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# Aspectos prácticos para la preparación de una MSCA-IF

## Recomendaciones

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# MSCA IF: Propuesta - Parte A

- Formularios administrativos (Part A)
  - Información general
    - **Resumen corto (2000 caracteres con espacios)**
  - Información de las organizaciones participantes (Researcher)
  - Presupuesto
  - Aspectos Éticos
  - Cuestiones específicas de la call
- Propuesta de investigación (Part B)



# MSCA IF: Propuesta - Parte B

- Propuesta de investigación (Part B)

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1. Excellence
  2. Impact
  3. Implementation

*No section limit*

**10 pages. 11 pt font size, single line spacing,  
15mm all margins**

*Literature should be listed in footnotes, font size 8 or 9. All  
literature references will count towards the page limit.*

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4. CV of ER **5 pages**
5. Capacidad de las organizaciones participantes
6. Aspectos éticos
7. Carta de apoyo

**No page limit**

**Max. 1 pag. por  
Beneficiary y 1  
pag. por Partner  
Organisation**



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LA PLANTILLA





# MSCA IF: Evaluación

Criterios de evaluación	Porcentaje	Prioridad	Threasold
Excelencia	50 %	1	n/a
Impacto	30 %	2	n/a
Implementación	20 %	3	n/a
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>70%</b>

- 0 -** The proposal fails to address the criterion or cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information.
- 1 -** Poor. The criterion is addressed in an inadequate manner, or there are serious inherent weaknesses.
- 2 -** Fair. While the proposal broadly addresses the criterion, there are significant weaknesses.
- 3 -** Good. The proposal addresses the criterion well, but a number of shortcomings are present.
- 4 -** Very good. The proposal addresses the criterion very well, But a small number of shortcomings are present.
- 5 -** Excellent. The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion. Any shortcomings are minor.



# MSCA IF: Part B - Excellence

1.1 Quality and credibility of the research/innovation action (level of novelty, appropriate consideration of inter/multidisciplinary and gender aspects).

- \* Introduction
- \* **State of the art**
- \* **Objectives**
- \* **Overview of the action (OA)**

## Research methodology and Approach

## Originality and innovative aspects of the research programme

Añadir un diagrama en OA.  
No ser excesivamente largo en state of the art.  
Objetivos claros y esquemáticos.  
**Keywords:** State of the art, Objectives, Overview of the action.

*Highlight the type of research (aplicada o no) innovation activities proposed (Ojo! no se refiere a actividades de comunicación y diseminación).*  
**KW:** research methodology, approach

*Explain the contribution that the action is expected to make to advancements within the action field. Describe any novel concepts, approaches or methods that will be employed*  
**KW:** Originality, innovative



# MSCA IF: Part B - Excellence

**Gender dimension in the research content (if relevant)**

**The interdisciplinary aspects of the action (if relevant)**

**Career possibilities** for the experienced researcher and **new collaboration opportunities** for the host organisation(s)

Si la propuesta incluye el tema de género como caso de estudio incluirlo.

**KW:** Gender

Cualquier aspecto interdisciplinar en la investigación (i.e. uso de metodologías de investigación de diferentes disciplinas) es aconsejable incluirlo.

**KW:** interdisciplinary

*Explain how the high-quality, novel research is the most likely to open up the best career possibilities for the experienced researcher and new collaboration opportunities for the host organisation(s).*

**KW:** Career possibilities, collaboration, network.



# MSCA IF: Part B - Excellence

1.2 Quality and appropriateness of the training and of the two way transfer of knowledge between the researcher and the host

**Describe the training that will be offered**

**Two way transfer knowledge between the researcher and HI**

**(only for GF)**  
**Global fellowship**

Especificar porqué el training es adecuado.  
Hablar del training en la Host Institution y Secondment (si lo hay).  
**KW:** training HI, training secondment, appropriateness

1. *How the ER will gain new knowledge during the fellowship **at the hosting organisation(s)**.*  
2. *Outline the previously acquired knowledge and skills that the researcher **will transfer** to the host organisation(s)*  
**KW:** two way transfer knowledge

*Explain how the newly acquired skills and knowledge in the **Third Country** will be transferred back to the host institution in Europe (the beneficiary) during the incoming phase.*  
**KW:** three way transfer knowledge





# MSCA IF: Part B - Excellence

## 1.3 Quality of the supervision and of the integration in the team/institution

### Qualifications and experience of the supervisor(s)

**Consejo:** Dice supervisor(s), así pues en las GF hablar también del supervisor en en el Partner Organization del TC e, incluso, brevemente, del supervisor en el Secondment si aplica.

*Provide information regarding the supervisor(s): the **level of experience** on the research topic proposed and their **track record** of work, including **main international collaborations**, as well as the **level of experience in supervising researchers**. Information provided should include participation in projects, publications, patents and any other relevant results.*  
**KW:** level of experience, track record, supervising.

More info at MSCA- **Guide for Applicants**

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/other/guides\\_for\\_applicants/h2020-guide-appl-msca-if\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/other/guides_for_applicants/h2020-guide-appl-msca-if_en.pdf)





# MSCA IF: Part B - Excellence

## Hosting arrangements

**Atención!:** Hosting arrangements se refiere a la integración del investigador a su nuevo entorno en las instalaciones de la Host Institution. No se refiere a la infraestructura del host descrita en 3.4.

The application must show that the experienced researcher will be well **integrated** within the team/institution in order that all parties gain the maximum knowledge and skills from the fellowship.

The **nature** and the **quality** of the research group/environment as a whole should be outlined, together with the measures taken to integrate the researcher in the different areas of expertise, disciplines, and **international networking** opportunities that the host could offer.

**KW:** integration HI, quality of the research group/environment, international networking

**ONLY FOR GF:** both phases should be described - for the **outgoing phase**, specify the practical arrangements in place to host a researcher coming from another country, and for the incoming phase specify the measures planned for the successful **(re-)integration** of the researcher.



# MSCA IF: Part B - Excellence

1.4 Capacity of the researcher to reach or re-enforce a position of professional maturity/independence

Independent/mature researcher

*Applicants should demonstrate how the proposed research and training will contribute to the further professional development as an independent/mature researcher.*

**KW:** professional development, independent researcher, research maturity.

Advancement of the researcher's career

*Describe briefly how the host will contribute to the advancement of the researcher's career.*

**KW:** Researcher's career.

**Atención!:**

- **No** se tiene que incluir un **Career Development Plan**.

- **Se tendrá en cuenta el track record del investigador** (presente en el CV) en relación con su nivel de experiencia investigadora tal y como indica la guía. Así pues:  
experiencia pasada + investigación propuesta.

Proposed research



Training



Researcher track record



Professional development / maturity



# MSCA IF: Part B - IMPACT

## 2.1 Enhancing the potential and future career prospects of the researcher

### Expected impact of the planned research and training



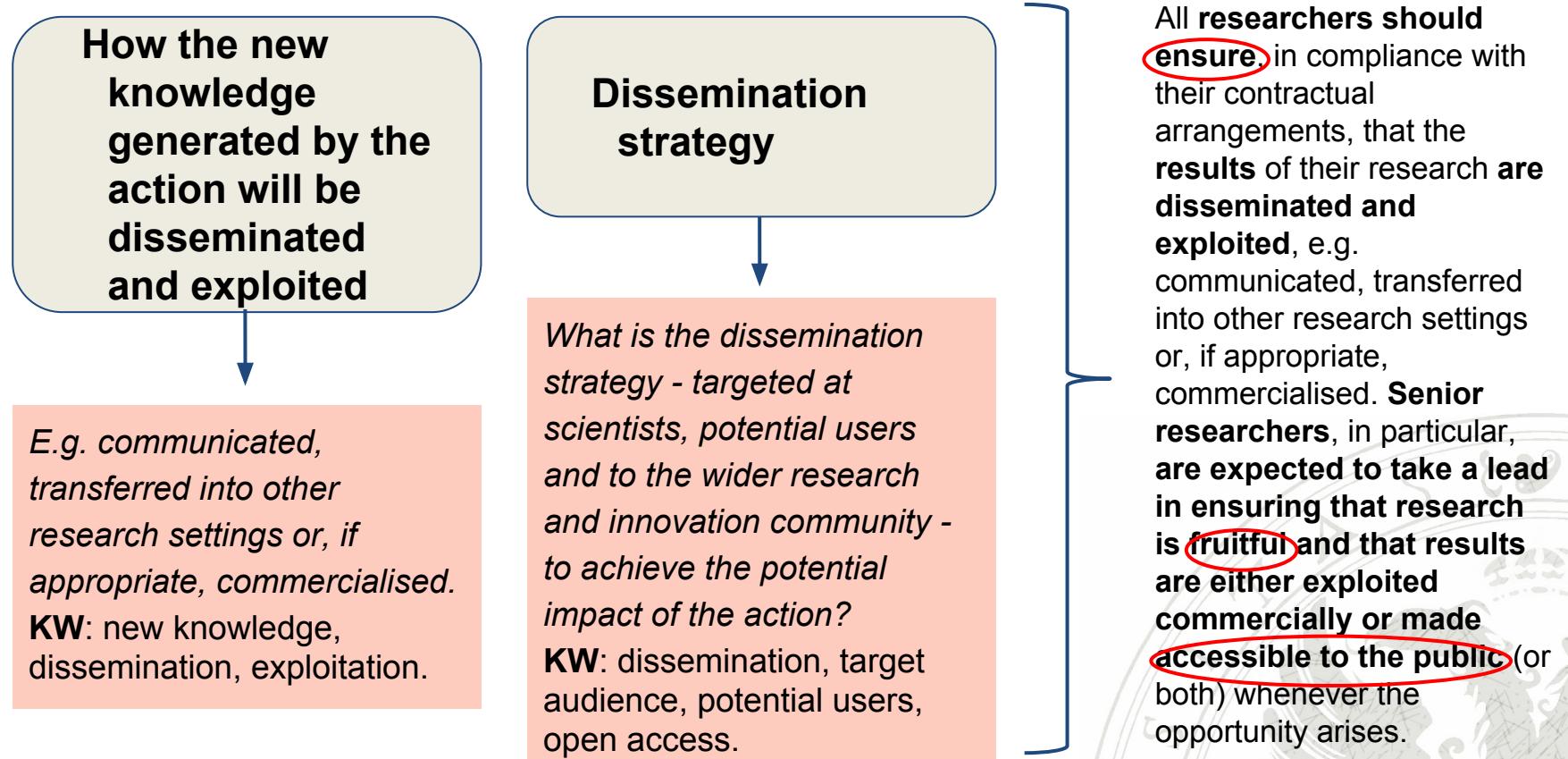
1. *explain the expected impact of the planned research and training on the career prospects of the experienced researcher after the fellowship.*
  2. *Which new competences will be acquired.*
- KW:** career impact, career prospects, new competencies.





# MSCA IF: Part B - IMPACT

## 2.2 Quality of the proposed measures to exploit and disseminate the action results



**Atención!** El plan concreto de diseminación/explotación debe ser incluido en el **Gantt Chart** (section 3.1). Hacer referencia al documento: "[Dissemination & exploitation](#)" section of the H2020 Online Manual.

# MSCA IF: Part B - IMPACT



## 2.3 Quality of the proposed measures to communicate the action activities to different target audiences

### Communicate the action

H2020 da mucha importancia a la transferencia de conocimiento al público en general.

**KW:** Communication plan, public engagement, non-specialist, outreach activities, **target audience**.

Se tiene que hacer referencia a las guías de:

- [Communicating EU research and innovation guidance for project participants](#)
- ["communication" section of the H2020 Online Manual.](#)

**Atención!** Tener en cuenta el **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**. Researchers should ensure that their research activities are made known to society at large in such a way that they can be understood by **non-specialists**, thereby improving the public's understanding of science. Direct **engagement with the public** will help researchers to better understand **public interest in priorities for science and technology** and also the **public's concerns**

**Atención!** El plan concreto de comunicación debe ser incluido en el **Gantt Chart (section 3.1)**.



# MSCA IF: Part B - IMPLEMENTATION



## 3.1 Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan

**Proposal should be designed to achieve the desired impact**

Se tiene que añadir un **Gantt Chart** estructurado en términos de número de meses desde el inicio al final de la investigación que se financiará (2 años -EFs, Max. 3 años GF). S



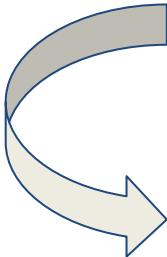
**SE TIENE QUE AÑADIR UN GANTT CHART CON LAS SIGUIENTES APARTADOS, ENTRE OTRAS:**

- *Work Packages titles (for EF there should be at least 1 WP);*
- *List of major deliverables, if applicable (siempre es aplicable)*
- *List of major milestones, if applicable (siempre es aplicable)*
- *Secondments, if applicable*
- *Training*
- *Añadir el Plan de Diseminación*
- *Plan de Comunicación*

i.e. **Informes científicos** para la Comisión Europea, uno por año (en el último año te dejan 60 días después de la finalización).



Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36											
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<i>Other</i>																			10																						36						



Se tiene que personalizar el Gantt Chart adaptándolo a tu investigación/proyecto añadiéndose los apartados que solicita la convocatoria y especificadas anteriormente.

Quitar si no solicitas una Global Fellowship (GF)

# MSCA IF: Part B - IMPLEMENTATION



## 3.2 Appropriateness of the allocation of tasks and resources

**Describe how the work planning and the resources mobilised**

*Describe how the work planning and the resources mobilised will ensure that the research and training objectives will be reached.*  
**KW:** ensure, work planning, resources.

**Person-month appropriateness**

*Explain why the amount of person-months is appropriate in relation to the activities proposed.*

**KW:** person-month, activities, appropriate.

**Person-month:** es una unidad de medida que equivale a la dedicación a tiempo completo de una persona durante un mes.

Se debe hacer evidente cómo la **asignación de esas tareas**, así como el **person-month** es **apropiado** a las actividades propuestas (data collection, data analysis, transfer knowledge) ayudará a conseguir un **buen desarrollo del training** y los **resultados** de la investigación.

*i.e. los 5PM que yo voy a dedicar al vaciado documental en la PO como secondment van a ser suficientes para el posterior análisis de los mismos en la HI durante el resto de 1 meses el equivalente a 19PM.*

# MSCA IF: Part B - IMPLEMENTATION



## 3.3 Appropriateness of the management structure and procedures, including risk management

### Organisation and management structure

**Organisation and management structure, as well as the progress monitoring mechanisms put in place, to ensure that objectives are reached**  
**KW:** organisation, management structure, progress monitoring.

Añadir OFPI: gestión, justificación económica. **Partida de research cost.**

### Research and/or administrative risks

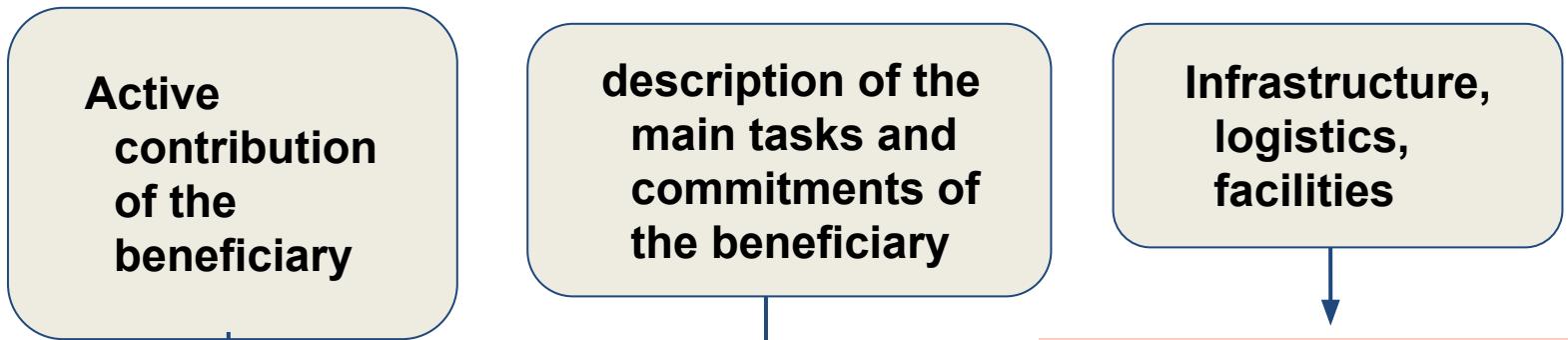
*Research and/or administrative risks that might endanger reaching the action objectives and the contingency plans to be put in place should risk occur.  
KW: risks, contingency plan.*

	Researcher unit cost in € person/month			Institutional unit cost in € person/month	
	Living Allowance	Mobility Allowance	Family Allowance	Research, training and networking costs	Management and indirect costs
Individual Fellowship	4,650	600	500	800	650

# MSCA IF: Part B - IMPLEMENTATION



## 3.4 Appropriateness of the institutional environment (infrastructure)



**The active contribution** of the beneficiary to the research and training activities should be described.  
**KW:** active contribution.

*Give a description of the main tasks and commitments of the beneficiary and all partner organisations (if applicable)*  
**KW:** commitments, main tasks.

*Describe the infrastructure, logistics, facilities offered in as far they are necessary for the good implementation of the action.*  
**KW:** infraestructure(s), facilities.

For GF also the role of partner organisations in Third Countries for the outgoing phase should appear.



## 4. CV of the Experienced Researcher

The CV is intrinsic to the evaluation of the whole proposal and is assessed throughout the 3 evaluation criteria by the expert evaluators. This section should be limited to maximum 5 pages and should include the standard academic and research record. Any research career gaps and/or unconventional paths should be clearly explained so that this can be fairly assessed by the independent evaluators. **The experienced researchers must provide a list of achievements reflecting their track record, and this may include, if applicable:**

1. ***Publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals, peer-reviewed conference proceedings and/or monographs* of their respective research fields, indicating also the number of citations (excluding self-citations) they have attracted (añadir también las publicaciones que tengáis aunque estén en proceso de evaluación - In evaluation process).**
2. ***Granted patent(s)***
3. ***Research monographs, chapters in collective volumes and any translations thereof.***
4. ***Invited presentations* to peer-reviewed, internationally established conferences and/or international advanced schools.**
5. ***Research expeditions* that the Experienced Researcher has led.**
6. ***Organisation of International conferences* in the field of the applicant (membership in the steering and/or programme committee).**
7. ***Examples of participation in industrial innovation.***
8. ***Prizes and Awards.***
9. ***Funding received so far* (añade todas sus becas, si posible añade la cantidad recibida)**
10. ***Supervising, mentoring activities, if applicable.***



# MSCA IF: Part B - Participating Organizations

## 5. Capacity of the Participating Organisations

Beneficiary X	
General Description	(Un poco de Historia)
Role and Commitment of key persons (supervisor)	(names, title, <b>qualifications of the main supervisor</b> )
<b>Key Research Facilities, Infrastructure and Equipment</b>	Demonstrate that the beneficiary <b>has sufficient facilities and infrastructure to host</b> and/or offer a suitable environment for <b>training and transfer of knowledge</b> to the recruited experienced researcher
Independent research premises?	Please explain the status of the beneficiary's research facilities – i.e. <b>are they owned by the beneficiary or rented by it? Are its research premises wholly independent from other entities?</b>
Previous Involvement in Research and Training Programmes	Detail any ( <b>maximum 5</b> ) relevant <b>EU, national or international research and training actions/projects</b> in which the beneficiary has <b>previously participated</b>
Current involvement in Research and Training Programmes	Detail the <b>EU and/or national research and training actions</b> in which the beneficiary is <b>currently participating</b>
Relevant Publications and/or research/innovation products	( <b>Max 5</b> ) Only list items (co-)produced by the supervisor

min. 9 pt. font size, 1 page per beneficiary



# MSCA IF: Part B - Participating Organizations

Partner Organisation X	
General Description	(Un poco de Historia)
Key Persons and Expertise (supervisor)	(names, title, <b>qualifications of the main supervisor</b> )
<b>Key Research Facilities, Infrastructure and Equipment</b>	Demonstrate that the beneficiary <b>has sufficient facilities and infrastructure to host</b> and/or offer a suitable environment for <b>training and transfer of knowledge</b> to the recruited experienced researcher
Previous and Current Involvement in Research and Training Programmes	Detail any relevant <b>EU, national or international research and training actions/projects</b> in which the beneficiary has previously participated
<b>Relevant Publications and/or research/innovation products</b>	(Max 3) Only list items (co-)produced by the supervisor

min. 9 pt. font size, 1 page per PO.

No se especifica el máximo.



**Atención!** Ya sea para las GF como aquellas propuestas con Secondment, se debe cumplimentar una tabla para cada una de ellas.



# MSCA IF: Part B - Ethical Issues

## 6. Ethical issues

1. All proposals above **threshold** and considered for funding will undergo an **Ethics Review** carried out by **independent ethics experts**.
2. When submitting a proposal to Horizon 2020, all applicants are required to complete an “Ethics Issues Table (EIT)” in the **Part A** of the proposal. Applicants who flag ethical issues in the EIT have to also complete a more in depth **Ethics Self-Assessment in Part B**.

The ethics self-assessment will become part of the **Grant Agreement** and may thus lead to binding obligations that may later on be checked during ethics checks, reviews and audits.

For more details, please refer to the H2020 “How to complete your [Ethics Self-Assessment](#)” guide.

Los evaluadores iniciales no evalúan la parte ética.

En caso de que la propuesta contemple aspectos éticos, entonces se debe cumplimentar este apartado explicando con detalle en cómo se va abordar los mismos ya sea en objetivos, metodología e impacto.

# MSCA IF: Evaluation Criteria



Excellence	Impact	Implementation
* <b>Quality and credibility of the research/innovation action</b> (level of novelty, appropriate consideration of inter/multidisciplinary and gender aspects)	* <b>Enhancing the potential and future career prospects of the researcher</b>	* <b>Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan</b>
* <b>Quality and appropriateness of the training and of the two way transfer of knowledge</b> between the researcher and the host	* Quality of the proposed measures to exploit and disseminate the action results	* Appropriate allocation of tasks and resources
* <b>Quality of the supervision and of the integration in the team/institution</b>	* Quality of the proposed measures to communicate the action activities to different target audiences	* Appropriateness of the management structures and procedures, including risk management
* <b>Capacity of the researcher to reach or re-enforce a position of professional maturity/independence</b>		* Appropriateness of the institutional environment (infrastructure)
50%	30%	20%

More info at MSCA- Self Evaluation Form:

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/call\\_ptef/ef/2016-2017/h2020-call-ef-msca-if-2016-17\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/call_ptef/ef/2016-2017/h2020-call-ef-msca-if-2016-17_en.pdf)



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# MSCA IF: Consejos

- No es un artículo académico
- Sé **preciso** y **claro**, evitar la borrosidad, la vaguedad y generalizaciones
- Sigue requisitos y directrices de la convocatoria
- Pide una segunda opinión (con cuidado)
- Aspectos **innovadores** - ir más allá del estado del arte
- Propuesta **multidisciplinar** y **multisectorial**



# MSCA IF: Consejos

- Explica cómo la propuesta ayudará a tu **carrera profesional**
- Presenta un entorno prometedor para tu investigación
- Mide el **impacto** de tu investigación
- Incorpora un diagrama de Gantt claro
- Conoce los **riesgos** de tu proyecto y sugiere planes de mitigación coherentes.
- Se requiere **Difusión y Comunicación**



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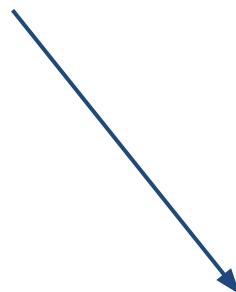
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Taller práctico para la  
redacción de una propuesta  
Marie Skłodowska Curie actions  
Individual Fellowship (MSCA-IF)  
de éxito. Se hablará de aspectos  
técnicos sobre la organización  
del trabajo, impacto de la  
propuesta, puntos claves en  
formación, etc.



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