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# ERC 2024 Advanced Grant Call Webinar

Session 2:

Proposal submission and evaluation

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# What will be covered in this webinar?



UKRO & UK Participation in Horizon Europe



Recap about the ERC



Submission Process



How the proposal is evaluated



ERC Guest speakers: New 'lump sum' approach and Q&A



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# Guest speakers-Lump Sum Approach in AdG call

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- We will be recording this session.
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# Update on UK Participation in Horizon Europe



# UK Association to Horizon Europe

- On 7 Sept 2023 the European Commission and UK Government [reached an agreement](#) about the UK's association to Horizon Europe.
- From 1 Jan 2024 UK organisations can bid into Horizon\*, certain that all successful UK applicants will be covered through the UK's association for the remainder of the programme.



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# What does this mean?

All successful UK applicants to Horizon will be covered through the UK's association (or through the existing UK funding guarantee) for the rest of the programme.

## Work Programme 2024

- **Calls with a 2024 call identifier will be covered by association.**
- Successful applicants will receive funding from the EC for the lifetime of their grant.
- Even if the deadline is in 2023.

## Work Programme 2023

- **Calls with a 2023 call identifier will be covered by the Horizon Europe Guarantee.**
- Successful UK applicants will receive funding from the UKRI Guarantee for the lifetime of their grant.
- *Even if the deadline is in 2024.*
- Applicants must be included as a **beneficiary** in order to receive funding through the Horizon Europe Guarantee.
- [UK applicants call continue to apply to calls in Work Programme 2023.](#)

## Current/On going Grants

- UK participants currently entering into, or going through, the grant agreement preparation phase will receive funding through the Horizon Europe Guarantee for the lifetime of their grant.
- Grants currently receiving guarantee funding, will continue to do so for the lifetime of their grant.





**Recap: brief  
overview presented  
in Session 1**



# What is the European Research Council?



## The ERC's mission:

- Support PI-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
- Funding is distributed **on researcher demand**
- Freedom given to PIs to lead their project with anyone in the world in their team



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# ERC Frontier Research Grant Schemes

## The ERC funds

- the best 'frontier research' proposals
- submitted by excellent researchers
- in the research field of their choice

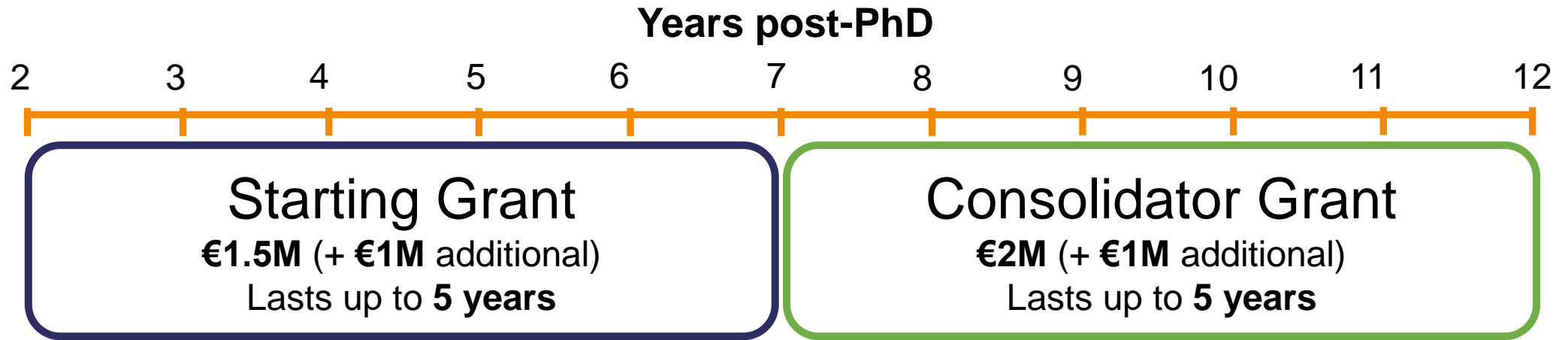
## Projects are led by a Principal Investigator

- plus team members (if required)
- NOT the same as a collaborative grant

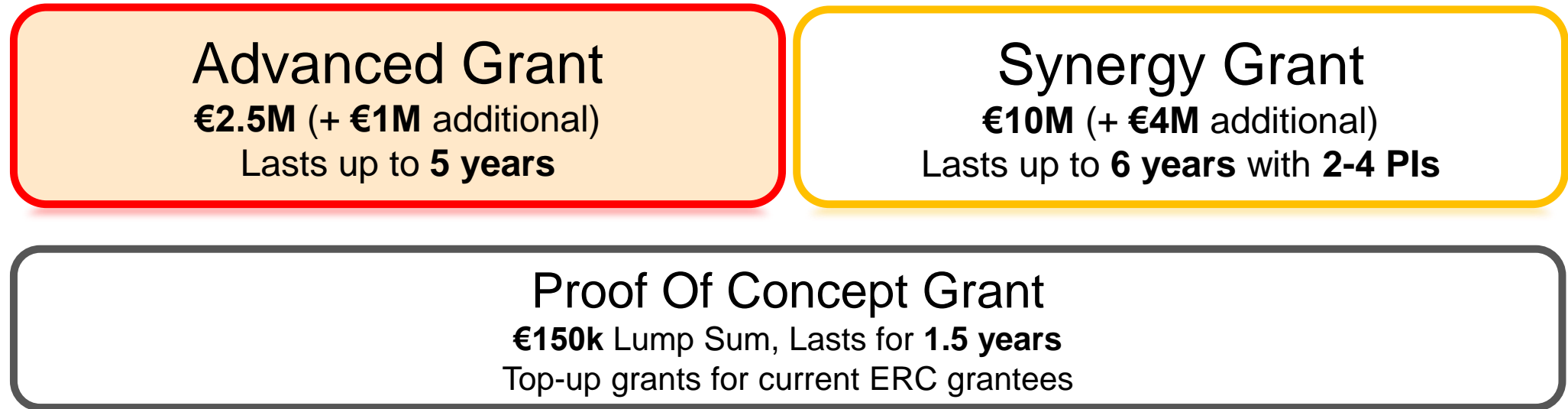
## Funds any field of research

- Evaluation by 28 expert panels under 3 domains:
  - Physical Sciences and Engineering (PE)
  - Life Sciences (LS)
  - Social Sciences and Humanities (SH)





**No PhD Requirements**





# 2024 Advanced Grant Call Details

Call Identifier	ERC-2024-AdG
Budget	€578 Million
Estimated no. grants funded	237



# ERC Submission Process

- Online forms
- Documents to upload & application templates



# Key Steps for Proposal Submission

Register in the Funding & Tender Opportunities Portal and create an ECAS account



Get in touch with your research support office



Add relevant contact people to the online application



Submit early and often – latest version will be accepted

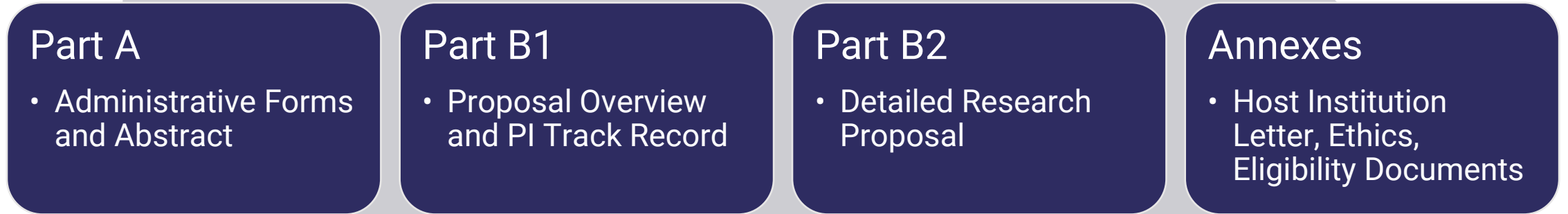


Keep the Information for Applicants in front of you throughout!!!



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# ERC Proposal Parts



**1-step submission:** all parts of the proposal are submitted together at deadline

- Part A is filled in online on the Funding and Tenders Portal
- Part B1, Part B2 and the Annexes are uploaded as PDFs to the Funding and Tenders Portal.



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A combined template of these forms is [available on the EC website](#).



# Online forms on the EC Portal



# Find the call on the Funding & Tenders Portal


Events – UKRO

wp-2-msca-actions\_horizon-2024

Calls for proposals | EU Funding

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/calls-for-proposals?order=DESC&pageNumber=1&pageSize=50&sortBy=startDate&isExactMatch=true&status=31094501,31094502&frameworkProgramme=43108390&callIdentifier=ERC-2024-ADG

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Programming period

Horizon Europe (HORIZON)

ERC-2024-ADG

Submission status

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1 item(s) found

Programme

Horizon Europe (HORIZON)

ERC ADVANCED GRANTS

ERC-2024-ADG | Call for proposal

Opening date: 29 May 2024 | Next deadline: 29 August 2024 | Single-stage

Programme: Horizon Europe (HORIZON) | Type of action: HORIZON ERC Grants

Open For Submission

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## ERC ADVANCED GRANTS

ERC-2024-ADG

**Topic** Call for proposal

### Internal navigation

General information

Topic description

Conditions and documents

### General information

#### Programme

Horizon Europe Framework  
Programme (HORIZON)

#### Call

EU F&T Portal

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### Start submission

Need help?

To access the Electronic Submission Service, please click on the submission-button next to the **type of action** and the **type of model grant agreement** that corresponds to your proposal. You will then be asked to confirm your choice, as it cannot be changed in the submission system. Upon confirmation, you will be linked to the correct entry point.

To access existing draft proposals for this topic, please login to the Funding & Tenders Portal and select the My Proposals page of the My Area section.

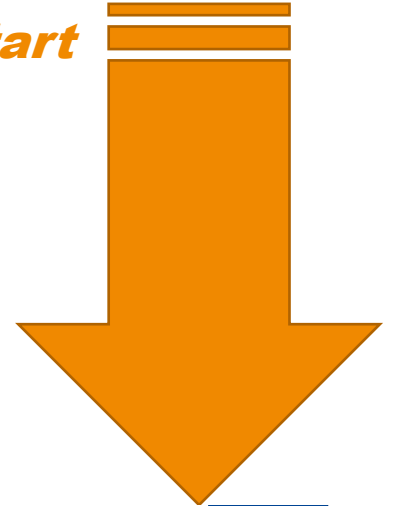
#### Please select the type of your submission:

- ☐ HORIZON ERC Grants [HORIZON-ERC], HORIZON Lump Sum Grant [HORIZON-AG-LS]



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*Scroll down to start  
your submission*



# First page of the submission platform

## IDENTIFY THE HOST INSTITUTION (PIC number)

**Find your organisation**

PIC

9

Short name

250

Search for your organisation

Organisations you have been previously associated with. (Click to select)

## WHAT IS YOUR ROLE ON THE PROPOSAL?

**Your role**

Please indicate your role in this proposal

☒ Principal Investigator

☐ Main Host Institution Contact

☐ Contact person

## BASIC DETAILS ABOUT THE PROPOSAL

**Your proposal**

Please choose an acronym for your proposal.  
It will appear also in the "General Information" section of the Application Form Part A and can also be updated there.

Acronym

20

Short Summary

2000

ERC Panel

SAVE AND GO TO NEXT STEP

### Select your primary evaluation panel (e.g. LS3/SH1/PE4 etc)

See a full list of ERC panels and keywords in [Annex 4 of the Information for Applicants](#) document (from page 30)

Anything you enter in this part of the form **can be edited later!**



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# ERC Panel Structure

## Open to any field of research

Physical Sciences & Engineering	Life Sciences*	Social Sciences & Humanities
<p><b>PE1</b> Mathematics</p> <p><b>PE2</b> Fundamental Constituents of Matter Particle</p> <p><b>PE3</b> Condensed Matter Physics</p> <p><b>PE4</b> Physical and Analytical Chemical Sciences</p> <p><b>PE5</b> Synthetic Chemistry and Materials</p> <p><b>PE6</b> Computer Science and Informatics</p> <p><b>PE7</b> Systems and Communication Engineering</p> <p><b>PE8</b> Products and Processes Engineering</p> <p><b>PE9</b> Universe Sciences</p> <p><b>PE10</b> Earth System Science</p> <p><b>PE11</b> Materials Engineering*</p>	<p><b>LS1</b> Molecules of Life: Biological Mechanisms, Structures &amp; Functions</p> <p><b>LS2</b> Integrative Biology: Integrative Biology: From Genes and Genomes to Systems</p> <p><b>LS3</b> Cellular, Developmental and Regenerative Biology</p> <p><b>LS4</b> Physiology in Health, Disease and Ageing</p> <p><b>LS5</b> Neuroscience and Disorders of the Nervous System</p> <p><b>LS6</b> Immunity, Infection and Immunotherapy</p> <p><b>LS7</b> Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment of Human Diseases</p> <p><b>LS8</b> Environmental Biology, Ecology and Evolution</p> <p><b>LS9</b> Biotechnology and Biosystems Engineering</p>	<p><b>SH1</b> Individuals, Markets and Organisations</p> <p><b>SH2</b> Institutions, Governance and Legal Systems</p> <p><b>SH3</b> The Social World and its Diversity</p> <p><b>SH4</b> The Human Mind and Its Complexity</p> <p><b>SH5</b> Cultures and Cultural Production</p> <p><b>SH6</b> The Study of the Human Past</p> <p><b>SH7</b> Human Mobility, Environment, and Space*</p> <p><b>SH8</b> Studies of Cultures and Arts*</p>



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\* *Since 2021 all domains have changed slightly, check again to find your proposal's best fit!*

- **PE11** and **SH7** and **SH8** panels are newly added, split off from pre-existing panels
- Descriptors under **Life Sciences** reshuffled, changing the remit of existing panels

# Main proposal page on EC portal

## Part A: Administrative Forms

Online only

## Part B1 & Part B2

- Upload PDFs based on editable templates
- Other documents listed below uploaded separately as PDFs

## Part B1 & Part B2

Editable templates available to download

## Support for EC portal use

- Not support on content of proposals
- Any issues during submission should be logged with the helpdesk

Proposal forms

**Deadline**  
28 April 2022 17:00:00 Brussels Local Time

**Call data:**  
Call: ERC-2022-ADG  
Topic: ERC-2022-ADG  
Type of action: HORIZON-ERC  
Type of MGA: HORIZON-AG

**Proposal data:**  
Acronym: test  
Draft ID: SEP-210830145

**Administrative forms (Part A)**  
In this step you can edit the Administrative Forms and upload the proposal itself.

**Part B and Annexes**  
In this section you may upload the technical annex of the proposal (in PDF format only) and any other requested attachments.

**Download Part B templates**  
Download part B templates

**Support & Helpdesk**  
Online Manual IT How To  
IT Helpdesk FAQ

**Service Desk:**  
EC-FUNDING-TENDER-SERVICE-DESK@ec.europa.eu

**Part B1 & Part B2**  
Part B1  
Part B2  
HI support letter  
Annex 1  
Annex 2  
Annex 3  
Annex 4  
Annex 5  
Annex 6

**Buttons:**  
Edit forms View history Print preview  
Upload  
BACK TO PARTICIPANTS LIST VALIDATE SUBMIT

# Avoid IT issues on the Funding & Tenders Portal



Validate your proposal regularly



Avoid using special characters for filenames

Only alphanumerical characters (A-Z, a-z, 0-9), \_ (underscore), - (dash), . (dot) or space are allowed.



Submit early and often

Each submission overwrites the last, so only your final version will go to evaluators



EC unlikely to accept anything after deadline

if there are IT issues and no submission at all

Having a problems?

Contact the [EC's IT Helpdesk](#)  
ASAP

**Log the problem** with screenshots and clear description of the problem.

Once you have contacted the helpdesk and your issue has been logged, you can try to resolve the issue with minor fixes, e.g.:

- Try using a different browser or computer.
- Try again at another time of day when traffic might be lower on the portal.

Call the EC IT Helpdesk if it is urgent:  
+32 2299 2222



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# Part A – Administrative forms

Navigate by chapter or pages

How to fill in the forms

The screenshot shows the HORIZON administrative form interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: "< Exit form", "Table of contents", and "General Information >". Below this, a secondary bar contains "Table of contents", "Validate form", "Save form", and "Save & exit form". The main content area is titled "Application forms" and displays the following information:

- HORIZON**
- Call: ERC-2023-COG**  
( Call for Proposals for ERC Consolidator Grant)
- Topic: ERC-2023-COG**
- Type of Action: HORIZON-ERC**  
(HORIZON ERC Grants)
- Proposal number: SEP-210899104**
- Proposal acronym: test**
- Type of Model Grant Agreement: HORIZON Action Grant Budget-Based**

Below this information is a "Table of contents" link. A table lists the sections of the form:

Section	Title	Action
1	General information	Show
2	Participants	Show
3	Budget	Show
4	Ethics and security	Show
5	Other questions	Show

At the bottom, there is a section titled "How to fill in the forms" with a "Read more" button. The footer contains the text "ERC ver 2.00 20220922" and "Last saved 30/09/2022 15:57:09".

Orange arrows point from the "Table of contents" and "Validate form" links in the top bar to the "Navigate by chapter or pages" box. A green arrow points from the "How to fill in the forms" section to the "How to fill in the forms" box.



# Part A – PI Declaration of Consent

Declaration in the online form,  
Keep your written consents on file

- Written consents **should not be submitted with the application**, but the applicant must ensure they have written consent from all participants prior to the call submission deadline.
- The written consent **doesn't need to be an official letter**, our understand is that an email with the essential info and clear consent would work.
- **ERC Executive Agency may request the written consent after the deadline**, as evidence of research integrity, any time during the call process.

## Application forms

[Table Of Contents](#)[Validate Form](#)[Save](#)[Save&Close](#)

Proposal ID SEP-210732071

Acronym FAD

## Declarations

[?](#)

Field(s) marked \* are mandatory to fill.

1) We declare to have the explicit consent of all applicants on their participation and on the content of this proposal. \*

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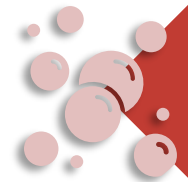
# Part A - Abstract



First thing that everyone looks at



Used by the panel chair to choose which panel members will undertake the Step 1 review



Mention interdisciplinary elements



Public facing – a version will be available on CORDIS if your project is selected

# Part A- Other questions

- Working time commitment
- Eligibility requirements
- Consent
- Sharing data
- Excluded reviewers

## 5 - Other questions

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### Academic data

#### PhD reference date

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Earliest date of PhD or equivalent - DD/MM/YYYY



### Working time commitment

Please indicate your percentage of working time in an EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country over the period of the grant. Please note that you are expected to spend a minimum of 50% of your total working time in an EU Member State or Associated Country.\*

Please indicate the % of working time you (as PI) will dedicate to the project over the period of the grant. Please note that PIs are expected to dedicate a minimum of working time to the project (30% for AdG, 40% for CoG and 50% for StG). The personnel cost for the PI provided in section 3-Budget cannot be higher than the percentage indicated here. This information will be provided to the experts at Step 2 together with the section 3-Budget.\*

### ERC eligibility requirements

Please acknowledge that you are aware of the eligibility requirements for applying for this ERC call as specified in the ERC Annual Work Programme, and please certify that, to the best of your knowledge your application is in compliance with all these requirements. Please note that your proposal may be declared ineligible at any point during the evaluation or granting process if it is found not to be compliant with these eligibility criteria.\*

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### Consent obtained from participants and researchers

Please confirm that you (as PI) have the written consent of all participants on their involvement and the content of this proposal, as well as of any researcher mentioned in the proposal on their participation in the project (either as team member, collaborator, other PI or member of the advisory board). We may request you to provide proof of the written consent obtained at any time during the evaluation.\*

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### Sharing evaluation data



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# Part A – Ethics & Security questions

- Follow Horizon Europe guidance document: [‘How to complete your ethics self-assessment’](#)
- UK applicants should **answer ‘yes’ on questions about non-EU activity**. This will not affect eligibility.
- Answering ‘yes’ on certain questions may require a **brief text response** from the applicant.
- Applicants can **upload documents** related to some questions.
- **Free text character limits:** 5000 per text box
- If the character limit is too short, we recommend using a separate document **uploaded as an optional PDF annex on the main submission page**. Make a reference to the annex in the Ethics text box in the application form.



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## 4 - Ethics & security

### Ethics Issues Table

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1. Human Embryonic Stem Cells and Human Embryos		Page
Does this activity involve Human Embryonic Stem Cells (hESCs)?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Does this activity involve the use of human embryos?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
2. Humans		Page
Does this activity involve human participants?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Does this activity involve interventions (physical also including imaging technology, behavioural treatments, etc.) on the study participants?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Does this activity involve conducting a clinical study as defined by the Clinical Trial Regulation (EU 536/2014)? (using pharmaceuticals, biologicals, radiopharmaceuticals, or advanced therapy medicinal products)	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
3. Human Cells / Tissues (not covered by section 1)		Page
Does this activity involve the use of human cells or tissues?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
4. Personal Data		Page
Does this activity involve processing of personal data?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Does this activity involve further processing of previously collected personal data (including use of preexisting data sets or sources, merging existing data sets)?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Is it planned to export personal data from the EU to non-EU countries? Specify the type of personal data and countries involved	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Is it planned to import personal data from non-EU countries into the EU or from a non-EU country to another non-EU country? Specify the type of personal data and countries involved	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Does this activity involve the processing of personal data related to criminal convictions or offences?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
5. Animals		Page
Does this activity involve animals?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
6. Non-EU Countries		Page
Will some of the activities be carried out in non-EU countries?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
In case non-EU countries are involved, do the activities undertaken in these countries raise potential ethics issues?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Is it planned to use local resources (e.g. animal and/or human tissue samples, genetic material, live animals, human remains, materials of historical value, endangered fauna or flora samples, etc.)?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Is it planned to import any material (other than data) from non-EU countries into the EU or from a non-EU country to another non-EU country? For data imports, see section 4.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Is it planned to export any material (other than data) from the EU to non-EU countries? For data exports, see section 4.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	

Include page references to relevant sections in Part B1 & B2 for each issue if you answer ‘Yes’



## **Part B & supporting documentation**

# Supporting Documents

**UPLOAD AS  
PDF DOCUMENTS**

## About the Applicant

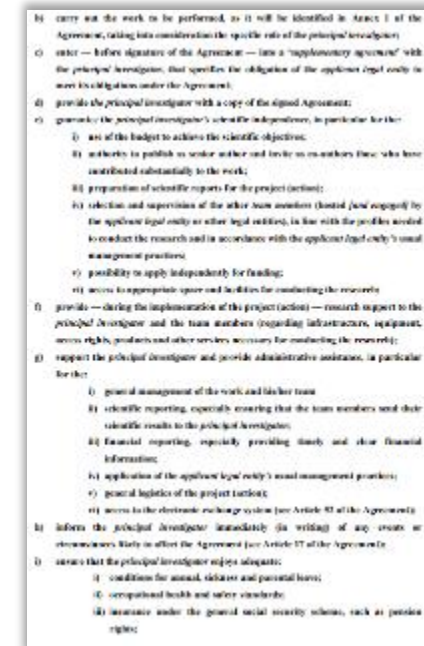
- Documentation to support extension of the eligibility window (if relevant)
  - Birth certificates
  - Doctor's letters
  - Proof of leave from an employer or previous employer
  - Etc.

## About the Institution

- Host Institution support letter
- Documentation to support track record (if applicable)

## About the Project

- Ethics documents if requested by the Part A Ethics questionnaire (e.g. ethics committee decisions, licenses etc.)
- If the character limit in the Ethics questionnaire is too short, upload appropriate responses as PDF annexes.



Official documents can  
be submitted **in any  
EU official language**  
OR  
**certified translation**  
into any EU language



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# Proposal Formatting & Templates

**Page limits** will be strictly applied

**Page formatting** will be systematically checked by the ERCEA

**References** do not count towards page limit

## **Templates:**

- [2024 Advanced Grant application form template \(PDF version\)](#)



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**Page Format:**  
A4

**Header:** [PI surname], [Project acronym] & [Proposal section (Part B1 or Part B2)]

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### **Font:**

- Times New Roman, Arial or Similar
- At least font size 11,
- Single line spacing

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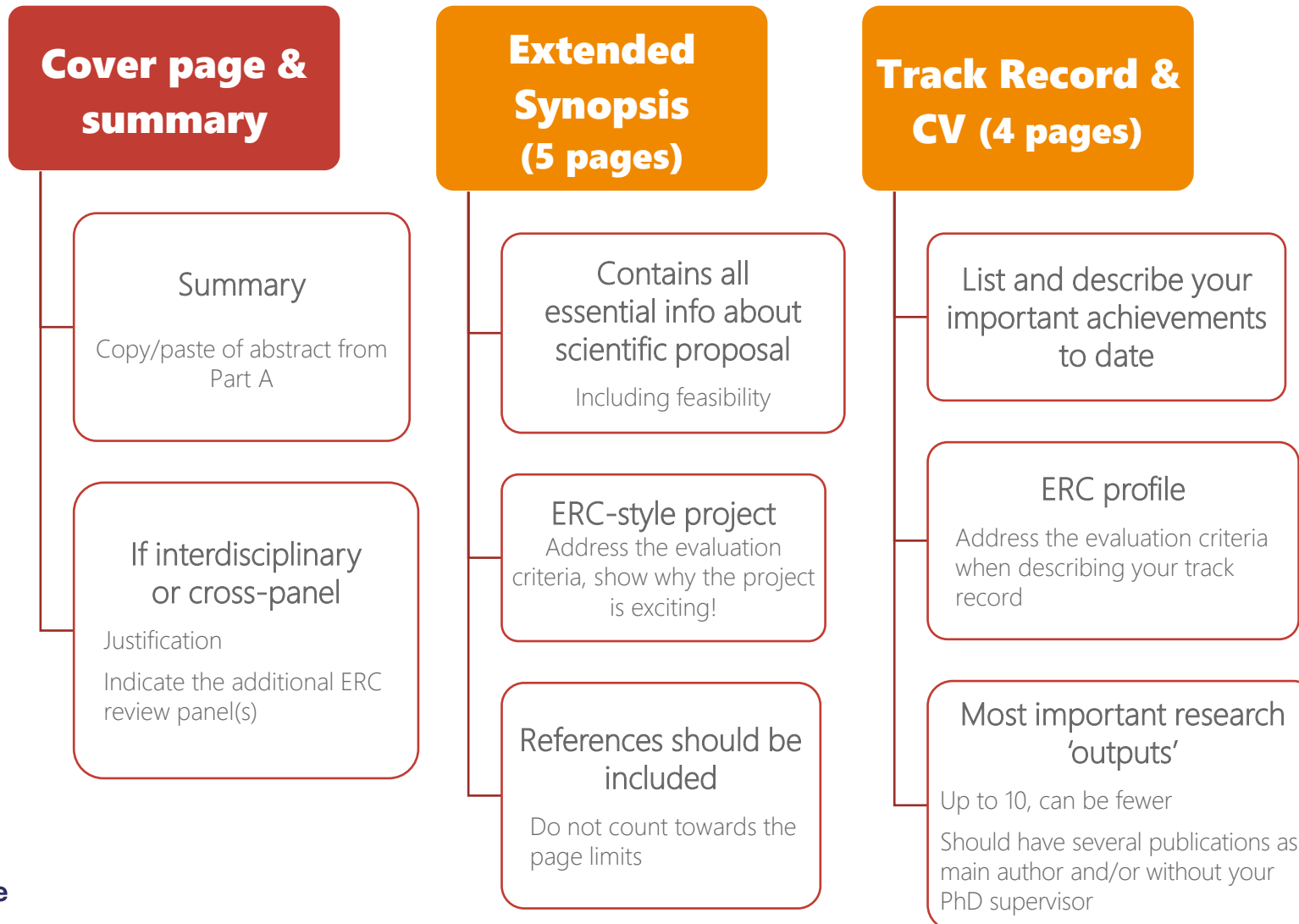
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# Part B1: Evaluated at Step 1 & Step 2



# Writing your CV and Track Record

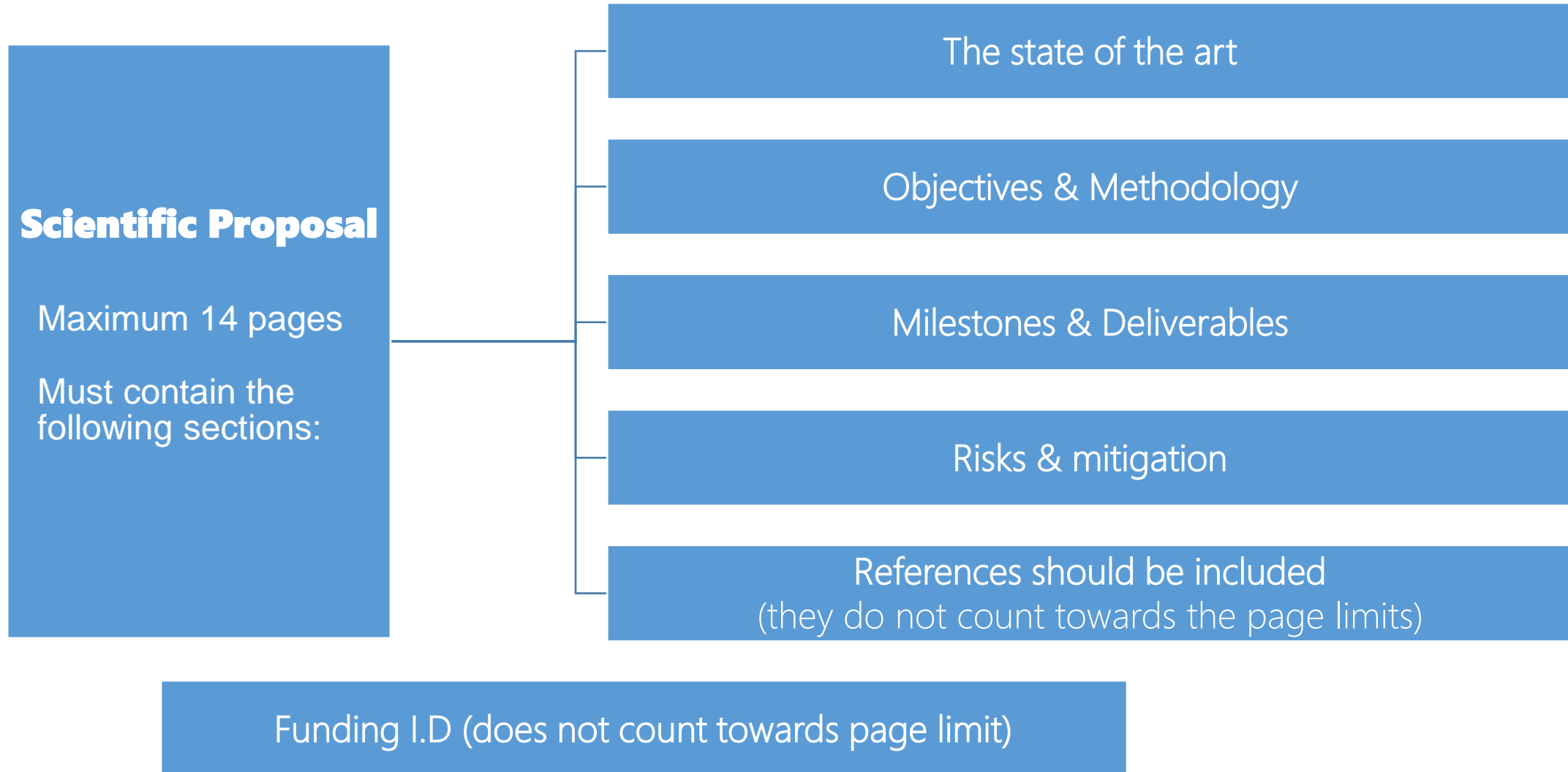
- **Curriculum Vitae and Track Record will be merged into one single template of up to four pages.**

The applicant is expected to include their personal details, education, key qualifications, current position(s) and relevant previous positions, **as well as a list of up to ten research outputs** that demonstrate how the applicant has advanced knowledge in their field with an emphasis on more recent achievements and a list of selected examples of **significant peer recognition** (for example, prizes).

- A template for the CV part is provided but not mandatory.
- The applicant may include a short, factual explanation of the significance of the selected outputs, the applicant's role in producing each of them.
- The applicant may also include **relevant additional information on career breaks, diverse career paths, and life events**, as well as any particularly noteworthy contributions to the research community they have made other than research achievements and peer recognition and a short explanation of these contributions.



# Part B2 - only seen if proposal is retained for Step 2



# Describe the team in Part B1 or B2?

PIs should describe their team in Part B2, including how they fit in with the work plan and methodology

With Part B1's 5 page limit, it is unlikely there will be space for describing the team

The priority in Part B1 is an eye-catching presentation of:

- the **Project** and
- the **Principal Investigator**



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# ERC Evaluation Process & Criteria



# Evaluation Process

31 January 2025

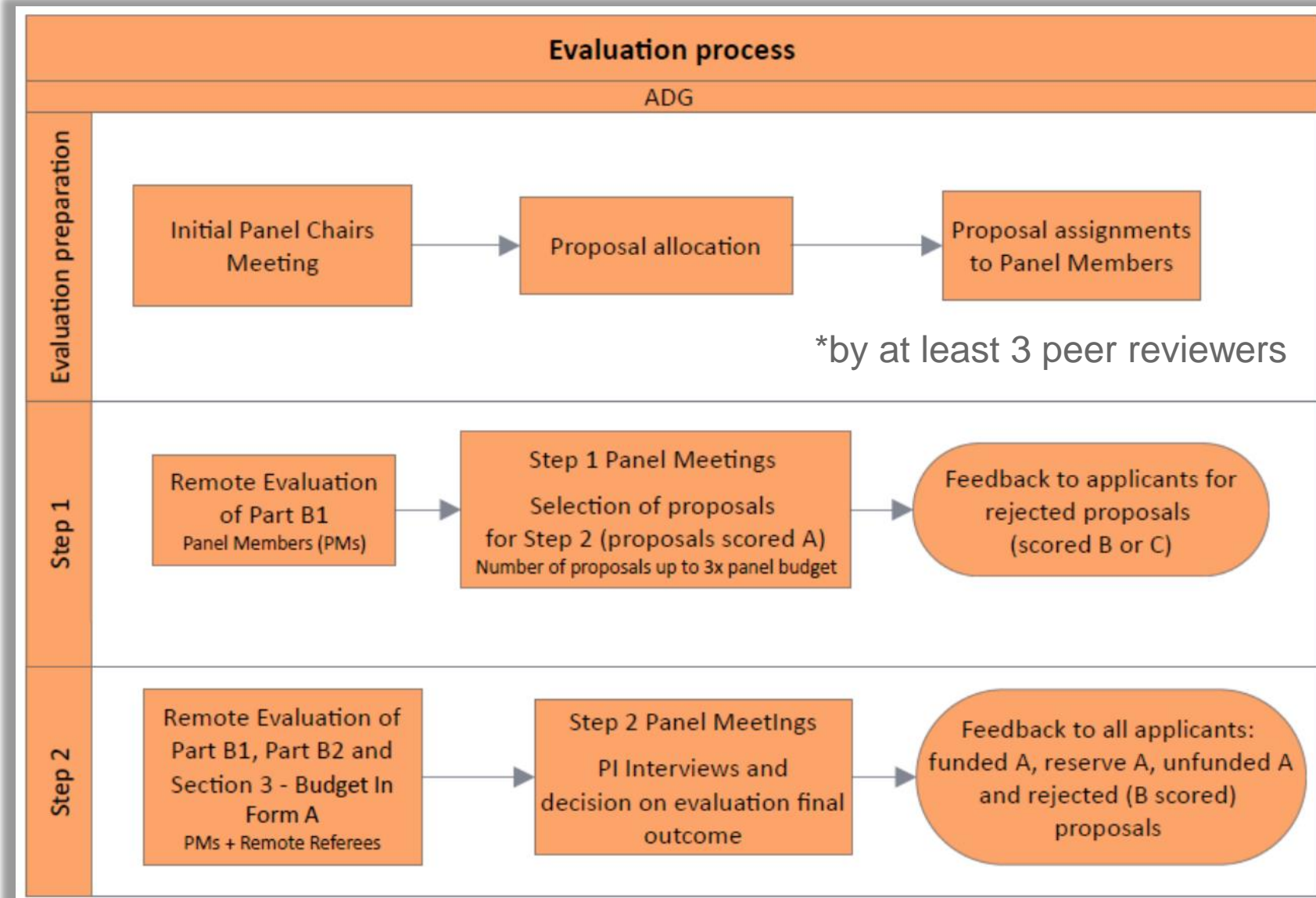
Feedback to unsuccessful applicants about Step 1 evaluation.

Interview invitations sent to successful candidates passed to Step 2

August 2025

All applicants informed about Step 2 evaluation

N.B- Now possible to get an 'A' but not proceed to second stage



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Advanced Grant applicants also have interviews at Step 2 (~30 min presentation and Q&A)

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# Evaluation Outcomes

Proposal Grading	Stage	Funded?	Reapplication Restrictions?
<b>A</b>	2	If sufficient budget	None
<b>B</b>	2	No	None
<b>A invited</b>	1	Invited to Step 2	None
<b>A not invited</b>	1	No	None
<b>B</b>	1	No	1 Year
<b>C</b>	1	No	2 Years

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**Proposals which score a B or C at Step 1 have “demand management” restrictions**



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# ERC evaluation criterion

Excellence of one aspect  
is not more important  
than that of the other

## Research project's

ground-breaking nature  
ambition  
feasibility

## Principal Investigator's

intellectual capacity,  
creativity  
commitment

**Excellence**  
**is the sole evaluation criterion**

- Proposals marked by panel from: 1 – 5 (non-competitive to outstanding)
- Numerical marks not communicated to applicant
- Outcome of panel meetings expressed as A, B or C



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**Proposals are not judged on socioeconomic  
impact or relevance to European policy**



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# **The evaluation criteria**

# 1. Research Project - Ground-breaking nature, ambition and feasibility

## The Project

To what extent:

- does the proposed **research address important scientific challenges?**
- are the objectives **ambitious and beyond the state of the art?**

## The Scientific Approach

To what extent:

- is the outlined scientific approach **feasible** bearing in mind the high risk/high gain?
- are the research methodology and working arrangements **appropriate to achieve project goals?**
- are the **timescales, resources and PI commitment adequate** and properly justified?

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## 2. Principal Investigator - Intellectual capacity and creativity

### The Principal Investigator (PI)

To what extent:

- has the PI demonstrated the ability to conduct ground-breaking research?
- does the PI provide evidence of creative and original thinking?
- does the PI have the required scientific expertise and capacity to successfully execute the project?

Rules for submission and evaluation:

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# Evaluation summary reports

All ERC applicants receive  
evaluation summary reports,  
whether successful or unsuccessful

These reports include:

**Panel score** (A, B or C)

**Ranking range**

(1% for the highest ranked - 100% for the lowest)

**Panel comment**

Summary of decisive, collective final evaluation  
meeting by generalist panel of experts

**Reviewer comments** (proposals reaching Step 2)

Independent reviews by experts close to your field  
carried out before panel meeting

Do not necessarily reflect  
the panel's final opinion



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# Points to Remember

Speak with your Host Institution's Research Support

- Find colleagues to proofread drafts against evaluation criteria
- You need a strong CV (in relation to your career stage)

Read all call documentation and evaluation criteria

- Evaluators are experts, but not necessarily in your exact area
- Study previous ERC projects within your research area

The best proposals take time to write

- Use clear and concise language, make it easy to find information in your proposal
- Explain jargon used in your country/research area
- Include diagrams, images, tables if appropriate



# Proposal Advice

## Questions to ask yourself

- Does the proposal go beyond the state of the art ?
- Is it timely? (Why wasn't it done in the past?  
Is it feasible now?)
- What is the risk? Is it justified by the potential gain? Do I have a plan for managing the risk?
- Why is my proposal important?
- Why am I the best/only person to carry it out?
- Am I internationally competitive as a researcher at my career stage and in my discipline?
- Am I able to manage a 5-year project with a substantial budget?

## Key points

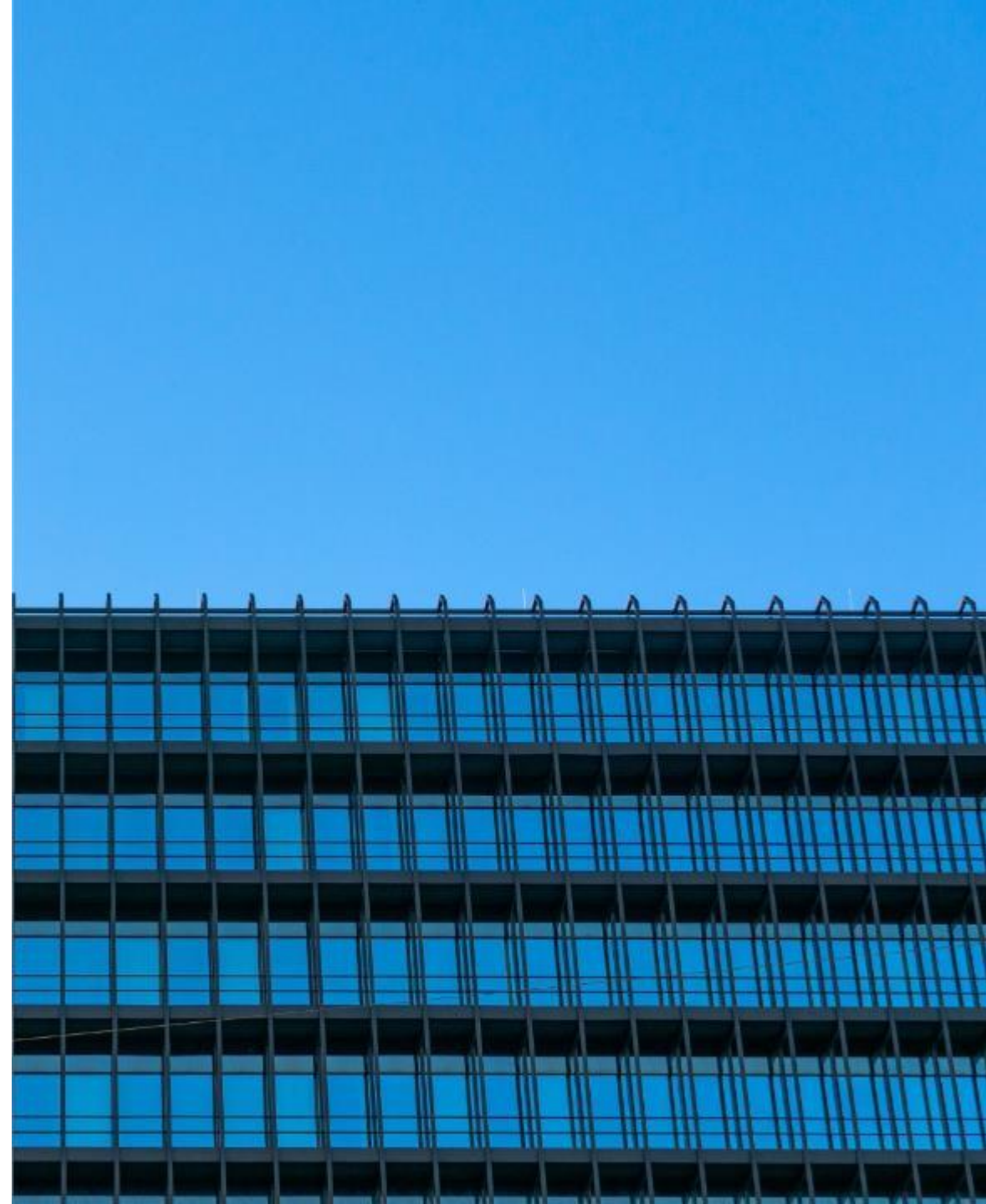
- Read all call documentation and the evaluation criteria
- Be specific and don't provide unsupported opinions or comments
- Clearly address ALL of the evaluation criteria
- Make it easy for the evaluators to find the information
- Pitch to generalists: evaluators will be experts, but not necessarily in your exact area
- Use clear and concise language and explain country/research area specific jargon
- Include diagrams, images, tables if appropriate
- Research previous and current projects
- Find colleagues to proof read drafts with the evaluation criteria

# Useful links

- [ERC AdG 24 Call](#)
- [ERC work programme 2024](#)
- [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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# ERC Presentation on Lump Sum approach



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# Guest speakers-Lump Sum Approach in AdG call

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