OPEN CALL ANALYSIS

RAISE DOCTORAL NETWORKS 2026

A pilot call with its own EUR 30 million for doctoral networks working on AI in science, entered through MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026

EUnita strategic translation

RAISE Doctoral Networks is a pilot call with its own EUR 30.00 million, but it has no separate submission. A consortium submits one proposal to MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026 and opts in by writing a one-page Section 11. Only the highest-ranked proposals on the MSCA reserve list are assessed for RAISE, and REA expects 7 projects. The grant pays fixed amounts per person-month, at 100%: allowances for the doctoral candidates and contributions for research, training and management. The official texts word the scope in two ways, use of AI in science and development of AI; the stricter texts require development. The deadline, 24 November 2026, 17:00 Brussels time, is the MSCA deadline; no later RAISE round is published.

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Deadline: 24 November 2026, 17:00 Brussels time (18:00 in Romania); the deadline of MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026

Call budget: €30.00 million | Projects expected: 7 (REA answer) | Grant per project: none set; up to 540 person-months per network | Opened 28 May 2026

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*This analysis interprets the official call documentation for applicants. It is not legal advice. The official texts are the Horizon Europe Work Programme 2026-2027 (part 14 Horizontal Activities, part 2 MSCA and the General Annexes, Commission Decision C(2026) 6687/2 of 29 September 2026), the Portal topic page of HORIZON-RAISE-2026-01-03, the MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026 Guide for Applicants (Version 5.1) and the application form (Version 6.0); where this analysis and an official text differ, the official text prevails. Labels used: **Confirmed** (stated in an official source), **EUnita interpretation** (our reading or recommendation), **Derived estimate** (our arithmetic on official figures).*

1. Decision summary: is this call for you?

RAISE Doctoral Networks for AI in Science (topic HORIZON-RAISE-2026-01-03) is a pilot call under Horizon Europe with its own EUR 30.00 million. It has no separate submission: a consortium submits one proposal to MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026 (HORIZON-MSCA-2026-DN-01-01) and opts in by writing a one-page Section 11 in Part B2. The Guide says “RAISE DN is not a separate call”; Portal Q&A 93027 calls it “a separate pilot call”. The same eligibility rules, award criteria and thresholds apply. Only the highest-ranked proposals on the MSCA reserve list are assessed for RAISE: the Work Programme sets the requested budgets on that list as close as possible to three times the RAISE budget, and REA’s information-event answer expects 7 projects. The official texts word the scope in two ways (section 2); the topic text requires the candidates to develop, or significantly take part in developing, AI for their own scientific field. The only deadline is the MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026 deadline: 24 November 2026, 17:00 Brussels time (18:00 in Romania). The Work Programme lists no later RAISE Doctoral Networks call.

Item	Confirmed position	Source
Call and topic	Topic HORIZON-RAISE-2026-01-03, “RAISE Doctoral Networks for AI in Science (RAISE pilot)”, call HORIZON-RAISE-2026-01-MSCA, Horizon Europe, Unit Grant (HORIZON-AG-UN), single stage	Portal topic page and data file; Work Programme part 14 (WP14), p. 11-12
Route	Applicants submit to MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026 and opt in through Section 11 of Part B2 (one page). The Guide: “RAISE DN is not a separate call: it is an additional funding opportunity”; Portal Q&A 93027: “a separate pilot call”. Part A has no opt-in box	Guide for Applicants (Guide) p. 4; Application form p. 43; Portal Q&A 93027
Budget	EUR 30.00 million (2026 budget), subject to the availability of appropriations; separate from the MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026 budget	WP14 p. 11 (footnote 9), p. 12, p. 160; Guide p. 4; info-day slide p. 41
Projects	7 expected (REA answer at the information event). The Work Programme and the Portal give no number and no amount per project	Info-day Q&A, Q49; WP14 p. 12
What is paid	Unit contributions per person-month at 100%, up to 540 person-months per network; doctoral candidates recruited by the beneficiaries under employment or equivalent contracts	WP part 2 (WP2) p. 69-71, p. 74; General Annex G p. 31
Who can apply	Same as MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026: at least three independent beneficiaries in three EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries, one at least in a Member State; each beneficiary recruits at least one doctoral candidate	WP14 p. 56; WP2 p. 72; Guide p. 8
Scope	Doctoral candidates develop, or significantly take part in developing, innovative AI systems, models, tools or methodologies for their scientific domain; the development is integral and indispensable and delineated in the research work package. Other official texts say “use of AI in science” (section 2)	WP14 p. 55; Portal topic page
Deadline	24 November 2026, 17:00:00 Brussels time (18:00 in Romania); opened 28 May 2026	Portal topic page; WP14 p. 11
Decision	MSCA evaluation first. A cross-panel list is then built only from the highest-ranking reserve-list proposals; experts assess RAISE relevance; the final RAISE ranking combines the MSCA score and that assessment (weighting not published)	WP14 p. 56; Portal Q&A 93028; info-day Q&A, Q16

Item	Confirmed position	Source
Next round	RAISE Doctoral Networks: not published. Next MSCA Doctoral Networks round (HORIZON-MSCA-2027-DN-01-01, forthcoming): opens 26 May 2027, deadline 23 November 2027, 17:00 Brussels time (planned; the opening may move by up to one month and the deadline by up to two months)	WP2 p. 17-18; Portal data file of the 2027 topic

Good fit

- ✓ A consortium whose MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026 proposal is written and whose candidates develop AI for their own field
- ✓ An organisation asked shortly before the deadline to join such a consortium as an associated partner
- ✓ Universities and research institutes in any discipline that put AI development, not only AI use, at the core of doctoral projects
- ✓ Companies and public bodies that can host doctoral candidates and take part in AI development work
- ✓ A network whose MSCA score may place it among the highest-ranked reserve-list proposals
- ✓ Teams that can settle in advance what they would do if offered a RAISE grant while on the MSCA reserve list

Not a fit

- ✗ A team that has not started writing: the deadline belongs to the MSCA submission and needs a full proposal
- ✗ A network where AI is only a standard tool for data processing or statistics
- ✗ A project that is computer-science AI only, with no contribution to a domain science
- ✗ A single organisation, or fewer than three independent beneficiaries in three countries
- ✗ A consortium that expects the RAISE route to lower the MSCA thresholds: it does not
- ✗ An organisation that wants EU money but will not recruit a doctoral candidate (associated partners claim no costs)

Who can use the deadline of 24 November 2026

- Confirmed: the date is the deadline of MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026. A RAISE opt-in is possible only inside a proposal submitted to it.
- EUnita interpretation: it can still be used by a consortium with a written proposal that fits the AI scope and needs one page for Section 11 and a last rules check (countries, 40.0% rule, person-months, layout, resubmission), and by an organisation asked to join such a consortium as an associated partner (no letter of commitment, any country, added in Part A).
- EUnita interpretation: a consortium that has not started writing should prepare for the next MSCA Doctoral Networks round (26 May 2027 to 23 November 2027, planned; forthcoming on the Portal). Whether that round carries a RAISE opt-in is not published, and no later RAISE Doctoral Networks call is published.

EUnita verdict (interpretation)

Suited to the few consortia that already have an AI-driven doctoral network written and an MSCA score that may place it among the highest-ranked reserve-list proposals; a pilot to prepare for, not a call to start now, for everyone else. The route eases no MSCA rule, the RAISE list is drawn only from the MSCA reserve list, and the weighting of the RAISE relevance assessment is not published. This verdict is an interpretation, not an evaluation score or a chance of selection.

2. Source verification and document status

Every figure and rule here was checked on 18 November 2026 against the official files listed below; the Portal data files of the topics, Work Programme parts 14, 2 and 15 and the Guide were read again on 19 November 2026 and had not changed. RAISE Doctoral Networks has no guide of its own: the

Portal topic page says “Applicants to RAISE-DN must refer to the MSCA DN Guide for Applicants”, and the rules are those of MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026.

Document	Version or date printed	Used for
Portal topic page and data file, HORIZON-RAISE-2026-01-03	Page printed 18 Nov 2026; data file last modified 29 May 2026; status Open; no topic updates	Identifiers, dates, hour, budget overview, conditions
Work Programme 2026-2027, part 14 Horizontal Activities	Commission Decision C(2026) 6687/2 of 29 Sep 2026; 160 pages	Topic text, scope, ranking rule, budget (p. 11-12, 54-56, 160)
Work Programme 2026-2027, part 2 MSCA	Decision C(2026) 6687/2 of 29 Sep 2026; 112 pages	Eligibility, award criteria, unit contributions, country coefficients, 2027 round
Work Programme 2026-2027, General Annexes (part 15) and General Introduction (part 1)	44 and 14 pages; Annexes last modified 29 Sep 2026	Country restrictions, payments, procedure timing; AI in Science package size
MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026 Guide for Applicants	Version 5.1, 1 July 2026 (served as “2.0”); version 5.0 of 9 Apr 2026 added the RAISE note	Rules, RAISE opt-in note (p. 4), limits
Application form (Part A example and Part B template)	Version 6.0, 4 Apr 2026 in the footer; Section 11 “RAISE DN” added in version 6.0	Page limits, layout, Section 11
Evaluation form (HE MSCA)	V2.2, 17 Dec 2025	Scoring scale
REA information-day presentation and Q&A	3 Jun 2026 event; Q&A file-store date 6 Aug 2026	RAISE slides (p. 41-42), Q16, Q25, Q32, Q37, Q44, Q49
Portal Topic Q&As for the RAISE topic	References 93027, 93028, 93031 (June 2026; 93027 modified 30 Oct 2026)	Opt-in, ranking, countries
REA page “MSCA Doctoral Networks” and REA evaluation overview	Pages of 18 Nov 2026; overview undated	Timetable of the MSCA call; outcomes (main list, reserve list)
List of participating countries; Unit Model Grant Agreement; Financial Guide	V4.2 of 7 Oct 2026; V1.3 of 15 Dec 2025; V2.0 of 1 Sep 2026	Associated countries; grant terms

Where the official documents differ

- MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026 budget: EUR 628.03 million in the Work Programme (p. 12-13) and on the Portal; EUR 593.03 million on REA’s call page, in the Guide (p. 10) and in REA’s info-day material (Q24, Q49). REA’s page says the legal instruments and the call text prevail. Confirmed: the Work Programme (p. 8) and its General Introduction (p. 6) add a 2026 Choose Europe amount of EUR 70 million to the MSCA budget, to strengthen Postdoctoral Fellowships and Doctoral Networks together. Derived estimate: 628.03 minus 593.03 is 35.00 for Doctoral Networks; 434.05 (Work Programme p. 22, 24, 66) minus 399.05 (REA presentation, slide 6) is 35.00 for Postdoctoral Fellowships; together 70.00. No document says in words how the EUR 70 million is split between the two actions. EUnita interpretation: the figures fit, and REA’s call page, Guide and slides may not yet include the amount. The RAISE budget, EUR 30.00 million, is the same everywhere.
- Scope wording: Work Programme part 2 (p. 17) says the RAISE Doctoral Networks “provide specific support to networks with primary focus on the use of AI in science”; Portal Q&A 93027 says “a separate pilot call providing specific support to doctoral networks whose primary focus is on the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in science”; the information-day slide (p. 41) speaks of “projects that aim to apply AI in their scientific research & for those focused on developing new AI tools, systems and

Where the official documents differ (continued)

methodologies". The topic text in Work Programme part 14 (p. 55-56), Section 11 of the application form (p. 43) and REA's answers (questions 32, 37 and 44) require candidates to "either develop or significantly participate in the development of" innovative AI systems, models, tools or methodologies, and put the instrumental use of existing AI out of scope. EUnita interpretation: the part 14 text and REA's answers are the stricter texts and the ones that say what is out of scope; plan for them. No document explains the broader wording.

- Name of the route: the Guide (p. 4) says "RAISE DN is not a separate call: it is an additional funding opportunity"; Portal Q&A 93027 calls it "a separate pilot call". The topic has its own call identifier (HORIZON-RAISE-2026-01-MSCA), topic and EUR 30.00 million, but no separate submission: applicants "cannot submit only to the RAISE DN call".
- Size of the AI in Science package: "around EUR 90 million" (part 1), "EUR 100 million for five new topics" (part 14 introduction), EUR 88.30 million in the part 14 call tables (Derived estimate: 27.80 + 30.50 + 30.00), and "EUR 33 million … in WP25 and EUR 107 million in WP26-27" on the Commission's RAISE page. The part 14 introduction counts five topics; its tables list six. The RAISE Doctoral Networks figure is not affected.
- Long-term leave allowance: EUR 4,720 on the 2026 info-day slide, EUR 4,960 in WP2 p. 70, in conditions that footnote 65 assigns to the 2027 calls. The 2026 conditions are in Commission Decision C(2025) 8493 of 11 December 2025, which is not found in the sources read. The Romanian coefficient (72.6%) comes only from the table in the 2027 conditions.
- Associated countries: the General Annexes (Annex B, p. 11) list Canada, New Zealand and the Republic of Korea as associated to Horizon Europe; the List of Participating Countries (V4.2) shows Canada, Japan, New Zealand and the Republic of Korea as associated to Pillar II only. Portal Q&A 93031 (filed under this topic) says that although RAISE Doctoral Networks is funded under Pillar II, it follows the MSCA Doctoral Networks eligibility rules, so these four are not automatically eligible for funding, usually take part at their own cost and can receive exceptional funding if their participation is deemed essential. The documents read do not say whether an entity from one of them counts towards the three-country minimum. EUnita interpretation: ask the Research Enquiry Service or a National Contact Point, both named on the Portal topic page, before relying on one of them.
- China: WP14 p. 44 (introduction to the AI in Science section) says "Legal entities established in China are not eligible to participate in any actions falling under AI in Science" and refers to General Annex B. Annex B (p. 6-7) restricts entities established in China in Innovation Actions and Research and Innovation Actions, with a list of exceptions that does not mention training and mobility actions, and separately bars universities linked to the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) from every action. The MSCA texts (WP2 p. 73; Guide p. 7) and the Portal topic text name only the MIIT-linked universities or say nothing about China. The documents read do not say which text prevails, or whether the part 14 sentence reaches an entity established in China that joins as an associated partner. EUnita interpretation: the stricter reading is the safe one; ask the Research Enquiry Service or a National Contact Point before including such an entity.
- Thresholds: WP2 p. 74 and the Guide set 3 on each criterion and 70% overall; the evaluation form V2.2 mentions only an overall threshold of 70 points and says specific calls may differ. The Work Programme and the Guide are followed.
- Deadline hour: the Portal data file stores 24 November 2026 as a date at 00:00 UTC; the topic page and the Work Programme say 17:00:00 Brussels time. The page and the Work Programme are followed.
- Guide and template versions: the Guide is served as "2.0" but prints "Version 5.1, 01 July 2026"; the template's history dates version 6.0 as 26.3.2026, its footer says 04.04.2026. The printed versions are used.
- Commission RAISE page: on 18 November 2026 it still lists the two Thematic Networks topics as "currently 2 open calls"; the Portal shows both closed on 21 April 2026. The Portal is followed.

Where the official documents differ (continued)

- Resubmission boundary: the Work Programme bars proposals that scored below 80%; Q&A Q16 says resubmission needs a score above 80%. A score of exactly 80% is treated differently. The Work Programme is followed.

3. What the call funds

Confirmed: the call funds doctoral networks, that is, consortia that recruit and employ doctoral candidates and train them together. Its added condition is the subject. The scope is “limited to AI (artificial intelligence) in science”, and successful networks and candidates “will be associated with RAISE, the Resource for AI Science in Europe” and “become part of the RAISE research community” (WP14 p. 55). All research fields are open: the topic is meant “to train a new generation of researchers in AI-driven scientific methods across all disciplines” (WP14 p. 44).

The scope test, in the topic’s words

- Doctoral candidates “either develop or significantly participate in the development of innovative AI systems, models, tools or methodologies for their scientific domain”.
- These must “substantially innovate the way in which scientific information is analysed and enable a scientific contribution that furthers the state of the art in the discipline of the doctoral research”.
- The development is “an integral and indispensable part of the research work and be clearly delineated in the research work package”.
- Results are to be in the domain discipline, “going beyond a unique focus on computer-scientific AI development” or “the use of existing AI systems, methodologies or general-purpose computational tools for data processing/statistical analysis in an instrumental way”.
- “All doctoral candidates should receive dedicated doctoral-level training on AI in science.”
- Applicants “should therefore clearly specify how they meet this ‘AI in science’ criterion” (WP14 p. 55-56; Application form p. 43).

Two official wordings of the scope

Wording	Where	Text
Use of AI in science	WP2 p. 17; Portal Q&A 93027; info-day slide p. 41	“specific support to networks with primary focus on the use of AI in science” (WP2); “doctoral networks whose primary focus is on the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in science” (Q&A 93027); “projects that aim to apply AI in their scientific research & for those focused on developing new AI tools, systems and methodologies” (slide)
Development of AI	WP14 p. 55-56; Application form p. 43; info-day Q&A 32, 37, 44	“either develop or significantly participate in the development of innovative AI systems, models, tools or methodologies”; instrumental use of existing AI and computer-science AI alone are “explicitly out of scope” (Q32, Q37, Q44)

Confirmed: the part 14 topic text, Section 11 of the application form and REA’s answers are the texts that say what is out of scope; the broader summaries say nothing about exclusions. EUnita interpretation: a network that mainly applies existing AI would find support for its fit in the broader wording, but the stricter texts are the ones that define the scope assessed for RAISE; plan for them. No document explains the difference.

Confirmed (info-day Q&A, Q44): not every doctoral candidate has to work on AI development, but “the network as a whole must have AI innovation at its core in a meaningful and substantive way”. A proposal where AI is used “in an incidental or standard analytical way by some DCs, with no genuine

AI innovation driving the network's research objectives" is out of scope. Q32 and Q37 give the same two exclusions.

What is the same and what is RAISE-specific

Item	Same as MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026	RAISE-specific	Source
Submission	Same topic, same forms, same Part A and Part B1	Section 11 of Part B2, one page: opt-in and scope justification	Guide p. 4; Application form p. 43
Eligibility and admissibility	All conditions, and all thresholds	None added in the Portal topic text; WP14 p. 44 adds a China sentence (section 2)	WP14 p. 56; Portal page
Criteria and scoring	Excellence 50%, Impact 30%, Implementation 20%; 3 on each criterion; 70% overall	Then a RAISE relevance assessment of the best-ranked reserve-list proposals	WP14 p. 56; WP2 p. 74-75
Modes, duration, size	DN, DN-ID, DN-JD; 48 months (60 for JD); up to 540 person-months	None	Info-day slide p. 42
Budget	Unit contributions at 100%	EUR 30.00 million (subject to appropriations), separate from the MSCA budget	WP14 p. 11-12; Guide p. 4
Projects expected	About 130 (REA)	7 (REA)	Info-day Q&A, Q49
Label of the researchers	MSCA fellows	RAISE fellows	Guide p. 4

Policy anchors

- The European Strategy for AI in Science (October 2025) introduced RAISE, described by the Commission as "a virtual research institute for excellent European research on and with AI" (Commission RAISE page).
- Work Programme part 14 treats the AI in Science topics as pilots for RAISE. Part 2 describes the RAISE Doctoral Networks as "specific support to networks with primary focus on the use of AI in science" (WP2 p. 17), a wider wording than the topic text (see the two wordings above).
- Confirmed, but not tied to this topic: part 14 plans access to advanced AI computing infrastructure for selected projects from RAISE-associated topics (indicative first quarter of 2027, budget EUR 0.00, voluntary third-party contributions). The text does not say that RAISE Doctoral Networks projects qualify (WP14 p. 159).

4. Boundaries: avoid the wrong door

The most common wrong turn is to treat topic 03 as a stand-alone submission. It has its own call identifier, topic and budget but no application of its own: "applicants cannot submit only to the RAISE DN call without submitting to the MSCA Doctoral Networks call: all proposals will undergo a full evaluation of their MSCA DN proposal" (Portal Q&A 93027). The Guide says "RAISE DN is not a separate call"; the same Q&A calls it "a separate pilot call".

What this route does not do

- It does not change any eligibility condition, evaluation step or award criterion of MSCA Doctoral Networks (Portal Q&A 93027).

- It does not fund researchers who already hold a doctoral degree: supported researchers must be doctoral candidates (Guide p. 6).
- It does not fund, on the stricter texts, AI used only as an ordinary analysis tool, or computer-science AI without a contribution to a domain science (WP14 p. 55-56; Q&A Q32).
- It does not give associated partners any funding: they cannot claim costs or employ the researchers (WP2 p. 68).
- It is not open to entities established in Russia, Belarus or the non-government-controlled territories of Ukraine (General Annex B).

Neighbouring doors

Door	What it funds	Status on 18 November 2026	Source
MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026 (HORIZON-MSCA-2026-DN-01-01)	The main route: the same doctoral networks without the AI condition, with its own budget (EUR 628.03 million in the Work Programme and on the Portal, EUR 593.03 million in the Guide and on REA's pages; see section 2)	Open; same deadline, 24 Nov 2026, 17:00 Brussels time	WP2 p. 12-13; Portal data file
MSCA Doctoral Networks 2027 (HORIZON-MSCA-2027-DN-01-01)	The next round of the main route; indicative budget EUR 645.99 million, subject to the availability of appropriations	Forthcoming; planned to open 26 May 2027 and close 23 Nov 2027, 17:00 Brussels time	WP2 p. 17-18; Portal data file
RAISE Thematic Networks of Excellence (HORIZON-RAISE-2026-01-01 and -01-02)	Research and Innovation Actions, EUR 15.00 million and EUR 12.80 million, about one project each	Closed 21 Apr 2026	WP14 p. 9; Portal data files
RAISE 2027 call (HORIZON-RAISE-2027-01): topics 01-01 Automated Scientific Discovery, Materials Science; 01-02 Automated Scientific Discovery, Food; 01-04 Data Lab for Science (CSA)	Research and coordination projects, not doctoral training: EUR 26.50 million (about 3 projects), EUR 3.00 million (1), EUR 1.00 million (1)	Open; deadline 2 Feb 2027, 17:00 Brussels time	WP14 p. 10; Portal data files

5. Budget, competition and expected number of grants

Item	Figure	Source
RAISE Doctoral Networks budget	EUR 30.00 million (2026); "Overall indicative budget 30.00"; subject to the availability of appropriations. The Portal lists 30,000,000 once for each of the three action types	WP14 p. 11 (footnote 9), p. 12, p. 160; Portal data file
EU contribution per project	The Work Programme leaves the column "Expected EU contribution per project" empty; expected grants 0 on the Portal. The limit is 540 person-months per network	WP14 p. 12; Portal data file; WP2 p. 74
Projects expected	7 ("an additional 7 projects under the RAISE DN pilot call"), against about 130 under the main MSCA budget (REA gave both numbers with a main budget of EUR 593.03 million). Stated in an information-event answer, not in the Work Programme (its column "Indicative number of projects expected to be funded" says "Not relevant")	Info-day Q&A, Q49; WP14 p. 12

Item	Figure	Source
Requests on the cross-panel list	“as close as possible to 3 times the available budget”. Derived estimate: 3 x EUR 30.00 million = about EUR 90 million	WP14 p. 56
Average budget per project	Derived estimate: EUR 30.00 million / 7 = about EUR 4.3 million	Info-day Q&A, Q49; WP14 p. 12
MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026 budget	EUR 628.03 million (Work Programme, Portal) or EUR 593.03 million (Guide, REA page, Q&A). Derived estimate: the EUR 35.00 million gap fits half of the 2026 Choose Europe amount of EUR 70 million that the Work Programme adds for Doctoral Networks and Postdoctoral Fellowships together; see section 2	WP2 p. 8, p. 12-13; Guide p. 10
MSCA Doctoral Networks 2025 call	About EUR 617 million; 1,616 proposals; 141 selected; more than 2,100 doctoral candidates. REA gives the success rate as approximately 8.7%	Info-day slide p. 47; Q&A Q49
Success rate 2026	REA expects “in the range of 8%” for the main MSCA call; an expectation, not a result. No figure for the RAISE route	Info-day Q&A, Q49
Proposals opting in to RAISE	Not published	-

Confirmed: RAISE does not compete for the main MSCA budget. Its list is made only of the “highest-ranking reserve list proposals” (WP14 p. 56), and relevance to RAISE is “only assessed if your proposal is amongst the highest-ranked reserve list proposals” (Q16). The reserve list holds proposals that passed every threshold and rank next in line after the main list; REA says these “may be invited for grant preparation if sufficient budget is made available” (REA evaluation overview).

EUnita interpretation: how to read the competition

Only proposals on the highest-ranked part of the MSCA reserve list, just below the main MSCA funding line, are assessed for RAISE, so the first competition is the MSCA ranking itself. Derived estimate: requests of about three times the RAISE budget are about EUR 90 million, which at the average of EUR 4.3 million per project is about 20 proposals across all panels, against the 1,616 proposals of 2025. The number of proposals that opt in, the size of the cross-panel list and the weight of the RAISE assessment are not published, so no success rate for the RAISE route can be given. The only RAISE-specific figure is the expectation of 7 projects. A proposal that is not on the list is not assessed for RAISE.

6. What has been funded before

Confirmed: RAISE Doctoral Networks is a pilot, with one round published. There is no earlier round, no list of funded projects and no count of proposals that opted in.

The first RAISE call (topics 01 and 02, Thematic Networks of Excellence)

This call opened on 6 January 2026 and closed on 21 April 2026. The Portal topic updates of 23 April and 13 August 2026 give the following results. The names of the selected projects were not found in the sources read.

Item	Topic 01	Topic 02
Proposals submitted	5	6
Ineligible	0	1
Above threshold	4	5

Item	Topic 01	Topic 02
Retained for funding	1	1
On the reserve list	1	1
Funding threshold (score out of 15)	15.0	13.0
Budget requested by above-threshold proposals	EUR 57,961,497.75	EUR 62,345,060.50

These are other RAISE topics (research and innovation actions), not Doctoral Networks. EUnita interpretation: they show that the first RAISE call drew a small number of proposals.

The main MSCA Doctoral Networks route

- 2025 call: about EUR 617 million, 1,616 proposals, 141 selected for funding, more than 2,100 doctoral candidates (REA slide; source given as the MSCA website).
- REA gives the 2025 success rate as approximately 8.7% and expects about 8% for 2026 (Q&A Q49).
- An average funded Doctoral Network has about 8 beneficiaries and 10 associated partners. REA calls this “a descriptive average, not a target” (Q&A Q40, Q42).

7. Who should apply, and with which ideas

EUnita interpretation: on the stricter texts (section 3), the fit is a doctoral network in which AI is built, not only used. The scope text lets any discipline qualify, but it asks for a scientific contribution through new AI systems, models, tools or methods in the candidates’ own field, and for training in AI in science for all candidates.

Ideas that fit the scope text

- A network in which candidates in different disciplines each develop a new AI model, tool or method for their own research question, and the whole network shares AI training and data practices.
- A network that builds AI methods for a field’s data and shows, in the research work package, that the scientific results depend on them.
- An Industrial Doctorate in which a company and a university develop an AI tool for a scientific problem, with at least half of each fellowship in the non-academic sector.
- A Joint Doctorate whose joint, double or multiple degree is tied to AI methods for the shared research field.

Ideas that do not fit

- A network that uses existing AI or general-purpose tools for data processing or statistics, however large the data.
- A network whose results would appear only in computer-science AI venues, with no contribution to the domain science.
- A network where AI appears in a few candidate projects as an incidental tool and the network’s objectives do not depend on AI innovation.

Who plays which role

Role	What the rules say	Source
Coordinator and beneficiaries	Sign the grant agreement, recruit at least one doctoral candidate each, host and supervise; share one budget under the 40.0% rule	WP2 p. 72; Guide p. 7, 10
Degree-awarding institution	At least one must award the doctoral degree; if no beneficiary can, a university or grouping joins as an associated partner or an associated partner linked to a beneficiary	Guide p. 8
Non-academic organisations	Beneficiary or associated partner; in Industrial Doctorates at least 50% of each fellowship is in the non-academic sector	WP2 p. 72-74; Guide p. 10
Associated partners	Any country except the excluded entities (section 8), no minimum, no letter of commitment; they host or second researchers and cannot claim costs. A beneficiary can reimburse their tasks under a partnership or consortium agreement	Guide p. 8, 14; Info-day Q&A, Q6
Consultants	May fill in Part A for the coordinator if given access rights; all beneficiaries should agree to the final proposal	Info-day Q&A, Q9, Q11

Romania

Confirmed: Romanian universities, research institutes, companies and public bodies are eligible on the same terms as organisations from any other Member State (General Annex B, p. 11; Guide p. 7-9). Romanian public bodies, higher education institutions and research organisations need a Gender Equality Plan (Guide p. 7). The application goes to the EU through the Funding & Tenders Portal; the sources read name no national co-funder or national annex, and the National Contact Point listed on the Portal topic page can advise. The living-allowance coefficient for Romania is 72.6% in Table 1 of Work Programme part 2 (p. 110), in conditions that the file's footnote 65 assigns to the 2027 calls; REA's 2026 Guide and answers point applicants to that Table 1, and the 2026 table (Commission Decision C(2025) 8493) is not found in the sources read. The deadline is 18:00 in Romania.

8. Eligibility checklist

The rules below are those of MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026. The RAISE topic says RAISE proposals "must fulfil all the admissibility and eligibility conditions of the MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026 and pass all the thresholds for that call". A mark ✓ means the rule is confirmed in an official source; ? marks a point the documents leave open.

✓	Proposal submitted to MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026 before 24 November 2026, 17:00 Brussels time, with Section 11 of Part B2 filled in (Guide p. 4).
✓	At least three independent legal entities as beneficiaries, each in a different EU Member State or Horizon Europe associated country, at least one in a Member State (WP2 p. 72).
✓	Every beneficiary recruits at least one doctoral candidate and hosts and supervises, itself or through associated partners linked to it (WP2 p. 72).
✓	No more than 40.0% of the EU contribution to beneficiaries in one country or to one international organisation, tested on amounts at submission; non-compliance makes the proposal ineligible (Guide p. 7).
✓	At most 540 person-months for the network; at most 48 months (Joint Doctorates 60); fellowships 3 to 36 months (Joint Doctorates up to 48) (WP2 p. 74).
✓	A doctoral degree-awarding entity in the consortium, as beneficiary, associated partner or associated partner linked to a beneficiary (Guide p. 8).

✓	Researchers are doctoral candidates without a doctoral degree at recruitment, enrolled in a doctoral programme, not more than 12 months in the recruiting country in the 36 months before recruitment (Guide p. 6).
✓	Industrial Doctorates: at least 50% of each fellowship in the non-academic sector. Joint Doctorates: three entities entitled to award degrees and signed letters of pre-agreement in the Part B2 PDF (WP2 p. 72-74; Application form p. 43).
✓	Part A and Part B consistent; the person-months in the Part A budget table equal those in Part B1 (Guide p. 14-15). If they differ, Part A prevails (Portal Q&A 90985).
✓	Resubmission: a proposal that scored below 80% in the 2025 call must not be resubmitted; 70% or more of the same recruiting organisations triggers a similarity check; similar proposals of the last two calls are declared in Part A (Guide p. 7).
✓	Gender Equality Plan for public bodies, higher education institutions and research organisations from Member States and associated countries, needed before grant signature (Guide p. 7).
✓	Layout: Part B1 within 34 pages (sections 1 to 3 within 30), Part B2 without overall limit, 11 pt minimum, A4, margins of 15 mm, each PDF within 10 MB (Application form p. 24-25).
✓	Not allowed, also as associated partners: entities established in Russia, Belarus or non-government-controlled Ukraine; MIIT-linked Chinese universities; high-risk 5G suppliers (General Annex B p. 7, 10; Guide p. 7). Associated partners may otherwise be established anywhere (Guide p. 9).
?	Entities established in China: WP14 p. 44 says they are not eligible to participate in any actions falling under AI in Science and refers to General Annex B, whose China restriction names Innovation Actions and Research and Innovation Actions; the MSCA texts and the Portal topic text name only MIIT-linked universities. No document says which text prevails, or whether the part 14 sentence reaches an associated partner: ask the Research Enquiry Service or a National Contact Point.
?	Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Republic of Korea: not automatically eligible for funding; Portal Q&A 93031 says RAISE Doctoral Networks follows the MSCA eligibility rules, they usually take part at their own cost and can receive exceptional funding if their participation is deemed essential. The List of Participating Countries shows them as associated to Pillar II only; Annex B lists Canada, New Zealand and the Republic of Korea as associated to Horizon Europe. The documents read do not say whether they count towards the three-country minimum: ask the Research Enquiry Service or a National Contact Point.
?	Whether the 2026 conditions of Decision C(2025) 8493 differ from the Work Programme text used here on any of these rules: the decision is not found in the sources read.

9. How the money works

Confirmed: the grant is a unit-contribution grant (Unit Model Grant Agreement, HORIZON-AG-UN) for a training and mobility action. The maximum funding rate for this type of action is 100% (General Annex G). The EU contribution is set by the person-months requested, up to 540 per network, not by a budget of costs.

Component, per person-month	Amount (2026 info-day slide)	Note
Living allowance	EUR 4,250 x country correction coefficient	Coefficient of the recruiting beneficiary's country; a gross amount; employment contract with full social security
Mobility allowance	EUR 710	Private mobility-related costs
Family allowance	EUR 660 (if applicable)	Marriage or equivalent, or dependent children
Long-term leave allowance	EUR 4,720 x share covered by the beneficiary (if applicable)	EUR 4,960 in the Work Programme conditions for the 2027 calls (section 2)

Component, per person-month	Amount (2026 info-day slide)	Note
Special needs allowance	Requested unit x 1/number of months (if applicable)	Predefined categories from EUR 3,000 to EUR 60,000
Research, training and networking	EUR 1,600	Institutional contribution
Management and indirect	EUR 1,200	Institutional contribution

Sources: info-day slide p. 39; WP2 p. 69-71.

Derived estimate: what a network could receive

- For a Romanian recruiting beneficiary, with the coefficient of 72.6% in the Work Programme table: 4,250 x 0.726 = EUR 3,085.50; plus 710, 1,600 and 1,200 gives about EUR 6,595.50 per person-month, before family, long-term leave and special needs allowances.
- For the 540-person-month ceiling this is about EUR 3.56 million if every researcher were recruited in Romania. At a coefficient of 100% the figure is EUR 7,760 per person-month and about EUR 4.19 million. Table 1 (WP2 p. 110-111) runs from 70% (for example Bulgaria) to 135.8% for Ireland, the highest of the EU Member States; some associated countries are higher, for example Switzerland at 163.7%. For 540 months this gives from about EUR 3.5 million at 70% to about EUR 5.0 million at 135.8% (about EUR 5.65 million at 163.7%). A real network mixes coefficients (at least three countries, no more than 40.0% of the EU contribution in one), so its total lies in between. A 36-month fellowship at the Romanian coefficient is about EUR 237,000.
- The coefficient table (WP2 p. 110) sits in the conditions that footnote 65 assigns to the 2027 calls; REA's 2026 Guide (p. 12) and answer to question 50 point applicants to that Table 1, and the 2026 table is in Decision C(2025) 8493, which is not found in the sources read. The estimates show orders of magnitude, not the 2026 amounts.

Other rules that move the money

- The 40.0% rule limits the share of the EU contribution in one country or one international organisation; the coefficient counts, so a high-coefficient country takes a larger share of the budget for the same number of person-months.
- Associated partners claim no costs. A beneficiary can reimburse their tasks under a partnership or consortium agreement (Q&A Q6).
- Institutional contributions should not cover the personnel costs of supervisors, which stay with their own institutions (Info-day Q&A, Q3).
- Payments (General Annex G, p. 32-33): the arrangements are fixed in the grant agreement; normally pre-financing of 160% of the average EU funding per reporting period; 5% to 8% of the maximum grant amount is deducted from the pre-financing and paid into the mutual insurance mechanism; interim payments and a final payment follow.
- Researchers in funded RAISE projects are "RAISE fellows", not MSCA fellows (Guide p. 4).
- No RAISE-specific payment rule was found. Timing: RAISE grant agreement preparations are finalised before any reserve-list funding is proposed (Q&A Q25).

10. Evaluation

Step 1: the MSCA evaluation

Each proposal is evaluated by at least three independent external experts after the eligibility and admissibility check. The proposal is evaluated as part of the MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026 process and “not assessed separately” (Q&A Q16).

Criterion	Weight	What is looked at (WP2 p. 74-75)
Excellence	50%	Quality and pertinence of the research and innovation objectives; soundness of the methodology; quality and credibility of the training programme; quality of the supervision (mandatory joint supervision in Industrial and Joint Doctorates)
Impact	30%	Contribution to structuring doctoral training at European level; credibility of the career and employability measures; quality of the dissemination and exploitation plan; meaningful contribution of the non-academic sector
Quality and efficiency of the implementation	20%	Quality and effectiveness of the work plan and risk assessment; quality, capacity and role of each participant, including hosting arrangements

- Each criterion is scored out of 5 with one decimal. “The threshold for individual criteria will be 3.” Proposals scoring equal to or above 70% are considered for funding, within the limits of the budget (WP2 p. 74). The Guide lists the threshold of 3 per criterion as new for 2026 (p. 4).
- Proposals are ranked within eight scientific panels: CHE, SOC, ECO, ENG, ENV, LIF, MAT, PHY. The panel follows the first of three to five project descriptors chosen in Part A (Guide p. 15; Guide p. 4 says “min. 3 descriptors”).
- Ties: first the score for Excellence, then Impact, then the gender balance among the named supervisors; then the panel may use other factors such as the participation of the non-academic sector, geographical diversity or international cooperation (WP2 p. 76).
- Outcomes: main list (invited to grant preparation), reserve list, above threshold, below threshold, ineligible or inadmissible (REA evaluation overview).

Step 2: the RAISE steps

1. After the MSCA ranking, “a cross-panel list of fundable RAISE proposals will be established with the highest-ranking reserve list proposals”. It is ranked by MSCA score and holds requests “as close as possible to 3 times the available budget” (WP14 p. 56; Q&A Q16 says “approximately three times”).
2. “Experts will assess the relevance of the proposals on this list to the RAISE topic.” The Section 11 justification (maximum one page) is assessed by experts appointed for this purpose, against the scope in part 14 (Q&A Q37).
3. “The final ranking of the RAISE proposals will be established taking into consideration the MSCA score and the assessment of the relevance of the proposal to the RAISE topic.” The weighting is not published.
4. A proposal can be on the RAISE funded list and on the MSCA reserve list at the same time, but cannot receive two grants. If selected for RAISE it must accept the RAISE grant or forfeit it and stay on the reserve list. REA calls this choice not risk-free: a position on the reserve list does not assure funding, as reserve-list proposals are funded only if budget becomes available (Q&A Q25; REA evaluation overview).

Not published

- The weighting between the MSCA score and the RAISE relevance assessment, and the scale of that assessment.
- The number of proposals on the cross-panel list and the RAISE funding threshold.
- A RAISE-specific timetable. The REA page gives dates for the MSCA call only (notification April 2027, grant signature July 2027, first projects September 2027, planned); General Annex F gives around 5 months to the outcome and around 8 months to grant signature unless the topic says otherwise.

11. Application package and timeline

Document	Content and limits	Source
Part A	Generated from the online forms: participants, associated partners, person-months per beneficiary, project descriptors (three to five), ethics table, declarations, similar proposals of the last two calls	Guide p. 14-15
Part B1 (PDF)	Start page, table of contents, list of participating organisations (up to 2 pages), then sections 1 to 3: at most 34 pages, of which 30 for the sections; section 1 starts on page 5; excess pages are blanked	Application form p. 24
Part B2 (PDF)	Sections 4 to 11, no overall page limit; Section 8: one page per beneficiary, half a page per associated partner; Section 10: declaration on the use of AI; Section 11: RAISE DN, one page	Application form p. 24, 43
Letters of pre-agreement (Joint Doctorates)	Signed by an authorised representative, inside the Part B2 PDF, not as a separate file	Application form p. 43; Guide p. 15
Layout	Minimum font 11 pt (8 pt for literature footnotes), A4, margins of at least 15 mm, PDF with embedded fonts, each document at most 10 MB	Application form p. 25

The proposal cannot be submitted unless both Part B documents are uploaded. Only the last submitted version is evaluated; a proposal can be reopened, edited and resubmitted as often as wished before the deadline (Guide p. 14-15). The form instructions say an upload above 10 MB fails in the submission system and advise testing the system in advance rather than submitting at the last minute (Application form p. 25).

Section 11 in practice

The section is the only place in the proposal that refers to RAISE DN. It “serves both as opt-in declaration and scope adherence justification” (Guide p. 4). The topic text, the application form and the REA answers point to the same content: where in the research work package the AI system, model, tool or method is developed; why the scientific advances depend on it; how it substantially innovates the way scientific information is analysed; and which dedicated doctoral-level AI training all candidates receive.

Date	Event	Status and source
12 December 2025	Topic published on the Portal	Portal data file
28 May 2026	Call opens (MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026 and RAISE Doctoral Networks)	Portal; WP14 p. 11
3 June 2026	Information event (RAISE slides p. 41-42)	REA page; info-day presentation

Date	Event	Status and source
24 November 2026, 17:00:00 Brussels time (18:00 in Romania)	Deadline, single stage	Portal topic page; WP14 p. 11
April 2027	MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026 applicants told whether selected	REA page; planned. No RAISE-specific date is published
July 2027; September 2027	MSCA call: grant agreement signature; first projects start	REA page; planned; not stated for RAISE
26 May 2027	Next MSCA Doctoral Networks round opens (HORIZON-MSCA-2027-DN-01-01)	Work Programme part 2; planned; forthcoming on the Portal; the opening may move by up to one month
23 November 2027, 17:00 Brussels time	Next MSCA Doctoral Networks round closes	Work Programme part 2; planned; the deadline may be delayed by up to two months
Next RAISE Doctoral Networks round	Not published	-

Confirmed: the Director-General may open a call up to one month earlier or later and delay a deadline by up to two months (WP14 p. 11). The RAISE topic page showed no topic update when checked on 18 November 2026, and the Portal data file read again on 19 November 2026 shows none.

Before the deadline of 24 November 2026

✓	Section 11 written (one page) and consistent with the research work package.
✓	Countries, the 40.0% rule (on amounts, with coefficients), every beneficiary recruiting, at most 540 person-months.
✓	Person-months equal in Part A and Part B1; associated partners entered in Part A with their roles in B1 and B2.
✓	Part B1 within 34 pages and Part B2 within 10 MB, both as PDF; font at least 11 pt.
✓	Resubmission check against the 2025 call; Gender Equality Plans in place for the entities that need one.
✓	Submit early: only the last submitted version counts, and a late upload may fail.

12. Risks and red flags

Risk	Why it matters	Source
Scope failure	Some official texts speak of “use of AI in science” (WP2 p. 17; Portal Q&A 93027; slide p. 41); the topic text and REA’s answers require AI development that is integral and indispensable and delineated in the research work package, and put instrumental use of existing AI, or computer-science AI only, out of scope. The justification has one page	WP14 p. 55-56; Q&A Q32, Q37, Q44; section 2
Position below the MSCA line	A proposal below any MSCA threshold, or not among the highest-ranked reserve-list proposals, is not assessed for RAISE relevance. REA expects 7 RAISE projects	Q&A Q16, Q49
Eligibility traps	Fewer than three countries, more than 40.0% of the EU contribution in one country or international organisation, a beneficiary that does not recruit, more than 540 person-months, missing letters of pre-agreement	Guide p. 5-8, 15

Risk	Why it matters	Source
Unpublished rules	Weighting of the relevance assessment, size of the cross-panel list, RAISE timetable, amount per project	Not published
Submission	Two PDFs of at most 10 MB; only the last version counts; a deadline delay of up to two months is possible, none announced on the topic page	Application form p. 24-25; WP14 p. 11
No later RAISE round published	The Work Programme lists one RAISE Doctoral Networks call. Preparing for a RAISE round in 2027 rests on nothing published; the next MSCA round (planned 26 May to 23 November 2027) has no published RAISE opt-in	WP14 p. 11-12, p. 160; WP2 p. 17-18
The choice at award	A proposal selected for RAISE must accept that grant or forfeit it and stay on the reserve list, with no assurance of funding	Q&A Q25
China and Pillar II countries	Part 14 says entities established in China are not eligible in any action under AI in Science, while the MSCA texts name only MIIT-linked universities and the documents do not say whether the sentence reaches associated partners; Canada, Japan, New Zealand and Korea are not automatically funded, and the documents do not say whether they count towards the three-country minimum	WP14 p. 44; Annex B; Portal Q&A 93031; section 2
Differing figures	MSCA budget EUR 628.03 or 593.03 million (the gap fits the 2026 Choose Europe amount); leave allowance EUR 4,720 or 4,960; 2026 conditions in a decision not found in the sources read	Section 2

Red flags for a proposal

- AI appears only as a name or a list of tools, without a development task in the research work package.
- The consortium's weight sits in one country, so the 40.0% test fails once coefficients are applied.
- A beneficiary that cannot name the doctoral candidate projects it will recruit for.
- A proposal that scored below 80% in 2025 and is resubmitted as a similar proposal.
- Part A and Part B1 disagree on person-months or partners.

13. EUnita recommendations

1. **If the MSCA Doctoral Networks proposal is written and fits the AI scope:** use the time before 24 November 2026 for Section 11 and the rules check, not for new text elsewhere. Make the AI development visible as tasks, deliverables and supervision in the research work package, and make Section 11 point to them.
2. **If asked to join as an associated partner:** no letter of commitment is needed. Send the coordinator your legal details and a precise role. You cannot recruit or claim costs; agree with the coordinator how your tasks are reimbursed.
3. **If asked to join as a beneficiary now:** it changes the budget table, the 40.0% test and the text; it is realistic only if the coordinator can rework all three before the deadline.
4. **If no proposal is written:** prepare for the next MSCA Doctoral Networks round (26 May 2027 to 23 November 2027, planned; forthcoming on the Portal). Choose the mode, fix three countries, identify the degree-awarding institution and line up associated partners, with AI development in the research design. Whether the round carries a RAISE opt-in is not published.
5. **Settle the award choice early:** agree in the consortium how it would decide if offered a RAISE grant while on the MSCA reserve list.
6. **Mind the resubmission rule:** a proposal that scores below 80% in MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026 must not be resubmitted to the following call.

Unresolved points

- Weighting of the RAISE relevance assessment, size of the cross-panel list and RAISE funding threshold: not published.
- RAISE-specific timetable for results and grant agreements: not published.
- Whether RAISE Doctoral Networks will be repeated, and whether the 2027 MSCA Doctoral Networks call carries a RAISE opt-in: not published.
- The 2026 specific MSCA conditions (Decision C(2025) 8493) and the 2026 country coefficients: not found in the sources read.
- How the 2026 Choose Europe amount of EUR 70 million is split between Doctoral Networks and Postdoctoral Fellowships: not stated in words; the figures fit EUR 35.00 million each (section 2).
- Which size of the AI in Science package is right (the figures of part 1, part 14 and the Commission page differ): no document says; the RAISE Doctoral Networks figure is not affected.
- Whether entities established in China may take part, and whether the part 14 sentence reaches an associated partner, given WP14 p. 44, Annex B and the MSCA texts: no document says which text prevails.
- Whether an entity from Canada, Japan, New Zealand or the Republic of Korea counts towards the three-country minimum: not stated in the documents read.
- Why Work Programme part 2, Portal Q&A 93027 and the information-day slide describe the scope as the use of AI in science while the topic text requires development of AI: not explained.
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