

EU Project SAFE

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Supporting at-risk researchers with fellowships in Europe (SAFE) - Overview

- **Donor:** European Commission - European Research Executive Agency (REA)
- **Objective:** To develop and test a suitable structure to select and fund researchers (PhD / Post-Doc) at risk at EU higher education and research institutions
- **Consortium:** DAAD, Campus France, Collège de France/PAUSE, UNIMED + associated partners
- **Budget:** 12 Mio. EUR
- **Implementation Period:** 01.09.24 – 31.08.27



SAFE – Main achievements

- 360 applications received by the end of the call deadline
- Prior **matchmaking** process conducted
 - 226 researchers and 61 host institutions expressed interest in matchmaking
- 63 fellowships** awarded
- 61 researchers have started** their positions until today

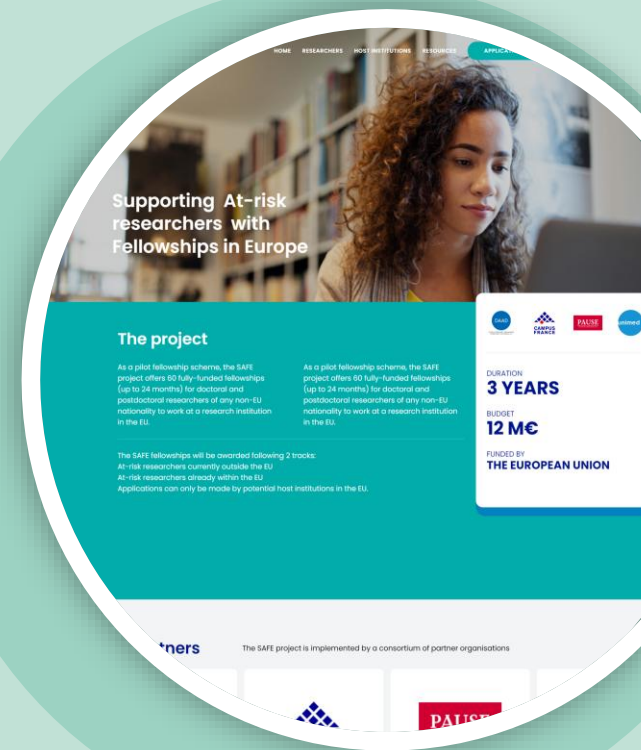


The SAFE Fellows Community

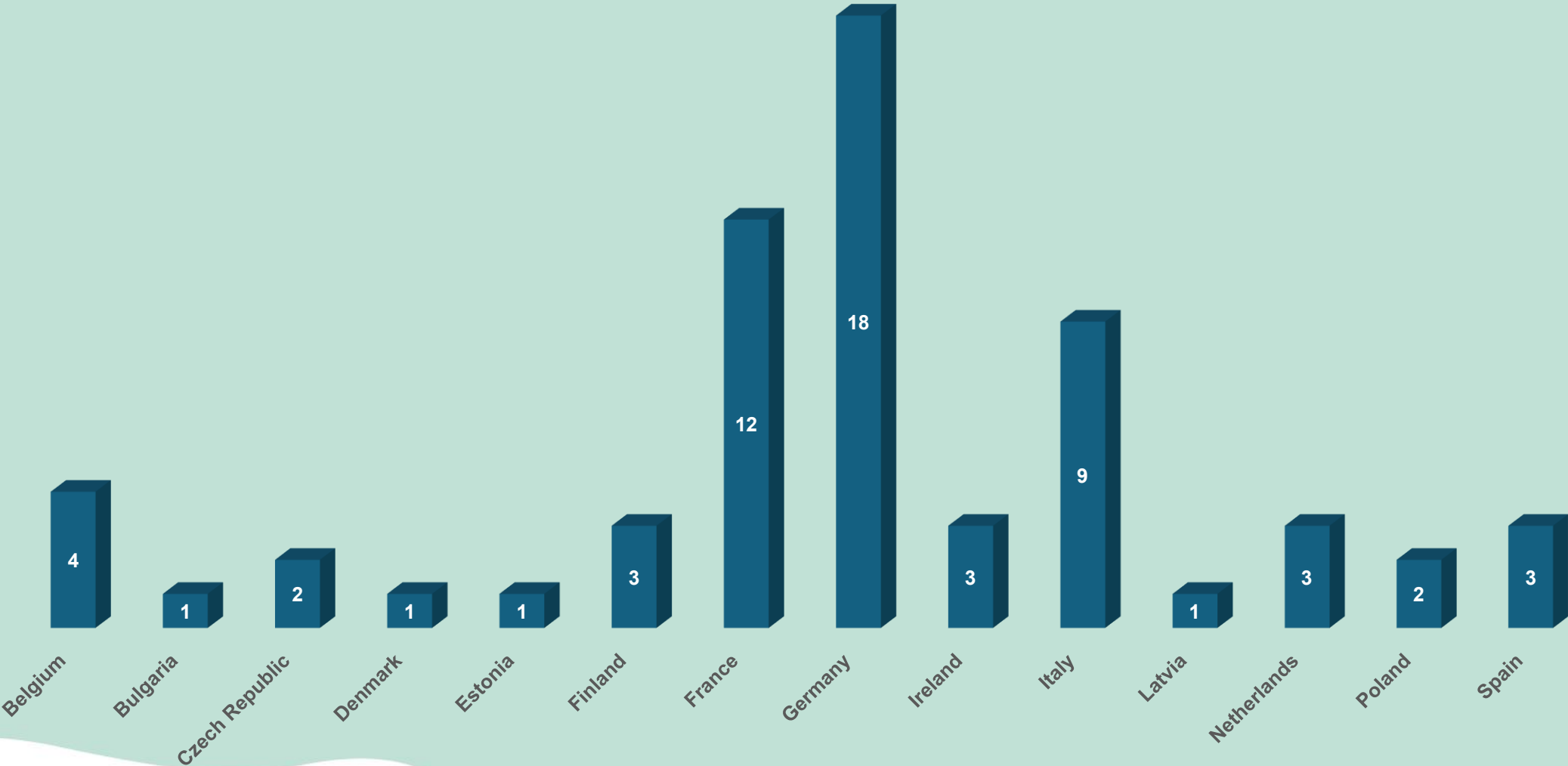
Key figures

63 fellowships awarded

- Track 1 (outside the EU): 26 fellowships
- Track 2 (inside the EU): 37 fellowships
- 14 PhD researchers, 49 postdoctoral researchers
- 14 different nationalities among all fellows

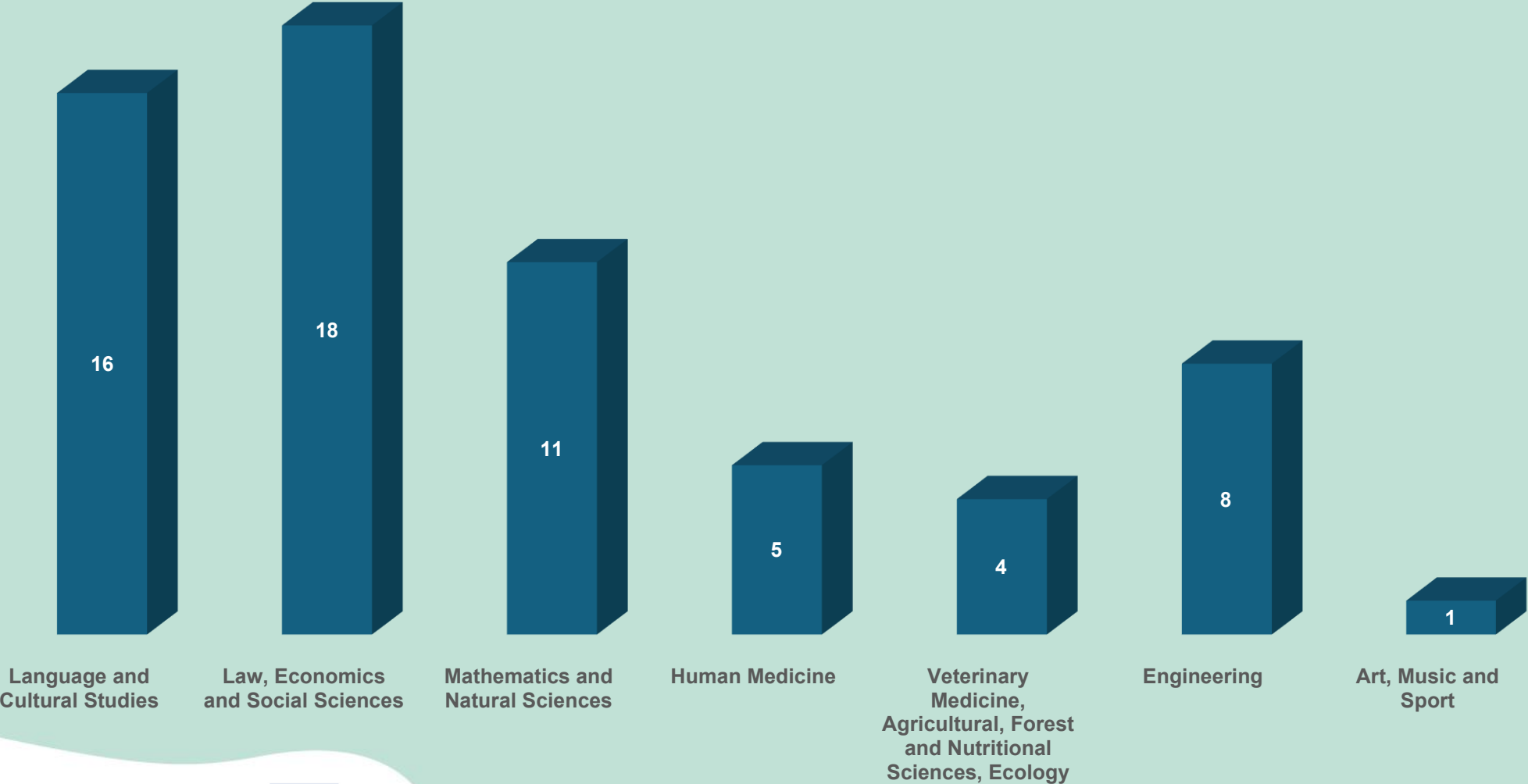


The SAFE Fellows Community Host countries



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Academic disciplines



SAFE – Main activities so far

- **Selection and awarding** of fellowships
- **Welcome webinars** for host institutions and fellows
- Launch of **webinar series** in cooperation with **Euraxess** on European funding opportunities
- **Focus groups and surveys** to evaluate activities
- Participation of SAFE team in different national and international **conferences and forums** regarding academic freedom



SAFE - Upcoming activities and events

- Next **EURAXESS Webinar** scheduled for the end of June
- **New webinar series** starting in Autumn 2026
- ... and more!
- To stay up to date, do not forget to subscribe to the **SAFE project newsletter**: <https://saferesearchers.eu/safe-project-newsletter/>

SAFE – LinkedIn Group

- A professional and respectful space for SAFE fellows to connect and to share ideas, publications, opportunities and news about their research stay in Europe within the framework of SAFE
- Objectives:
 - Facilitate the exchange of experience among the SAFE research fellows, including the enhancement of their career prospects after the end of the SAFE fellowship
 - Enable SAFE fellows to discuss specific issues regarding their research path in Europe
 - Communicate about relevant events, news or potential opportunities



SAFE – LinkedIn Group

- Discussions shall be facilitated by voluntary SAFE researchers: if this is something of interest to you, please contact Campus France
- A private and closed group, to ensure the security of fellows. Participants will be accepted to the group after verification by SAFE
- Charter of use that each fellow will have to agree with in order to be accepted in the group
- Invitations will be sent by email in the coming weeks

**Thank you for being part of
the SAFE community!**