



Celebration MSCA's 30th anniversary - 31 March 2026

Horizon Europe Part	Ghent University HES ranking position
Pillar 1 ERC	4
Pillar 1 MSCA	16
Horizon Europe	5



Programme:

- 14:00: Welcome - Prof. Dr. Petra De Sutter, Rector
- 14:05: Keynote by Marija Mitic and Annelies Van De Ven (European Commission - MSCA policy unit)
- 14:30: Overview of funding schemes and central services (Dr Mia Pistorius, EU-team)
- 15:00: Testimonials from former fellows and supervisors
- 16:00: Networking high tea with informal discussions with MSCA fellows and supervisors
- 17:00: Close

[Read the summary of this event](#)



MASTER CLASS MSCA PF CALL (SINCE 2019)



- Online - MS Teams
- Annually in May/June (3 modules on different days)
- Participation only with written support of a Ghent University supervisor
- How to apply? Mail to : EU-team@UGent.be
 - <https://www.ugent.be/en/research/funding/eu-int/msca-masterclass.htm>

PROMOTION AT INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL EVENTS

- Faculty visits, e.g. at meetings of Commission Scientific Research
- Euraxess webinars towards external applicants
- By e-mailing specific internal target groups

ANNUAL MASTER CLASS - 2026

Training materials
available for accepted
participants

"Perfect presentation of the mind set in which we have to write the different sections, and what is expected from evaluators. All presentations and presenters/staff were very insightful, and definitely contribute to the attractiveness of UGent."

"Creating the right mindset among candidates to think about how to approach their proposal."

Programme Master Class for MSCA-PF applicants at Ghent University

Day 1 – Tuesday 9 June 2026: Introduction and testimonials

10:30 – 10:40	Welcome to Ghent University (Mia Pistorius)
10:40 – 11:30	The MSCA-PF call specifics (Paulien Cantraine)
11:30 – 12:00	Testimonial fellow: Dr. Riccardo Villa
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch break
13:00 – 14:00	Testimonial panel member: Prof. dr. Marleen De Troch
14:00 – 14:30	Testimonial fellow: Dr. Lorenzo Maselli

Day 2 – Tuesday 16 June 2026

10:00 – 12:00	Workshop proposal writing part 1 (Mia Pistorius & Frederik Vandecasteele)
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch break
13:00 – 15:00	Workshop proposal writing part 2 (Mia Pistorius & Frederik Vandecasteele)

Day 3 – Tuesday 23 June 2026

10:40 – 11:00	Career Support for Postdocs @ Ghent University - presentation and Q&A (Hatim El Sghiar)
11:00 – 11:45	How to fill out your ethical self-assessment? – presentation and Q&A (Tom Geerinckx)
11:45 – 13:00	Lunch break
13:00 – 13:45	Open Access in Horizon Europe – recorded presentation by Inge Van Nieuwerburgh,
13:45 – 14:30	Research Data Management - recorded presentation, live summary and Q&A session (Paula Oset Garcia)

"I want to say a particular thank you to both the current Fellows who gave testimonials - they gave excellent presentations. I'd also like to say that every one of the organizers did a great job."

"The part on proposal writing was extremely useful with practical tips to improve chances for funding."

"I attended several grant courses, I can definitely say that this one is the most helpful!"

IMPACT OF SUPPORTING MEASURES ON SUCCESS RATES

Service (2021-2025) 318 proposals submitted	Yes	No	P-value	% supported
Master Class	18% (125 proposals)	12% (193 proposals)	0,06	39%
Review	22% (137 proposals)	9% (181 proposals)	<0,01	43%
Master Class + Review	25% (85 proposals)	11% (233 proposals)	0,01	27%

Conclusions

- Significant impact of our services on the success rates
- To win more projects, we need to enlarge our footprint



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