

**There are some important changes in the fellowship part of the horizontal side of FP6:**

- Marie Curie Fellowships would now comprise *Intra-European Fellowships* (basically as were Marie Curie Fellowships up to now), *Outgoing International Fellowships* (which involve a research phase outside Europe and a mandatory phase in Europe afterwards) and *Incoming International Fellowships* (designed to attract researchers from third countries to work and undertake research training in Europe and which may include provision to assist fellows to return to their country of origin)
- There will be no age limit for Marie Curie Fellowships!
- Instead of "Return"-type Fellowships there will be *Return and Reintegration Grants*
- The name of Marie Curie shall be also used in other parts of the horizontal programs: *Marie Curie Research Training Networks, Marie Curie Host Fellowships for Early Stage Research Training, Marie Curie Host Fellowships for the Transfer of Knowledge, Marie Curie Conferences and Training Courses, Marie Curie Excellence Awards and Marie Curie Chairs.*



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FP6 shall be the first European Research Framework to take place in the enlarged EU (provided that the candidate countries join the EU in 2004). However, almost all candidate and associate countries already took part in FP5 – here, we would like to present their opinions and evaluation of their participation: we begin with Hungary and Poland.

**HUNGARIAN PARTICIPATION  
 IN THE MARIE CURIE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME  
 OF FP5**



Although the final results of the programmes in FP5 are not known yet, the statistics published by the European Commission (First report on Marie Curie Fellowships in FP5 (1999); Annual Report on Marie Curie Fellowships in FP5 (2000)) show that the participation of Hungarian researchers in the Marie Curie individual fellowship schemes have been sufficient compared to the participation of other candidate countries, but it fell short of the success rates of most EU Member States. However, those Member States having similar size and population have achieved similar results.

On average, 50% of submitted Hungarian Marie Curie Individual Fellowship proposals have been funded. As a contribution to this quite high success rate, it is worth mentioning that Hungarian applicants have many possibilities in getting information on the programme, as well as help in preparing proposals. Information days have been organised regularly to inform Hungarian researchers as to the various opportunities available. The National Contact Point for the IHP programme, colleagues of the Hungarian FP5 consultation offices and a special bureau for the IHP programme have provided support for applicants. However, it is obvious that the relatively low number of submitted proposals also plays a significant role in achieving this rate.

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