

# SAFE

## Supporting at-risk researchers with fellowships in Europe

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# Overview

- **Donor:** European Commission, Research Executive Agency (REA)
- **Objective:** To develop and test a suitable structure to select and fund researchers (PhD-doctoral students / Post-Doc) at risk at EU higher education and research institutions
- **Target groups:**
  - **Track 1:** At-risk researchers currently outside the EU (no refugee/protection status)
  - **Track 2:** At-risk researchers already within the EU (refugee/protection/temporary status)
- **Consortium:** DAAD, Campus France, PAUSE (hosted by Collège de France), UNIMED + associated partners (AvH, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, DZS, EUA, EDUFI, Nuffic, NAWA, Sofia University)
- **Budget:** 12 Mio. EUR; up to 60 fellowships
- **Implementation Period:** 36 months as of September 2024

# SAFE Activities

- Overall project coordination (DAAD)
- Communication & networking activities (Campus France)
- Provision of matchmaking services (UNIMED)
- Design and implementation of selection mechanism (DAAD)
- Fellowship management (Campus France)
- Capitalisation (PAUSE)

# Fellowship value

## ● Researchers:

- Doctoral/PhD students: 3400 EUR + 600 EUR mobility monthly
- Postdocs: 5080 EUR + 600 EUR mobility monthly
- Possibility for special needs allowance

## ● Host institutions:

- 1000 EUR monthly contribution to research training and networking
- 650 EUR for management and indirect contribution



# Application requirements

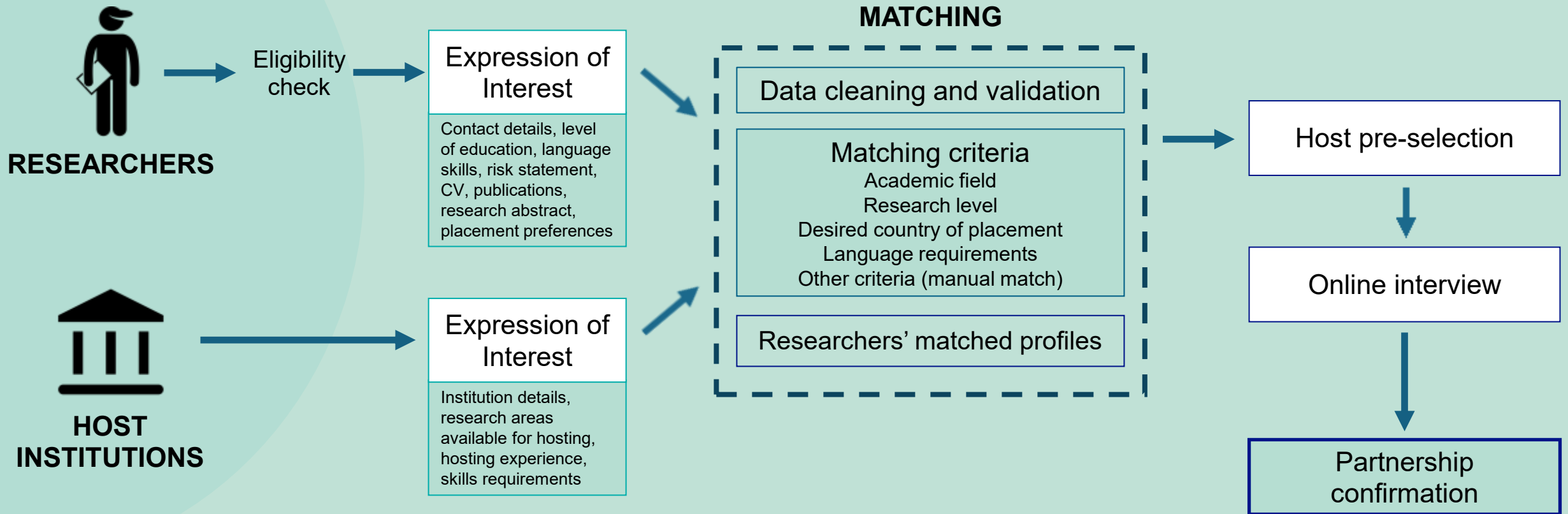
- Prospective host institution to apply on behalf of the researcher
- Eligible host institutions are **academic or non-academic higher education and/or research organisations established in an EU Member State**
- **One application per institution only, on behalf of one researcher**
- Host institution = legal entity as a whole (e.g. whole university rather than the individual institutes and/or departments)
- Application must be endorsed by the head of the institution
- Open to **all disciplines**

# Matchmaking overview

- **Optional** service to connect researchers at risk with EU-based host institutions to co-develop proposals for the SAFE fellowship call
- Timeline: **mid-October to mid-December 2024**
- Key Benefits:
  - for researchers: matches at-risk researchers with suitable EU hosts, opening pathways for SAFE proposals
  - for host institutions: helps identify researchers aligned with institutional expertise and goals
- Data privacy:
  - Managed in full compliance with EU data protection laws
  - Access is restricted to authorised users via secure login
  - Information is used solely for SAFE matchmaking
- Available at: <https://saferesearchers.eu/matchmaking/>
- Contact info: [info.safe@uni-med.net](mailto:info.safe@uni-med.net)



# Matchmaking flow



# Contacts

- **info.safe@daad.de** - information on the call for applications
- **info.safe@uni-med.net** - information on the matchmaking service
- **safe.pause@college-de-france.fr** - information on policy recommendations
- **safe@campusfrance.org** - other questions

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# Thank you!