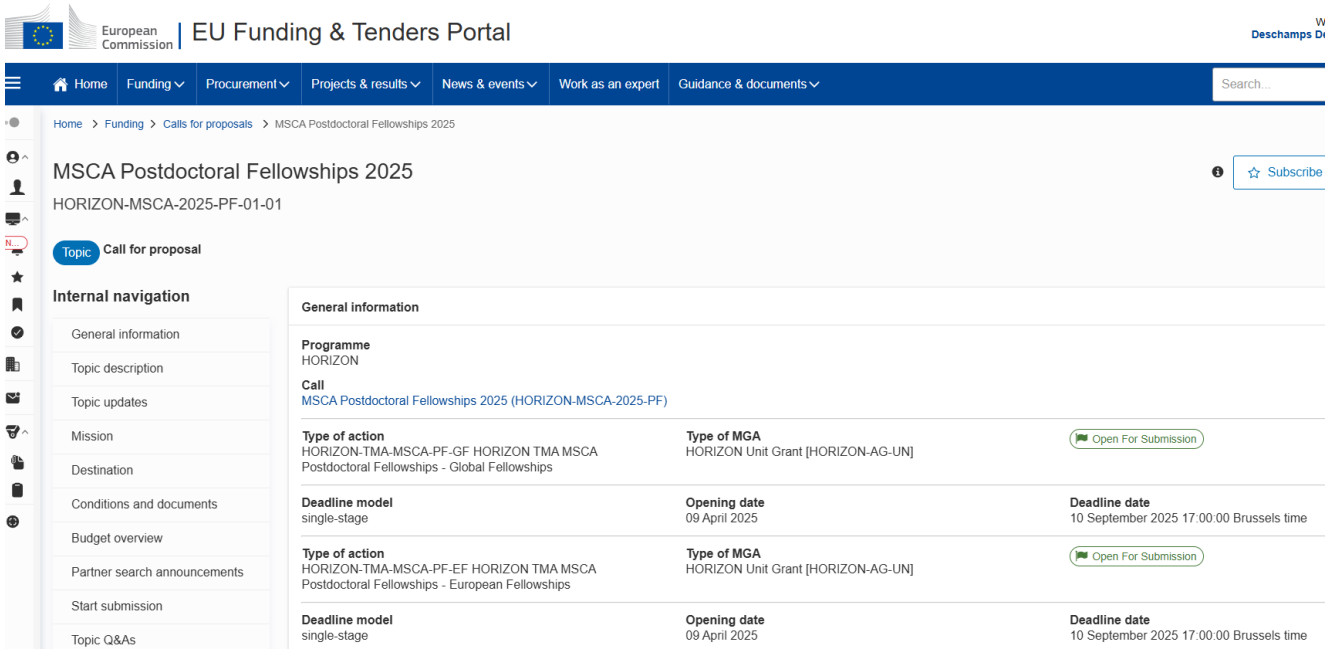
June 25th, 2025
Workshop : MSCA PF applications

# Tips, resources and recommendations for applicants

Presented by the SAAP

# Create your proposal on the Funding and Tenders Portal

- Create a personnal account on the Funding & Tenders portal
  - Search : EU Funding & Tenders Portal
- Search : MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2025
  - HORIZON-MSCA-2025-PF-01-01
  - If you wish to open your application today, stay until the end of this presentation



# Data to register on the funding and tenders portal

| PSL institution | Contact information | PIC |
|---|---|---|
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| Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes (EPHE) | melanie.fiol@ephe.psl.eu | 998 225 837 |
| Observatoire de Paris | helene.veillard@observatoiredeparis.psl.eu | 999 623 122 |
| Ecole nationale des Chartes | stephanie.louis@chartes.psl.eu | 943 444 408 |

When in doubt, feel free to contact us !

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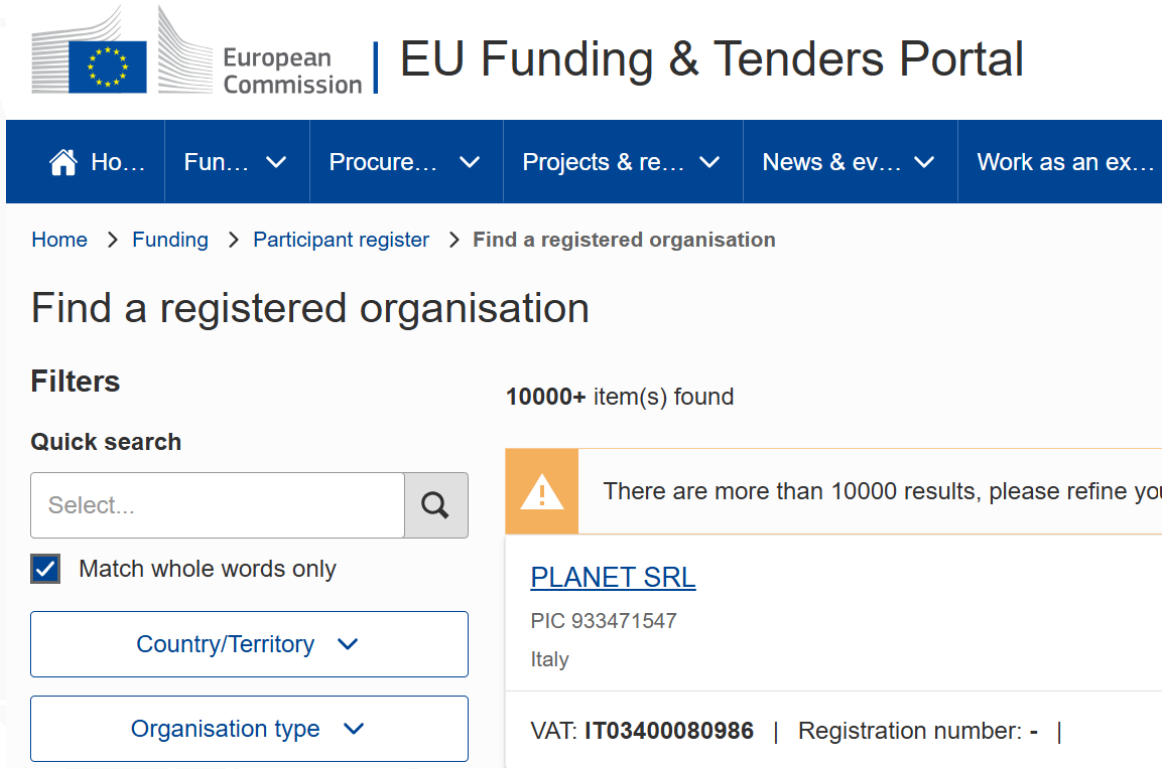
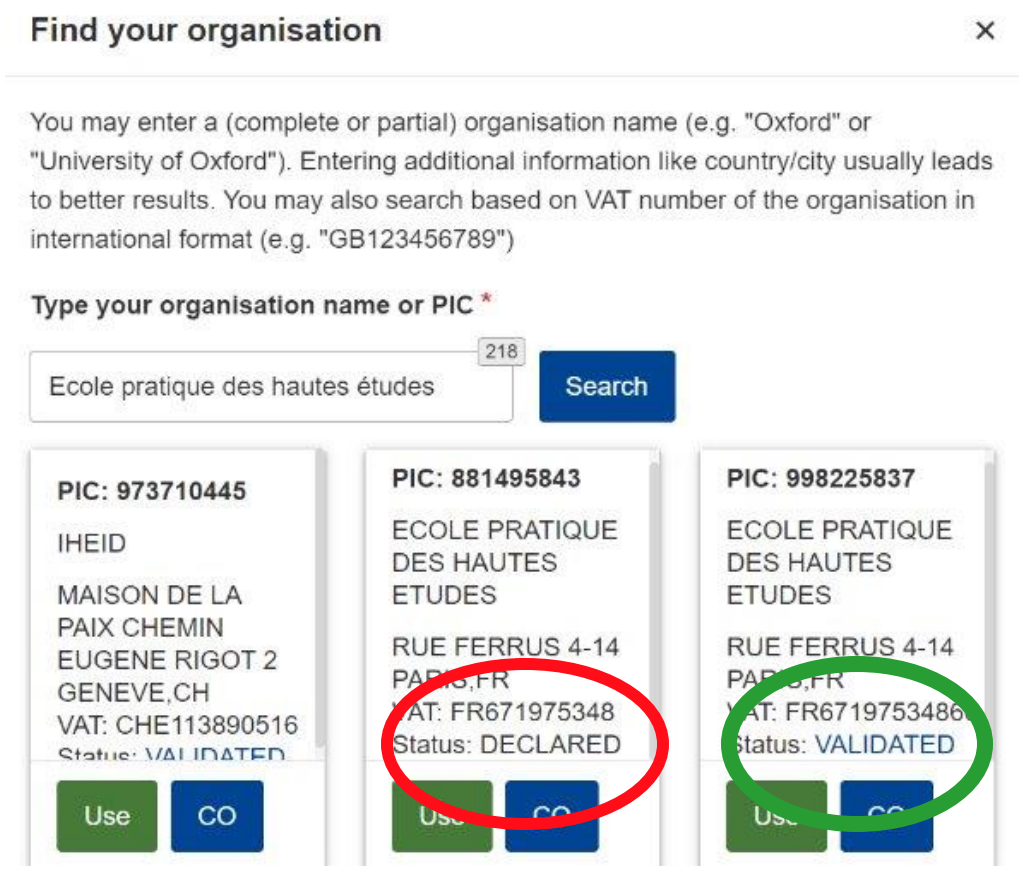
# Find a PIC on the Funding and Tenders portal




- Search for a PIC on the Funding and Tenders database
- Make sure to select a **validated** PIC
- Confirm with your host institution!

# Complete your application on the portal

- Complete the Administrative Forms (part A)
  - Start as early as possible: it is not difficult but can be time-consuming
- Write your research project according to the template (part B1)
  - Download the up-to-date template from the Funding & Tenders portal / application page
- Complete part B2 along with your host institution
  - Contact your host institution as early as possible !

# Send us your draft!

- Involve your supervisor and your host institution research support office to improve your proposal

- For those applying to PSL institution, the SAAP recommends that you send us an **early draft** by **July 7th** for a first feedback at saap@ens.psl.eu

- You may send your proposal for a final **proofreading** by **September 1st**

# Resources to help you write your research project (Part B1)

- MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships **handbook** (call 2024)
  - Guide on how to write each section of the proposal (part A, part B1 and B2), including strenghts and weaknesses from evaluation summary reports

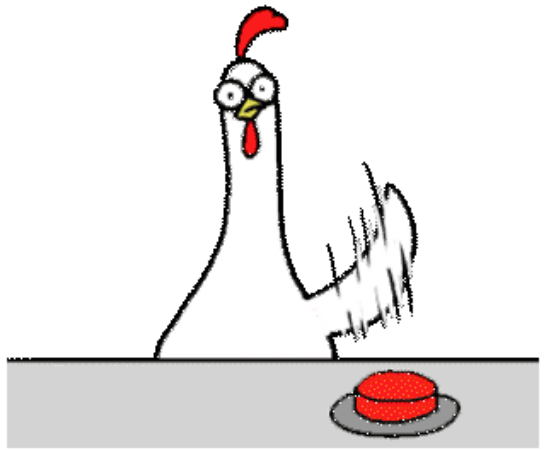
- (very detailed) **Drafting tips** based on reviews by French National Contact Point
  - PPT in English

# Tips when submitting your proposal online

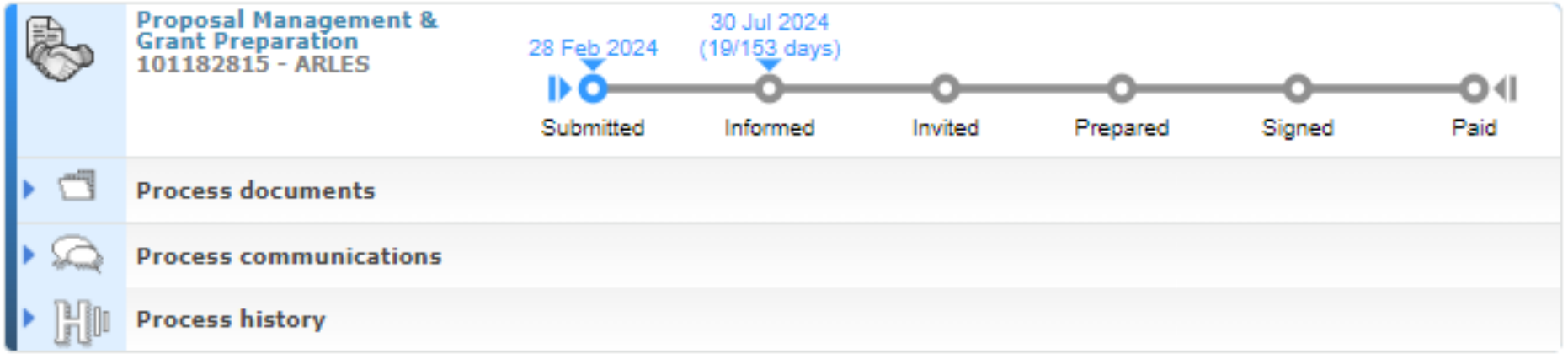
- **Deadline : September 10th, 5 PM** (CET)

- You may **submit as many times** as you want before the deadline: each new submission will erase the previous one

- **<u>Do not wait</u>** until the last day to submit : the Funding & Tenders portal can be **saturated** on big deadline



# What to expect after you submit your proposal?




Check your proposal (« follow-up ») on the Funding & Tenders portal to have an approximative date for the result

Results are usually expected 5 months after submission (ie : around February)

NB : the "informed" date is ***indicative***

# Finally the results !

## Europa / Funding & Tenders Portal notification

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Evaluation Result Letter is available on the proposal page of the Funding & Tenders Portal.
Log on to the Funding & Tenders Portal > My Proposal(s) ( https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/myarea/proposals) and click on Action > Follow-up.

Regards,
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## Europa / Funding & Tenders Portal notification

Dear Madam/Sir,

Your proposal has reached the stage of Grant Agreement preparation.
To view the instructions on how to provide additional information and data required for the preparation of your Grant Agreement, log on to the Funding & Tenders Portal > My Project(s) ( https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/myarea/projects) and click on Action > Manage Project.

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# How do you compare with others of your panel?

**MSCA-PF-2024: Cumulative percentage of proposals above threshold, with a given sco**

| Number of eligible proposals | 1428 proposals | 162 proposals | 1560 proposals | 966 proposals | 1966 proposals | 196 proposals | 1032 proposals | 1912 proposals | 60 proposals | 15 proposa | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cut off score for funding* | 93.6 | 92.0 | 94.8 | 95.2 | 94.2 | 91.4 | 92.0 | 94.2 | 95.0 | 92.0 | |
| Score equal to or above | EF-CHE | EF-ECO | EF-ENG | EF-ENV | EF-LIF | EF-MAT | EF-PHY | EF-SOC | GF-CHE | GF-EC | |
| 100 | 1.05% | 0.62% | 2.05% | 1.76% | 1.53% | 1.02% | 0.29% | 1.73% | 1.67% | 0.00% | |
| 99 | 1.89% | 1.23% | 2.76% | 3.73% | 2.95% | 1.02% | 0.68% | 3.19% | 1.67% | 0.00% | |
| 98 | 4.69% | 3.09% | 6.03% | 7.87% | 6.10% | 3.06% | 2.33% | 6.69% | 6.67% | 0.00% | |
| 97 | 6.30% | 3.70% | 9.29% | 9.94% | 8.34% | 4.59% | 4.17% | 9.26% | 6.67% | 0.00% | |
| 96 | 8.61% | 6.17% | 12.05% | 13.87% | 11.70% | 6.63% | 6.20% | 11.98% | 8.33% | 0.00% | |
| 95 | 12.11% | 8.64% | 15.51% | 17.49% | 15.06% | 10.71% | 9.30% | 14.64% | 16.67% | 0.00% | |
| 94 | 15.83% | 10.49% | 18.14% | 20.81% | 18.01% | 12.76% | 11.72% | 17.73% | 25.00% | 0.00% | |
| 93 | 18.56% | 13.58% | 20.06% | 24.74% | 21.57% | 14.29% | 14.24% | 20.08% | 35.00% | 6.67% | |
| 92 | 21.29% | 17.28% | 22.63% | 28.36% | 25.69% | 16.33% | 17.64% | 23.17% | 38.33% | 20.00% | |
| 91 | 24.37% | 21.60% | 25.83% | 30.95% | 28.38% | 19.90% | 19.67% | 25.78% | 40.00% | 20.00% | |
| 90 | 28.08% | 25.31% | 29.04% | 34.89% | 31.84% | 23.47% | 23.16% | 27.51% | 48.33% | 26.67% | |
| 89 | 32.07% | 26.54% | 31.67% | 37.78% | 35.86% | 26.02% | 25.97% | 29.92% | 51.67% | 33.33% | |
| 88 | 35.22% | 26.54% | 35.45% | 40.89% | 39.22% | 28.57% | 29.84% | 32.11% | 60.00% | 33.33% | |
| 87 | 37.89% | 28.40% | 38.40% | 44.10% | 42.68% | 30.61% | 32.75% | 34.83% | 63.33% | 33.33% | 48 |
| 86 | 41.88% | 30.25% | 40.96% | 46.27% | 45.68% | 31.63% | 36.43% | 37.08% | 70.00% | 33.33% | 52 |

Check the MSCA PF 2025 application page to know the cut off score for funding and percentiles in each panel

Published a few days after the results

Check previous years' results to estimate the score required in your panel to be funded !

# Useful resources

- Most common mistakes in MSCA-PF Submission forms
  - By the EC, with screen captures
- CORDIS : database about all funded projects
- MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship 2025 Guide For Applicants
- Check your MSCA national contact point for resources (Find your NCP)
- How to complete Part A of the proposal (Youtube video in French or in English)

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# Questions?

**Feel free to contact your future host institution for guidance,
at your earliest convenience !**

**And let’s start an application on the portal for those who wish to apply this year !**