

#### **Doctoral Network**

HORIZON-MSCA-2021-DN (Grant Agreement 101073231)

## WELCOME TO ANTWERP

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## **VENUE**

## Klooster van de Grauwzusters

- Used already in 1693 by the 'Grey Sisters' to care for victims of the plague.
- In 1999, when the last sisters left the cloister, the building was purchased by the Flemish Community and later became part of the university premises.



## RECRUTMENT EVENT

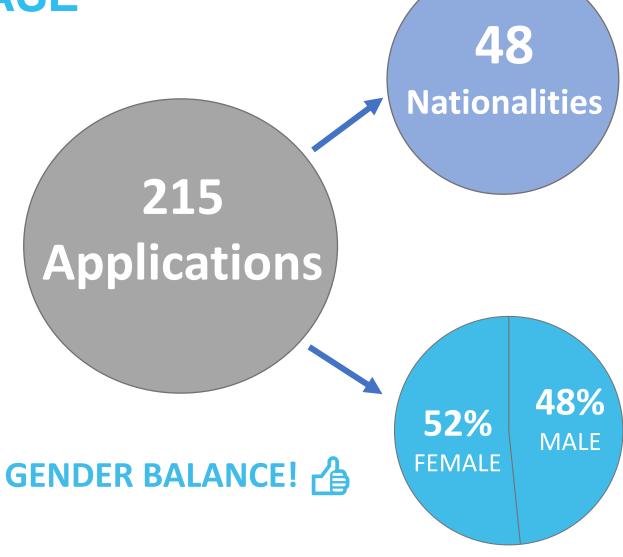
## Who is here?

- √ 18 candidates in Antwerp
- √ 2 candidates online
- √ 14 supervisors (for 10 DC positions)
- ✓ 2 former ESR fellows (testimonials)
- ✓ 2 current ESR fellows (testimonials)
- √ 1 project manager



## **APPLICATION PHASE**

- 215 Applications
  - 214 Eligible applications
  - 1 Non-eligible applications
- > 48 Nationalities
- > 111 Women
- > 104 Men

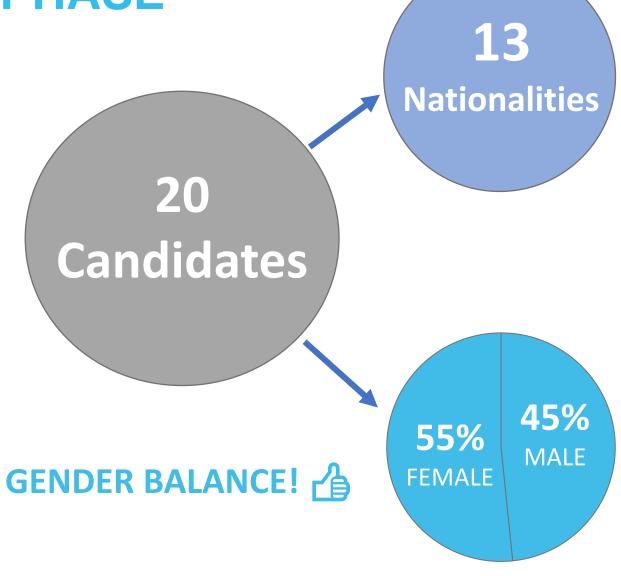


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## PRESELECTION PHASE

20 Candidates

- **▶13 Nationalities**
- > 11 Women
- > 9 Men



## **NATIONALITIES**



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## **OBJECTIVES**

To deliver a training program that captures the MSCA values to 10 Doctoral Candidates, who will benefit from an international, interdisciplinary, and intersectoral network to become leaders of tomorrow's R&I in patient-centered oncotherapy and diagnostics

#### **RESEARCH OBJECTIVE**

To force breakthroughs in cancer diagnosis and therapy, relying on innovative protease-targeting technologies

WP1: Safer and more effective CAR T therapy

**WP2: Novel Ligands for other TME proteases** 

WP3: Personalized protease targeting

## **WORK PACKAGES**

## WP1: Safer and more effective CAR T therapyµ

DC3 - DC4 - DC7

Explore innovative venues for protease targeting: toward safer and more effective CAR T cell therapies for cancer patients

## **WP2: Novel Ligands for other TME proteases**

DC1 - DC2 - DC5 - DC8

Discover novel vectors for tumor targeting that bind to other TME proteases: cathepsins S, B, L and granzyme B

## **WP3: Personalized protease targeting**

DC6 - DC9 - DC10

Personalize applications of protease targeting through deeper understanding of TME biology and minimally invasive, miniaturized diagnostics

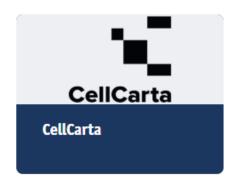
## **NETWORK:** 9 recruiting entities

8 Beneficiaries

1 Associated Partner



## **NETWORK: 11 associated partners**





**Fox Biosystems** 



Inselspital University Hospital Bern



Institute for Applied Creativity











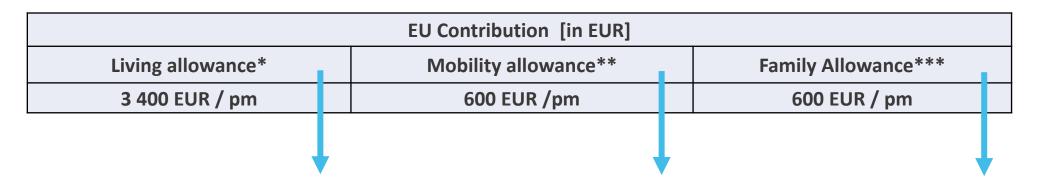






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## FINANCIAL ASPECTS FOR DCs



## Country correction coefficient:

BELGIUM	1
GERMANY	0,98
PORTUGAL	0,84
DENMARK	1,32
SPAIN	0,91
ITALY	0,97
HUNGARY	0,72

#### Living allowance:

Gross EU contribution to salary costs.

The net salary results from deducting all compulsory (employer / employee) social security contributions and labour taxes from the gross amounts.

#### **Mobility allowance:**

The net amount depends on national regulations (= taxes may apply).

It may be used to complete the standard salary for doctoral fellows (=NOT extra allowance).

#### Family allowance:

If the DC has or acquires family obligations during the fellowship.

- (i) Marriage
- (ii) Equivalent relationship
- (iii) Dependent children

## **AGENDA**

- 09:20 10:40 Welcome
- 11:00 13:00 Interviews
- 13:00 14:00 Lunch break in the chapel
- 14:00 16:00 Interviews
- 16:00 17:00 Supervisory Board meeting
- 17:00 19:00 Workshop in the chapel

## PRCATICAL INFORMATION

### Folder and badge

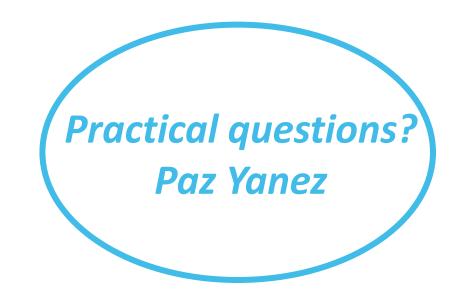
- Agenda
- List of participants
- Badge (incl. number of group workshop)
- Wi-Fi personal password

#### Location interviews

- Room S.004 Ground floor
- Room S.117 First floor

#### Lunch break & workshop

Chapel - ground floor



## **RESULTS**

# Candidates will be informed about the results by email no later than October 17<sup>th</sup>

## SUCCESS & ENJOY