

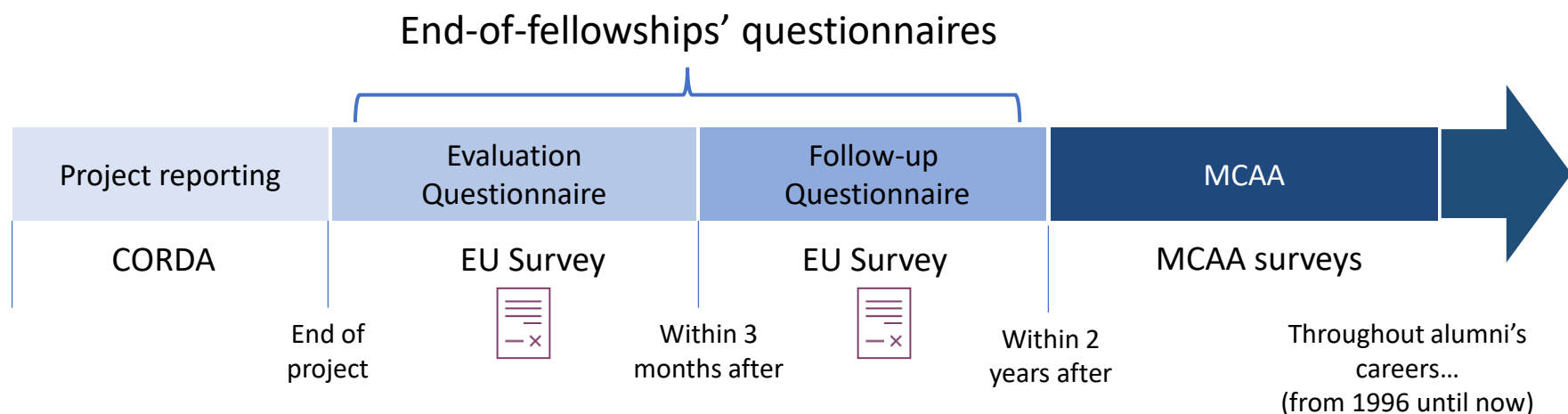
# What career after an MSCA doctoral fellowship?

*Evidence from the MSCA end-of-fellowship questionnaires*

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# Tracking MSCA projects' impacts and fellows' career development



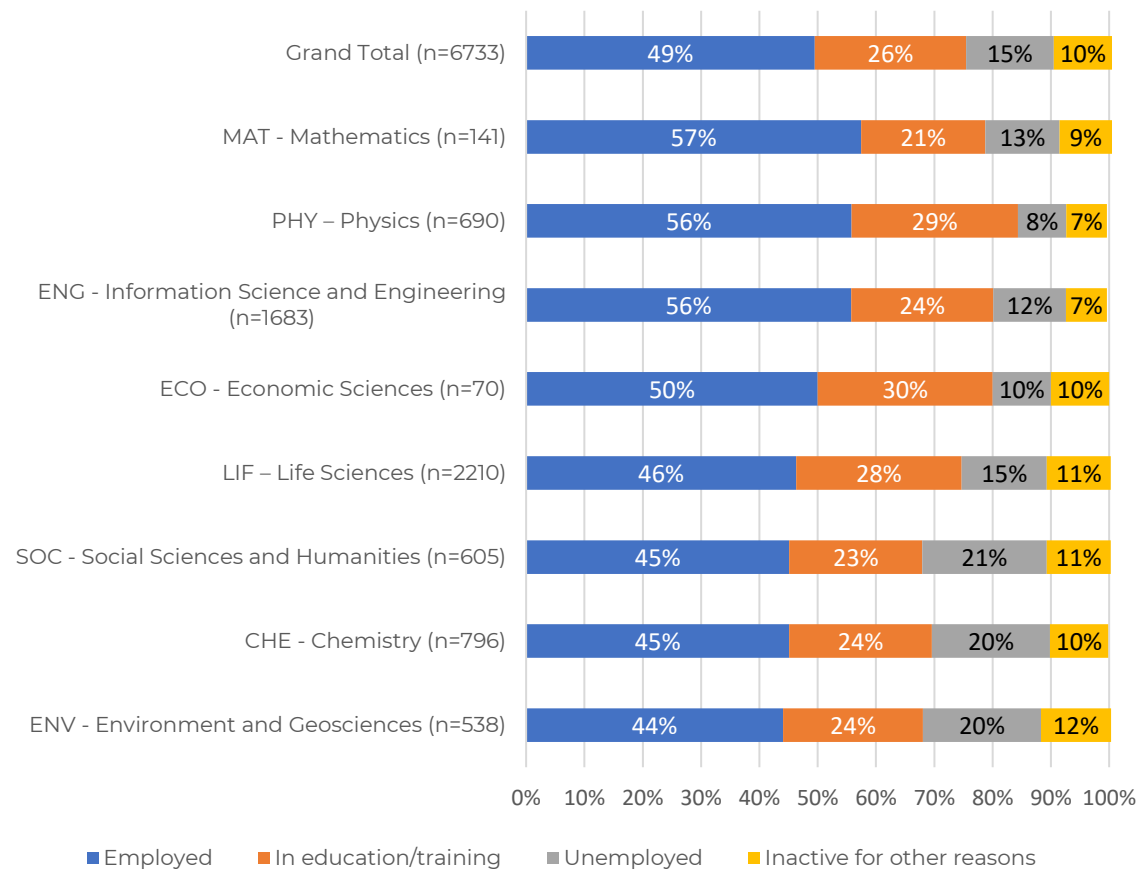
## Key studies & publications:

- **New ! Results of the MSCA end-of-fellowships' questionnaires: 2024 update** published [here](#) (with previous reports)
- *Evaluation Study of the European Framework Programme for R&I for excellent science – Horizon 2020* (available [here](#)) and Annexes ([here](#)) (2023)
  - *MSCA/MCAA Survey 2020: Results* (available [here](#))
  - *Marie Curie researchers and their long-term career development* (2014) (available [here](#))



# Employment status of MSCA doctoral researchers after the fellowship

Employment status at the **end of the fellowship** of MSCA doctoral fellows, by scientific fields (2018-2023)



Data collected between 2018 and 2023:

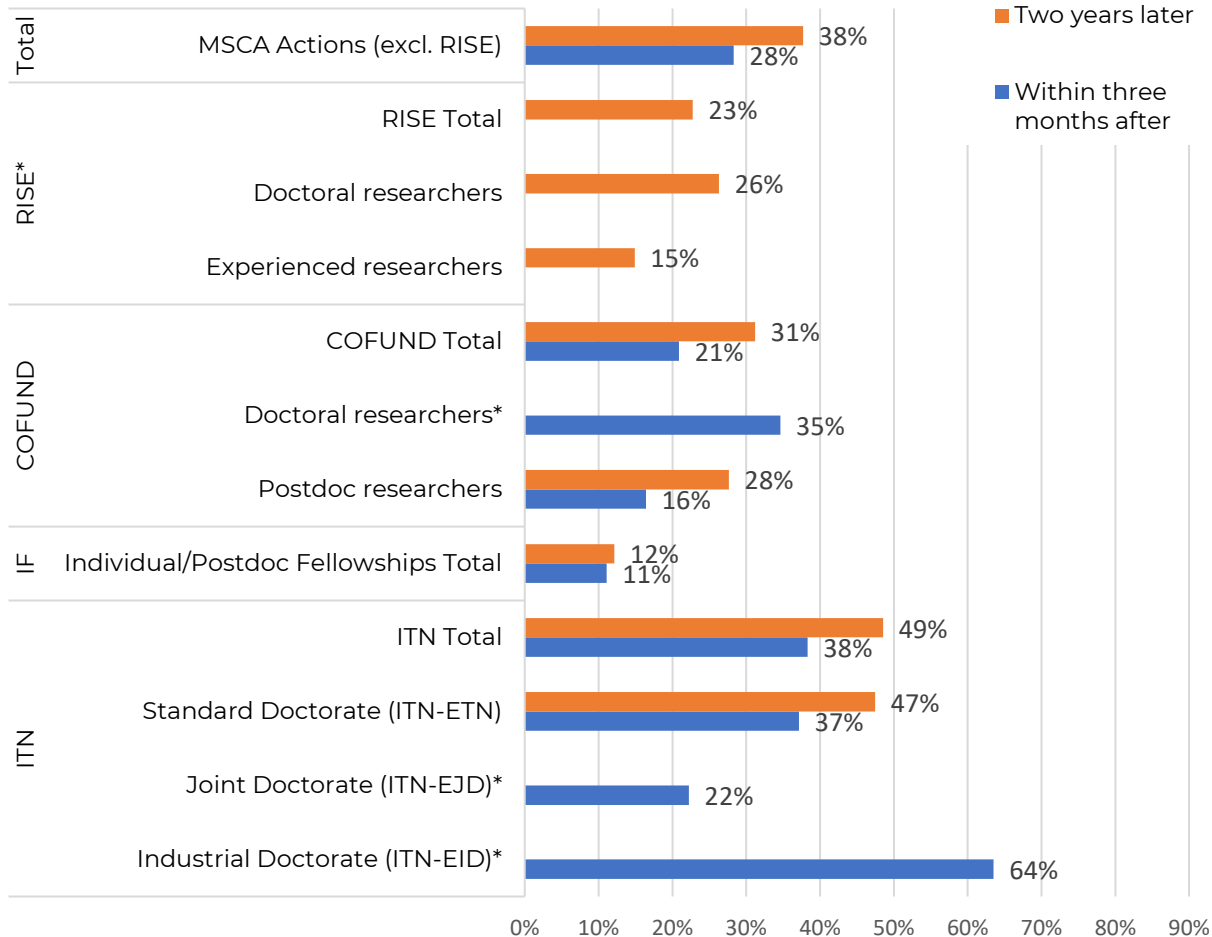
- At the end of the fellowship (3 years)\*, around **49% of MSCA doctoral researchers have found employment**, with variations across scientific fields
- Those not employed are either still **in training (26%)**, **unemployed (15%)** or **inactive for other reasons (10%)** (e.g. career break)
- **Two years later**, the unemployment rate of former doctoral fellows is significantly lower at 7%

\* The end of the fellowship (3 years) does not necessarily coincide with the completion of the PhD



# Sector of employment of former MSCA researchers

Share of employed former MSCA fellows working in the non-academic sector, by type of action (2018-2022)



\* actions/sub-actions with missing data, because the question is either not included in the questionnaire (RISE in evaluation questionnaire), or the sample is currently too low

- Majority of employed former doctoral fellows **still in academia** after the fellowship
- With the exception of **Industrial Doctorate's** (EID) graduates
- Main sectors of **employment outside academia**:
  - Private for-profit (45% large companies, 25% SMEs)
  - Private non-profit (9%)
  - Public administration (9%)
  - Other (12%)
- Sector of employment **varies according to scientific fields**



# Thank you for your attention!



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is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less.*

Marie Skłodowska-Curie

