



# Your Israeli Gateway to Cooperation in Research and Innovation with Europe

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# ISERD | Steering Committee

## Steering Committee:

- Ministry of Science, Technology & Space
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Ministry of Finance
- The Planning and Budgeting Committee of the Council for Higher Education

## Chairman of the Steering Committee:

Chief Scientist  
Ministry of Economy & Industry  
Chairman of the Israel Innovation Authority

ISERD aims at maximizing the benefits of Israel's participation in the Framework Programmes (FP)

# Involvement in MSCA - Advantages

## Host organisation

- Enhanced quality and sustainability of research training and supervision
  - Feedback of research results into teaching and education
- Enhanced cooperation and stronger networks
  - Stronger R&I capacity among participating organisations
  - Better transfer of knowledge between sectors and disciplines
  - Increased global attractiveness
- Enhanced working conditions for researchers (mainly in the non-academic sector)

# Involvement in MSCA - Advantages

## Supervisor

- Helps to develop leadership skills and independence
- Helps to develop/expand skills of the research group
- Helps build international profile
  - Building/strengthening existing and new collaborations/networks
- Develops funding ID
- Helps meeting ERC Advanced profile requirement: *“Major contributions to the early careers of excellent researchers”*

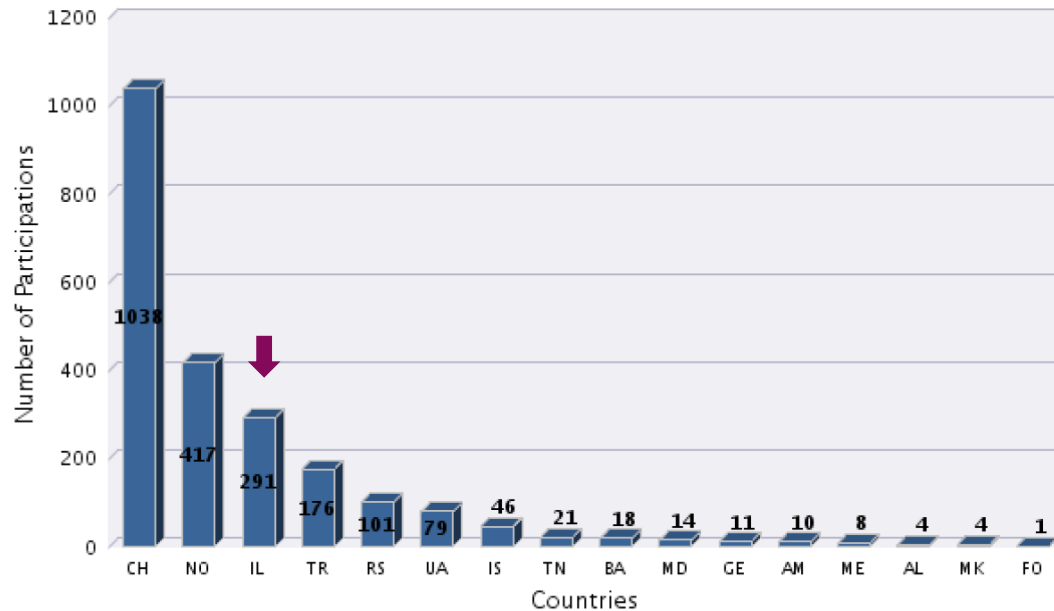
# Involvement in MSCA - Challenges

- Israel is a non-European associated country:
  - Visa
  - Legal and Financial aspects
- Language barrier
- Administrative burden (unit costs)
- Not enough funding
  - PhD studies
  - Costly research field
- Company's focus changes

# H2020 Key facts and figures (2014-2020)

- Number of IL researchers funded by MSCA: 207
- EU budget awarded to IL organisations (EUR million): 45.90
- Number of IL organisations in MSCA: 81

Number of participations of AC organisations



H2020 - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)  
Country fact sheet: Israel (IL)

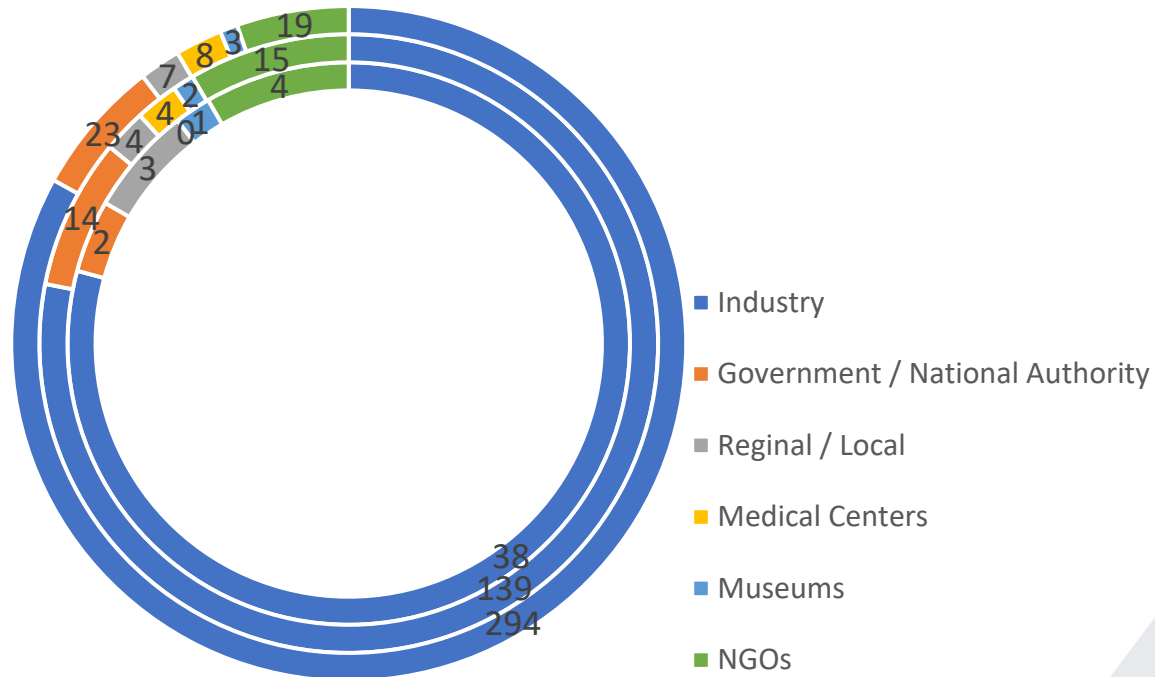
## Participating IL organisations by type of organisation

	Total	% Total	% Average AC
<b>Academic</b>	208	71.48 %	72.98 %
<b>Non-Academic</b>	83	28.52 %	27.02 %
• Private for Profit	70	24.05 %	22.60 %
• SMEs	24	8.25 %	9.74 %

## Top IL participating organisations in terms of EU contribution (in EUR million)

Name	EU Contribution
TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY	7.67
WEIZMANN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE	7.33
THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM	7.09
TECHNION - ISRAEL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	4.99
BEN-GURION UNIVERSITY OF THE NEGEV	3.46

# Israeli Nonacademic organisation applications, participants and funded projects in H2020-MSCA





# Important links

- [MSCA in a nutshell](#)
- [ISERD's website – MSCA useful information](#)

## [Work programme 2021-2022](#)

- Doctoral Newtorks
  - [HE MSCA DN Guide for Applicants](#)
  - [Standard application form \(HE MSCA DN\)](#)
- Postdoctoral Fellowships
  - [Standard application form \(HE MSCA PF\)](#)
  - [HE MSCA PF Guide for Applicants](#)

- Open science:
  - [Open Research Europe](#)
  - [Open Data](#)
- Recruiting instructions
  - [The European Charter for Researchers](#)
  - [The Code of Conduct for Recruitment](#)
  - [MSCA Guidelines on Supervision](#)
  - [MSCA Green Charter](#)
- Job vacancies:
  - [EURAXESS portal](#)
  - [Science Abroad](#)

# “Take home” Messages

- You need these brilliant young researchers to boost further your field.
- Unique opportunity to extend and strengthen international collaboration.
- Make sure you are aware of national rules and regulations, before committing.
- MSCA fellowship is more than research.
- A fellow is not like another employee!
- Yes, You can!

*“You cannot hope to build a better world without improving the individuals. To that end, each of us must work for his own improvement, and at the same time share a general responsibility for all humanity, our particular duty being to aid those to whom we think we can be most useful.”*





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