



**MSCA-ITN-2019: Innovative Training Networks-
The European Training Networks (ETN) sub-programme**

General outline:

ETN is a PhD funding scheme that aims to train highly-skilled researchers and stimulate entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation in Europe. ETN provides funding for a network of PhD awarding institutions where each is recruiting PhDs which are also trained through secondment in other institutes in the networks.

Although not a formal eligibility requirement, it is expected that beneficiaries will be drawn from different sectors and that ETN proposals will offer intersectoral and interdisciplinary research training as well as high-quality supervision arrangements.

Composition of the Network

An ETN must be composed of **at least three organisations** located in different H2020 member countries (see list below). Additional beneficiaries or partner organisations can be from **any country**. The typical size of an ETN consortium is 6-10 beneficiaries and participation of the non-academic sector is expected.

Example: a consortium composed of universities in France, Israel, Malta and Italy, the national railway in France, and a data analytics SME in Poland propose an ETN in the field of improved cross-border mobility schemes for the elderly. Each recruited PhD students will receive training in advanced data analytics and large-scale data collection from the industrial partners, and will undertake secondments to the other university partners for their field work, up to a maximum of 30% of their recruitment period. In addition to local training courses at the fellows' respective hosts, the consortium will offer network-wide training modules, including transferable skills training. Two Summer Schools will provide in-depth training and networking opportunities, while a final conference will offer dissemination and outreach opportunities.

Recruitment conditions:

Researchers can be of **any nationality**, but you cannot recruit PhD students currently residing in your own country. Thus, recruited PhD students are required to undertake transnational mobility (i.e. move from one country to another for the PhD posting) when taking up their appointment. Nationality is therefore not a criterion. Rather the location of the researcher's residence or main activity during the 3 years prior to their recruitment is determining.

All beneficiaries must recruit and host eligible PhD students.

Secondments of an individual PhD student to other beneficiaries and/or partner organisations can be up to a maximum of 30% of their recruitment period.



Financial aspects:

- EU contribution per grant agreement is limited to a maximum of 540 PhD months (i.e. 15 PhDs in a 36 month programme).
- EU contribution is divided between funding given to the PhD student and funding given to the PhD awarding institution.

Each PhD student receives:

1. a monthly living allowance of **€3,270 per month** (adjusted to a country correction coefficient, according to local cost of living);
2. A mobility allowance of **€600 per month**;
3. A family allowance of **€500 per month** - for eligible PhD students

Each Institution receives:

1. **€1,800** per PhD student person-month for Research, Training and Network Costs (40% of this funding will be used to cover local university costs and 60% of this funding will be used to cover consortium training costs – summer schools, seminars, conferences, dissemination etc.)
 2. **€1,200** per PhD student person-month for Management and Overheads. (40% of this funding will be used to cover daily consortium management costs – consortium manager salary and associated travel and 60% will remain in the institution for local management and overheads)
- Maximum of 40% of the total EU financial contribution may be allocated for the benefit of organisations within one country.

Expected deadline: Jan 10th, 2019

list of H2020 member countries

All EU-28 countries, Iceland, Norway, Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, FYR Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey, Israel, Moldova, Switzerland, Faroe Islands. Ukraine (excluding the Autonomous Republic of Crimea or the city of Sevastopol), Tunisia and Georgi