

**HORIZON EUROPE Research and Innovation Framework Programme  
MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS**

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST  
Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF)  
HORIZON-MSCA-2025-PF-01**

<b>Organisation Name/ Department</b> <i>(if applicable)</i>	IMO-INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW INSTITUTE	
<b>Website of the organisation</b> <i>(in English)</i>	<a href="https://imli.org/">https://imli.org/</a>	
<b>Organisation Short Name</b>	IMO-IMLI	
<b>Organisation Type</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Academic  <input type="checkbox"/> Non-academic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Higher Education establishment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Research organisation <input type="checkbox"/> International European Research Organisation <input type="checkbox"/> SME <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)
<b>Research Fields</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry (CHE) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC) <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Sciences (ECO) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Science and Engineering (ENG) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environment and Geosciences (ENV) <input type="checkbox"/> Life Sciences (LIF) <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics (MAT) <input type="checkbox"/> Physics (PHY)	
<b>Sub-Fields/ Keywords</b> <i>(up to 5)</i>	International Maritime Law Law of the Sea Peaceful Settlement of Maritime Disputes Ocean Governance and Sustainability Sustainable Use of the Living Marine Resources BBNJ Environmental Protection Law Maritime Safety and Security Law Maritime Labour Law	
<b>Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action(s) of interest</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> European Postdoctoral Fellowships <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global Postdoctoral Fellowships	

<p><b>Short Description of the Organisation/ Department -</b> strengths and scientific achievements (publications, patents, etc.), important infrastructure <i>(up to 2000 characters with spaces)</i></p>	<p>Established in Malta in 1988 under an agreement concluded between the IMO and the Government of Malta, IMLI started its first programme in 1989. Its main purpose was, and remains, to train maritime professionals worldwide, with a particular focus on developing countries, in international maritime law. Over the last 35 years, IMLI’s work has contributed to the establishment of a cadre of experts in international maritime law who are able to prepare, review and advise on the implementation of maritime laws and regulations.</p>
<p><b>Link to the short country profile in case of Widening countries</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>Previous Projects/ Research Experience</b> (international/ EU/ big national or regional projects especially in the areas in which you would like to host fellows) <i>(up to 5)</i></p>	<p>The Institute has successfully carried out for the last 20 years a joint project with the Nippon Foundation entitled ‘Human Resources Development Project for the Advancement of a More Effective Global Legal Order for the Oceans’. The project focuses on enhancing capacity in national governments in the full spectrum of international maritime law. The Institute provides training in its master programmes for deserving candidates who spend one academic year at IMLI to receive quality education in international maritime law. As part of their studies, students carry out supervised research in various areas of international maritime law and prepare a maritime legislation drafting project which incorporates and adequately implements an international instrument in domestic law.</p> <p>In 2024, the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) awarded the Institute a contract for services in the amount of Euro 600,000. Through this contract, EMSA sponsors the studies of suitable government officers from beneficiary countries, in the Institute’s masters’ and research degree programmes. The later programme leads to the Ph.D. Degree in International Maritime Law.</p> <p>In 2024, Lloyd’s Register Foundation (LRF) awarded the Institute a grant in the amount of over GBP 1,000,000. The five-year grant aims to facilitate the studies of 16 government officers in the Institute’s master programmes, the organization of tailor-made specialized courses in international maritime law, as well as the conduct of research in areas of interest of LRF.</p>

	<p>LRF also provided a grant to IMO-IMLI-WMU to carry out research in the field of safety of domestic ferries. The research will be completed in 2026 and will lead to the preparation of a Manual on Safety of Domestic Ferries as well as training materials in the subject-matter.</p>
<p><b>Thematic areas and list of supervisors who are looking forward to preparing a project proposal with postdoctoral researchers</b></p>	<p>International Maritime Law Law of the Sea Peaceful Settlement of Maritime Disputes Ocean Governance and Sustainability Sustainable Use of the Living Marine Resources BBNJ Environmental Protection Law Maritime Safety and Security Law Maritime Labour Law</p> <p>The Institute relies on a strong network of academic supervisors who are appointed based on the area of their expertise. The supervisors hold high academic positions, they are Judges of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, as well as distinguished scholars.</p> <p>The Institute selects the supervisor based on the subject-matter of the research.</p>
<p><b>Contact Person/ Position in the Organisation/ Phone/ E-mail</b></p>	<p>Professor Dr. Norman A. Martinez Gutierrez Director, IMLI director@imli.org</p>
<p><b>Partner Institution</b></p>	<p>The Institute closely works with the WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute which is an independent focal point working at the interdisciplinary interface between science, industry, policy, ocean governance and law. This strong working relationship will allow researchers to be seconded to the Global Ocean Institute, given the common areas of research of both institutions.</p>
<p><b>Deadline for Expressions of Interest from postdoctoral researchers</b></p>	
<p><b>Necessary documents</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ CV</li> <li>✓ Brief description of the project idea</li> <li>✓ Draft of MSCA PF Proposal Template</li> </ul>
<p><b>What we offer</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Full-time contract to work on a research project and enjoy advanced training,</li> <li>✓ Competitive salary – €5,534.76 gross amount ( compulsory deductions under national law, such as</li> </ul>

	<p>employer and employee social security contributions and direct taxes are to be deducted);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Mobility (€ 710) and Family allowances (if applicable - € 660);</li> <li>✓ Budget for Research, Training and Networking costs (€ 1 000);</li> <li>✓ Special needs allowance (if applicable).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Requirements</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Experience: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Applicants should be in a possession of a doctoral degree at the call deadline.</li> <li>- At the call deadline, supported researchers must have a maximum of 8 years full-time equivalent experience in research, measured from the date of award of the doctoral degree. Years of experience outside research and career breaks (e.g. due to parental leave) will not count towards the amount of research experience. For nationals or long-term residents of EU Member States or Horizon Europe Associated Countries who wish to reintegrate to pursue their research career in EU Member States or Horizon Europe Associated Countries, years of experience in research in third countries will not be considered in the above maximum.</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ Mobility rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- European Postdoctoral Fellowships - applicants must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in In Malta for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately before the call deadline,</li> <li>- Global Postdoctoral Fellowships - applicants must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the host organisation for the outgoing phase for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately before the call deadline.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b><u>IMPORTANT – apply with us and increase your chances for success<sup>1</sup>:</u></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Not funded applications for European Postdoctoral Fellowships with a host organisation from Malta have the chance to be funded under the <b>ERA Fellowships Call</b> (‘Widening Participation and Strengthening the European Research Area’ part of the Framework Programme). They will be automatically transferred to the ERA Fellowships Call and will be ranked in one single list according to the scores and evaluation of the Postdoctoral Fellowships call. Furthermore, Malta has an additional funding for proposals that score above threshold.</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> The first bullet is only for Widening countries, the second bullet is only for countries and/ or organisations that have a Seal of Excellence programme adopted. Delete accordingly.



# IMO International Maritime Law Institute



	<p>✓ <b>European Commission website for Seal of Excellence Programmes:</b> <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/funding/funding-opportunities/seal-excellence/funding-opportunities-under-msca_en">https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/funding/funding-opportunities/seal-excellence/funding-opportunities-under-msca_en</a></p>