SAFE
Supporting
At-risk researchers
with Fellowships
in Europe

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SAFE Online Launch Event & Info session

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Agenda

- **14.00 PM: Welcome addresses**
  - Christian Ehler, Member of European Parliament
  - Claire Morel, Head of Unit, European Commission DG Education, Culture, Youth & Sport
- **14.15 PM: Overview of the SAFE project**
  - Stefanie Kottowski, DAAD
- **14.25 PM: Presentation of the SAFE call for applications**
  - Ilenia Arena, DAAD
- **14.40 PM: Questions & answers**
  - Moderation: Anaïs Goulko, Campus France
- **14.55 PM: Presentation of the matchmaking services**
  - Cristina Stefanelli, UNIMED
- **15.10 PM: Questions and answers**
  - Moderation: Juan-Camilo Cuadrado Camargo, PAUSE
- **15.25 PM: Closing**
  - Philipp Effertz, DAAD

Technical information:

- Q&A after the sessions
- Questions via the chat

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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
- **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

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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**

Eligibility & selection criteria

Eligibility criteria for researchers:

(1) Candidates must be

- a. Doctoral/PhD candidates*
- b. Postdoctoral researchers*

(2) Candidates must have the necessary language skills to successfully conduct their research project

(3) Candidates must not hold EU citizenship

(4) Candidates must face or have faced qualifying risks

** Please refer to the Terms of References for applicants for further specifications*

Selection criteria:

- "Excellence"
- "Implementation"
- "Impact"

- **Eligibility and risk questionnaire** available on the website as a check tool prior to the application

Application process: Online Platform and documents

- Submission of applications on **application platform** until **20th January 2025, at 23:59 (CET).**
- **Link** to the application portal available here: Online Application - SAFE
- Documents to be submitted according to selection criteria
  - (0) General documents
  - (1) Excellence
  - (2) Implementation
  - (3) Impact
- For certain documents, **forms are provided** on the above website **& required**
- Detailed information on application documents in the **Terms of References for Applicants & application checklists** on the website
- **Important exception:** External assessment letter to be submitted via review.safe@daad.de

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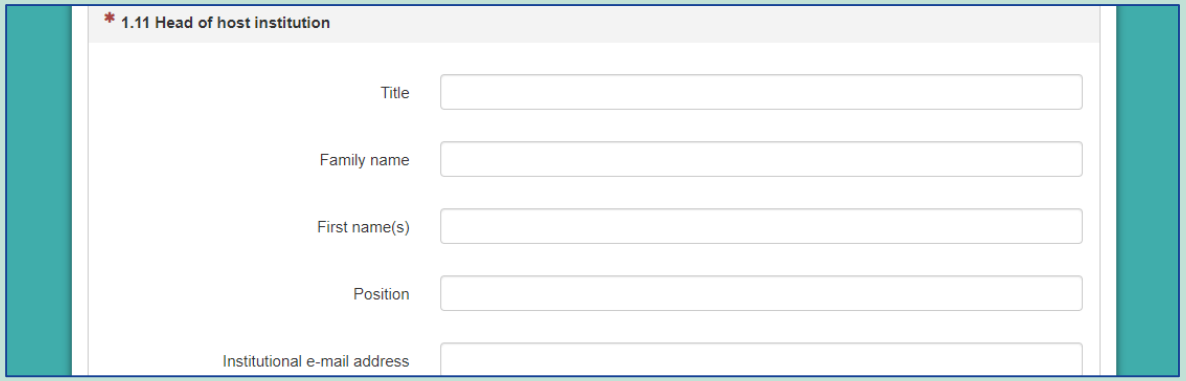
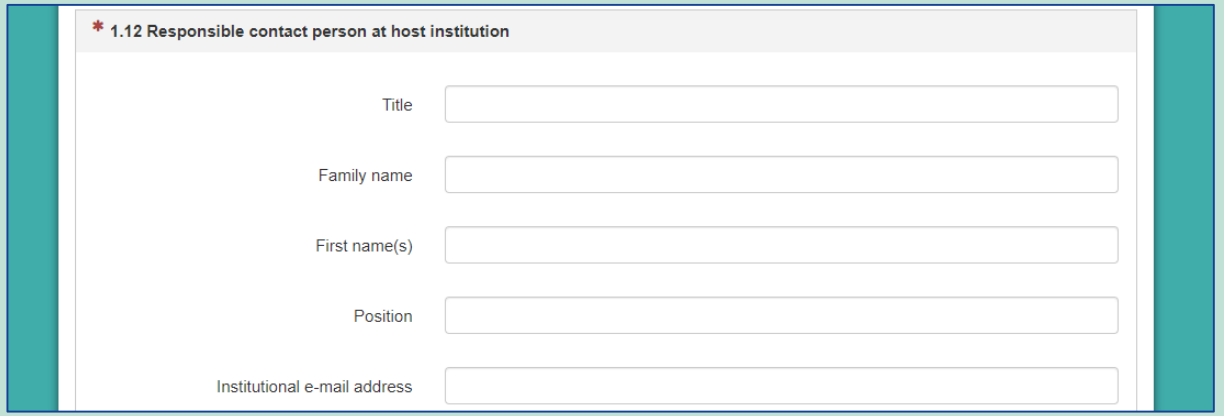


- **Head of host institution**
  - Must endorse the application
  - Must sign the hosting plan
  - Contact details to be provided during the application

- **Responsible contact person at the host institution**
  - Must be identified during the application
  - Must be employed by the host institution
  - Will serve as main contact point during the selection process



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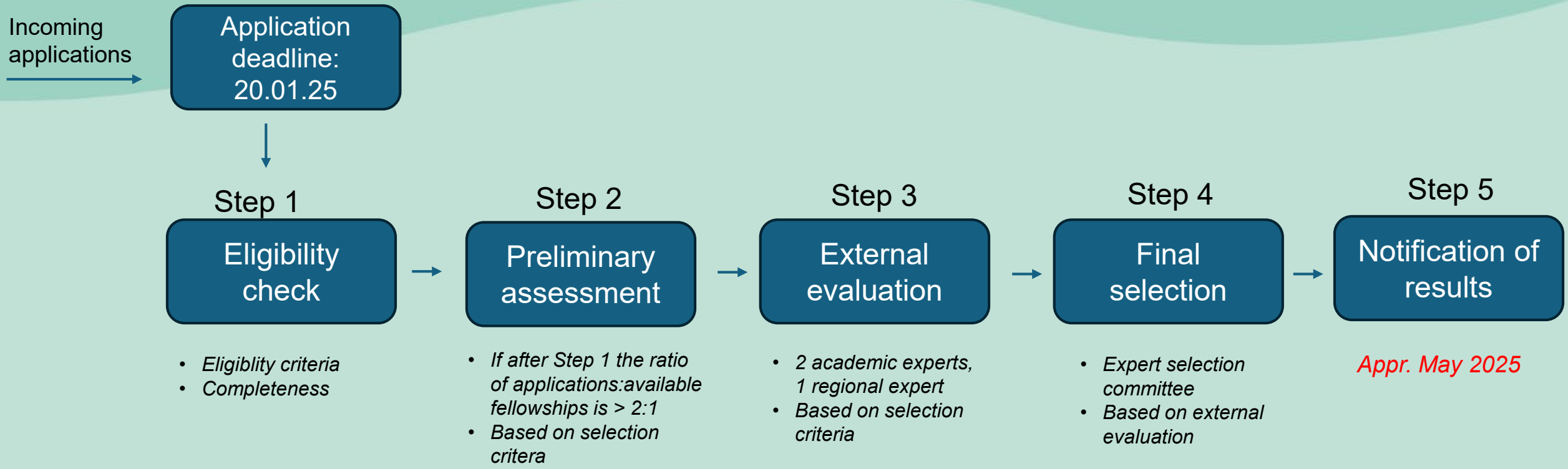

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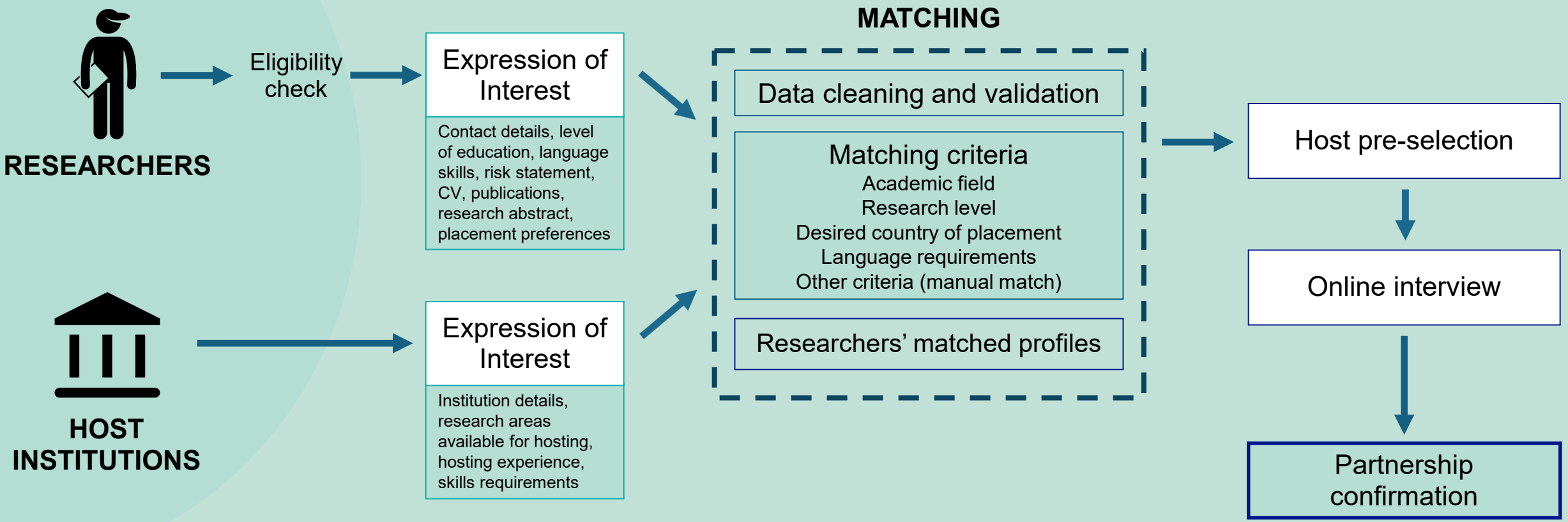
Matchmaking overview

- **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

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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