



# Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

## Focus on MSCA COFUND

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# FOCUS on MSCA COFUND

# What is MSCA COFUND?

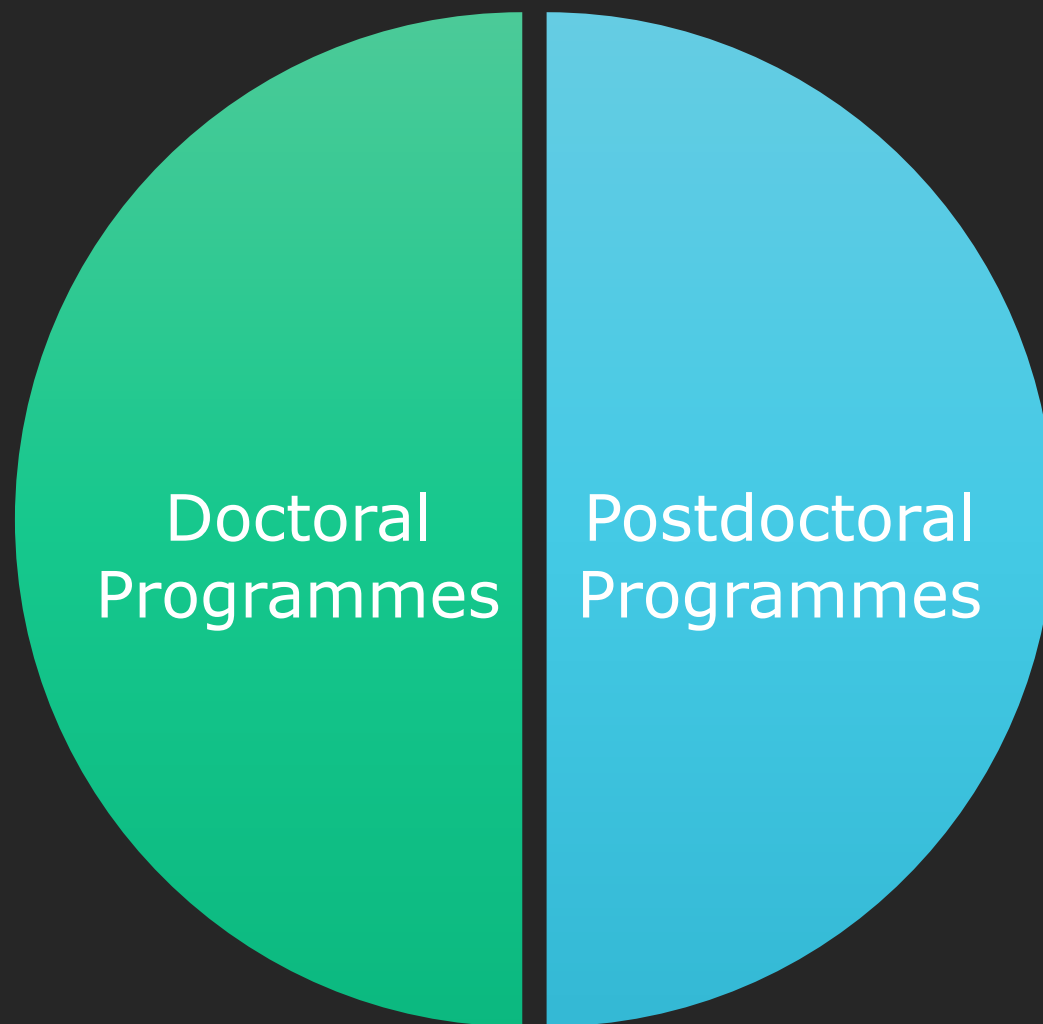
**Mono-beneficiary  
action:**

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

**Focus:**

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

# COFUND Modalities



# COFUND – For whom?



Single legal entity  
established in an EU  
Member State



Single legal entity  
established in HE  
associated country



Minimum of 3  
researchers must be  
recruited

# COFUND Academic & non-academic sectors

## Academic sector

Higher education establishments  
Non-profit research organisations  
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



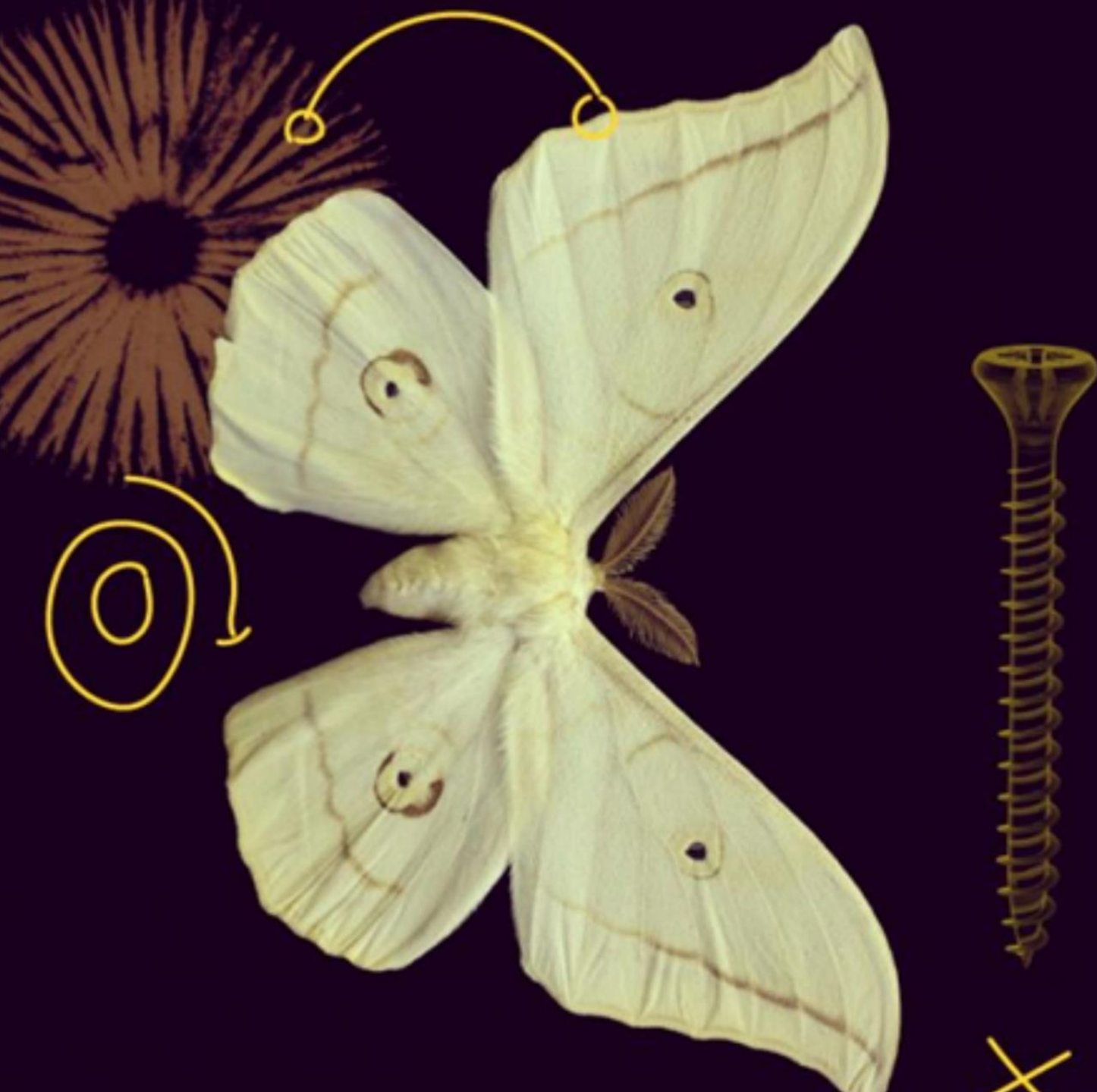


# **COFUND – Possible structures**

## **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**

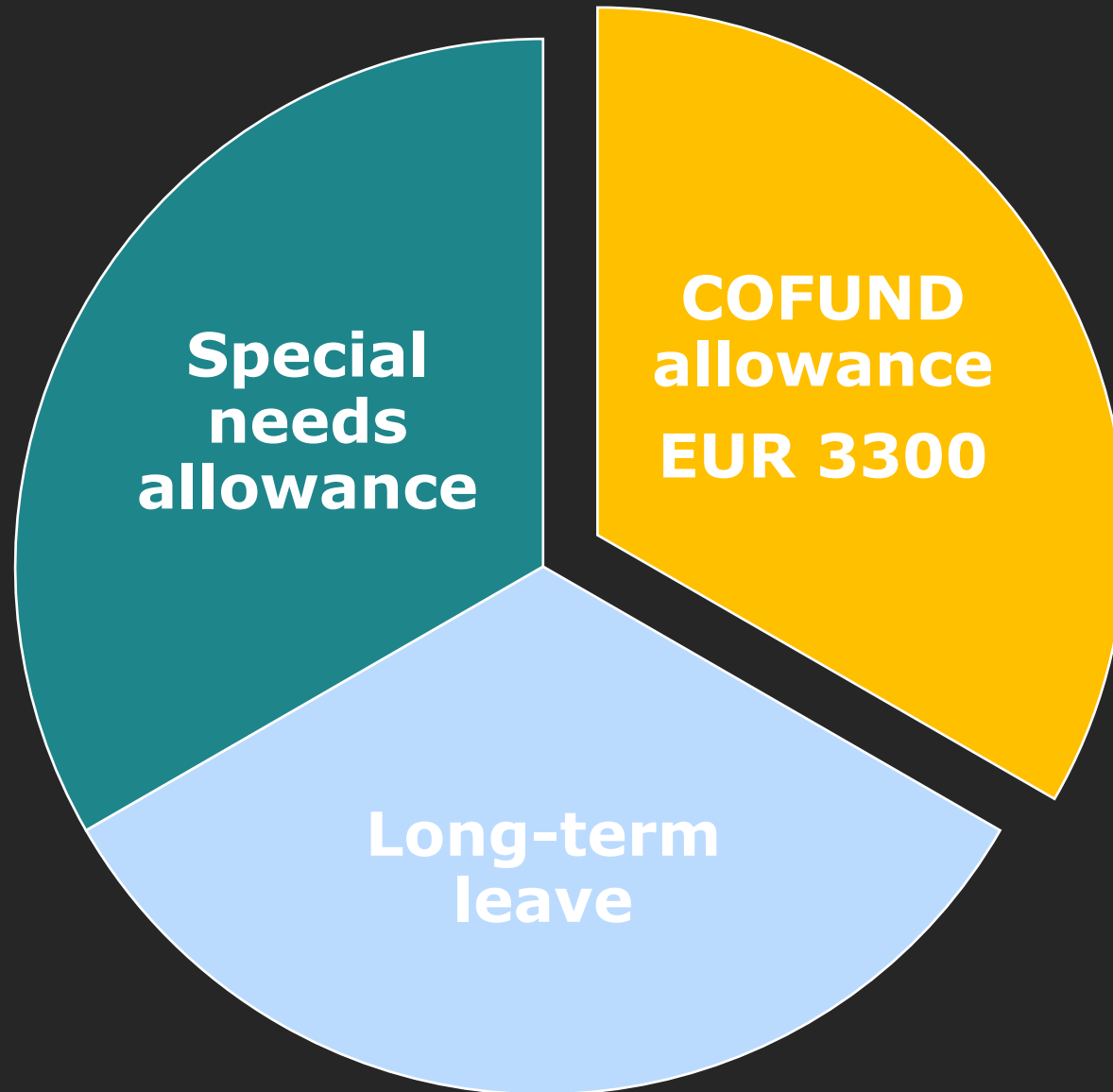
**Implementation**

**COFUND**

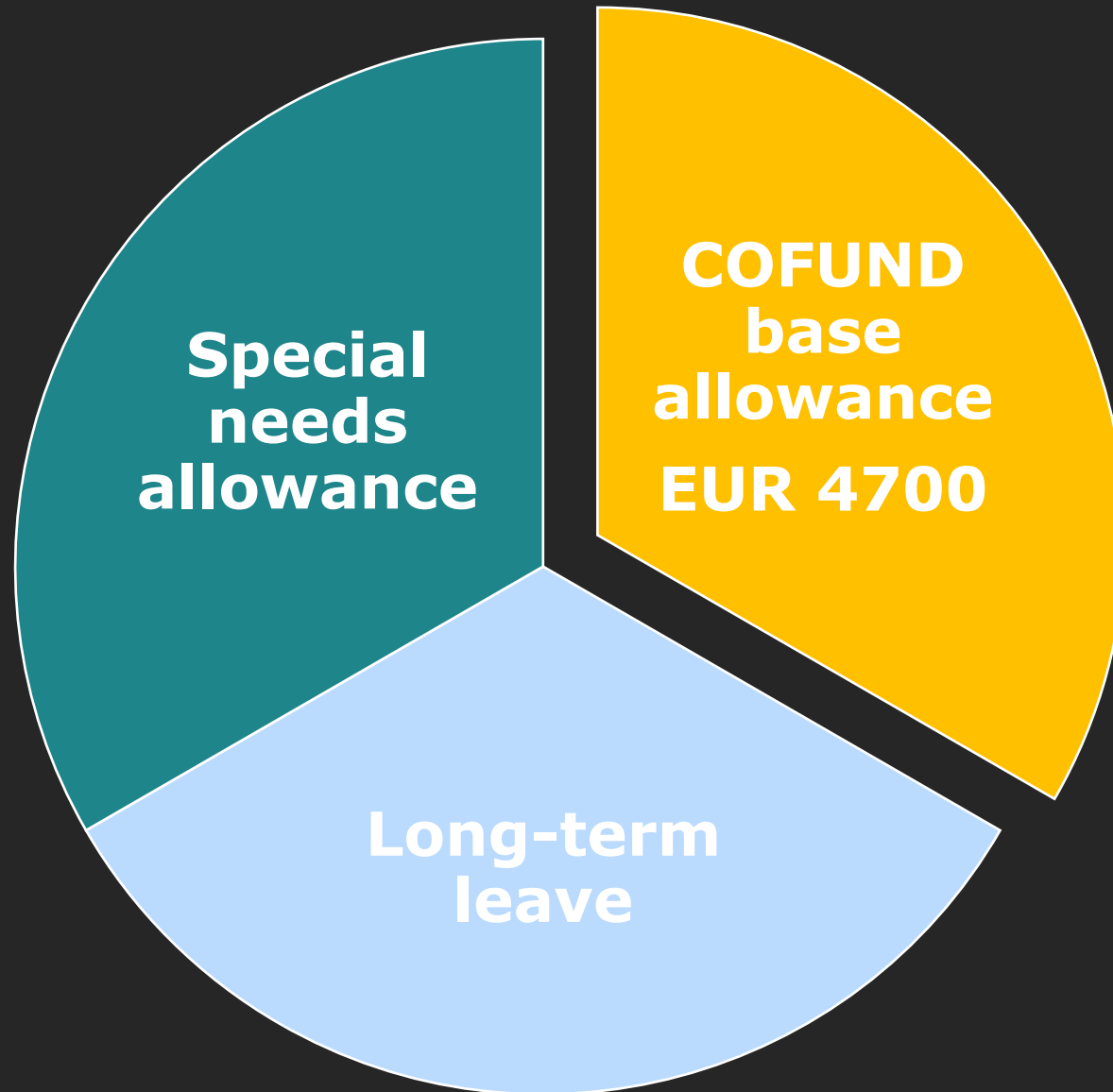
Budget structure & Project implementation

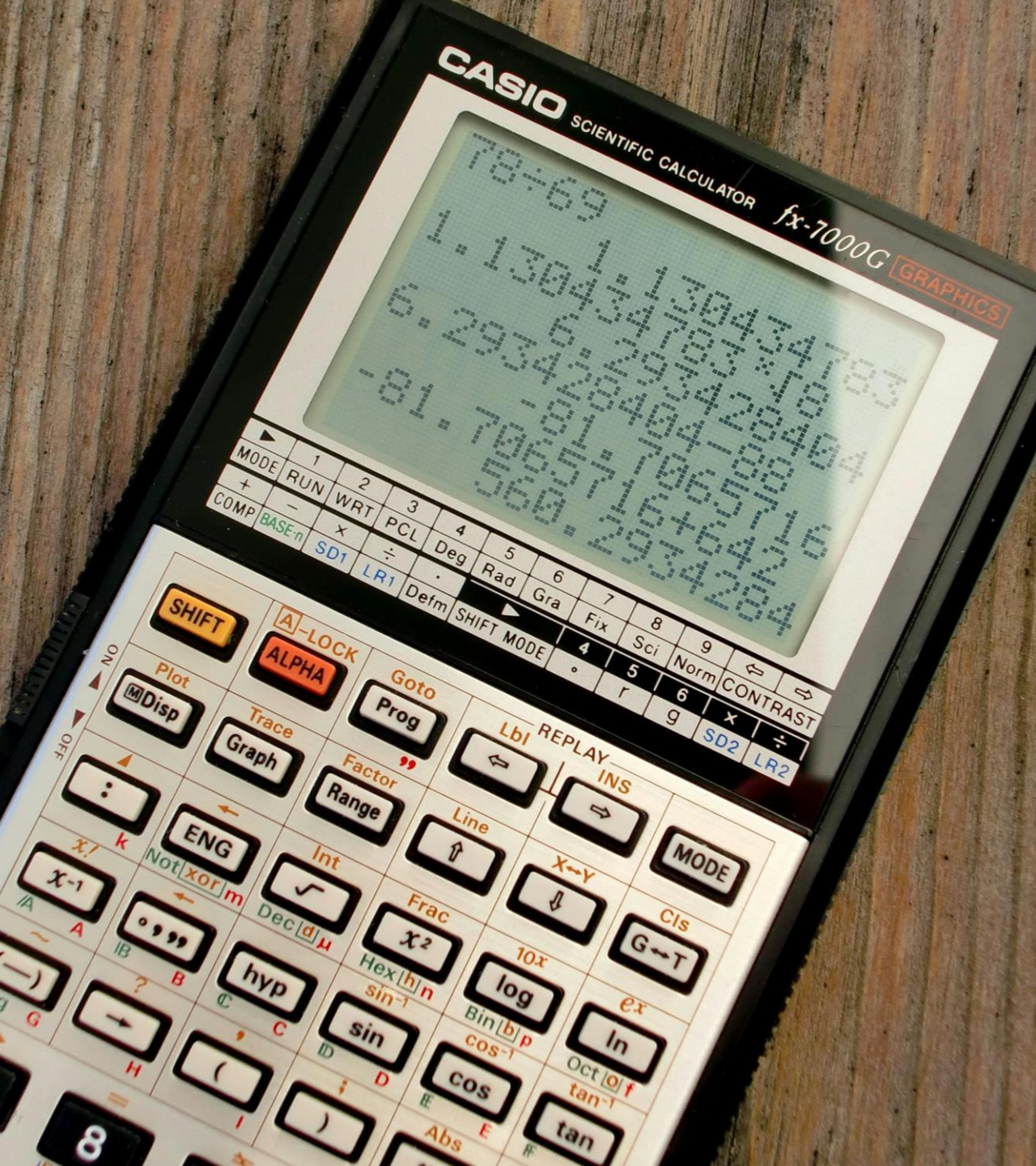


# Doctoral Programme Contributions



# Postdoctoral Programme Contributions



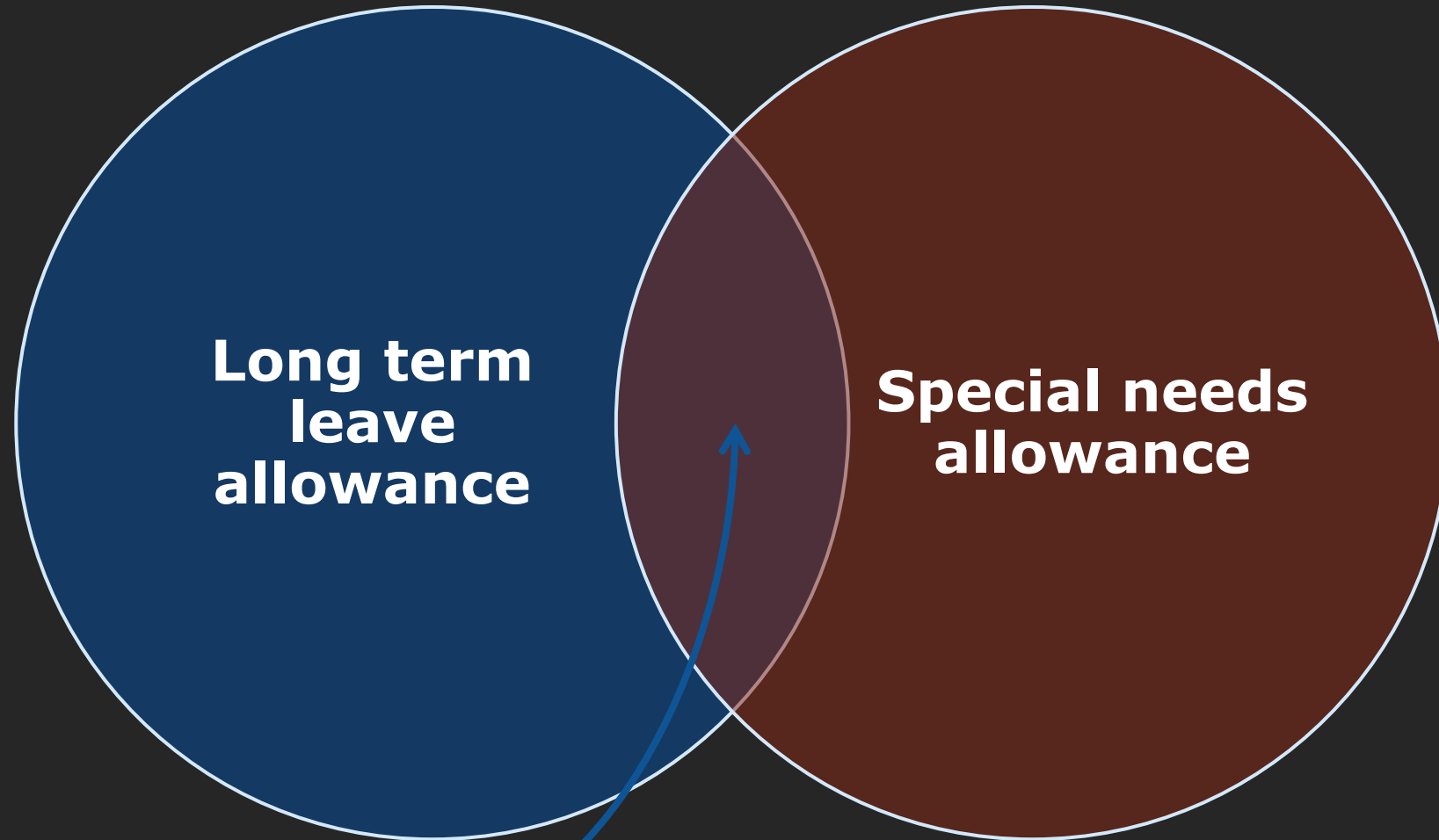


# Total budget of co-funded programme

Applicants specify:

- The total cost of proposed programme
- The amounts for benefit of researchers & for implementing organisation(s)

# COFUND – Cost categories



**Upon request**

# COFUND – Project implementation

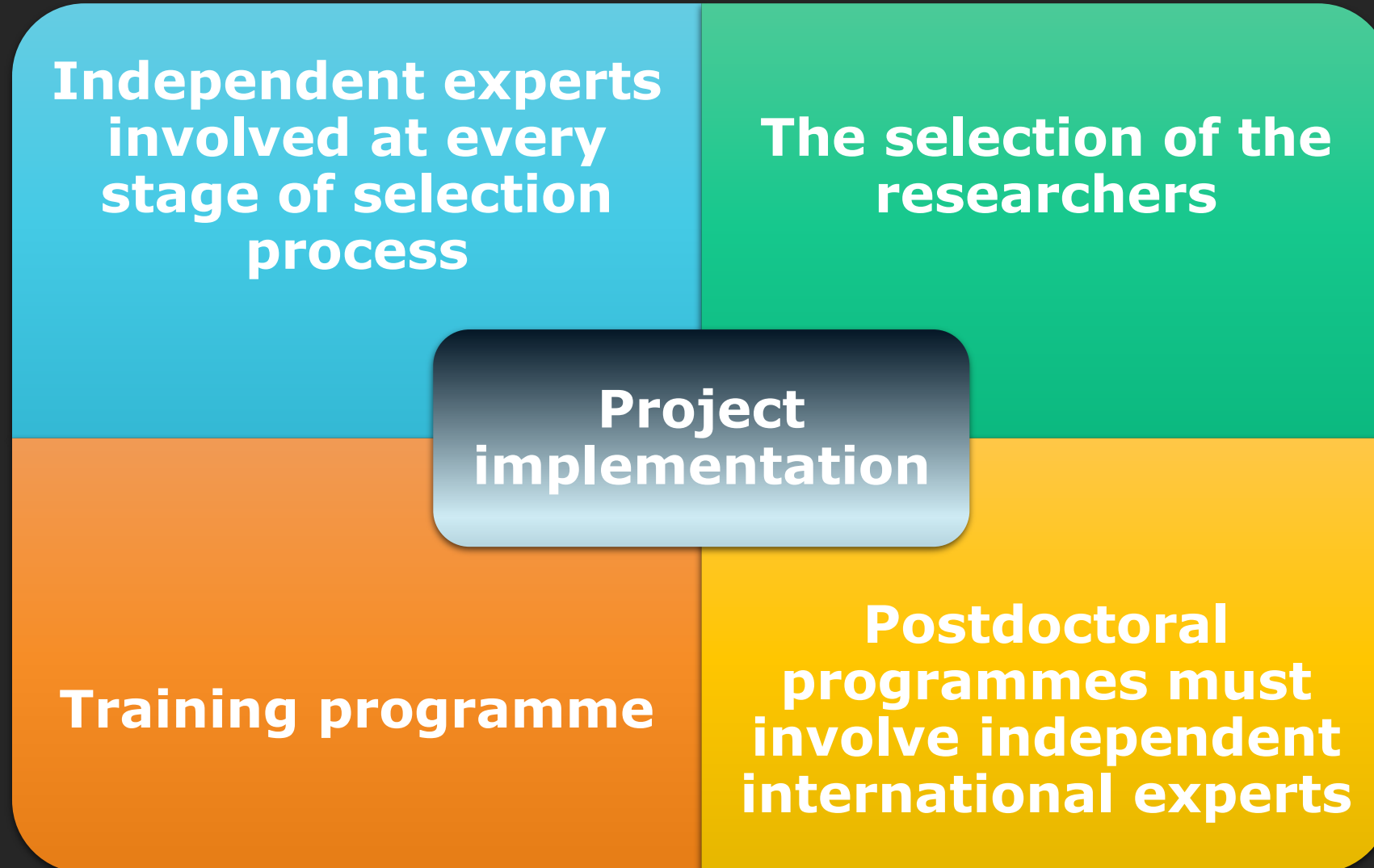


Employment  
contract or  
equivalent direct  
contract



No fixed-amount  
fellowships

# COFUND – Project implementation



# 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 information	

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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**

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**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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limit**

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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

# Thank you!

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