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**Call for Project Proposals
For a CORE-hosted Marie Curie Incoming International Fellowship**

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The Centre for OSCE Research, invites interested researchers from South Caucasus countries to apply for a CORE-hosted EU Marie Curie Incoming International Fellowship project.

In this context, CORE looks particularly for applicants with project proposals focussed on national and international security-building in the South Caucasus. Research into links between security-building on the European outskirts (here: the South Caucasus) and security-building within and/or in favour of the European Union are the preferred subjects of the proposals. Equally, project proposals should desirably touch upon the role of the OSCE and OSCE co-operation with other international organizations which are active in or around the region. Specifically, it is in the interest of CORE to aim its research at South Caucasus-related OSCE and EU policy and project proposals that elaborate relevant policy advice. CORE wishes not to limit the areas of the proposed research. Reference is only made to the detailed principles of Marie Curie Incoming International Fellowships as mentioned below.

In order to meet the Fellowship's deadlines, CORE asks interested researchers to submit draft proposals to core@public.uni-hamburg.de by **5 January 2004**. Please indicate "Marie Curie IIF Project Proposal" in the subject line. CORE will reply to all applicants by 15 January 2004.

CORE will approach short-listed candidates to discuss further project details. Decisions on the final candidate will be taken on the strict basis of best quality of the project proposal and best qualified applicant.

CORE is an equal-opportunity employer operating on the principle of non-discrimination.

About CORE

Working under the institutional roof of the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg (IFSH, Germany), the Centre for OSCE Research (CORE) is the first academic institution specifically dedicated to research on OSCE-related subjects. Questions of European security policy in Central and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia are part of our research agenda. Regular contributions to discussions on the OSCE process and European collective security as well as considerable regional expertise have shaped our profile in the past. CORE works as a politically independent think tank combining basic research on central aspects of the OSCE evolution with demand-oriented analysis of current problems and practical contributions to relevant issues. Addressing political actors as well as the academic and political public in Germany and abroad, CORE strives to enhance OSCE development with analysis and critique, thus permitting a deeper insight into

the problems and perspectives of the Organization. Inter alia, the Volkswagen Foundation, the German and Swiss Foreign Ministries and the EU Commission sponsor CORE projects.

About Marie Curie Actions

Known as the Marie Curie Actions, the Sixth EU Human Resources and Mobility Activities (HRM) are an effort for developing and transferring research competencies, the consolidation and widening of researchers' career prospects, and the promotion of excellence in European research.

Marie Curie Actions have a budget of €1,580 million and are largely based on the financing of training and mobility activities for researchers. They are open to researchers in all fields of scientific and technological research from the EU Member States, from countries associated with FP6 and from third countries. Eligibility for the various schemes is based on research experience and expertise.

Marie Curie Actions offer numerous opportunities to individual researchers to participate in a research team in another country. Funding is available for researchers to move both within Europe and internationally. And, in an effort to enhance networking between researchers, the EU provides funding for researchers coming from third countries to receive training in Europe. Three types of so-called "Individual-Driven Actions" are available to researchers of all ages with at least four years' experience or with a doctorate degree. Marie Curie Actions should boost the researchers' career prospects by helping them to develop cutting-edge research skills and gather experience abroad. An integral part of the Marie Curie Actions is the so-called Marie Curie Incoming International Fellowships.

You can please find further information on Marie Curie Actions at:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/fp6/mariecurie-actions/index_en.html

About Marie Curie Incoming International Fellowships

Marie Curie Incoming International Fellowships are a component of the Marie Curie Actions described above.

Project and participants

Marie Curie Incoming International Fellowships aim to respond to the needs for individual training and mobility of world-class third country researchers. They reinforce the international dimension and attractiveness of Europe by giving international researchers the opportunity to come to a research organization of a Member State or an Associated State.

Marie Curie Incoming International Fellowships reinforce the scientific excellence of the Member States and the Associated States through the application of the knowledge transferred during this period of mobility and also constitutes a springboard for the future development of relations between the Member States or Associated States and the third countries.

Marie Curie Incoming International Fellowships consist of financial support to individual mobility and complementary training projects presented by world class researchers in liaison with a legal entity ("host organization") in the Member States or Associated States, as well as possibly another one ("reintegration of host organization") in the researcher's country of origin, in the case of developing countries and emerging and transition economies.

In the case of developing countries and emerging and transition economies, fellowship projects may include a phase of reintegration in the country of origin, within the framework of an overall and coherent project elaborated with a view toward the development of a mutual interest between the Member States/Associated States and the third countries concerned.

The research topic will be freely chosen by the researcher in collaboration with the host organization, with a view to completing and/or diversifying his/her expertise.

Each researcher will establish, together with his/her personal supervisor, a *Personal Career Development Plan* comprising his/her training needs and scientific objectives and later on report upon the success of these objectives and how they were met. In this way, the researchers will be encouraged to play an active role in shaping their own training programme and professional development.

Incoming phase

The contracts will be concluded with the host organizations of the Member States or the Associated States for a total duration of between one and two years.

Possible reintegration/return phase

The possible return phase, of typically half the duration of the incoming phase, aims at applying, in their country of origin, the experience gained during their period of international mobility by the researchers from developing countries and emerging or transition economies benefiting from a Marie Curie Incoming International Fellowship. It also aims to encourage these researchers to plan their period of international mobility within the framework of a coherent professional project and thus promote the likelihood of developing a research career and building up the research capacity of the country of origin.

In this case, the proposal will comprise the submission of a description of a possible return/reintegration phase in an identified reintegration host organization.

The return phase will normally commence directly after the termination of the outgoing phase; in well-justified cases (e.g. family reasons such as children's education; period needed to move to the reintegration host; period required to terminate on-going research work, etc.) the starting date can be postponed for up to a maximum of 6 months.

A contract is issued with the reintegration host organization, which will commit itself to assure an effective and lasting reintegration (attested by all adequate legal means) of the researcher for at least a period of 2 years. The grant is to be used as a contribution to the scientific costs relating to the researcher's project at the return host.

Eligible researchers


Marie Curie Incoming International Fellowships aim to respond to the need for individual training and mobility of world-class third country researchers. They address researchers who carry the title of a PhD and have an excellent record of at least four years of academic work.

Third country researchers are eligible for Marie Curie Incoming International Fellowships, except those treated as originating from Member States or Associated States, because of their presence of more than four years during the previous five years in the territory of a Member State or Associated State.

Candidates apply to the Commission jointly with their host organization. The Commission selects the most suitable applicant and signs a contract with the host organization.

Successful candidates agree and sign a contract with their host organization for a stay of between one and two years. Successful candidates shall be selected by the

Commission on the basis of a proposal submitted in liaison with a host organization in a Member State or Associated State.

The detailed principles of Marie Curie Incoming International Fellowships are explained in the following Handbook ( 979 Kb).

Details of the Marie Curie Incoming International Fellowship application procedure are also available at: http://fp6.cordis.lu/fp6/call_details.cfm?CALL_ID=30#

The first call for Marie Curie Incoming International Fellowship proposals was published on 17 December 2002. The next closing date will be on 12 February 2004, 17:00 Brussels time.