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# ERC 2024 Starting Grant Call Webinar

## Session 1:

Overview of the ERC, eligibility and  
proposal development

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# About the Presenter

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# What will be covered in this webinar?



Introduction to UKRO & UK Participation in Horizon Europe



Overview of the ERC programme



Eligibility criteria



Proposal development



Questions and answers session



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All participants will be muted for the duration of the webinar.



We will be recording this session.



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Please use the Q&A function to submit questions.



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# About UKRO

## We support UK research intensive organisations

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# UK participation in Horizon Europe

On 24 December 2020, the negotiations on the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement concluded

The [announcement](#) sets out the UK's intention to **associate to Horizon Europe**

This includes **full participation in the programme** (with the exception of parts of the EIC Accelerator Fund)

UK entities can participate in/coordinate projects and receive funding from Horizon Europe, incl. ERC grants

[European Commission's Q&A](#) confirms **UK eligibility to apply**.

UKRO [website](#) provides latest information on UK participation



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## UK-EU TRADE AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Summary

December 2020

# Commission Q&A Guidance

[European Commission's Q&A](#) confirms UK eligibility to apply:

*"UK entities including universities, research centres, scientists, innovative businesses, industry, etc. can participate in the first calls for proposals of Horizon Europe as soon as they are published on the European Commission's website."*

***"...UK applicants are treated as if the UK is an associated country throughout the process, from admissibility and eligibility to evaluation, up until the preparation of grant agreements."***



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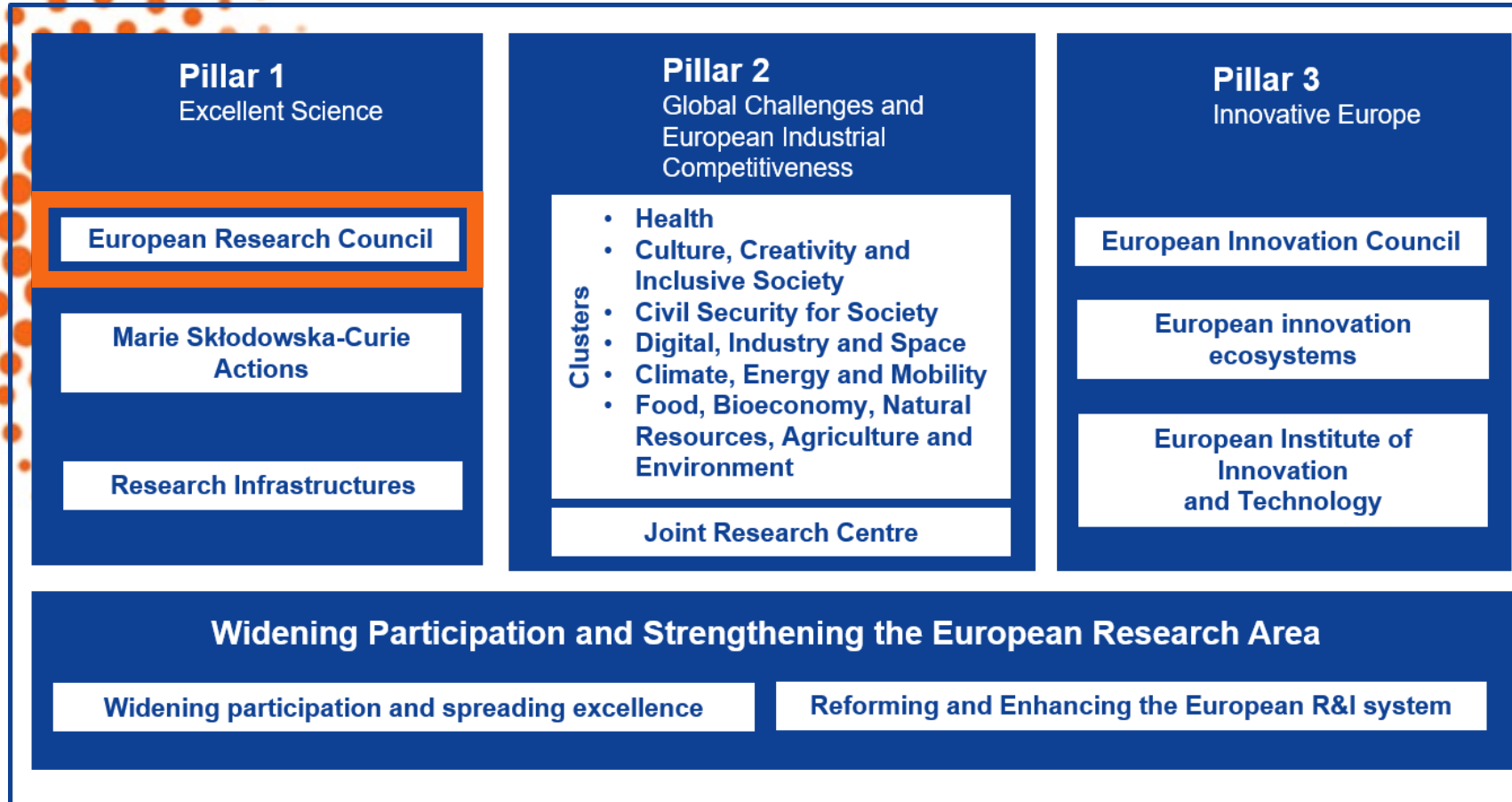


# Overview of the ERC

How does it fit into the wider Horizon Europe and what is it about?



# Horizon Europe structure



# What is the European Research Council?



## The ERC's mission:

- Support investigator-driven frontier research across all fields
- Fund projects purely on the basis of scientific excellence
- Encourage the highest quality research in Europe

## What makes the ERC unique:

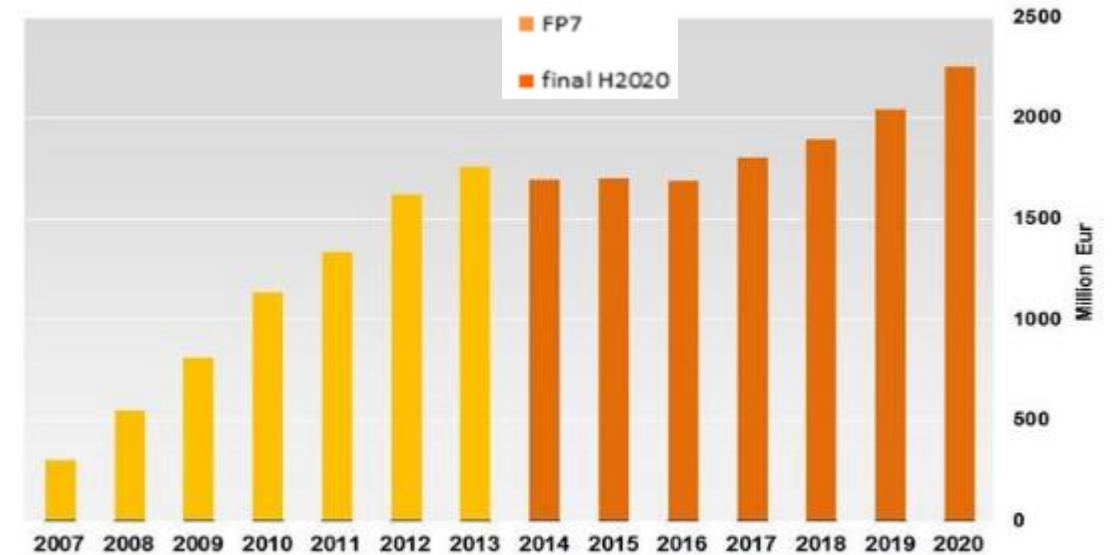
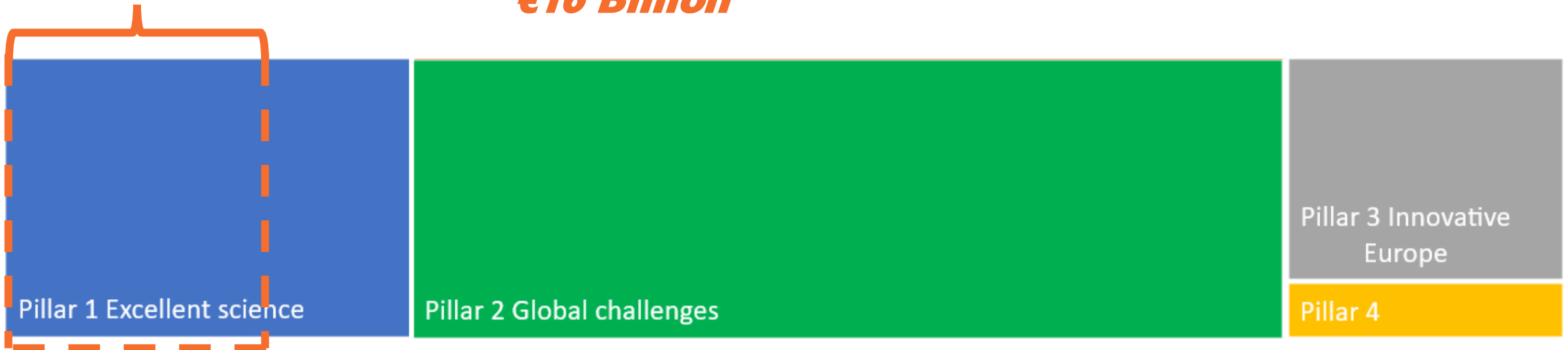
- Excellence is the only criteria
- Freedom of PIs to lead their project with anyone in the world in their team

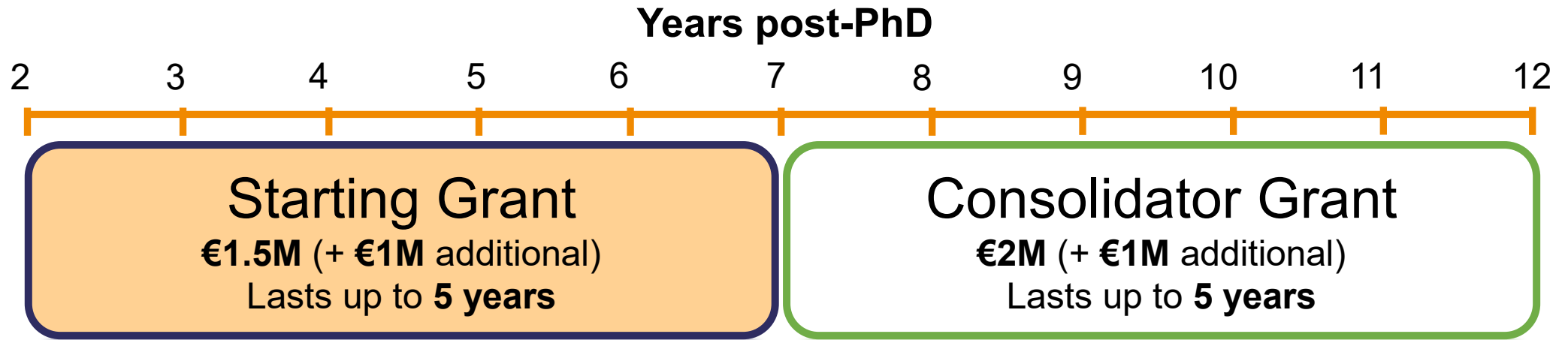
# ERC Budget in Horizon Europe

26% increase in real terms compared to Horizon 2020.

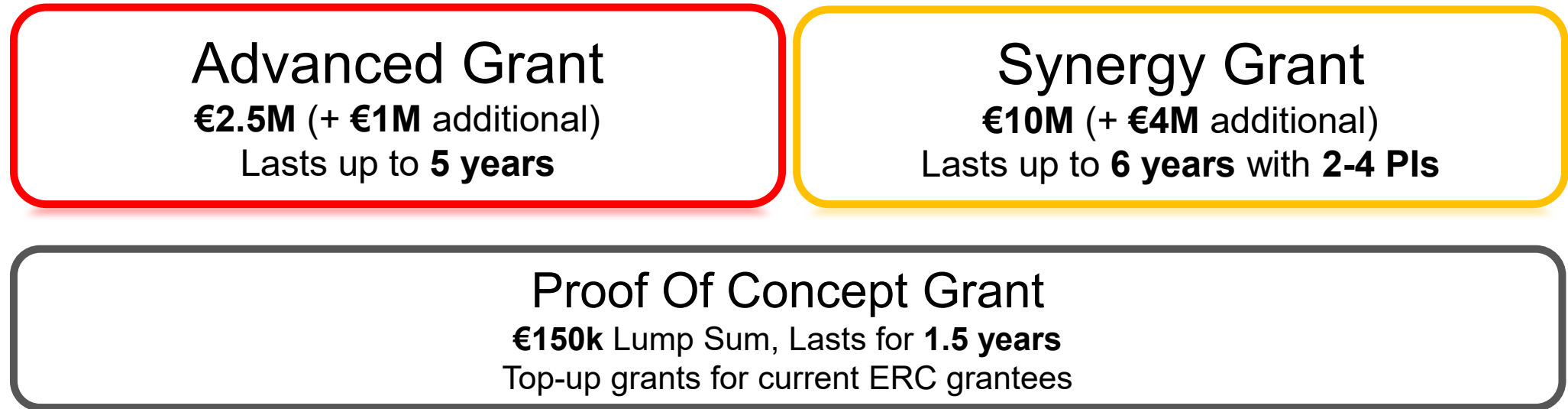
Horizon Europe structure is represented below proportionate to budget allocation.

**ERC BUDGET:  
€16 Billion**





### No PhD Requirements



# Tentative ERC 2024 Calls

	Starting Grant	Consolidator Grant	Advanced Grant	Synergy Grant	Proof of Concept
Call Type	ERC-2024-StG	ERC-2024-CoG	ERC-2024-AdG	ERC-2024-SyG	ERC-2024-PoC
Call Opens	11/07/2023	12/09/2023	29/05/2024	12/07/2023	16/11/2023
Deadline	24/10/2023	12/12/2023	29/08/2024	08/11/2023	14/03/2024 17/09/2024



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# Changes to 2024 ERC Calls

- Excellence remains the only evaluation criterion, with a **primary evaluation of the research project** and at the same time an evaluation of the Principal Investigator
- Changes to the evaluation procedure – **introducing a maximum number of proposals** (44) per panel for 2024 Starting, Consolidator and Advanced Grant calls (*More on this in webinar 2*)
- **New panel** in the SH domain – **SH8** – and changes to the panel title, sub-title and descriptors for others
- The applicant's CV and Track Record are now merged into a **single four-page document**. The Funding ID is moved to Part B2
- The **2024 Advanced Grant call** will be implemented as a pilot call using lump sum funding and has a deadline in August now, three months later than in 2023
- The **2024 Proof-of-Concept call** will have two cut-off dates instead of three
- The **2024 Consolidator Grant call** is in December, two months earlier than in 2023



# ERC Panel Structure

Physical Sciences & Engineering	Life Sciences	Social Sciences & Humanities
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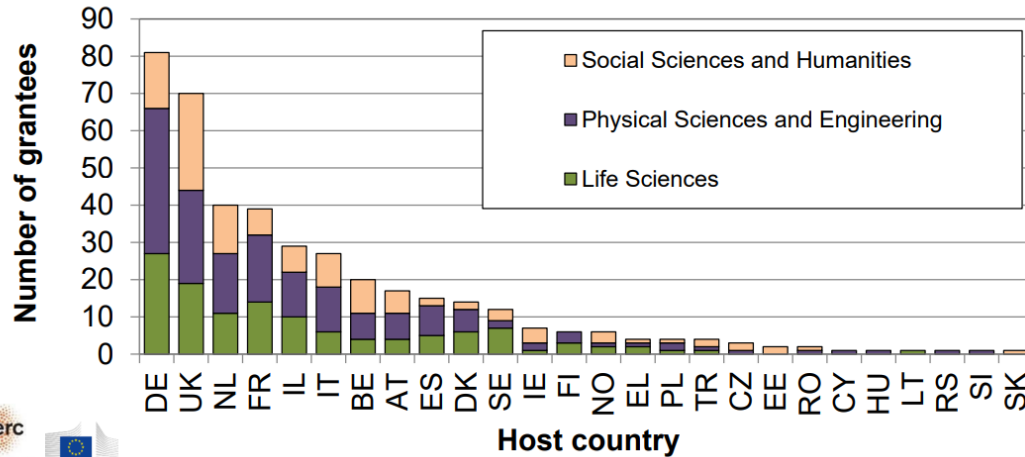


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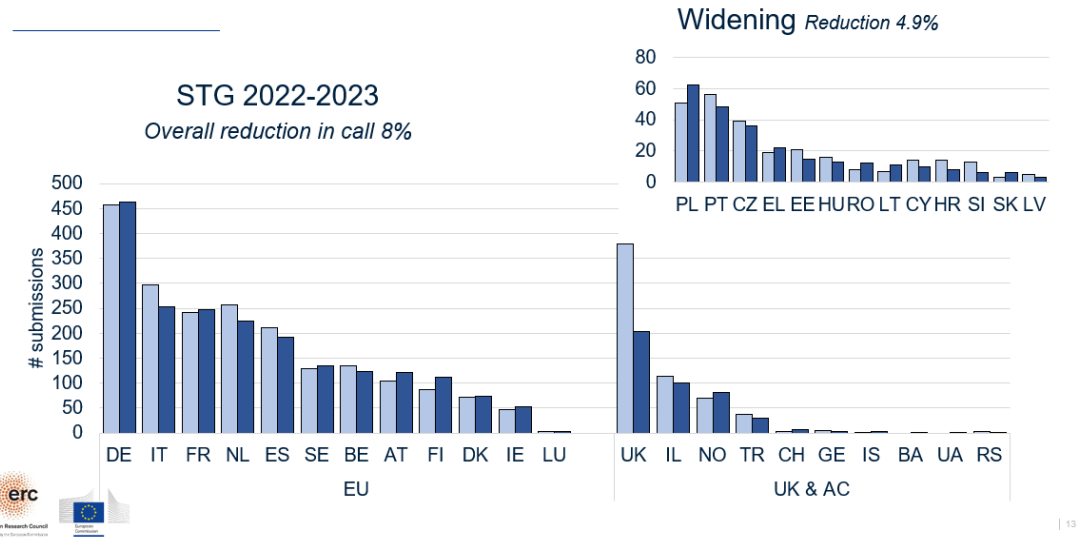
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# Recent UK participation in ERC Starting Grant calls

26 countries



## STG 2023 – Submissions by HI country



**UK** Host Institutions were the second most popular for the 2022 Starting Grant call, **chosen by 70 successful applicants in 2022**

- UK-hosted submissions were
- **2nd highest** for 2022
  - **5th highest** for 2023

Source: [ERC statistics](#)

# ERC Eligibility Criteria



# Types of research

- Can be in **ANY** field of research;
- Must be very **ambitious** in **risk** and in **scope**;
- **Principal Investigator** is central to the project, they can be supported by as many “team members” as they need;
- Must be “**frontier research**”, and should not be incremental advances.



**More on evaluation criteria in part 2** including how panels and external experts evaluate proposals

***Judged on the scientific excellence of the project and PI***

***No need to aim for externally selected policies or research themes, it's up to the applicant!***



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# Tentative 2024 Starting Grant call details\*

Call Identifier	ERC-2024-StG
Budget	€601 Million
Estimated no. grants funded	387



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\* Double check with the 2024 ERC Work Programme is published later this month

# 2024 Starting Grant Eligibility window

## Cut-off dates:

**Successful defence of PhD between  
1 January 2017 to 31 December 2021  
(inclusive)**

*The date of the first PhD considered for the calculation of the eligibility period is the date of the actual award according to the national rules of the country where the degree was awarded.*

*Applicants should check with the awarding institution if there is any doubt on the date of actual award.*



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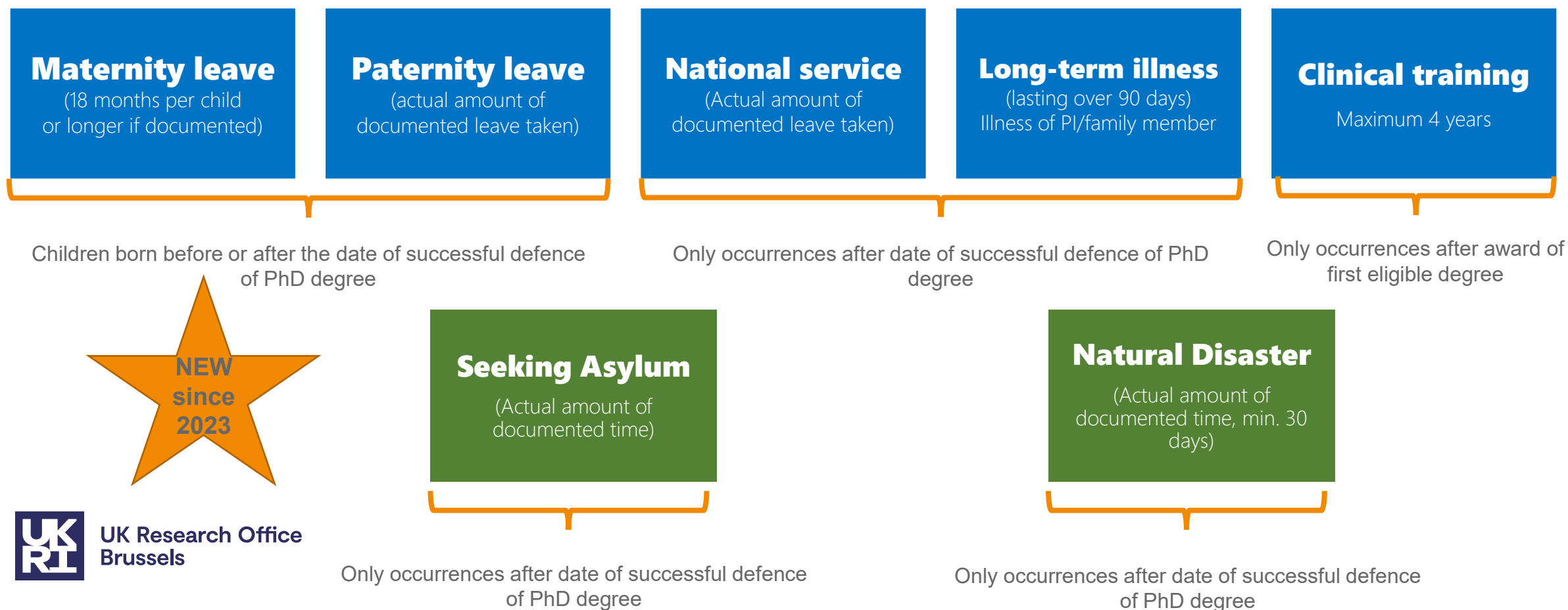


# Extending Eligibility window of an ERC applicant

No extensions for part time working, non-research careers, travel, Covid restrictions (e.g. home schooling) etc., unless linked to illness/maternity.

But evaluators do take these circumstance into account if you describe them in your track record.

Starting and Consolidator Grant eligibility window can be extended for:



# Am I a competitive candidate?

- Constantly measure yourself against the Starting Grantee profile and the PI Evaluation Criteria in the [2023 ERC Work Programme](#)
- Evaluators will benchmark you to your specific career age; 2 years PhD ≠ 7 years post PhD.
- Think about what this profile looks like in your field of research.
- Look at [previously funded Starting Grant PIs in your field](#), but remember you can present yourself on your own terms
- Prestigious achievements can matter but they aren't the only way to be successful. There are no blunt markers of an ERC grantee.
- Context matters, demonstrate what you did well and details that show your role so that evaluators can make a nuanced consideration



# 2024 Call Resubmission Restrictions

Call to which the Principal Investigator applied under previous ERC Work Programmes and proposal evaluation outcome		2024 ERC calls to which a Principal Investigator is <u>not</u> eligible
2022 and 2023 Starting, Consolidator, Advanced Grant or 2022 Synergy Grant	Rejected on the grounds of a breach of research integrity	Starting, Consolidator, Advanced, and Synergy Grant
	C at Step 1	Starting, Consolidator, and Advanced Grant
2022 Starting, Consolidator, or Advanced Grant	A or B at Step 2	No restrictions
	B or C at Step 1	Starting, Consolidator, and Advanced Grant
2023 Starting, Consolidator, or Advanced Grant	A or B at Step 3	No restrictions
	B at Step 1 or 2	No restrictions
2022 and 2023 Synergy Grant	C at Step 1	Synergy Grant



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# How are ERC proposals evaluated?

**Excellence is the sole evaluation criterion, primarily to:**

## **Research Project**

- Ground-breaking nature, ambition and feasibility
- Scientific approach

***At the same time:***

## **Principal Investigator**

- Intellectual capacity and creativity



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Principal Investigator & Host  
Institute



# Principal Investigator Eligibility

## Who?

No restrictions based on age, nationality, current location or current employment/contract status.

## Where?

Must have an institution based in an EU member state or associated country willing to host them.

Calculated as an average across entire project duration, can vary to a degree year on year

Grant Type	Minimum % of Working Time on Grant	Minimum % of time* in EU Member State or Associated Country	Years since PhD Award
Starting	50	50	2-7
Consolidator	40	50	7-12
Advanced	30	50	N/A
Synergy	30	50	N/A



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\* Fieldwork/work abroad related to the ERC project counts towards time commitment

# Host Institution Eligibility



Can be any type of legal entity  
(university, business, public body, NGO etc.)



Must be based in the territory of an  
EU Member State or Associated Country



Has the infrastructure and capacity to allow the PI to independently direct the  
research and manage ERC funding



Must not constrain the PI to the institution's research strategy. PI has the right to  
transfer the grant to another institution.



Must 'engage' the PI for project duration, if grant is successful



Not assessed as a separate criterion during peer review but must sign a letter of  
commitment as part of application

If funded, the HI will:

- sign up to the **Grant Agreement**
- sign a '**Supplementary Agreement**' with the PI

# Working out the PI's time commitments

## Minimum 50% working time working on the ERC grant

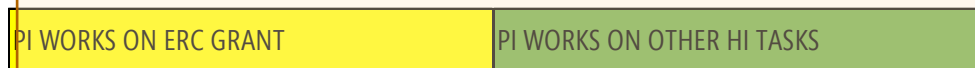
- All percentages are established by reference to the full time equivalent at the host institution (see below) or 1720 hours per year.

## Minimum 50% time spent in Europe (Member State or Associated Country)

Fieldwork/work abroad related to the ERC project does not count against time commitment

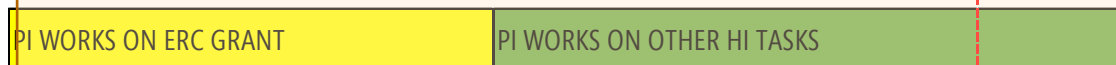
### Starting PI with FTE Contract

50% out of 100%



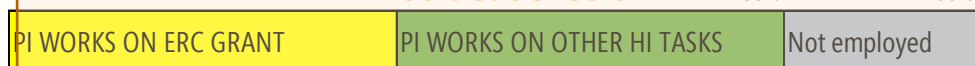
### Starting PI working more than the 100% (FTE) ceiling

50% out of 100%



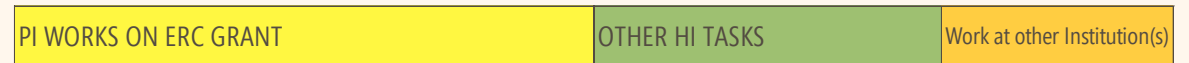
### Starting PI working part-time - time commitments are pro-rata (% of P/T contract)

50% out of 80%



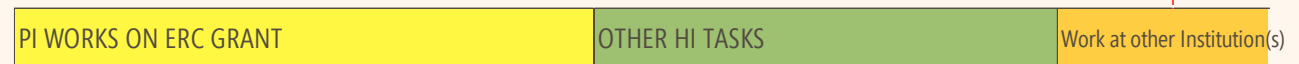
### Consolidator PI with FTE Contract split between the HI and other institutions Starting PI with FTE Contract split between the HI and other institutions

50% out of 100%



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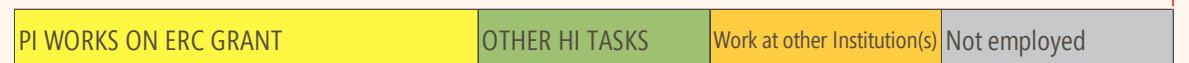
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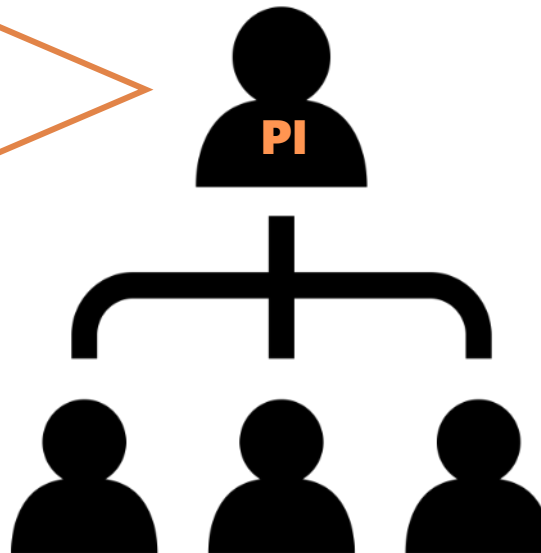
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# Principal Investigators leading Team Members

- PI **leads** the research project, they are not collaborating as equals with their team
- PI has the **freedom to choose** how many team members are included in the project
- PI **names individuals or roles** that will be recruited in the proposal
- PI must **justify the team** and its composition and contribution
- Evaluators reject proposals where the PI is overshadowed by any team members



**TEAM MEMBERS**

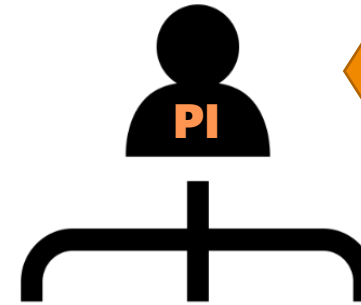
- **Cannot be co-investigators**
- **Assigned to specific project outputs/tasks**
- Do activities the PI can't do by themselves
- Should not have purely supervisory/mentor roles
- Can be **research staff at any level** (including technicians and project managers)
- Think about career path of employees
- Of any age, nationality or country of residence
- Can be based **at the Host Institution or any other organisation** in the world
- **EU funded**, even outside member states or associated countries

# What kind of team members can be in an ERC project?

*The constitution of the research teams is flexible.*  
[2023 ERC Work Programme](#)

*Depending on the nature of a project the research team may involve team members from other research organisations situated in the same or a different country.*

[2023 ERC Work Programme](#)



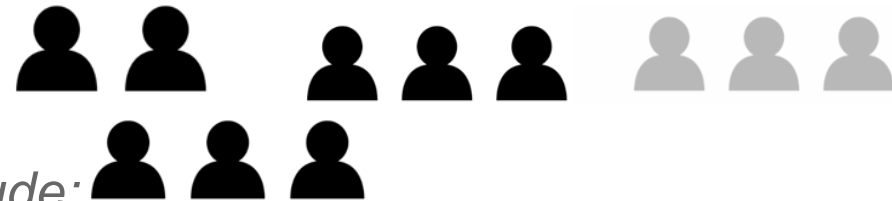
## Only one PI

evaluated in proposal according to the broadly defined work programme (no prescribed job title)

## Only one Host Institution

(although a PI can transfer or be based at multiple organisations)

**PI designs and chooses their team according to the needs of the project**



*Can my team include:*

**Researchers at any career stage?**

**YES**, from PhD to Professor etc, as long as the PI is clearly leading the project.

**Non-academic/administrative team-members?**

**YES**, if they are justified and help to carry out the objectives

**Team members based in other organisations?**

**YES**, if they are justified and help to carry out the objectives

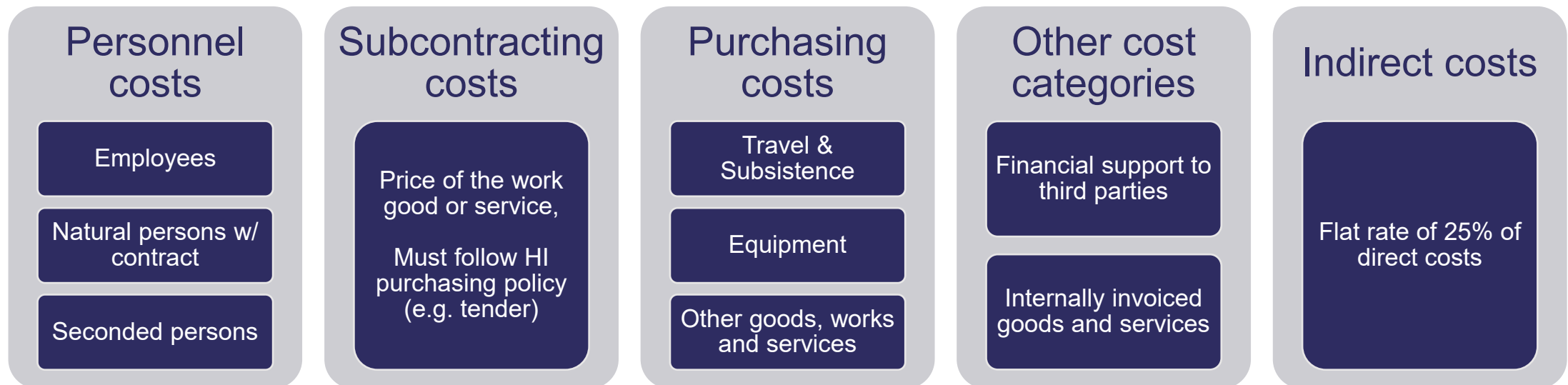
**More in Session 2**  
about adding organisations  
other than the Host Institution  
on the  
EC portal (other beneficiaries  
or third parties)

# Eligible costs for ERC projects

The ERC funds up to **100% of the total eligible costs with a 25% flat rate of indirect costs on top.**

- Same as most EU grants – based on actual cost reporting
- The budget covers the full project duration,
- It can be adjusted with budget transfers from one category to another, but the overall grant amount cannot be increased after start date.

The budget is subdivided into:



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***Ask for support from your Host Institution's research support or finance team as early as possible,***

The ERC project costing must follow Host Institution rules as well!

# Funding Levels

Grant Type	Main Grant Amount up to:	“Additional Funding” up to:
Starting	€1.5 M	€1.0 M
Consolidator	€2.0 M	€1.0 M
Advanced	€2.5 M	€1.0 M
Synergy	€10 M	€4.0 M



## ERC's Additional Funding:

- eligible “start-up” costs for PIs moving from outside Europe
- the purchase of major equipment
- access to large facilities
- major experimental/fieldwork costs (excluding personnel)

Additional funding requests are **mixed into the main budget table** but **written separately** in the justification of resources text



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Short break





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# ERC Proposal Development

## Part B1 & B2

Part A is addressed in Thursday's session



# 1-Step Submission

All parts submitted together by the call deadline.

Part A is filled in online.

B1, B2 & Annexes are uploaded as PDFs.

## **Part A**

*Administrative Forms  
and Abstract*

- General Info
- Participating Institutions
- Budget & Description of Resources
- Ethics Check

## **Part B1**

*Proposal Overview  
and PI Track Record*

- Cover page and summary
- Extended Synopsis (5 pages)
- CV and Track Record (4 pages)

## **Part B2**

*Detailed Research  
Proposal*

- State of the art
  - Objectives
  - Methodology
  - Funding ID
- (Total of 14 pages)

## **Annexes**

*Host Institution Letter, Ethics, Eligibility Documents*

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# How do I pick the right panel for me and my project?

## Make the right choice/configuration

You must choose a **best fit primary panel** – might not be perfect

You can choose a **secondary panel** – indicate where other panellists could help the primary panel to evaluate your proposal

Choose **Panel Descriptor**– this helps the Panel Chair to identify your proposal's main readers ahead of the panel meeting.

Choose **ERC-listed keywords from primary/secondary panel** in order of priority

Choose **Free keywords** that complement your selected ERC keywords.

**Keywords in your abstract** – try to use keywords that define your project because they are used by the ERC to find the right remote expert reviewers.

***You can change your chosen panel right up to the deadline.***



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## Evaluation panel section in Part A form

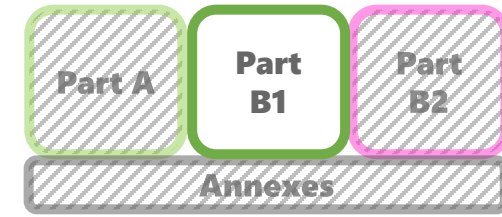
A screenshot of the 'Evaluation panel section in Part A form'. It contains several input fields: 'Primary ERC Review Panel\*' (a text box), 'Secondary ERC Review Panel' (a text box with '(if applicable)' to its right), 'ERC Keyword 1\*' (a text box with a note: 'As first keyword please choose one which is linked to the Primary Review Panel. Please select, if applicable, the ERC keyword(s) that best characterize the subject of your proposal in order of priority.'), 'ERC Keyword 2' (a text box), 'ERC Keyword 3' (a text box), 'ERC Keyword 4' (a text box), and 'Free keywords' (a text box with a note: 'In addition, please enter free text keywords that you consider best characterize the scope of your proposal. The choice of keywords should take into account any multi-disciplinary aspects of the proposal.').

## Do your homework to judge which panel best matches your proposal.

Read panel descriptors & keywords in the [ERC Work Programme](#) to get an idea of the best-fit panel for you – they align with the kinds of experts on the panel.

Search for previously funded projects from your potential panel choices to see examples of projects.  
Use the [ERC Information System](#)

# Part B1 – Step 1 of the Evaluation



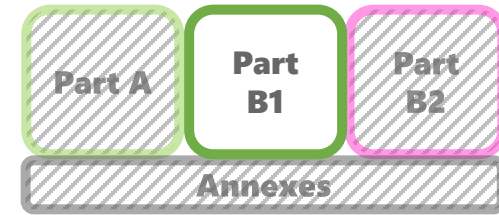
## Strict formatting requirements:

Page Format	Font Type	Font Size	Line Spacing	Margins
A4	Times New Roman, Arial or similar	At least 11	Single	2cm Side 1.5cm Bottom

## Part B1 includes:

- Cover Page (info repeated from Part A)
- Extended Synopsis (5 pages)
- CV and Track Record (4 pages)

# Writing the Extended Synopsis



## Self-contained

- All the essential info about your idea in **5 pages**.
- Describe where the novelty lies – what is the state-of-the-art and how does this proposal go further?
- Your synopsis should be **referenced**, these won't count towards page limits – using end-notes is recommended.

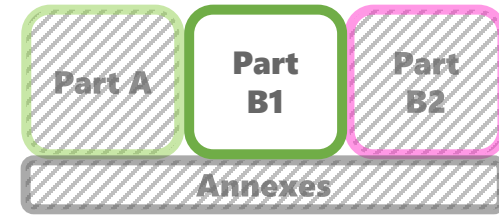
## Persuasive to generalists

- A **variety of experts** decide collectively whether to pass the proposal to Step 2.
- Be clear and don't use **specialist jargon** because the panel are generalists as a whole, some will be less familiar with your field.
- Applicants need to **persuade the whole panel** – include just enough info and don't give any reasons to reject!

## Entertaining!

- Sell your idea and yourself – the synopsis should grab the panellists' attention
- Your idea should be ambitious – be explicit about **high risk and potentially high gain**.
- The description of novelty and ambition **should leave them curious to find out more detail** in Part B2 and the interview at Step 2.

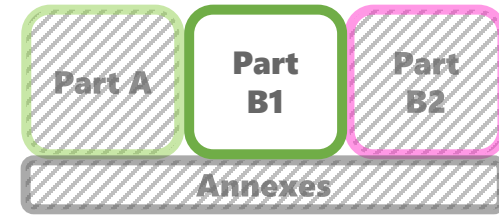
# Things to think about: Extended Synopsis



- **Dual role:** key text in stand-alone B1, then goes hand-in hand with the B2 full proposal. Make it work in both ways, not as a summary of the full proposal
- **What excites you about your research?** Convey that in your application
- **Scientific Impact** – how can you change your field of research and make progress beyond the current state-of-the-art.
  - Does the research open new lines of research and/or enquiry
  - Will it lead to new scientific activity and further questions beyond the current frontier?
  - Be positive about achievements made by others thus far then demonstrate you have something new and different to offer.
- **Timeliness and relevance of the work during the project**, not just at the deadline but throughout the project's five years. Scientific impact can also be made at anytime of the project, not just at the end
- **Research Aims, should clearly link to the research objectives**, which should clearly link to research methodology(ies)

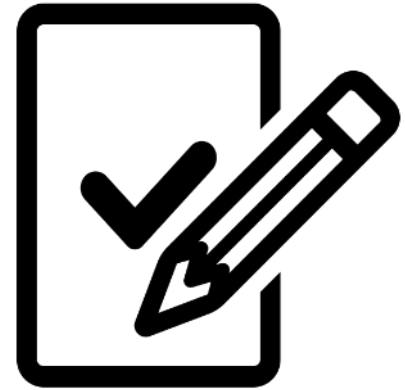


# Writing your CV and Track Record



No prescriptive PI profiles

- Personal details: education, employment
- Research achievements (up to a max. 10)
  - Demonstrating advancement in the field
  - Emphasis on more recent achievements
  - Short narrative on significance of achievements
- Peer recognition, prizes, fellowships, academy memberships, etc
- Additional information (setting the context)
  - Career breaks, diverse career paths, life events
  - Other contribution to research community



Template won't specify the layout. It will have some instructions, up to applicant to decide on the format. Let them best showcase their talent.



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## **Part A**

### *Administrative Forms and Abstract*

- General Info
- Participating Institutions
- Budget & Resources
- Ethics Check

## **Part B1**

### *Proposal Overview and PI Track Record*

- Cover page and summary
- Extended Synopsis (5 pages)
- CV and Track Record (4 pages)

## **Part B2**

### *Detailed Research Proposal*

- State of the art
- Objectives
- Methodology
- Funding ID

(Total of 14 pages)

## **Annexes**

*Host Institution Letter, Ethics, Eligibility Documents*

***At Step 2 there is also a ~30 min interview with your panel  
(presentation and Q&A)***

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# Part B2

- **State of the art and objectives**

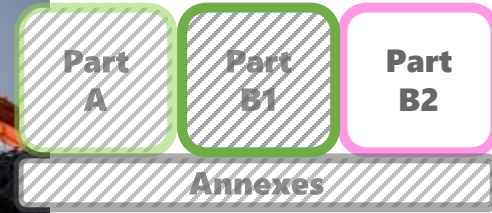
- Objectives here become grant agreement objectives

- **Methodology**

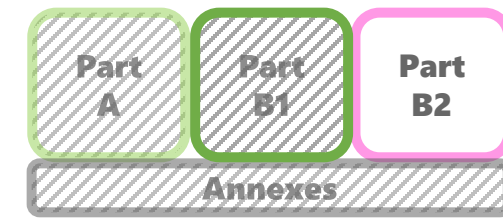
- Proposed methodology
- Milestones and alternatives
- Risk and mitigation
- Project Management
- Publication & Exploitation of results



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# Writing your State of the Art and Objectives



## Coherence with Part B1

- Elaborate Part B1 coherently: Explain precisely how you plan to achieve what you promised.
- A remote expert review will be provided to the generalist panel, add technical detail that someone much closer to your field would need to know.
- Don't copy & paste from Part B1. Both looked at together at Step 2, so make them complementary.

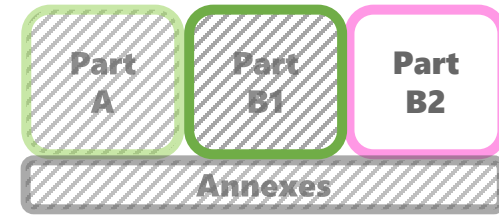
## State of the art

- It should be clear how and why the proposed work is important for the field.
- What scientific impact will your project have if successful? What new horizons or opportunities for science, technology or scholarship?

## Objectives

- Objectives should fit the context of the state-of-the-art – they should match the ambition to go past the current frontier.
- These objectives will become part of the Grant Agreement if successful – so the need to be feasible.

# Writing your Methodology



## Methodology

- Should be **extensive**, include the essential detail that an expert in your field would need to know.
- Don't leave any reasons for experts to raise doubts for the panel
- Work plan should also be clear and **persuade evaluators that you can carry out the logistics** of a long term project.

## Risk Mitigation Strategy

- Where possible **cover every risk with a mitigation strategy**.
- ERC accepts high risk to hopefully reach high gain – so don't shy away
- But evaluators and external experts can be risk averse.
- Explicit but controlled risk

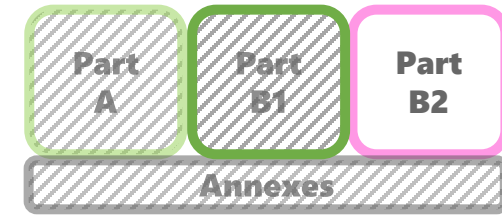
## Your team

- Be sure to show **how you will be the leader** of the team and central figure for the project.
- **Explain what each team member will do** – these can be named people or roles specified for recruitment.

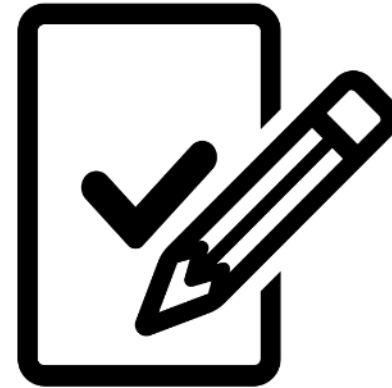
## Justify resources

- Be **ambitious**, if you don't ask for something needed that can be a problem.
- Justify: budget lines must have place in the project and **be linked to objectives**.

# Things to think about for Part B2



- **Recap and expand** on Part B1 introductory Extended Synopsis.
- Detail the **current state of the art** in your field: highlight the achievements, challenges and gaps. How will your project go beyond these?
- Explain how, and why, your project is important to the field and what **impact** and **implications** it will have if successful. Timeliness should be shown throughout.
- Discuss the **challenges** and **unconventional aspects** of your project.
- **Coherence** and **clear linkages** throughout proposal text: linking aims to budget via research methodologies. The better your proposal is organised the more feasible the project work plan will appear.
- Any preliminary **data management plans** could add to the excellence of your scientific approach. The full data management plan is required by Month 6 if funded.



# Useful links

*Links to 2023 Work  
Programmes & Guidance.*

*Use the 2024 call  
documents when they  
become available*

- ERC 2024 StG call on the Funding and Tender portal - Not yet available.
- [ERC 2023 StG and CoG Information for Applicants](#)
- [Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement](#)
- [Part B1/B2, Host Institution Support Template](#) (pdf)
- [ERC Website](#),  
including the easy to use [Project Database](#) and the  
more in depth [ERC Information System](#)
- [Novelties in the Horizon Europe MGA](#) –  
Commission Stakeholder Workshop video



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# Guest speaker

## Dr Philippa Tomczak

Associate Professor,  
Faculty of Social Sciences,  
University of Nottingham

ERC Principal Investigator on “*Regulating criminal justice detention: glocal prospects for improving health and safety in detention and society*”  
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# Thank you, any questions?



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