

# European Research Council Convocatorias WP 2024



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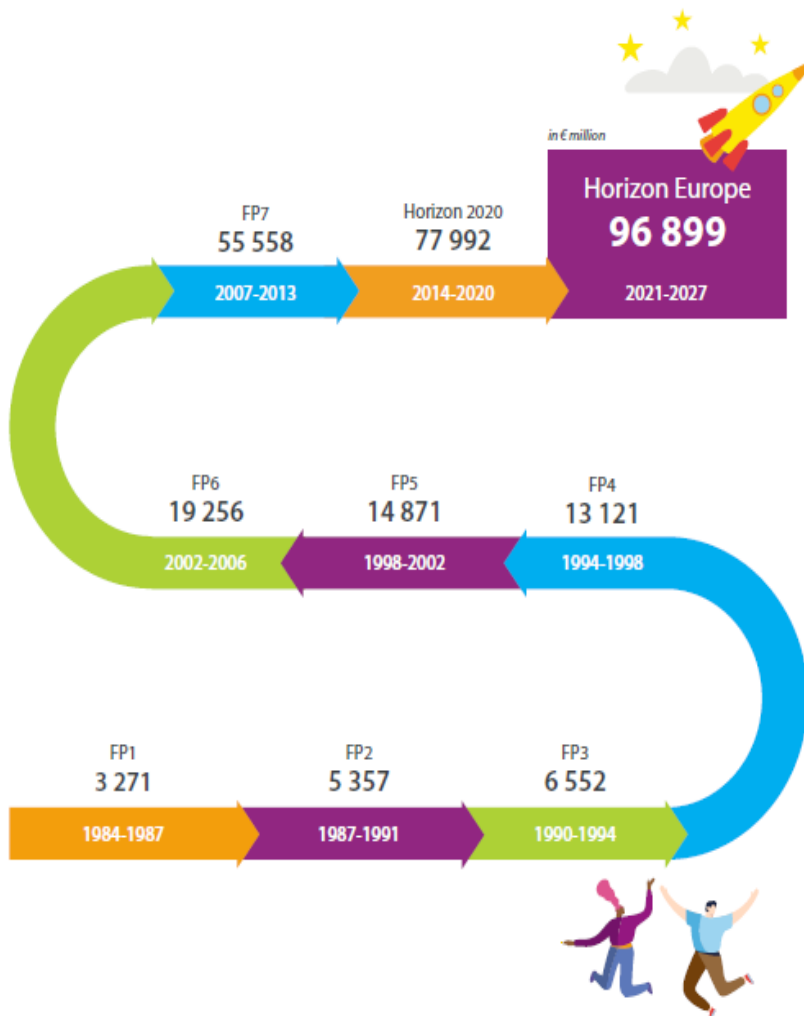
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servicios ERC



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# Horizon Europe 2021-2027



<https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2777/202859>

## HORIZON EUROPE BUDGET

Horizon Europe programme structure

	Total in € million
<b>EXCELLENT SCIENCE</b> of which	<b>25 011</b>
The European Research Council (ERC)	16 004
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)	6 602
Research infrastructures	2 406
<b>GLOBAL CHALLENGES AND EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS</b> of which	<b>53 516</b>
Health	8 246
Culture, creativity and inclusive society	2 280
Civil Security for Society	1 596
Digital, Industry and Space	15 349
Climate, Energy and Mobility	15 123
Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment	8 952
Non-nuclear direct actions of the Joint Research Centre (JRC)	1 970
<b>INNOVATIVE EUROPE</b> of which	<b>13 597</b>
European Innovation Council (EIC)	10 105
European innovation ecosystems	527
European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)	2 965
<b>WIDENING PARTICIPATION &amp; STRENGTHENING THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA</b> of which	<b>3 393</b>
Widening participation and spreading excellence	2 955
Reforming and enhancing the European R&I System	438

**TOTAL HORIZON EUROPE**

**95 517**

**TOTAL 2021-2025 EURATOM**

**1 382**

# Pillar I- Excellence Science



## EXCELLENT SCIENCE *of which*

		Total <i>in € million</i>	
The European Research Council (ERC)	16 004	25 011	64%
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European Research Council  
Established by the European Commission

EUR 16 billion

ERC budget in Horizon  
Europe

17%

of the entire  
Horizon Europe budget

**metodologías**  
**talento formación**  
**movilidad** innovación  
**investigadoras**  
**excelencia** multidisciplinar  
**infraestructuras**  
 soluciones  
 enfoque abierto habilidades conocimiento  
 Espacio Europeo de Investigación

# What is European Research Council mission?

The ERC is based on a simple idea:

ERC supports the **best researchers** to work in Europe on their **best ideas**.

The sole criterion for selection is **scientific excellence**.



Life Sciences



Physical Sciences and Engineering



Social Sciences and Humanities

Abierto a investigadores/as de todo el mundo

**Proyectos individuales** de larga duración

Sin prioridades temáticas

**Investigación de frontera, “alto riesgo/alto beneficio”**

en cualquier campo científico

Unico criterio de evaluación: **excelencia científica** de la propuesta de investigación y del investigador principal

Evaluación por científicos de alto prestigio internacional

Ofrece al personal investigador:

**Independencia, reconocimiento y visibilidad**

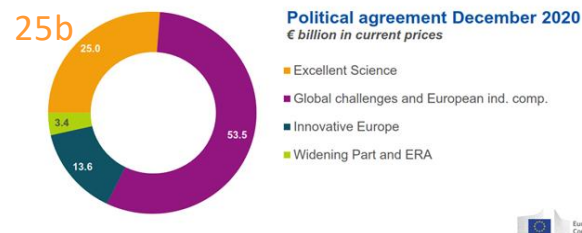
# ERC: What is?

## ➔ Funding: Horizon Europe budget (2021-2027) Pilar I

EUR 16 billion  
ERC budget in Horizon Europe

17%  
of the entire  
Horizon Europe  
budget

**Horizon Europe Budget: €95.5 billion (2021-2027)**  
(including €5.4 billion from NGEU – Next Generation Europe – programme of EU for Recovery from COVID-19 crisis)



## ➔ The Scientific Council (ScC) <https://erc.europa.eu/about-erc/erc-president-and-scientific-council>

22 prominent researchers appointed by the EU Commission

Scientific Strategy, Quality control of evaluation process, communication Strategy

## ➔ The ERC Executive Agency (ERCEA) <https://erc.europa.eu/about-erc/erc-executive-agency-ercea>

Implementation of the calls for proposals, management of the grants



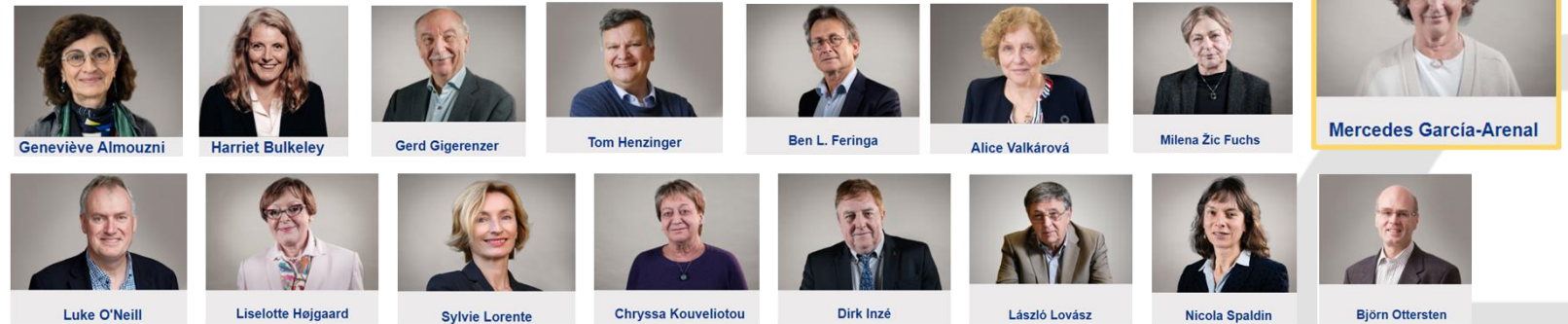
# ERC The Scientific Council

The Scientific Council is composed of 22 eminent scientists and scholars.

The members are appointed by the EC, on the recommendations of an independent Identification Committee.

The term of office of the members of the Scientific Council is limited to 4 years, renewable once.

[Maria Leptin](#) is the President of the ERC since 1 November 2021, former Director of EMBO (European Molecular Biology Organization)



# ERC main grant Schemes + proof of concept

## STARTING GRANTS

Grants up to **1.5€ million** for 5 years

For promising early-career researchers with **2 to 7 years** experience **after PhD**

To develop their career and establish their own team

PI Commitment: >50%

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For excellent researchers with **7 to 12 years** experience **after PhD**

To consolidate their research team or programme

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To develop a new and outstanding project

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Grants up to **10€ million** for 6 years

To address ambitious research questions that can only be answered by the coordinated work of a **small group of 2-4 principal Investigators**

PI Commitment: >30%

- ❖ **Minimum 50% of PI working time in an EU Member State or Associated Country**
- ❖ **Additional funding up to 1M€ (4M€ SyG)** when these are necessary to carry out the proposed work:
  - "start-up" costs for PIs moving to the EU or an AC from elsewhere as a consequence of receiving the ERC grant and/or
  - the **purchase of major equipment** and/or
  - **access to large facilities** and/or
  - other **major experimental and field work** costs, excluding personnel costs.
- ❖ **Extensions eligibility window:** Maternity (18M), Paternity, Long-term illness or national service, Clinical training, Asylum seeker, Victim of a natural disaster

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## PROOF OF CONCEPT

Lump Sum Grant of **150.000€** for 18 months

For existing ERC grant holders to bring their research **ideas closer to market/society**

## EIC Transition

Mature a novel technology and develop a business case to bring it to market

European  
Innovation  
Council



# ERC Guides – 3 essential documents

## ERC Work Programme

1 / calls calendar



## Information for Applicants

- IfA to StG & CoG calls
- IfA to AdG call
- IfA to SyG call
- IfA to PoC call



## Guide for Peer Reviewers

- GfPR StG & CoG calls
- GfPR AdG call
- GfPR SyG call
- GfPR PoC call



# Call Calendar Work Programme 2024

	Starting Grant	Consolidator Grant	Advanced Grant	Synergy Grant	Proof of Concept Grant
Call opens	11/07/2023	12/09/2023	29/05/2024	12/07/2023	16/11/2023
Call deadline (cut-off date)	24/10/2023	12/12/2023	29/08/2024	08/11/2023	14/03/2024 17/09/2024
Budget (m EUR)	601	584	578	400	30

- 100M increase for Synergy
- 2, not 3, cut-off dates for PoC

# ERC WP 2024 – main novelties

## Evaluation of ERC grant proposals

**No prescriptive Principal Investigator profiles**  
New **Curriculum Vitae** and **Track Record** template (4 pages)  
**Evaluation** primarily **focused on** the proposed **research project**  
Streamlined evaluation questions

## Lump sums implementation for ERC-Advanced Grant call

A lump sum contribution for the entirety of the project defined upfront  
Payment based on completion of activities and not on successful outcome  
Additional funding and portability available

## Panel re-organization

New Panel – SH8 – Studies of Cultures and Arts  
Regorganization LS3 (Cell Biology, Development, Stem Cells and Regeneration) and LS5 (Neuroscience and Disorders of the Nervous System)

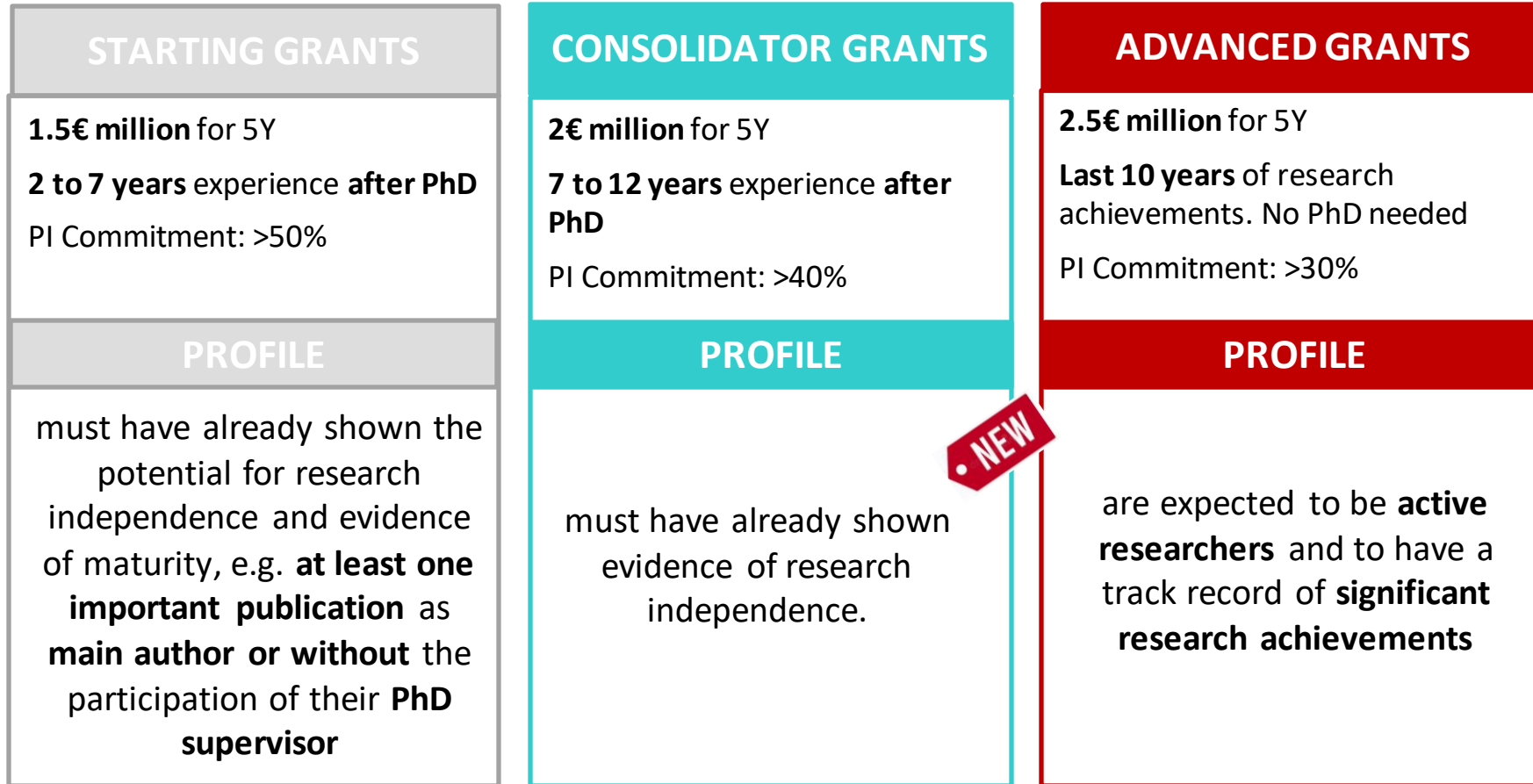
## Evaluation

No budget multiplier in StG, CoG, AdG: up to 44 proposals per panel in Step 2  
New A-score at Step 1 (StG, CoG, AdG, SyG): 'A not invited' – high quality proposals exceeding the threshold for Step 2, but not subject to resubmission restrictions

## Convocatorias individuales StG, CoG, AdG

- Estructura de propuesta
- Proceso y criterios de evaluación

# ERC Individual Schemes - Profile



NEW



# ERC 2024 - CV & track record (4 pages)



New **CV and Track Record template** (4 pages)

**Personal details:** education, key qualifications, current position(s) and relevant previous positions.

**Research achievements (<=10)** a list of up to 10 research outputs:

- demonstrating advancement in the field
- emphasis on more recent achievements
- short narrative on significance of achievements

**Peer recognition:** a list of selected examples of significant prizes, fellowships, academy membership, etc.

**Additional information:**

- career breaks, diverse career paths, life events
- other contributions to research community

## The Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA)

- Journal Impact Factor NOT allowed
- Short narrative achievements

**COARA** The Agreement on Reforming Research Assessment

**A short explanation of the significance of the selected outputs**, the role of the applicant in producing each of them, and how they demonstrate the applicant's capacity to successfully carry out their proposed project may be included, as well as a short explanation of the importance of the listed examples of significant peer recognition.

The applicant may also include relevant information on, for example, career breaks, unusual career paths, as well as any particularly noteworthy contributions to the research community. These will not in themselves be evaluated but are important to provide context to the evaluation panels when assessing the principal investigator's research achievements and peer recognition in relation to their career stage.

# ERC extensions to the eligibility window

## WP2024. Cut-off dates

STARTING GRANTS	CONSOLIDATOR GRANTS	ADVANCED GRANTS
<p>ERC-Starting Grant 2024.</p> <p>Cut-off dates:</p> <p>Successful defence of PhD between 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2021 (inclusive)</p>	<p>ERC-Consolidator Grant 2024.</p> <p>Cut-off dates:</p> <p>Successful defence of PhD between 1 January 2012 and 31 December 2016 (inclusive)</p>	<p>ERC-Advanced Grant 2023 ERC-Advanced Grant 2024</p> <p>no specific criteria</p>

**Consideration of achievements** beyond 7 and 12 years for the Starting and Consolidator Grants or over a longer period - past 10 years for the Advanced grants. **Circumstances:**

- **Maternity:** 18 months extension for each child born before or after the PhD award. Longer maternity leave may be taken into account.
- **Paternity:** elapsed time of paternity leave taken until the call deadline for each child born before or after the PhD award.
- **Long-term illness or national service:** amount of leave taken by the Principal Investigator until the call deadline for each incident which occurred after the PhD award date.
- **Clinical training:** amount of clinical training received by the PI after the award of the first eligible degree and until the call deadline, up to a maximum of 4 years.
- **seeking asylum:** inability to work before the call deadline and after PhD.
- **being a victim of a natural disaster:** inability to work before the call deadline and after PhD.

**NEW**  
2023

# PhD reference date



**! WP2023:** PhD reference date for the calculation of the eligibility period from the date of the actual award according to the national rules of the country where the degree was awarded to the date of the successful PhD defence.

De acuerdo con el **Real Decreto 1002/2010, de 5 de agosto, sobre expedición de títulos universitarios oficiales, en su artículo 3, punto 4 establece lo siguiente:**

4. Los títulos universitarios oficiales, expedidos de conformidad con lo previsto en este real decreto, surtirán efectos plenos desde la fecha de la completa finalización de los estudios correspondientes a su obtención.

La fecha de expedición del título se corresponde con la fecha de abono de las tasas para su expedición. **La legislación española dice, por tanto, que es la fecha de completa finalización (cumplimiento del último de los requisitos = día de lectura), no el de expedición, lo que hay que considerar.**

<https://www.boe.es/buscar/doc.php?id=BOE-A-2010-12621>

Por tanto, para el caso de los títulos de PhD expedidos en España, no cambia nada. **Se seguirá considerando el día de defensa del título, como hasta ahora.**

Imperial College  
London

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Surname:  
Forenames:

This is to certify that the above named student was registered at this College in the Department of Chemistry as a Full Time Postgraduate student.

Course: Chemistry Research

Period of Study: 29 September 2012 to 28 September 2016

Qualification Obtained and Awarding Body: Diploma of the Imperial College (DIC)  
PhD degree of Imperial College London

Date of Award: 1 February 2016

Research Topic:  
Thesis Title:

submitted his thesis for exam on 28 October 2015; he was orally examined (viva voce) on 20 November 2015. His examiners determined he pass, subject to completing minor thesis amendments to their satisfaction. The candidate's examiners accepted the amended thesis for award on 12 January 2016. The degree was awarded 1 February 2016 in line with the College's procedures.

Imperial College London became a university in its own right with its own degree-awarding powers in July 2007, and accordingly appears in the United Kingdom Department for Business Innovation & Skills list of "recognised bodies" at [www.bis.gov.uk/policies/higher-education/recognised-uk-degrees](http://www.bis.gov.uk/policies/higher-education/recognised-uk-degrees).

# Project Budget

Up to **[1,5; 2; 2,5]** million euros for 5 years (60 months)  
+

**Additional funding up to 1M€** when these are necessary to carry out the proposed work:

- **"start-up" costs** for PIs moving to the EU or an Associated Country from elsewhere as a consequence of receiving the ERC grant and/or
- the **purchase of major equipment** and/or
- **access to large facilities** and/or
- other **major experimental and field work** costs, excluding personnel costs.

**All funding requested is assessed during evaluation.**

These costs are justified separately in the proposal.

There is **no definition of "equipment" or "facilities"** and all requests will be evaluated by the peer review panel.

# EU contribution and management of the grant

An ERC grant can cover up to **100% of the total eligible direct costs** of the research **plus 25%** contribution towards **indirect costs**.

Direct costs:

- Personnel costs (PI + research team)
- Purchases of equipment, infrastructure, or other assets (depreciation according HI rules **& capitalised costs**)
- Consumables
- Travels, publications,...

**NEW**  
2023

An applicant can request to include in the GA equipment, infrastructure, or other assets purchased specifically for the action that may exceptionally be declared as full capitalised costs.

**Lump sums  
implementation for ERC-  
Advanced Grant 2024 call**

**NEW**  
2024

- **Se aplican las reglas de la Host Institution**
- **Flexibilidad:** se aceptan modificaciones mediante enmiendas al GA
- **Informes:** (2) Informes científicos a la mitad y final del proyecto y (4) Financieros cada 18 meses
- Las ayudas reciben entre 25-40% de pre-financiación
- Gestión de los fondos por parte del IP
- Las ayudas son **portables**

# The Host Institution (HI)



Any type of **legal entity**, private or public (universities, research centres, industry,... )

Based in one of the **EU Member States**, or one of the **Associated Countries**.

The PI does not necessarily need to be working at the Host Institution at the time when the proposal is submitted.

**The HI is not an evaluation criteria**, but a **HI commitment letter** is needed with the proposal.

Must **host and engage** the PI for the whole duration of the action

Must **guarantee** the PI **scientific independence**

Must provide research support and administrative assistance (if granted)



Signature of the Grant Agreement

Signature of a Supplementary Agreement with the PI

## Gender Equality Plan


The organization must have a Gender Equality Plan (GEP) at the time of signing the grant agreement

# ERC 2024 – individual Schemes - Structure of the proposal

One deadline | 2 steps evaluation process

**The ERC full proposal = part B1 + part B2 + Part A\***

## Part B1 - pdf

Cover Page and summary (1p)  
Extended Synopsis (5p)  
Curriculum vitae +  
Track-record (4p) 

*Evaluated in Step 1*

## Part B2 - pdf

(14p)  
Sa: SoA & objectives  
Sb: Methodology

*NOT evaluated in Step 1  
(only in Step 2)*

## Part A – online forms


**A1 General Information**  
**A2 Participants**  
**A3 Budget\***  
table + description (8000c)  
**A4 Ethics and security**  
**A5 Other questions**  
% Time commitment\*  
Excluded Reviewers (up to 3)

## Annexes

HI support letter  
PhD certificate  
Ethics and security issues  
Eligibility window

# ERC 2024 - Evaluation panels

There are in total **28 panels**, divided between three main domains:

- Physical Sciences and Engineering (PE) with 11 panels
- Life Sciences (LS) with 9 panels
- Social Sciences and Humanities (SH) with 8 panels 



Each panel covers a given breath of research topics, further detailed with its descriptors

**10–15 subfields/descriptors per panel**

When you submit, you need to indicate:

**Primary ERC Review Panel** : which will in principle evaluate the proposal

**Secondary ERC Review Panel**: *if applicable*

**ERC Keyword 1**: must be linked to the Primary Review Panel.

**ERC Keyword 2-4**: *if applicable, from any panel*

**Free keywords**: FREE text, they guide (but do not determine) the allocation of proposals to reviewers

## SH7 Human Mobility, Environment, and Space

### Keywords or descriptors

- SH7\_1 Human, economic and social geography
- SH7\_2 Migration
- SH7\_3 Population dynamics: households, family and fertility
- SH7\_4 Social aspects of health, ageing and society
- SH7\_5 Sustainability sciences, environment and resources
- SH7\_6 Environmental and climate change, societal impact and policy
- SH7\_7 Cities; urban, regional and rural studies
- SH7\_8 Land use and planning
- SH7\_9 Energy, transportation and mobility
- SH7\_10 GIS, spatial analysis; big data in geographical studies



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Each panel is composed by **12-18 panel members**.

The panel chair is known during the evaluation however the composition is made public once the results are published.

A panel may not include an expert in your discipline , they are semi-generalists

**The members of ERC panels alternate to allow panel members to apply to the ERC calls in alternate years.**

**Only the Panel chairs are public knowledge !**

**The full list of panel members and remote referees will be published later.**



## ERC-2023-Advanced Grant

### Panel Chairs

Physical sciences and engineering

PE1 Prof. Sara van de Geer

PE2 Prof. Maria Borge

PE3 Prof. Cait MacPhee

PE4 Prof. Malcolm Levitt

PE5 Prof. Bruno Chaudret

PE6 Prof. Peter Druschel

PE7 Prof. Peter Kennedy

PE8 Prof. Michael Graetzel

PE9 Prof. Carlos Frenk

PE10 Prof. Stefan Wiemer

PE11 Prof. Jean-Marie Tarascon

# ERC Panel Structure 2024

## Physical Sciences & Engineering

- PE1 Mathematics
- PE2 Fundamental Constituents of Matter
- PE3 Condensed Matter Physics
- PE4 Physical & Analytical Chemical Sciences
- PE5 Synthetic Chemistry and Materials
- PE6 Computer Science & Informatics
- PE7 Systems & Communication Engineering
- PE8 Products & Process Engineering
- PE9 Universe Sciences
- PE10 Earth System Science
- PE11 Materials Engineering



**Open to any field  
of research**

## Life Sciences

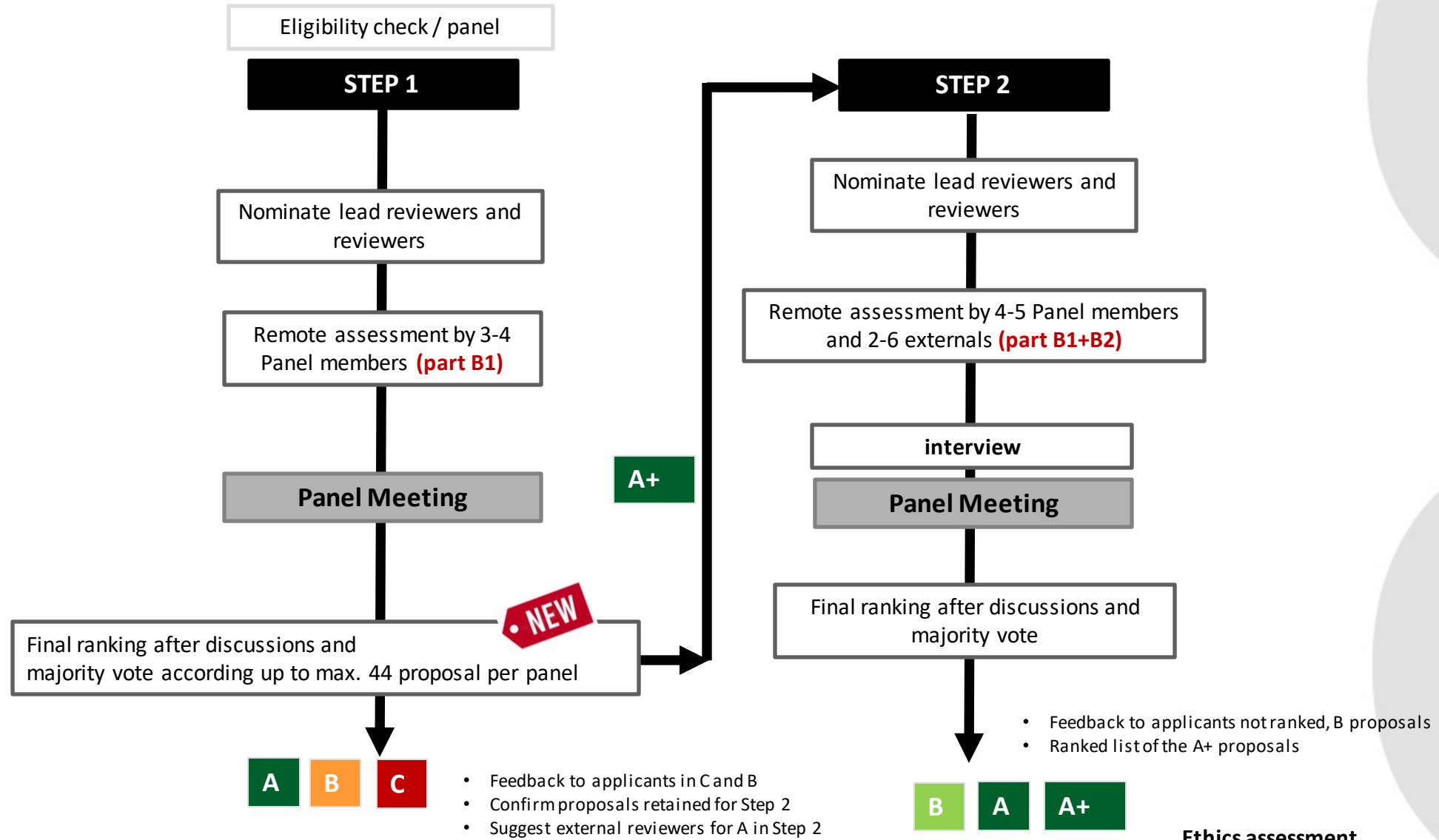
- LS1 Molecules of Life: Biological Mechanisms, Structures and Functions
- LS2 Integrative Biology: from Genes and Genomes to Systems
- **LS3 Cell Biology, Development, Stem Cells and Regeneration**
- LS4 Physiology in Health, Disease and Ageing
- **LS5 Neuroscience and Disorders of the Nervous System**
- LS6 Immunity, Infection and Immunotherapy
- LS7 Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment of Human Diseases
- LS8 Environmental Biology, Ecology and Evolution
- LS9 Biotechnology and Biosystems Engineering

## Social Sciences and Humanities

- SH1 Individuals, Markets and Organisations
- SH2 Institutions, Governance and Legal Systems
- SH3 The Social World and its **Interactions**
- SH4 The Human Mind and Its Complexity
- SH5 **Text and Concepts**
- SH6 The Study of the Human Past
- SH7 Human Mobility, Environment, and Space
- **SH8 Studies of Cultures and Arts**



# ERC Evaluation process - individual Grants



Ethics assessment

# The interview

Presentation (3-10 min.) + Question (15-25min) = Total 30min

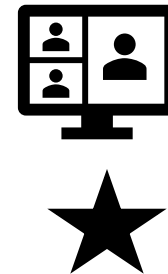
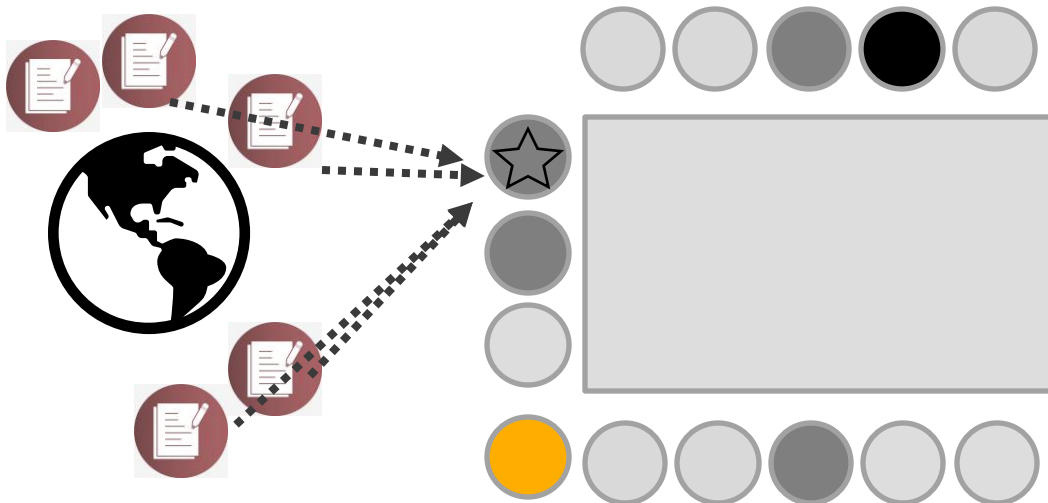
Panel members: Top Science Experts, but possibly no expert in your field

Reports from Top Science Experts in your field

**Consensus** must be reached

## Challenges:

- Present your project to general audience
- Answer technical questions from experts
- Answer broad questions from non-experts
- English
- Panel members on site but PI remote



- Panel Chair
- Panel members involved
- ★ Lead reviewer
- Other panel members
- Reporter
- Evaluation Summary Reports from External experts
- ★ Principal Investigator



# Evaluation criteria ERC 2024 StG, CoG, AdG & SYG

## Excellence is the sole evaluation criteria

applied to the Research Project + PIs



### Research Project

- Ground-breaking nature, ambition and feasibility

#### Ground-breaking nature and potential impact of the research project (B1+B2)

- does the proposed research address important challenges?
- are the objectives ambitious and beyond the state of the art? e.g. novel concepts and approaches or development between or across disciplines?
- is the proposed research **high risk-high gain**?

### Scientific Approach

- is the outlined scientific approach feasible ... ground-breaking nature and ambition of the proposed research **high risk/high gain**? (B1)
- does the proposal go beyond what the individual PIs could achieve alone? (Synergy Grants, B1)
- do the PIs succeed in proposing a combination of scientific approaches that are crucial to address the scope and complexity of the research questions to be tackled? (Synergy Grants, B1)
- are the proposed research methodology and working arrangements appropriate to achieve the goals of the project? (B2)
- does the proposal involve **the development of novel methodology**? (B2)
- are the proposed timescales, resources and PI commitment adequate and justified? (B2)

### Principal Investigator

- Intellectual capacity and creativity

- demonstrated the ability to conduct ground-breaking research?
- evidence of creative **and original** thinking?
- required scientific expertise and capacity to successfully execute the project?
- does the SyG Group successfully demonstrate in the proposal that it brings together the know-how – such as skills, experience, expertise, disciplines, teams – necessary to address the proposed research question? (Synergy Grants, B1)



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# Restrictions on submission of proposals

Step 1 restrictions	Step 2 NO restrictions
Score C: 2 years Score B: 1 Year Score A: <b>no restriction</b> 	Score B Score A Reserve list Main list

- A “C” score in Step 1 as outcome of ERC 2024 call may prevent you from resubmitting until 2027 calls.
- A “B” score in Step 1 as outcome of ERC2024 call may prevent you from resubmitting until 2026 calls.
- A “C” score in Step 1 as outcome of SynergyGrant call may prevent you from resubmitting to the following AdG and SyG call
- Restriction related to PIs holding an ongoing grant (except PoC) must end within 2 years after the call deadline
- Restrictions for PIs who served as panel members under previous calls apply.

**Applicants may also be subject to restrictions on submitting proposals to future ERC calls based on the outcome of the evaluation. Applicants will need to check the restrictions in place for each call**

## Convocatorias conjunta SyG

- Estructura de propuesta
- Proceso y criterios de evaluación



# ERC – Synergy Grant scheme

## Who can apply?

**2-3-4 Principal Investigators of any nationality and at any career stage.**

corresponding PI (cPI) and corresponding HI (cHI) will be the administrative contacts.

- PIs to engage genuinely in the collaboration.
- PIs can be in the same or different institutions.
- 3 step evaluation: with interviews on-site with all PIs in step 3
- **One PI (not the cPI) can apply (and be fully funded) with a Host Institution outside of EU or Associated Countries**

≥50% of working time in EU or Associated Countries (AC)\* and  
≥30% of working time on the ERC project

## Funding

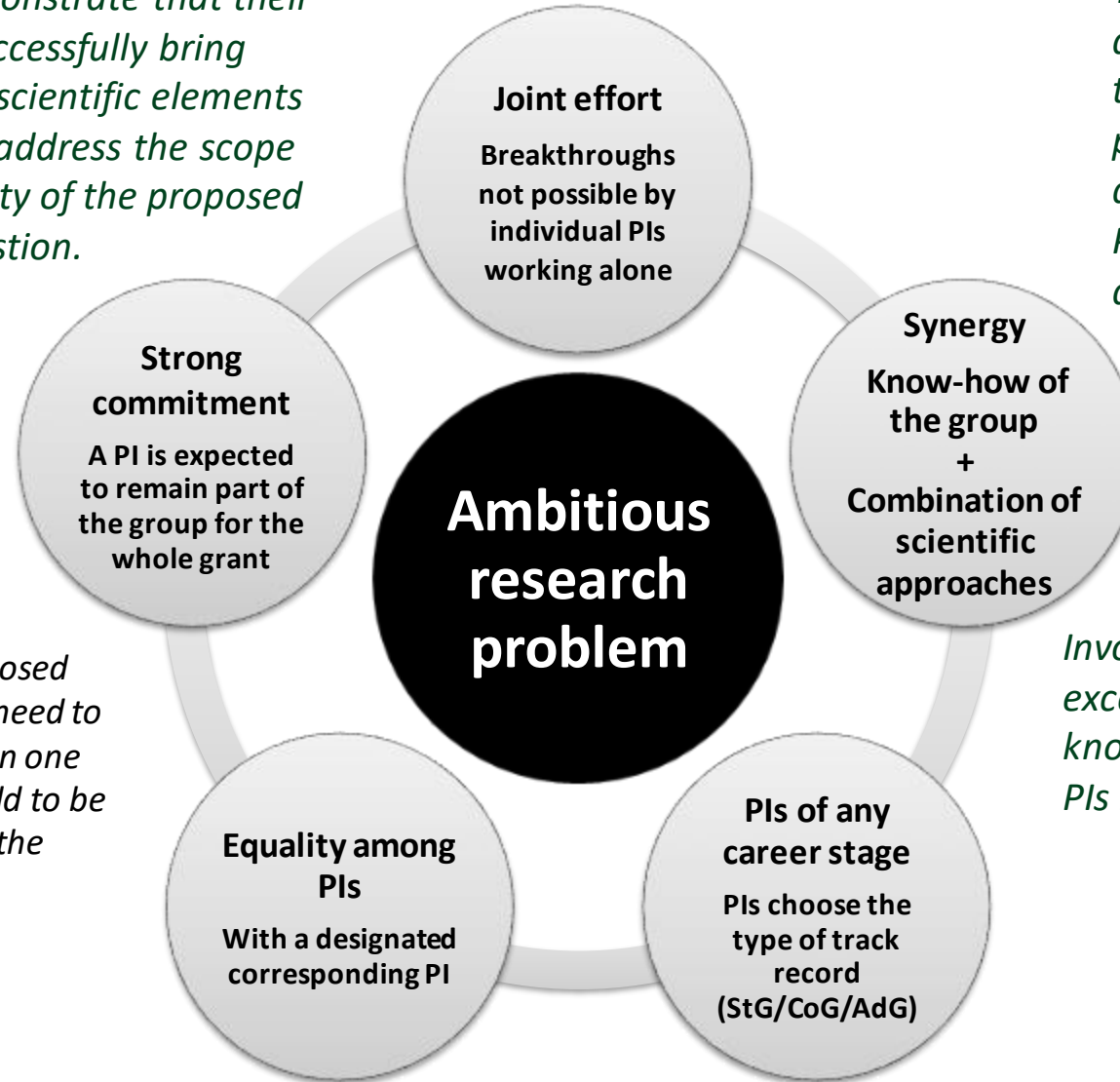
- Maximum of **10M€** for a maximum of **6 years**,
- **Additional max 4M€** globally for the project

\*Note: it does not apply to the Principal Investigator applying with a Host Institution outside of EU or AC

# ERC Synergy grant features

*PIs must demonstrate that their group can successfully bring together the scientific elements necessary to address the scope and complexity of the proposed research question.*

*YES: A major scientific question with a transformative scientific potential that could not be addressed by an individual PI and their team working alone.*



*Note: The proposed work does not need to cover more than one discipline or field to be considered for the Synergy grants*

*Involves teams with exceptional combinations of knowledge and skills with the PIs holding a central role*

# ERC 2023 – Synergy Grant scheme - Structure of the proposal

One deadline | 3 steps evaluation process

**The ERC full proposal = part B1 + part B2 + Part A\***

## Part B1 - pdf

Cover Page and summary  
(1p)

Extended Synopsis (5p)

Curriculum vitae +  
Track-record (4p) **x PI**

*Evaluated in Step 1 &  
Step 2 & Step 3*

## Part B2 - pdf

(15p)

Sa: SoA & objectives

Sb: Methodology

Sc. Resources (**budget  
breakdown per PI + a joint  
one**)

*NOT evaluated in Step 1  
(only in Step 2 & 3)*

## Part A – online forms

**A1 General Information**

**A2 Participants**

**A3 Budget\***

table + description (8000c)

**A4 Ethics and security**

**A5 Other questions**

% Time commitment\*

Excluded Reviewers (up to **4**)

## Annexes

HI support letter

PhD certificate

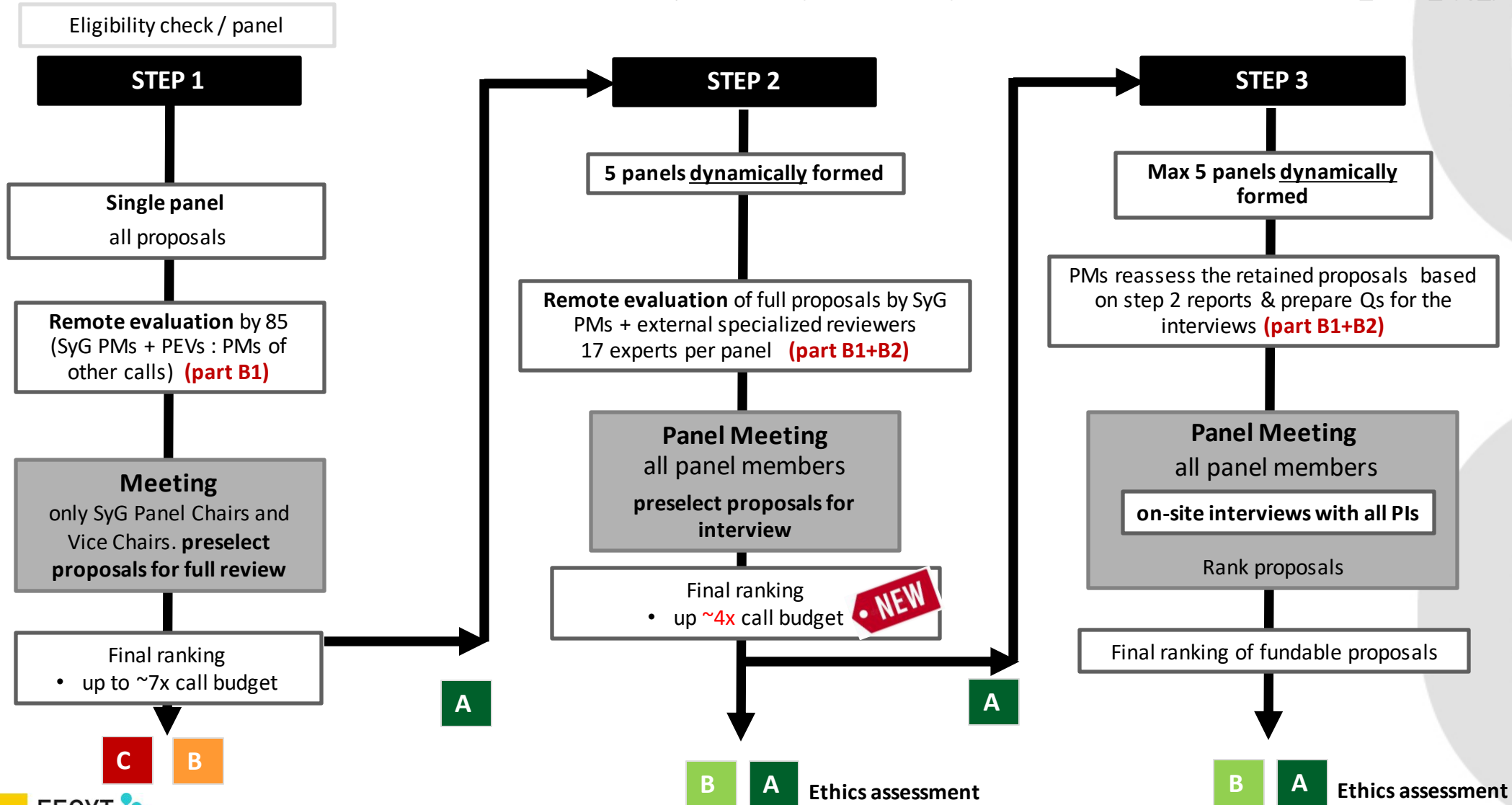
Ethics and security issues

Eligibility window

# ERC Evaluation process ERC SyG Grant 2023

No predefined panels in SyG evaluations!

Panel Members SyG2022: [https://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2022-12/erc\\_2022\\_syg\\_panel\\_members.pdf](https://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2022-12/erc_2022_syg_panel_members.pdf)



# Evaluation criteria ERC 2024 StG, CoG, AdG & SYG

## Excellence is the sole evaluation criteria

applied to the Research Project + PIs



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# ERC Grants en España (2007-2023)

**931**

ERC Grants

**6500**

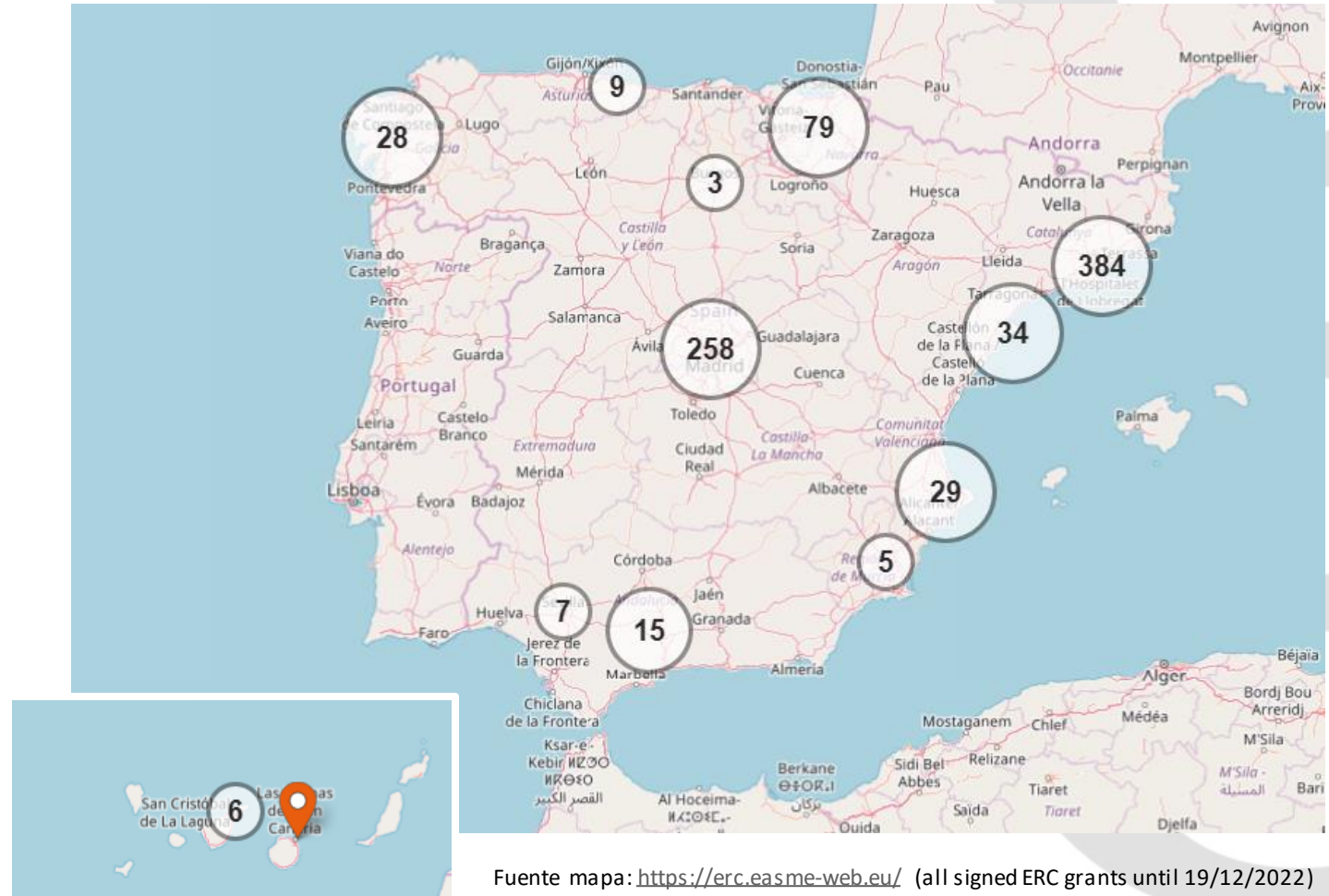
ERC Team Members

**1478**

Millones de Euros

**148** instituciones

Fuente datos: <https://dashboard.tech.ec.europa.eu/>



Fuente mapa: <https://erc.easme-web.eu/> (all signed ERC grants until 19/12/2022)

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fundamentalmente **ERC Grantees**

## Step 1

Jornadas informativas

Talleres de preparación  
propuestas

Reading Days

Revisiones propuestas

Análisis perfiles bibliométricos  
de ERC Grantees (2018-2020)



## Step 2

Simulacros de entrevistas

Soporte al tramitar la  
portabilidad a una institución  
española

Europa Excelencia (AEI) para las  
ERC individuales con A sin  
financiar



Asesoramiento a demanda ciclo de vida: propuesta y contrato



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## ERC Starting Grant

Si estás preparando tu solicitud a [ERC-StG 2023](#)

- [ERC Reading Days](#) (lectura de propuestas financiadas) 02-Nov-2022 - 25-Nov-2022
- [Webinars ERC-StG](#) *enlace a grabación y presentaciones*
- [Revisiones de propuesta ERC-StG](#) *abierto hasta 05-Sept-2022 a 08.00h*

Si has sido invitado a segunda fase en ERC-StG: **simulacros de entrevista:** [en marcha ERC-StG2022](#)

## ERC-Consolidator Grant

Si estás preparando tu solicitud a [ERC-CoG 2023](#)

- [ERC Reading Days](#) (lectura de propuestas financiadas) 02-Nov-2022 - 25-Nov-2022
- [Webinars ERC-CoG](#) *webinars 06/10/2022 y 24/11/2022*
- [Revisiones de propuestas ERC-CoG](#) *se anunciará próximamente, el cierre para recibir las propuestas será 8 semanas antes del cierre oficial*

Si has sido invitado a segunda fase en ERC-CoG: **simulacros de entrevista:** [en marcha ERC-CoG2022](#)

## ERC-Advanced Grant

Si estás preparando tu solicitud a [ERC-Advanced Grant 2023](#)

- [ERC Reading Days](#) (lectura de propuestas financiadas) 02-Nov-2022 - 25-Nov-2022
- [Webinars ERC-AdG](#) *se realizarán en torno a enero 2023*
- [Revisiones de propuesta ERC-AdG](#) *se anunciará más adelante; el cierre para recibir las propuestas será 8 semanas antes del cierre oficial*

Si has sido invitado a segunda fase en ERC-AdG: **simulacros de entrevista:** *próximamente ERC-AdG2022*

## ERC-Synergy Grant

Si estáis preparando una solicitud a [ERC-Synergy Grant 2023](#)

- [Webinar ERC-SyG 2023](#) *enlace a presentaciones*

Si habéis sido invitados a segunda fase en ERC-SyG: **simulacros de entrevista:** *previstos para verano 2023*

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# Videos ERC Classes

## Videos

series of videos – [ERC Classes](#) – for potential applicants:

**Step-by-step to the ERC application process** (5:19 min)

<https://youtu.be/xbFbzkVWgCU>

**How to get started with your ERC grant?** (11:37 min)

<https://youtu.be/O7mOFL2tlQ8>

**How to write part 1 of your ERC proposal?** (14:33 min)

<https://youtu.be/HsmQRM88yyM>

**How to write part 2 of your ERC proposal?** (8:26 min)

<https://youtu.be/NnDLnabEpxQ>

**How do we evaluate your ERC proposal?** (11:48 min)







<https://youtu.be/FFhZX00AUV4>

**How to prepare for your ERC interview?** (9:02 min)

<https://youtu.be/F4qXVGcdH5w>

**How to apply for your ERC Proof of Concept Grant**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v\\_WAkrKgWks](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v_WAkrKgWks)

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5		<b>How do we evaluate your ERC proposal</b> European Research Council
7		<b>How to apply for your ERC Proof of Concept Grant</b> European Research Council

# ERC Useful links

## **ERC Work Programme 2024**

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/wp-call/2024/wp\\_horizon-erc-2024\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/wp-call/2024/wp_horizon-erc-2024_en.pdf)

## **Information for Applicants to the Starting and Consolidator Grant calls**

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/information-for-applicants\\_he-erc-stg-cog\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/information-for-applicants_he-erc-stg-cog_en.pdf)

## **Information for Applicants to the Synergy Grant Call**

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/information-for-applicants\\_he-erc-syg\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/information-for-applicants_he-erc-syg_en.pdf)

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**How to complete your ethics self-assessment:** [https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/how-to-complete-your-ethics-self-assessment\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/how-to-complete-your-ethics-self-assessment_en.pdf)

## **Open Research Data and Data Management Plans**

- [https://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/document/file/ERC\\_info\\_document-Open\\_Research\\_Data\\_and\\_Data\\_Management\\_Plans.pdf](https://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/document/file/ERC_info_document-Open_Research_Data_and_Data_Management_Plans.pdf)
- <https://erc.europa.eu/thematic-working-groups/working-group-open-access>
- [https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/cross-cutting-issues/open-access-dissemination\\_en.htm](https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/cross-cutting-issues/open-access-dissemination_en.htm)

## **General Model Grant Agreement Horizon Europe**

- [https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/agr-contr/general-mga\\_horizon-euratom\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/agr-contr/general-mga_horizon-euratom_en.pdf)

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