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HORIZON EUROPE INFORMATION AND NETWORKING  
SESSION FOR CAS

# Session: Horizon Europe networking, & consortium



# Agenda – HE Information & Networking CAS

Thursday, 22 January 2026

15.00 – 15.30	Coffee break & networking
15.30 – 15.45	<p><b>Example of successful participation in a Horizon Europe project: partner from the Kyrgyz Republic</b></p> <p><b>Marat Abzhalbekovich Cholponkulov</b>, National Coordinator from Kyrgyzstan of the European Union Project “Sustainable Energy Connectivity in Central Asia” (SECCA) (2023–2026)</p>
15.45 – 16.30	<p><b>Networking for the preparation of Horizon Europe project proposals</b>, Manfred Spiesberger, GSF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• National Contact Points (NCPs) for Horizon Europe and the support they provide</li><li>• NCP projects aimed at strengthening networking, e.g. Horizon Europe Cluster 4 — NCP 4Industry</li><li>• How to build and join a consortium for preparing a Horizon Europe project proposal</li><li>• Networking and partner search tools</li><li>• Q&amp;A session</li></ul>
16.30	Free guided tour of the museum - offered to all interested participants

## HORIZON EUROPE INFORMATION & NETWORKING CAS

National Contact Points (NCPs) for Horizon Europe and the support they provide  
NCP projects aimed at strengthening networking,  
e.g. Horizon Europe Cluster 4 — NCP 4Industry



# National Contact Points (NCPs)



## Role of NCPs in Horizon Europe and NCP support

Support interested entities in participating in the European framework programme for research and innovation, Horizon Europe:

- Advise on the **application process, project management and project implementation**
  - ✓ Guidance on choosing relevant Horizon Europe topics and types of action
  - ✓ Advice on administrative procedures and contractual issues
  - ✓ Training and assistance on proposal writing
  - ✓ Distribution of documentation (forms, guidelines, manuals etc.)
  - ✓ Assistance in partner search

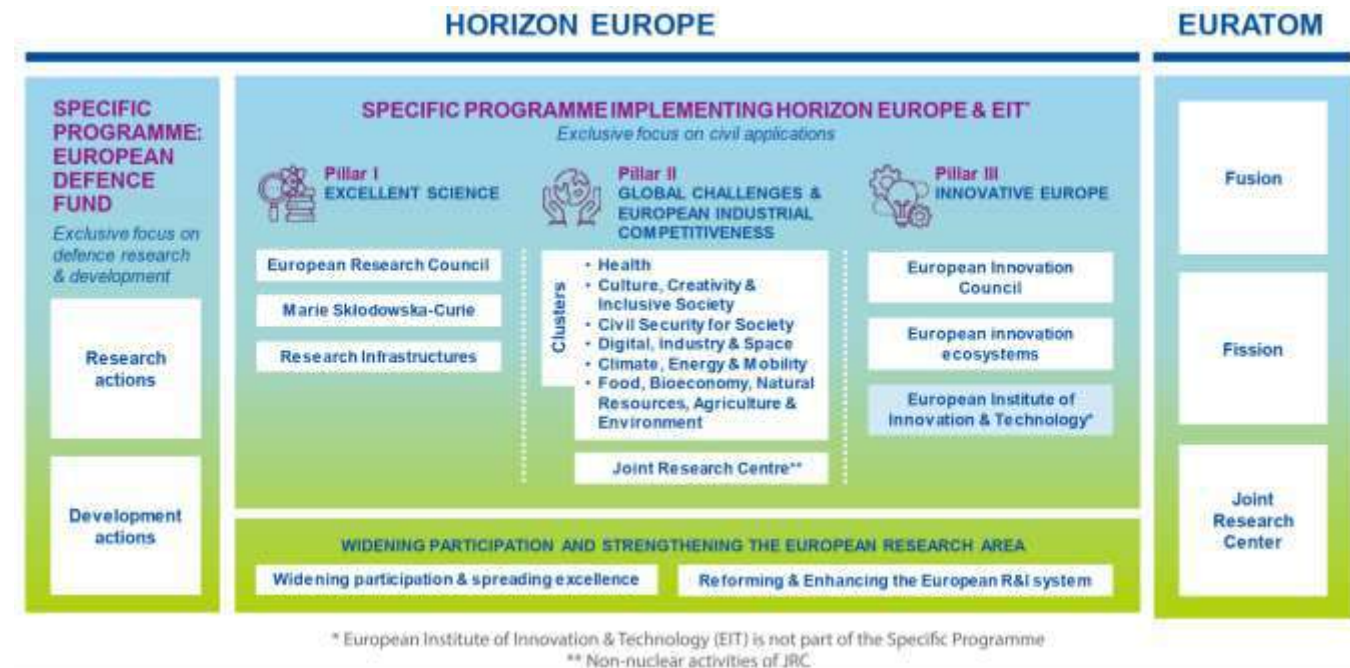
# NCP networking projects



## NCPs support each other!

Horizon Europe is complex and it takes time to understand the different aspects to offer high-quality support to national applicants.

Seasoned (national) NCP colleagues from other thematic areas might help new NCPs in the on-boarding process.



Additionally, the EU Commission is financing NCP networking projects. These projects offer, among other things, NCP best-practice exchanges across borders and capacity building activities in the same thematic area.

An overview of NCP networking projects can be found on the [Horizon Europe NCP Portal](#).

# NCP networking projects in CL4



Each thematic area has its own NCP project (CSA)



[Idealist2027](#) (Digital)

- First NCP networking project; established in 1996
- 33 project partners



[NCP4Industry Plus](#) (Industry)

- Established in 2004 (as COOREERS and NMT TEAM projects)
- 20 project partners



[COSMOS4HEplus](#) (Space)

- Established in 2007
- 15 project partners

# Partner search

- European **NCP networks, National NCPs**  
<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/ncp>



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# How to build and join a consortium for a HE project proposal & Networking and partner search instruments



# How to build a consortium?

## Type of participation within a Consortium

- Coordinator
  - Participants
  - Third-parties
- } Beneficiaries

## Keep in mind how the coordinator sees a right consortium

- Well balanced: geographical spread, expertise and type of organisation (Academia, Research centers, Industry, SMEs,...)
- Complementary partners: no overlaps
- Clear roles & functions
- Right size

# How to build a consortium?

Keep in mind how the coordinator sees consortium partners

- Should have **added value** in the project
- Could be from Academia, Industry, SMEs, NGOs, etc. – depending on the roles in the project
- Should be **committed**
- Should have skills in a **particular field**
- Should have **reputation** – for core partners
- Should ideally (not obligatory) have previous **experience** in international cooperation projects
- Should be reliable => **personal networks** are important!

# How to build a consortium?

- Check carefully the call text!
- Analyse what is requested, which partners and competences should be involved:
  - research,
  - industry,
  - small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs),
  - non-governmental organisations (NGOs),
  - municipalities/cities
  - international partner countries of the EU,
  - etc.
- Example HORIZON-CL4-2026-01-MATERIALS-PRODUCTION-12:  
“The mining industry and users of targeted raw materials should assume a prominent role in the proposed actions, supported by adequate allocation of resources .”


# How to build a consortium?

- Use **existing contacts with experience** of EU funding programmes
- Use **social media** (e.g. LinkedIn forums)
- Search the EC's **CORDIS database** for participants in similar projects in H2020 and Horizon Europe, in previous similar calls.  
Which type of partners are involved in such projects?  
What are the objectives of such projects?
- [http://cordis.europa.eu/projects/home\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/projects/home_en.html)

# How to build a consortium?

- EC's CORDIS database

An official website of the European Union How do you know? ▾

 Log in English  Search

**CORDIS - EU research results**


Home | Thematic Packs | Projects & Results | Videos & Podcasts | News | Datalab | Search

**CORDIS**coverypodcast

EUROPEAN EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2025 Shortlisted!

Home > Projects & Results > Horizon Europe > HORIZON\_HORIZON-CL4-2024-RESILIENCE-01-04

EN

 **Technologies for processing and refining of critical raw materials (IA)**

See all projects funded under this programme or topic

Actions should demonstrate new or improved systems integrating relevant processing and refining technologies for better recovery of raw materials from low grade and/or complex ores from extractive

# How to build a consortium?

- EC's CORDIS database – example of funded project



The screenshot shows the CORDIS - EU research results website. The header includes navigation links: Home, Thematic Packs, Projects & Results, Videos & Podcasts, News, Datalab, and Search. A banner for the European Excellence Awards 2025 is visible, featuring a 'Shortlisted!' badge and an illustration of a person wearing headphones. The breadcrumb trail reads: Home > Projects & Results > Horizon Europe > [SCIMIN-CRM] Sustainable & Circular Production of MINeral Critical Raw Materials.

The main title of the project is **[SCIMIN-CRM] Sustainable & Circular Production of MINeral Critical Raw Materials**, with a 'Fact Sheet' button below it. The 'Project description' section includes language selection buttons (DE, EN, ES, FR, IT, PL) and the title **Sustainable European production of raw materials**. The description text states: 'Europe's dependence on raw materials, often imported from external sources, has created significant sustainability challenges. The demand for raw materials across various sectors, coupled with current methods that are highly polluting and harmful to the environment, has made the transition to sustainable practices very challenging. The EU-funded SCIMIN-CRM project aims to leverage European material-waste frameworks to enhance access to primary and secondary raw materials. It plans to develop streamlined processes and a digital platform that will improve the assessment of raw material sites and provide more sustainable methods for extracting and transporting resources. Additionally, the project will focus on developing techniques for recycling discarded materials into valuable resources.'

The 'Project Information' sidebar on the right contains the following details:

- SCIMIN-CRM**
- Grant agreement ID: 101177746
- DOI: [10.3030/101177746](https://doi.org/10.3030/101177746)
- EC signature date: 21 August 2024
- Start date: 1 October 2024
- End date: 30 September 2028
- Funded under: Digital, Industry and Space

A hand icon points to the DOI link. The European Commission logo is in the bottom right corner.



# Networking - COST programme - <https://www.cost.eu/>

## COST - European Cooperation in Science and Technology

- a funding organisation for research and innovation networks
- Mobility, conferences, short-term stays, networking, small-scale funding
- bottom-up networks with a duration of four years that boost research, innovation and careers
- **Good opportunity for building R&I networks & preparing HE projects**
- Colleagues from CAS are participating in some actions





# Partner search

Use Partner Search on the Funding and tenders portal – under the specific topic you are interested in.

Example:

**HORIZON-CL5-2026-02-D3-05**

Cluster 5 – Energy

Open call – deadline  
17 Feb. 2026

Solar energy

The screenshot displays the EU Funding & Tenders Portal interface. At the top, the European Commission logo and the portal name are visible, along with a 'Sign in' button and a language selector set to 'EN'. A navigation bar includes links for Home, Funding, Procurement, Projects & results, News & events, Work as an expert, and Guidance & documents. A search bar is located on the right. The breadcrumb trail indicates the path: Home > Funding > Calls for proposals > Demonstration of thermal energy storage solutions for solar thermal plants and systems.

The main heading is 'Demonstration of thermal energy storage solutions for solar thermal plants and systems' with the identifier 'HORIZON-CL5-2026-02-D3-05'. Below this, a 'Topic' button is labeled 'Call for proposal'.

An 'Internal navigation' sidebar on the left lists the following options: General information, Topic description, Destination, Conditions and documents, Budget overview, Partner search announce..., Start submission, Topic Q&As, and Get support.

The 'General information' section contains the following details:

- Programme:** Horizon Europe (HORIZON)
- Call:** Cluster 5 Call 02-2026 (WP 2025) (HORIZON-CL5-2026-02)
- Type of action:** HORIZON-IA HORIZON Innovation Actions
- Type of MGA:** HORIZON Action Grant Budget-Based [HORIZON-AG]
- Deadline model:** single-stage
- Opening date:** 16 September 2025
- Deadline date:** 17 February 2026 17:00:00 Brussels time

A green button labeled 'Open For Submission' is present next to the MGA information.

The 'Topic description' section begins with 'Expected Outcome:' and states that project results are expected to contribute to some of the following expected outcomes:

- Significant reduction of LCOHS (Levelised Cost of Heat Storage) and/or LCOE (Levelised Cost of Energy);
- Technological maturity level from successful demonstration and de-risking of thermal energy storage solutions that improves the dispatchability of solar thermal plants and/or

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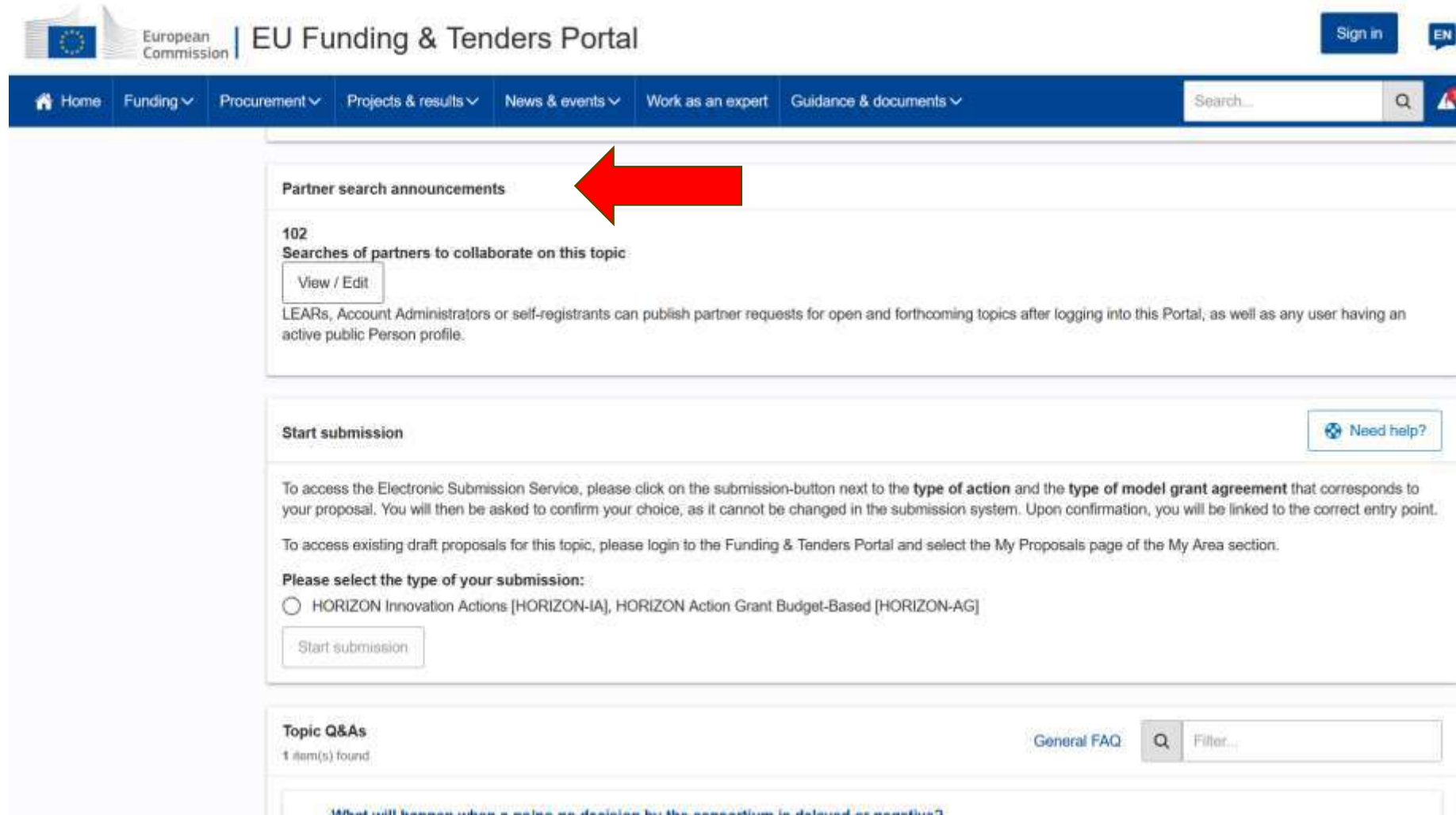
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European Commission | EU Funding & Tenders Portal

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**Partner search announcements**

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Searches of partners to collaborate on this topic:

[View / Edit](#)

LEARs, Account Administrators or self-registrants can publish partner requests for open and forthcoming topics after logging into this Portal, as well as any user having an active public Person profile.

**Start submission** [Need help?](#)

To access the Electronic Submission Service, please click on the submission-button next to the **type of action** and the **type of model grant agreement** that corresponds to your proposal. You will then be asked to confirm your choice, as it cannot be changed in the submission system. Upon confirmation, you will be linked to the correct entry point.

To access existing draft proposals for this topic, please login to the Funding & Tenders Portal and select the My Proposals page of the My Area section.

**Please select the type of your submission:**

☐ HORIZON Innovation Actions [HORIZON-IA], HORIZON Action Grant Budget-Based [HORIZON-AG]


[Start submission](#)

**Topic Q&As** [General FAQ](#)

1 item(s) found

What will happen when a policy decision by the consortium is delayed or negative?

# Partner search - HORIZON-CL5-2026-02-D3-05



European Commission

EU Funding & Tenders Portal

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Partner search announcements for the topic

Topic information

Topic  
**Demonstration of thermal energy storage solutions for solar thermal plants and systems**  
ID  
**HORIZON-CL5-2026-02-D3-05**  
Expertise offers  
**96**  
Expertise requests  
**6**

Published

Search by name, description...

Expertise request, Expertise offer ▼

Q Search

102 item(s) found

Request date

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Organisation type	Small or medium-size enterprise	Type of request	Expertise offer
Country/Territory	Greece	Request date	03 Dec 2025
Status	Published		

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# Horizon Europe info days

- [https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/events/horizon-europe-info-days\\_en](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/events/horizon-europe-info-days_en)



[Home](#) > [Events](#) > [Horizon Europe info days](#)

## Horizon Europe info days

The EU research and innovation programme 2021 – 2027

The Horizon Europe info days give to prospective applicants and other stakeholders of EU research and innovation the opportunity to get information and ask questions about the main funding instruments, processes of [Horizon Europe](#).

You can contact the [Research Enquiry Service](#) to find out more about research in Europe, the EU's research and innovation funding programmes as well as calls for proposals and project funding.

### Upcoming info days



Info days

[Horizon Europe info days – WIDERA Work Programme ERA calls](#)

Thursday 11 December 2025, 10:00 – 15:30



Info days

[Horizon Europe info days – Cluster 5](#)

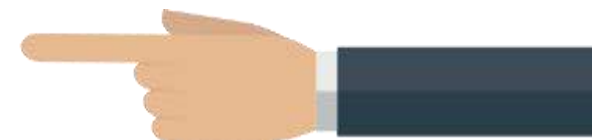
Thursday 15 January 2026, 09:00 – 15:30 (CET)



Info days

[Horizon Europe info days – EU Missions](#)

Tuesday 20 January 2026, 09:30



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# Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)

Doctoral  
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Postdoctoral  
Fellowships

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Exchanges

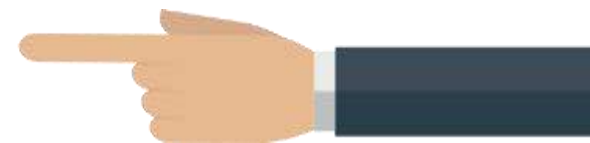
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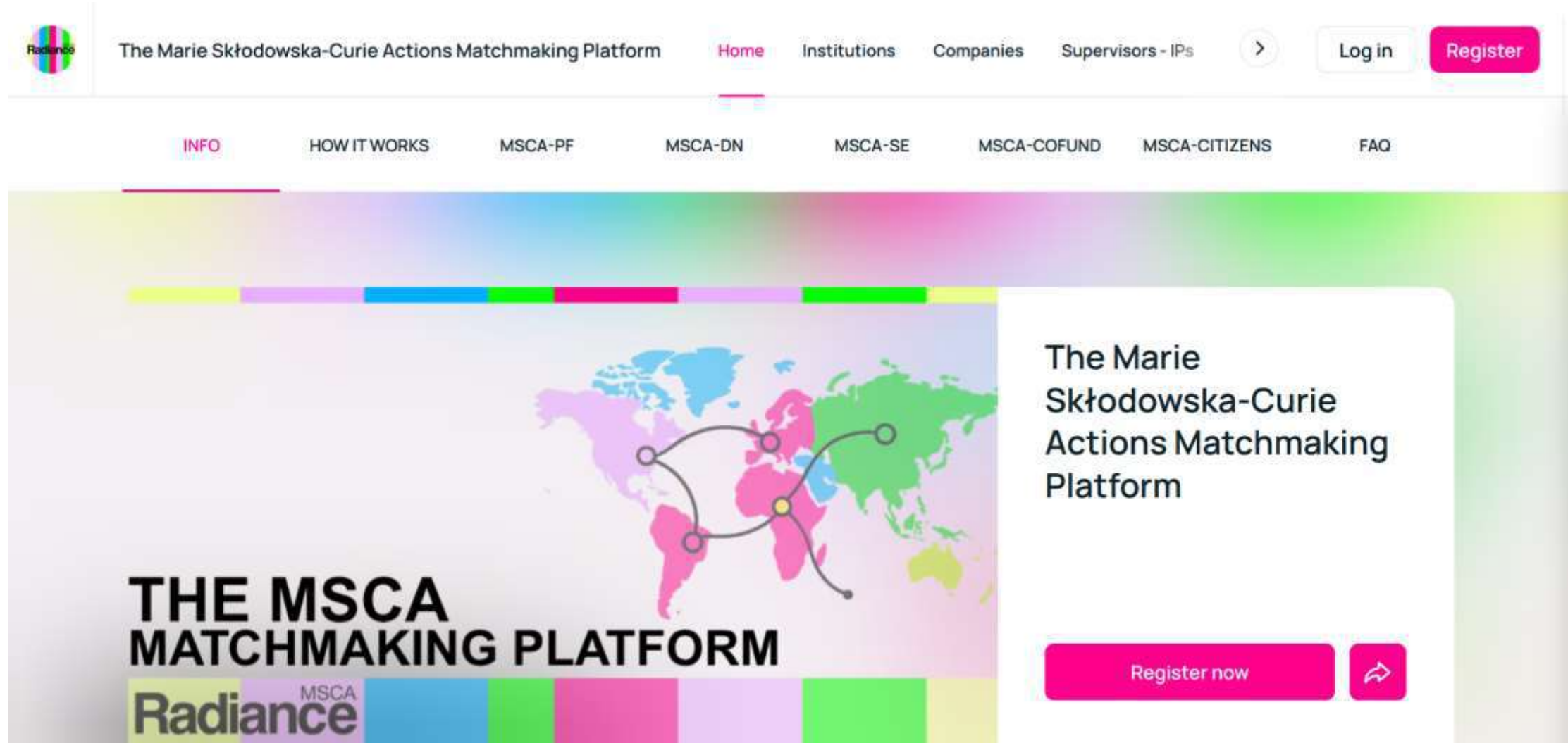
**Particularly interesting in our context:**

- Doctoral Networks (MSCA-DN)
- Postdoctoral Fellowships (MSCA –PF)
- Staff Exchanges (MSCA-SE)



# The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Matchmaking Platform

- <https://www.b2match.com/e/radiance-msca>



# EURAXESS – researcher mobility & job opportunities (e.g. of MSCA DN & Choose Europe)

- <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/>

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