



# **Introduction to the Mid-Term Review Meeting**

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## 1. What is the REA?

### Research Executive Agency (REA)



- Funding body created by the European Commission to foster excellence in research and innovation
- Set up in 2007, gained autonomy in June 2009
- Manages large parts of the FP7 and now H2020, including the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions
- Located in Brussels, Belgium (Covent Garden building, Place Rogier)
- <http://ec.europa.eu/research/rea/index.cfm>





## 1. What is the REA?

### Research Executive Agency (REA) and Horizon 2020

- legacy management of all FP7 programmes currently delegated to REA

- Under Horizon 2020: the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, Security and Space research programmes, and

- (1) Future and Emerging Technologies (FET) open;
- (2) Food security, sustainable agriculture, marine and maritime research, and the bio-economy;
- (3) Inclusive and Innovative Societies;
- (4) ICT Security research;
- (5) Spreading excellence, widening participation (including international cooperation) and Science with and for society.

- REA's support services with a broaden scope.





### Mid-Term Review:

- **A contractual obligation**
- **Objectives**
  - **Meet** with the project team
  - **Update** on the project progress
  - **Discuss** any questions, concerns, difficulties
  - **Find** solutions
- **Not just a scientific evaluation, but a unique opportunity to exchange views**
- **Useful ?**
  - Consortium and fellows on spot help in case of problems
  - REA future planning of MSCA





# Grant Agreement Structure

- **Core Grant Agreement**
- **Annexes**
  - I. Technical Annex - Description of work**
  - II. General conditions applicable to MC Actions**
  - III. Specific provisions for IAPP (funding scheme)**
  - IV. Form A: accession to the grant**
  - V. Form B: accession request for a new beneficiary**
  - VI. Form C: Financial statement**





## 4. Obligations of the Network



### Some consortium obligations

- Carry out the work as identified in Annex I (efficiently and timely)
- Select fellows according to eligibility criteria, conclude employment/secondment contracts, and establish a Career Development Plan
- Execute, by due dates, all payments to the researcher (respecting Marie Curie rates)
- Provide all needed infrastructures & conditions for the successful completion of the project
- Provide reasonable assistance to the fellows in all administrative procedures
- Provide information to REA and Court of Auditors (up to 5 years after the project completion)





### Category 1: Living & Mobility Allowance

- **€38,000** gross salary per **ESR** /year x country coefficient (type **A** contract)
- **€58,500** gross salary per **ER** /year x country coefficient (type **A** contract)
- Plus €700 or €1000 /month, depending on family status x country coefficient







### Success Story?

- Positive impact on the citizen or society
- Interest to the public at large
- Very high scientific quality
- Product being developed or brought to market
- Generated lasting collaborations
- Developed an entrepreneurial culture
- Significant outreach activities
- Positive impact on a researcher's career
- Fellow's award or publication in a very high quality journal
- Promoted rights of researchers (e.g. gender balance, equal opportunities, family friendly)





## 7. Useful Links



**Marie Curie Actions website:**

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions>

**Euraxess Portal:**

<http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/>



**FP7 Participant Portal website:**

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/home.html>

**Helpdesk:**

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/enquiries>

**Register as an expert:**

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/experts/index.html>



**Register to Marie Curie Alumni Platform**

<https://www.mariecuriealumni.eu>



**Thank you for your attention!**

*Questions?*

*Marie Skłodowska Curie: "A scientist in his laboratory is not a mere technician, he is also a child confronting natural phenomena that impress him as though they were fairy tales."*

