



# Your Israeli Gateway to Cooperation in Research and Innovation with Europe

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# ISERD | Steering Committee



## Steering Committee:

- Ministry of Science, Technology & Space
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Ministry of Finance
- The Planning and Budgeting Committee of the Council for Higher Education

## Chairman of the Steering Committee:

Chief Scientist  
Ministry of Economy & Industry  
Chairman of the Israel Innovation Authority

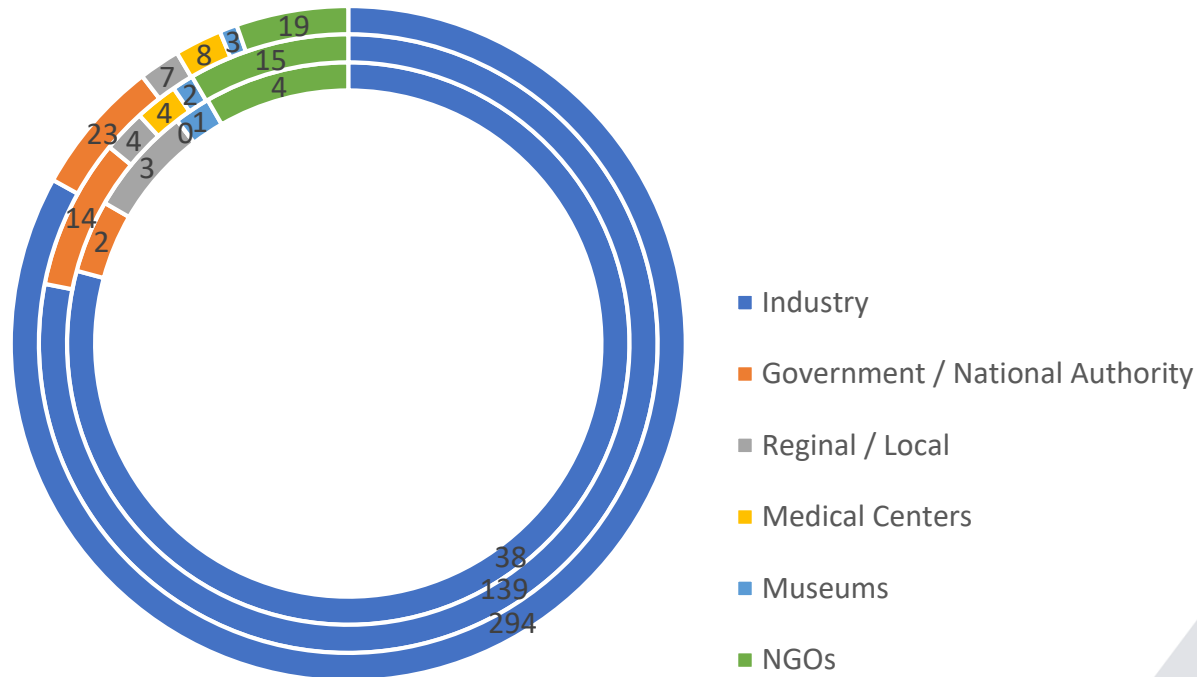
ISERD aims at maximizing the benefits of Israel's participation in the Framework Programmes (FP)

# Non-academic involvement in MSCA

- Enhanced working conditions for researchers
- Enhanced quality and sustainability of research training and supervision
- Enhanced cooperation and stronger networks
- Increased global attractiveness
- Better transfer of knowledge between sectors and disciplines
- Stronger R&I capacity among participating organisations
- Feedback of research results into teaching and education

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# Israeli Nonacademic organisation applications, participants and funded projects in H2020-MSCA



# Challenges

- Israel is a non-European associated country:
  - Visa
  - Legal and Financial aspects
- Language barrier
- Administrative burden (unit costs)
- Not enough funding
  - PhD studies
  - Costly research field
- Company focus changes

# “Take home” Messages

- You need these brilliant young researchers to boost further your field.
- Unique opportunity to extend and strengthen international collaboration.
- Make sure you are aware of national rules and regulations, before committing.
- MSCA fellowship is more than research.
- A fellow is not like another employee!
- Yes, You can!

*“You cannot hope to build a better world without improving the individuals. To that end, each of us must work for his own improvement, and at the same time share a general responsibility for all humanity, our particular duty being to aid those to whom we think we can be most useful.”*





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