative ne peut avoir plus d'importance que celles qui tendent à établir des liens internationaux entre les éléments pensant les plus actifs de l'humanité, et plus particulièrement entre les éléments jeunes dont dépend l'avenir.*

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**Thank you!**

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