



# Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

## Focus on MSCA COFUND

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# What is MSCA COFUND?

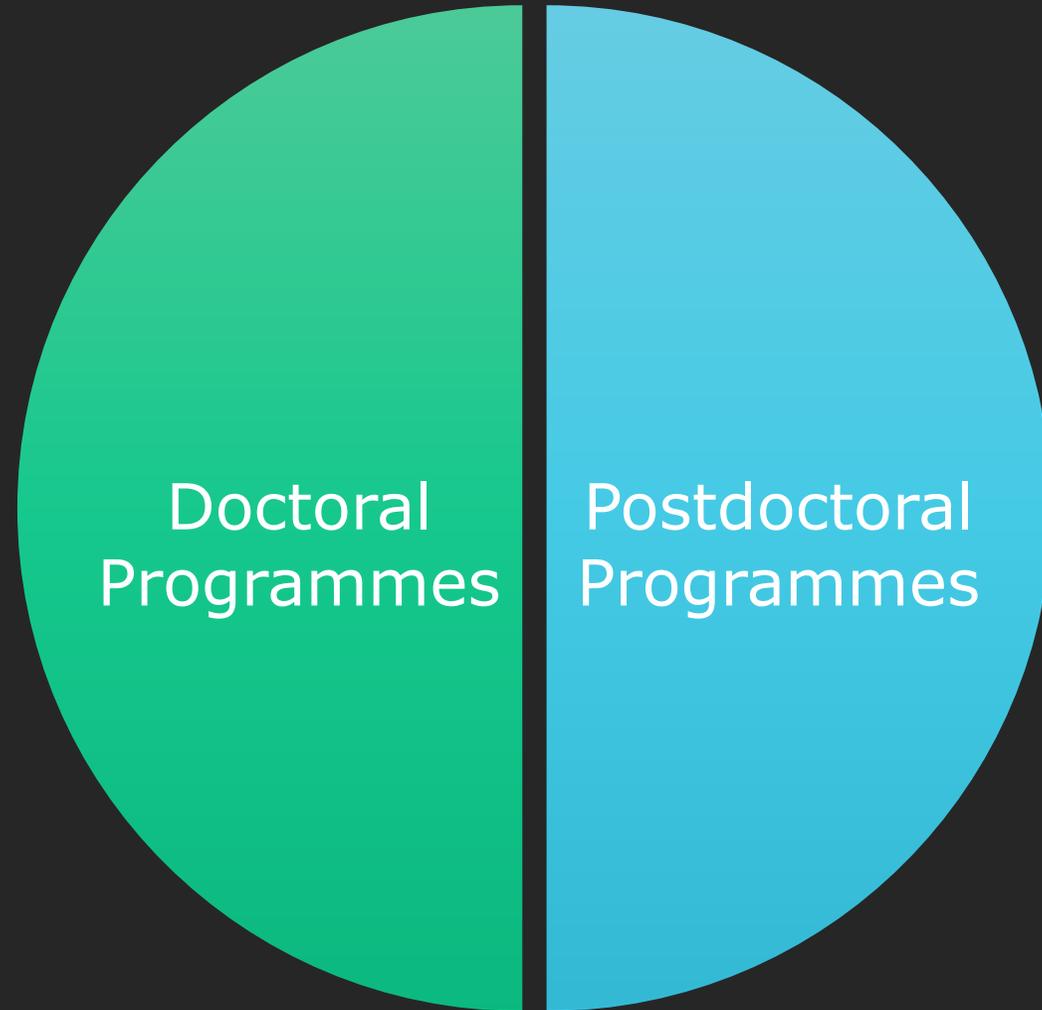
**Mono-beneficiary  
action:**

new or existing national, regional,  
institutional 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



All beneficiaries must  
recruit at least three  
researchers

# COFUND Academic & non-academic sectors

## Academic sector

Higher education establishments

Non-profits

International European Research  
Organisations



## Non-academic sector

Any socio-economic  
actor not included in  
academic sector

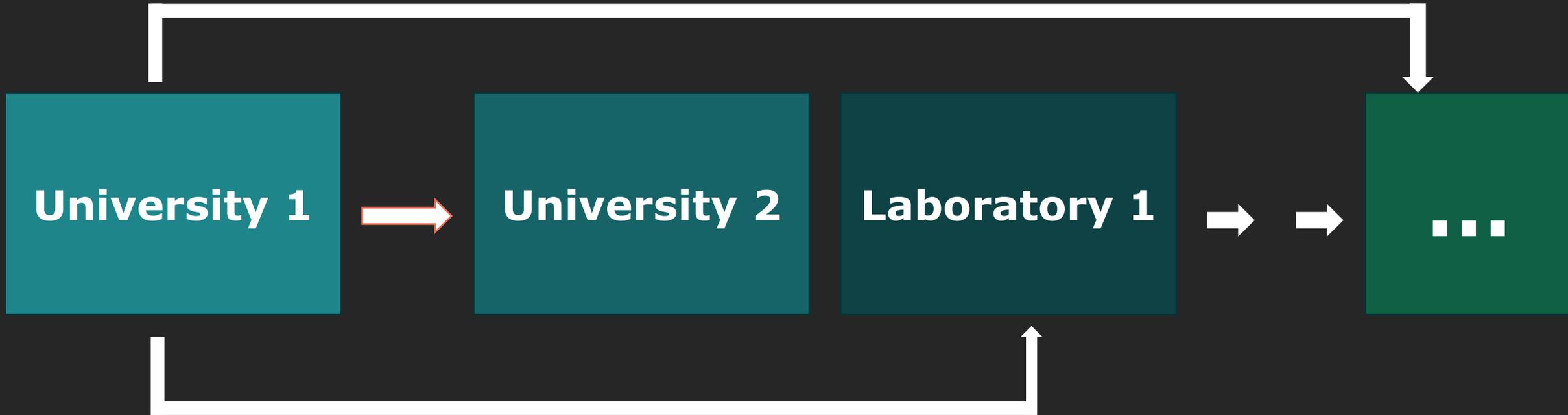
# COFUND – Possible structures

## 1 – Hierarchical



# COFUND – Possible structures

## 2 – Horizontal

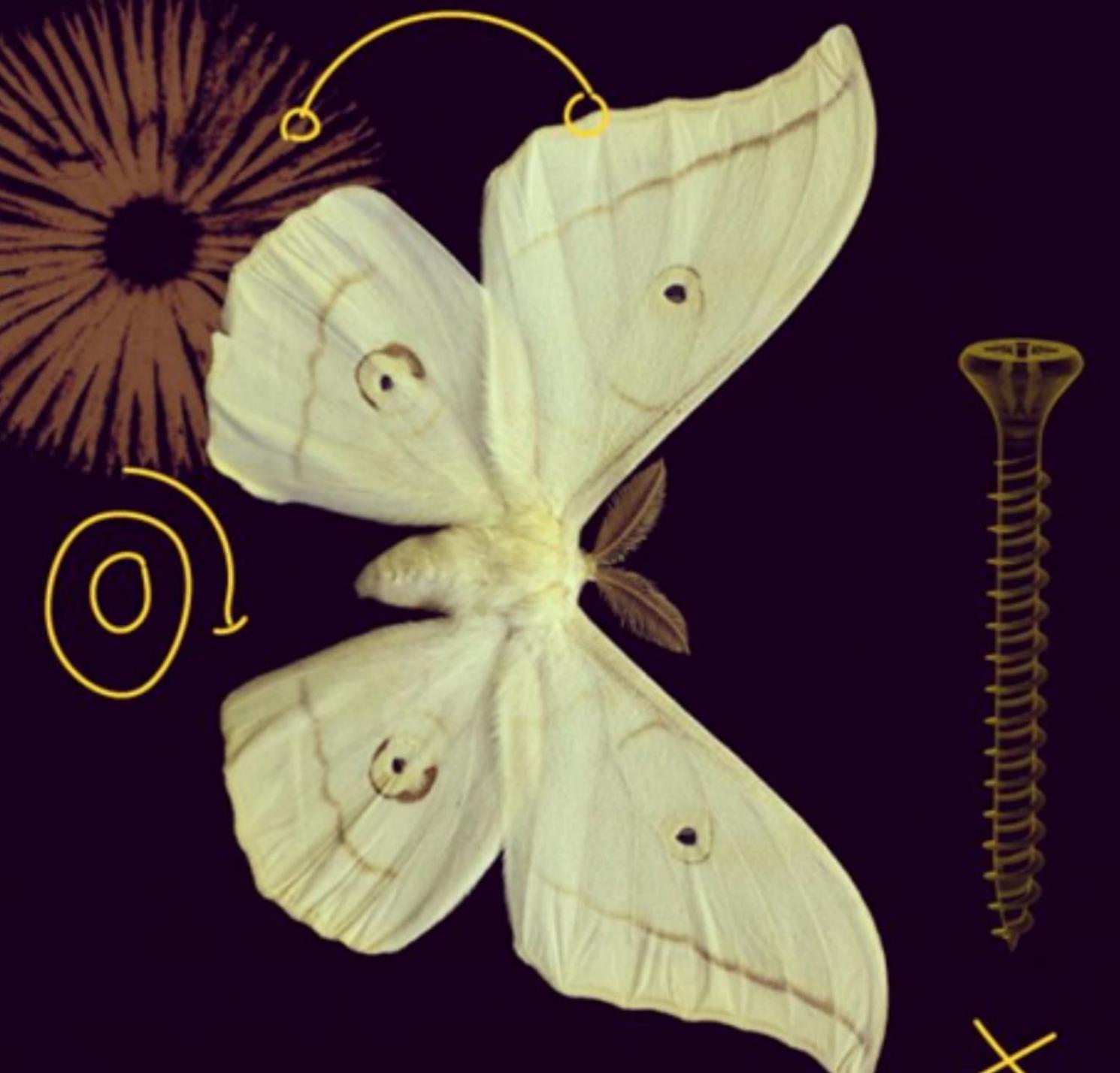


# **COFUND – Possible structures**

## **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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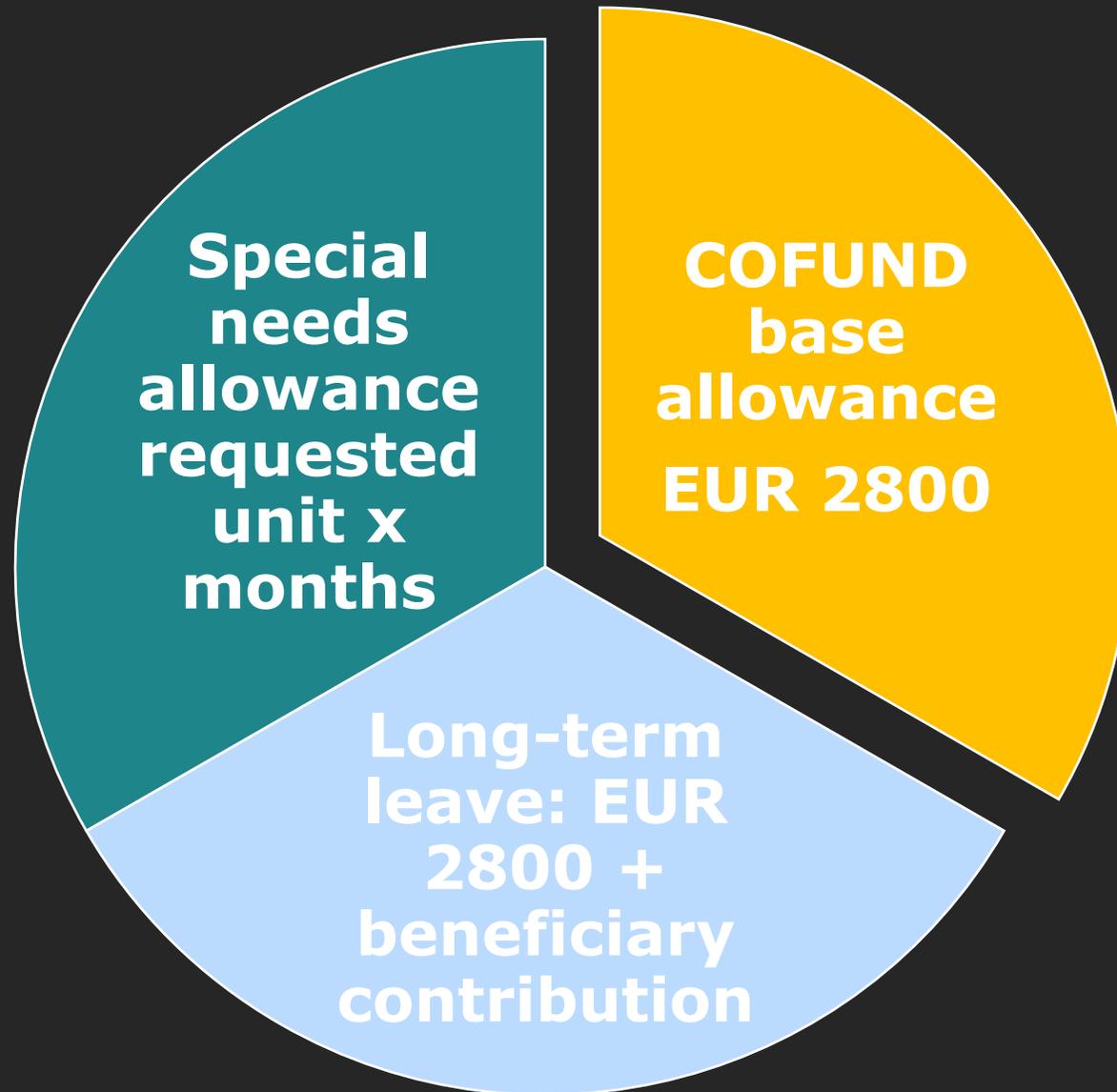
**Impact**

**Implementation**

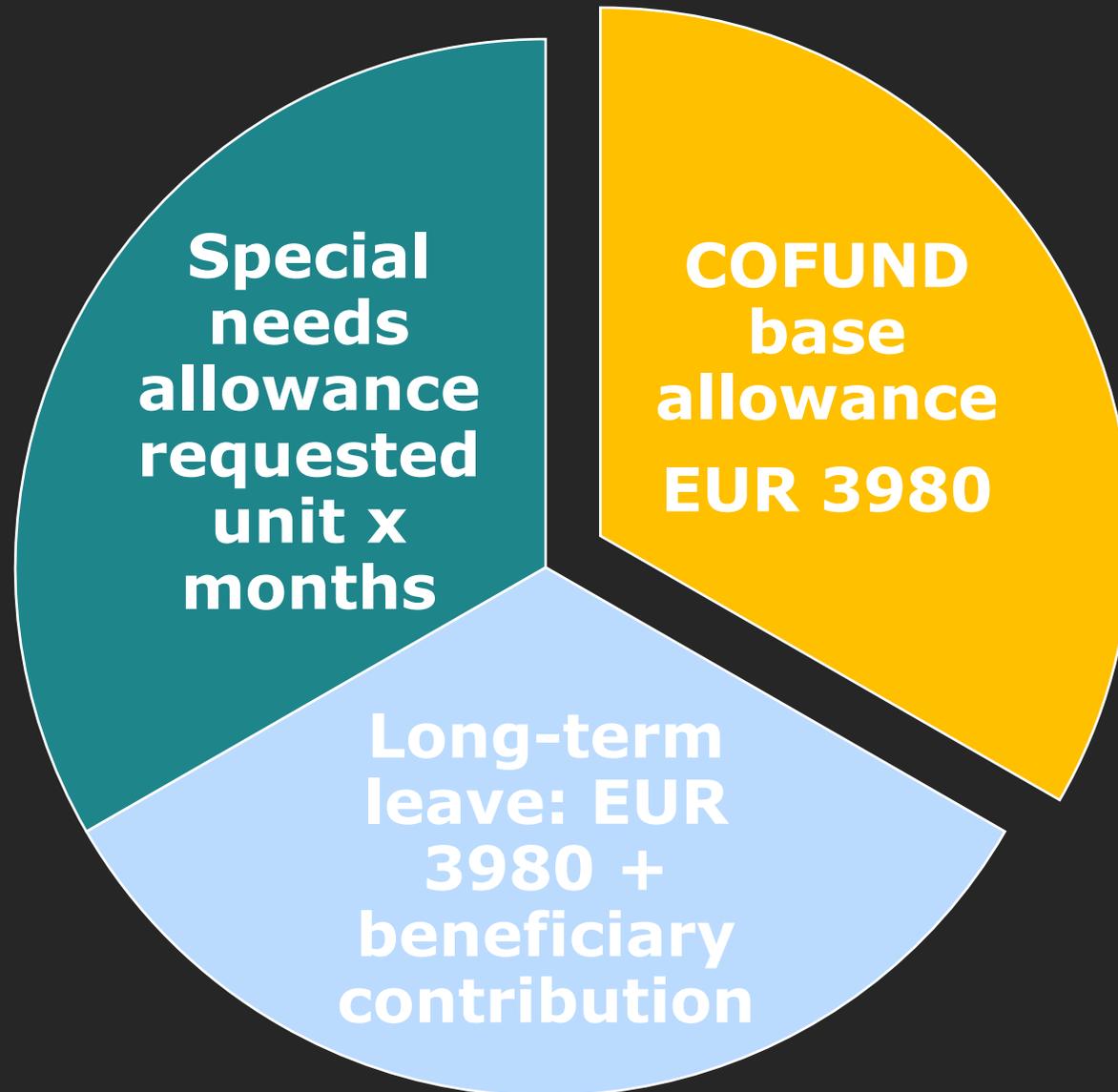
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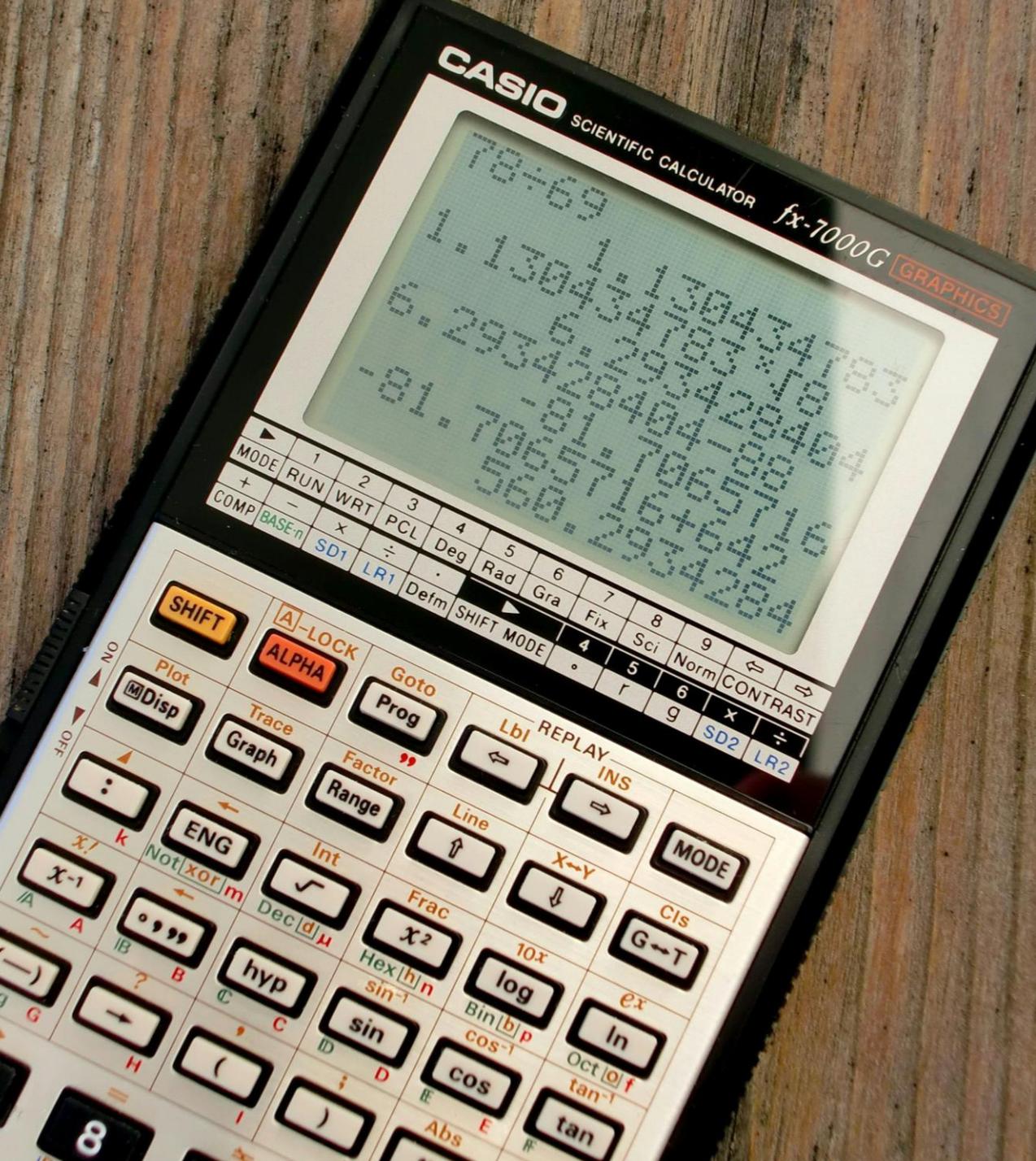
Budget structure & Project implementation

# Doctoral Programme Contributions



# Postdoctoral Programme Contributions





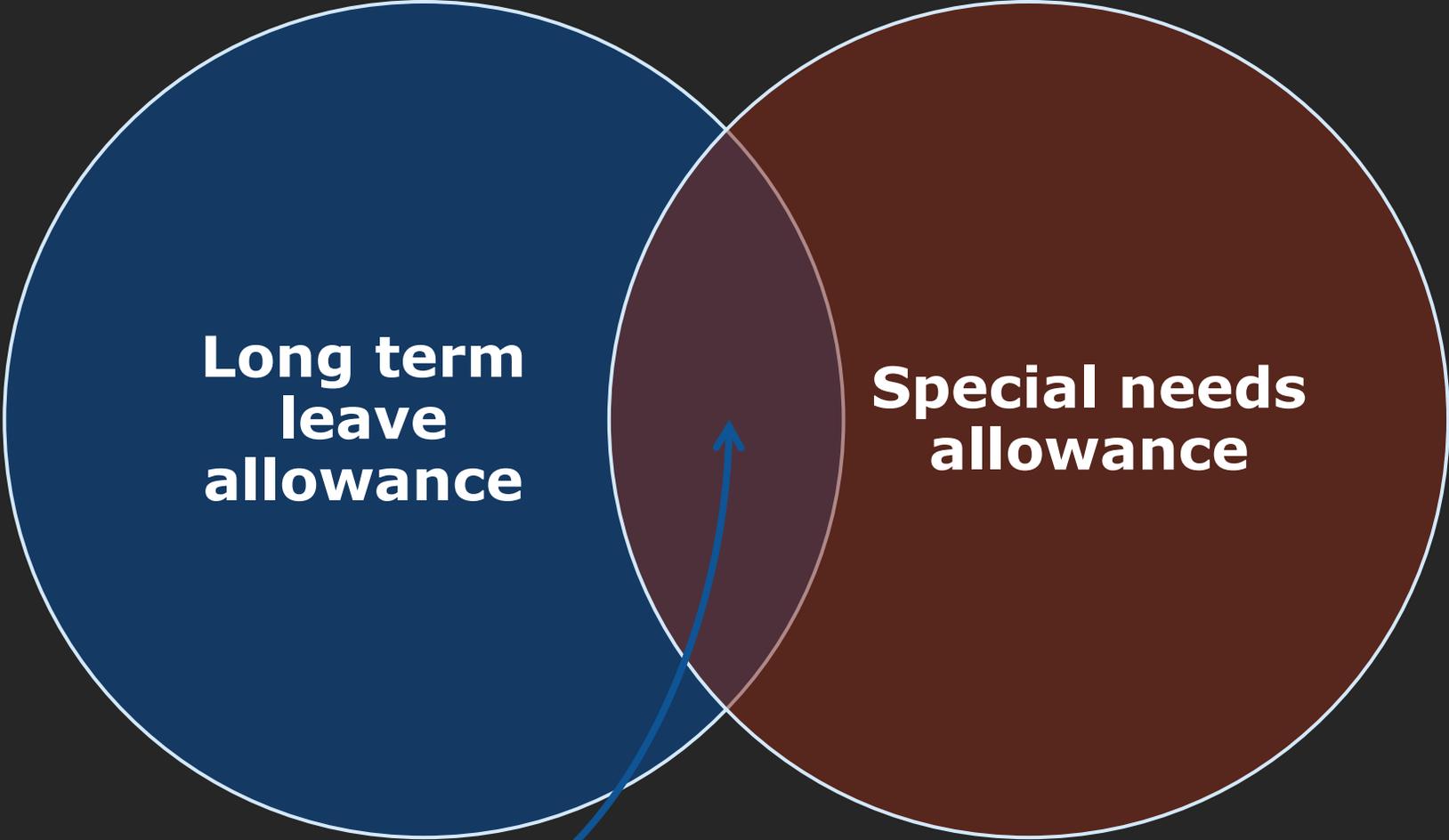
**Total budget of co-funded programme**

**Applicants specify**

**Total cost of proposed programme**

**Amounts for benefit of researchers & for implementing organisation(s)**

# COFUND – Cost categories

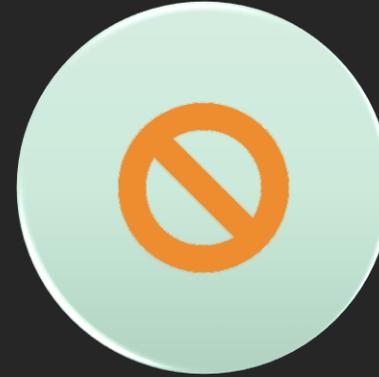


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# COFUND – Project implementation

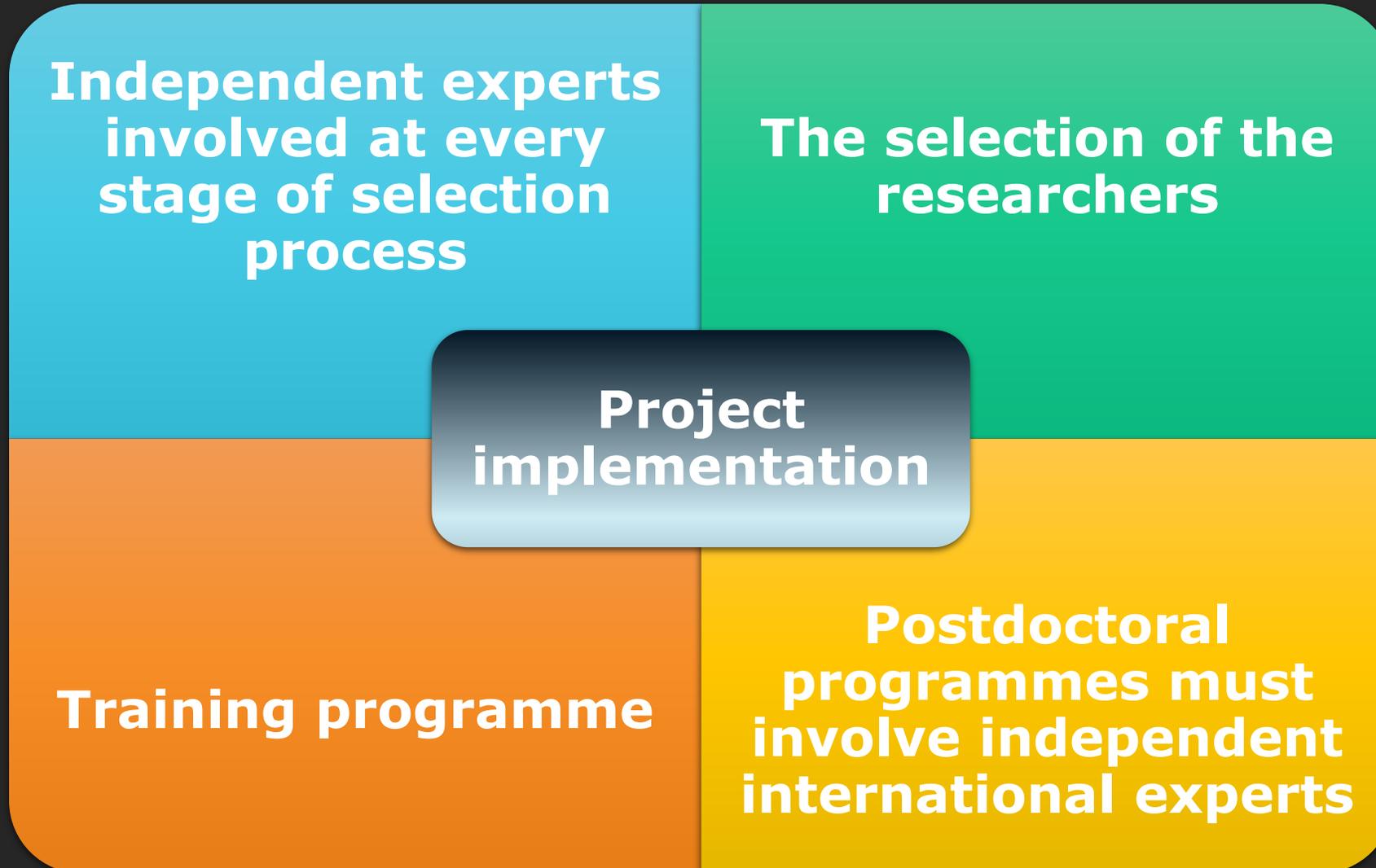


Employment  
contract or  
equivalent direct  
contract



No fixed-amount  
fellowships

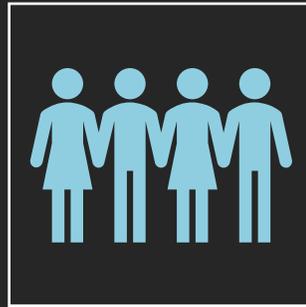
# COFUND – Project implementation



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**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

Table of contents

| Section | Title                | Action |
|---------|----------------------|--------|
| 1       | General information  |        |
| 2       | Participants         |        |
| 3       | Budget               |        |
| 4       | Other administrative |        |

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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. Letters of Commitment**

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limit**

**Exception: S5 - max ½ page  
/ associated/ implementing  
partner**

**COFUND**

Forthcoming Calls – details

# COFUND – call details

| Call        | 2024                     |                |
|-------------|--------------------------|----------------|
|             | Opening<br>Closing       | Budget (EUR m) |
| COFUND 2024 | April 24<br>September 24 | 99.28          |

# Thank you!

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