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Advanced Grant Webinar



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10 June 2025 | 11am-1pm

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Agenda for today



11.00 am – 1.00 pm



Overview of the ERC



Eligibility criteria



Proposal development



Submission Process



Evaluation



Break



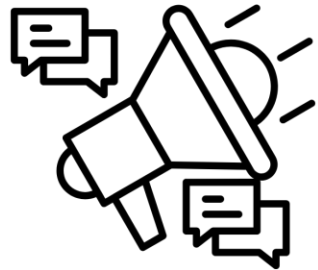
ERC Testimonial



Q&A

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Housekeeping announcements



All participants will be muted for the duration of the webinar



We will be recording this session



Slides will be shared after the webinar on the event page



Please use the Q&A function to submit questions



You can 'up vote' your favourite questions in the Q&A



A chat function is available and will be monitored

About UKRO

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- Host UK National Contact Points for ERC, MSCA, WIDERA, NEB and COST
- Provide resources to help understand Horizon Europe on the UKRO Portal www.ukro.ac.uk
- Work in partnership with EU support teams within research organisations – helping European Liaison officers navigate pre- and post-award



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Striving for excellence with ERC funding



A golden arrow points diagonally upwards and to the right, resting on a document. The word 'EXCELLENCE' is printed in large, bold, dark letters across the upper right portion of the image. In the bottom left corner, a portion of a compass rose is visible, showing its circular design and needle. The background is a light-colored, textured surface.

-EXCELLENCE

Long-term grants to conduct pioneering research projects



Over **13,000**
top researchers funded since
the ERC creation in 2007



Over **90,000**
researchers and other professionals
employed in ERC research teams



Over **2,400**
patents and other IPR applications
generated by ERC funding



Over **400**
start-ups identified as founded
or co-founded by ERC grantees



Over **250,000**
articles from ERC projects published
in scientific journals



Over **900** research institutions hosting
ERC grantees – universities, public or
private research centres in the EU or
Associated Countries

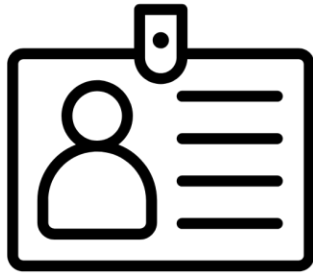


93
nationalities of
grant holders



12 Nobel Prizes, **6** Fields Medals, **11** Wolf Prizes
and other prizes awarded to ERC grantees





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



Any field of science



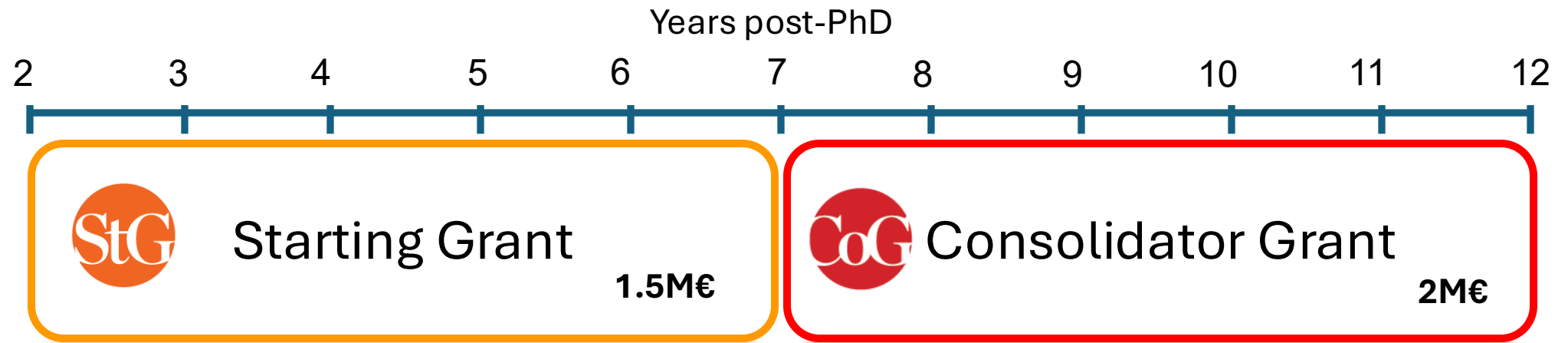
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No consortium required

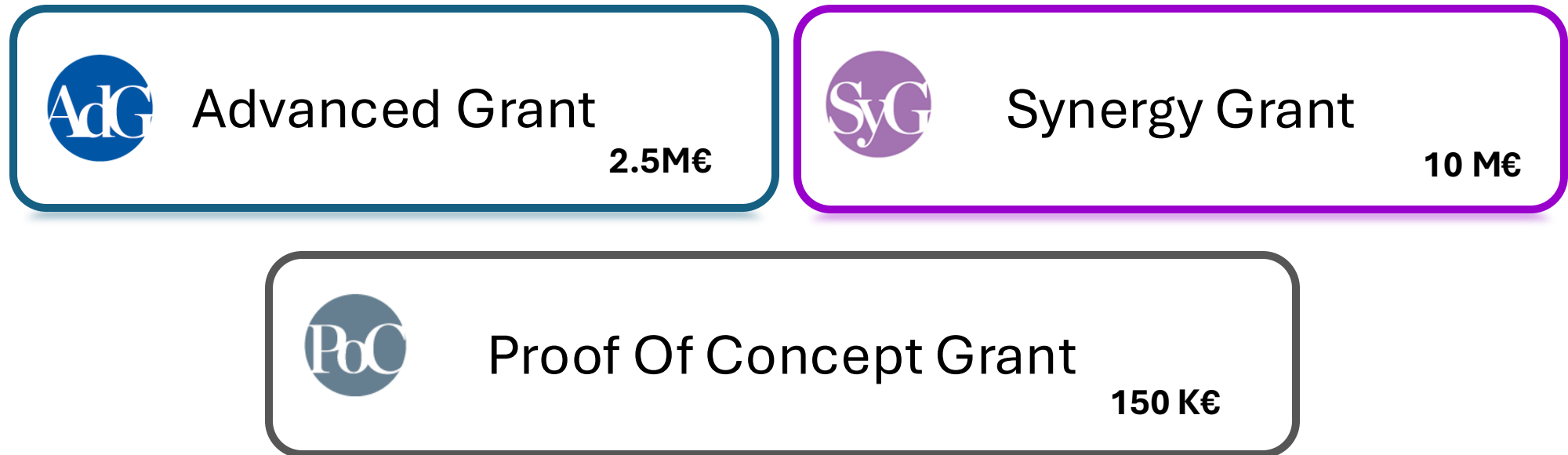
No co-financing needed

Scientific excellence of both yourself and your
ambitious pioneering research proposal

ERC Grant Opportunities



No PhD Requirements



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ERC 2026 | 31 July 2025, 10am-12pm

Starting Grant Webinar

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Consolidator Grant Webinar

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ERC 2026 Synergy Grant Webinar

29 July 2025 | 10am-12pm

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Prof. Euan Spence
University of Bath
ERC Synergy Grantee

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[ERC Synergy Grant Webinar | 29 July 2025](#)

[ERC Starting Grant Webinar | 31 July 2025](#)

[ERC Consolidator Grant Webinar | 23 September 2025](#)

ERC Work Programme 2026

- Proposal Structure
- Evaluation Process
- Additional Funding
- New funding instrument
- New rules for extensions (gender-based violence and parental leave)
- Resubmission restrictions

ERC Work Programme 2027

- New eligibility windows for StG (0-10) and CoG (5-15)
- No more than one Starting Grant and one Consolidator Grant during their career.





Advanced Grant

Supports outstanding and established research leaders to continue their work in expanding the frontiers of scientific knowledge



2.5 Million euros | Up to 5 years



Proven track record of significant research achievement



[General info about ERC Advanced Grants](#)

Additional funding



- **“Start-up” costs**
- **Purchase of major equipment**
- **Access to large facilities**
- **Other major experimental and field work costs**

- **Now up to 2M euros**
 - ✓ For grantees based anywhere in the world who want to move to Europe (including the UK!)
 - ✓ Funding can be used for any of the above existing eligible cost categories
- **Now including personnel costs!**

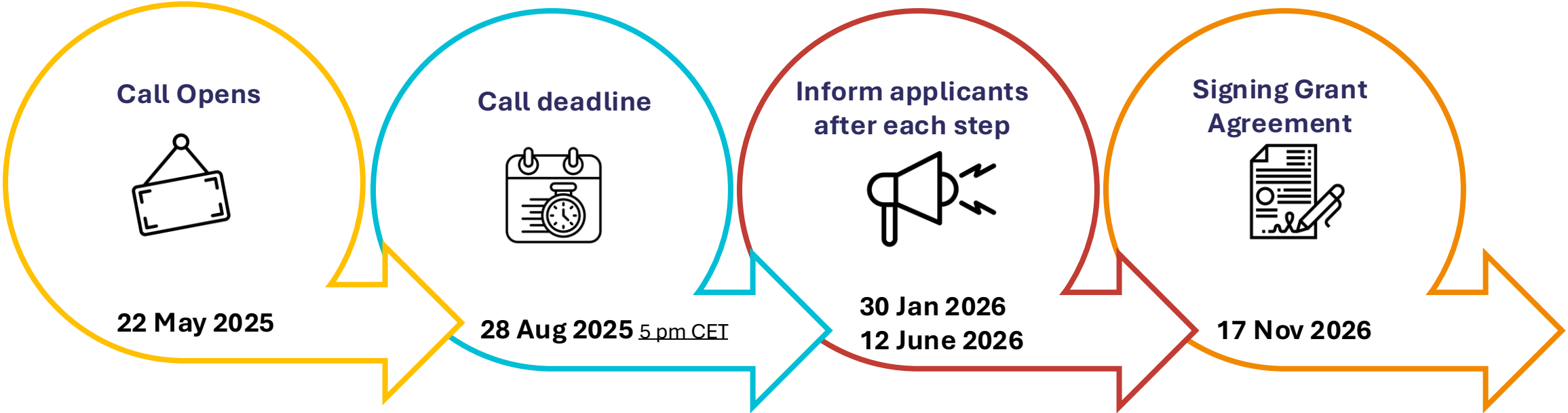
2025 Advanced Grant (ERC-2025-AdG)



€683 M



276 grants



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Single submission

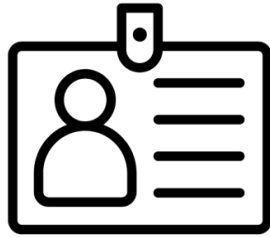
Two-step evaluation



Eligibility criteria



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 (MS) or Associated Country (AC)** willing to host them

Time Commitment in the ERC Advanced

30% minimum of working time on grant

50% minimum time in EU's MS or AC

No PhD requirement for Advanced Grant



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Host Institution Eligibility



Any type of **legal entity**



Based in an **EU** Member State or Associated Country



Have the **infrastructure** to enable PI's independence



Must **not constrain the PI** to the institution's research strategy



Must **engage the PI** for project duration



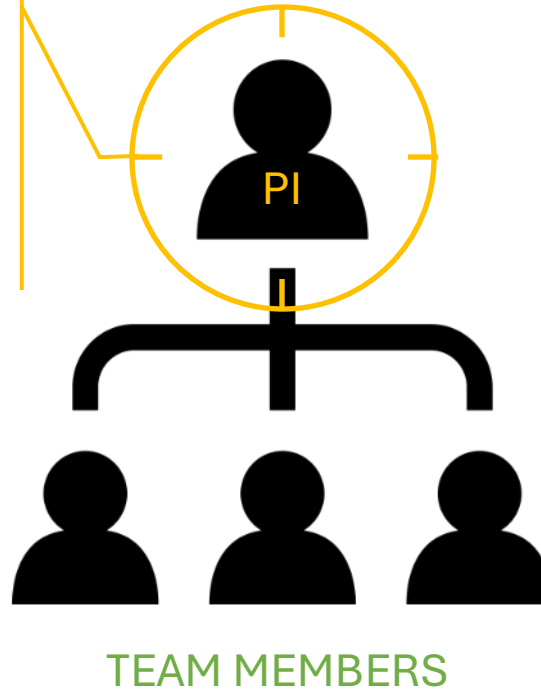
Not assessed at evaluation



- ✓ Sign the **Grant Agreement** with the Commission
- ✓ Sign the **Supplementary Agreement** with the PI

Principal Investigator & 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

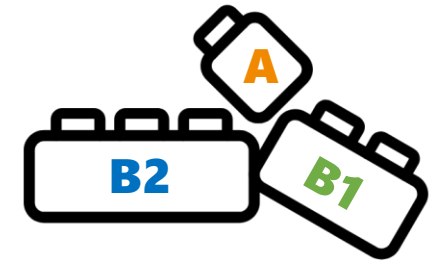


- Of any age, nationality or country of residence
- Can be based **at the Host Institution or any other organisation** in the world
- **Cannot be co-investigators**
- **Assigned to specific project outputs/tasks**
- Can be **research staff at any level** (including technicians and project managers)
- **EU funded** - Even outside member states or associated countries

Proposal development



ERC Application – Your building blocks



Part A

Administrative Forms



online

Part B1

Extended Synopsis
+
CV & Track Record

(5 + 4 pages)



Part B2

Full research proposal

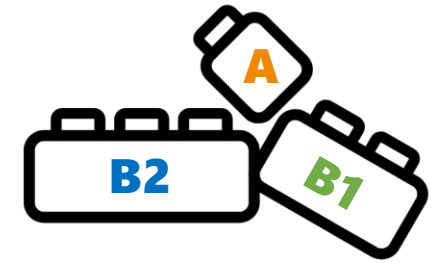
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Annexes

Host Institution Letter, Ethics, Eligibility Documents

ERC Application – Your building blocks



Part A

Administrative Forms

- General Info
- Participating Institutions
- **Budget**
- Ethics Check



online

Part B1



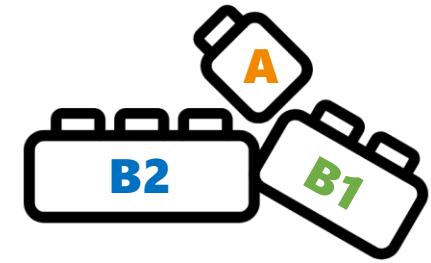
Part B2



Annexes

Lump
sum

ERC Application – Your building blocks



Step
1

Part A

Part B1

Extended Synopsis
+
CV & Track Record

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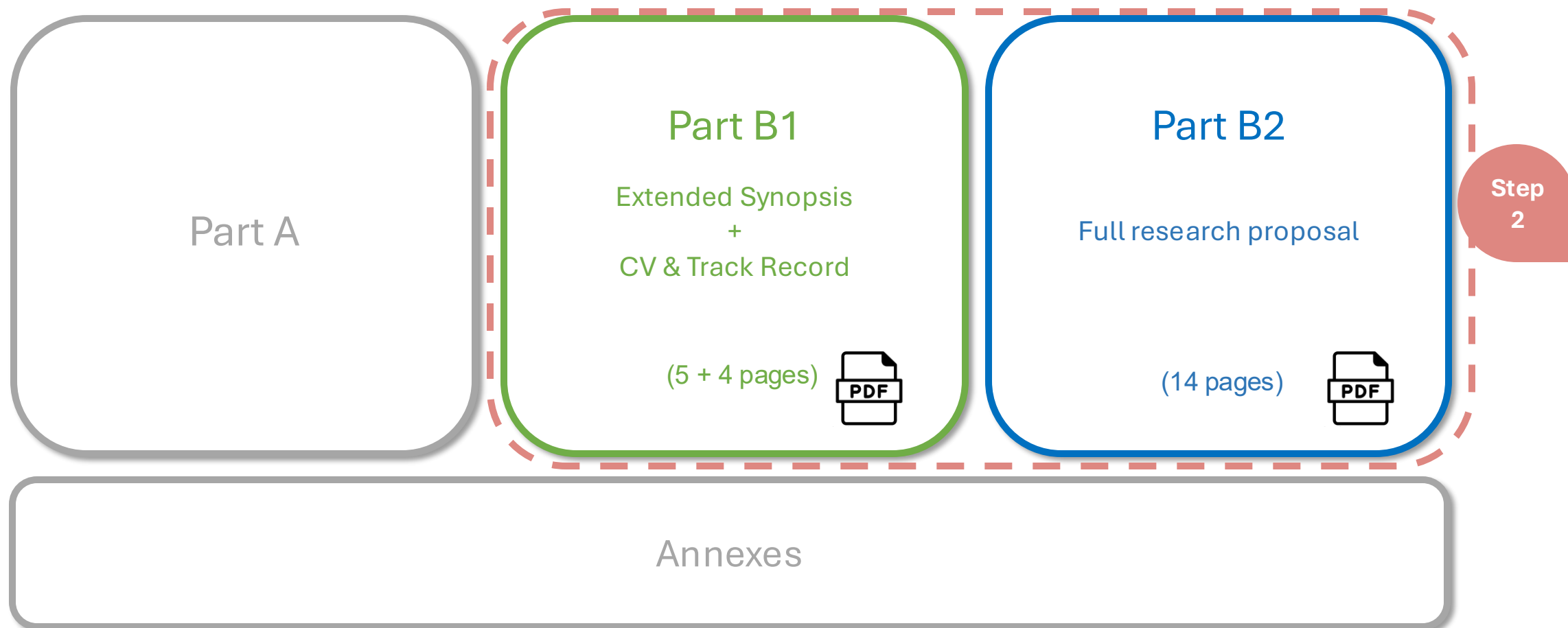
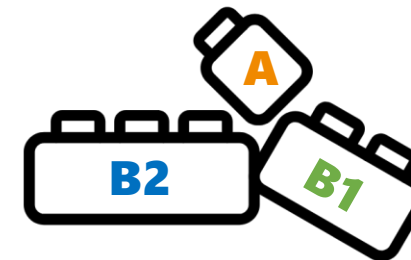
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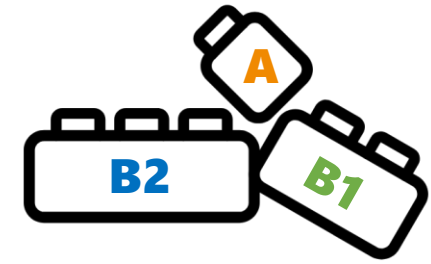
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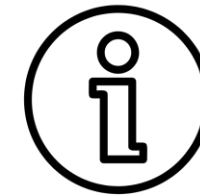
ERC Application – Overview



Follow the specific
formatting
requirements

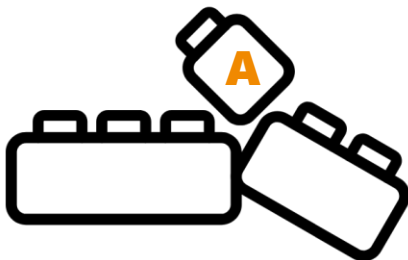


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Keep on hand
[Information for](#)
[Applicants](#)

Part A – Administrative forms



HORIZON

Call: ERC-2025-ADG

(Call for proposals for ERC Advanced Grant)

Topic: ERC-2025-ADG

Type of Action: HORIZON-ERC
(HORIZON ERC Grants)

Proposal number: SEP-211173720

Proposal acronym: test

Type of Model Grant Agreement: HORIZON Lump Sum Grant

Table of contents

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

1. General Information

2. Participants

3. Budget

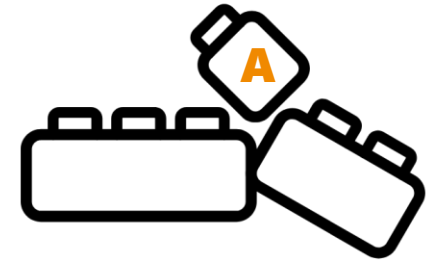
4. Ethics and security

5. Other questions



Part A – Budget

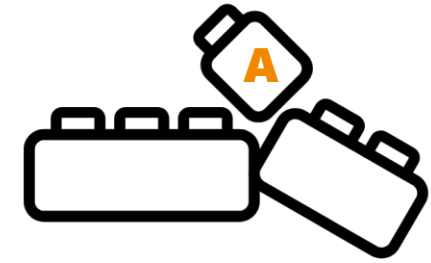
Lump Sum funding Principles



- Proposals budget based on **estimated costs** related to activities
- Lump sum amount **capped at funding scheme ceiling** (2.5M + 2M)
- **Budget assessed during evaluation**
- Payment based on **work completion**. Not linked to successful outcome
- No financial reporting anymore (e.g. submission of cost claims, time sheets, ...)

Part A – Budget

Lump Sum in practice



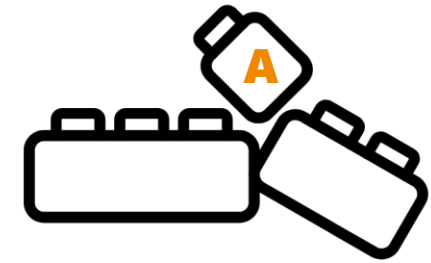
One Work Package for the entirety of the project

Only broken down per beneficiary



Part A – Budget

Lump Sum – other considerations

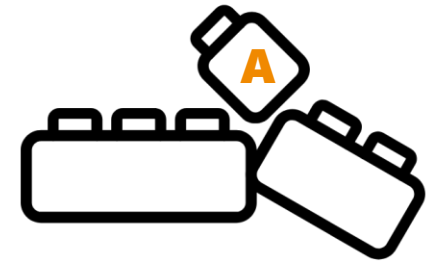


Applicants should not change

- The way they think up their idea and imagine their project
- The way they structure their project

Basic principles of ERC funding remain untouched

- The **evaluation criteria**
- Principles of **flexibility and serendipity**, i.e. how changes and deviations to the original work plan are handled during the course of a project
- The principle of **portability**



Part A – Budget

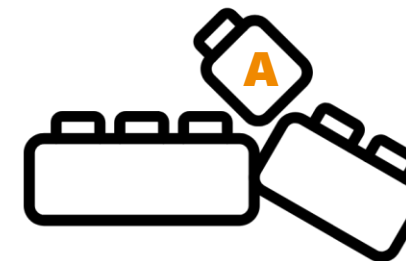
Minor changes to application forms

- **More structured information on budget**
 - Budget table: person-months per staff category
 - Budget narrative: structured in six boxes
 - Equipment depreciation table

- **Additional Declaration 10**

Part A – Budget

Personnel costs



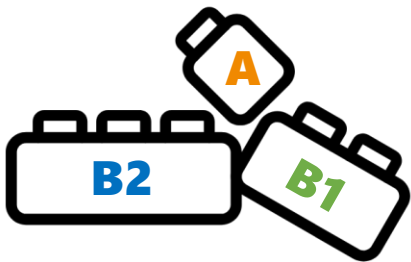
Beneficiary Short Name	PI			Senior staff			Post docs			Students			Other staff			A. Total personnel costs/€
	Person Months	Cost/€	Average Monthly Cost	Person Months	Cost/€	Average Monthly Cost	Person Months	Cost/€	Average Monthly Cost	Person Months	Cost/€	Average Monthly Cost	Person Months	Cost/€	Average Monthly Cost	
Participant X																
Participant Y																
Affiliated entity X																
Affiliated entity Y																
Total																

- Person-months and total amount must be encoded
- System will calculate automatically the average monthly costs

ERC historic data personnel costs available for consultation to serve as benchmark
Please check the [ERC website](#)

Part A – Budget

Budget narrative

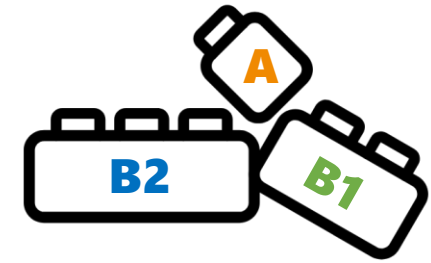


Section C. Resources	
A. Personnel	D. Internally invoiced goods and services
Maximum 2500 characters allowed	Maximum 1000 characters allowed
B. Subcontracting (if applicable)	Request for additional funding justification
Maximum 1000 characters allowed	Maximum 1000 characters allowed
C. Purchase cost (Travel - Equipment - Consumables - Field work - Animal costs - Publications - Other additional direct costs)	Funding from other sources
Maximum 3500 characters allowed	Maximum 1000 characters allowed

- Single box split in 6 sub-sections (text boxes) to provide a more structured format for PIs to justify
- Overall character limit to justify resources extended from 8.000 to 10.000 characters

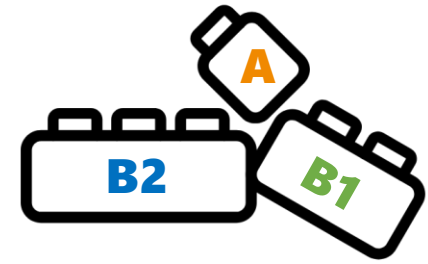
Part A – Budget

Equipment depreciation table



- Excel table **mandatory attachment** to be uploaded at submission (temporary solution, in future will become part of online submission forms and linked to budget table)
- Guidance provided on how to fill in (e.g. several units of same equipment, fully capitalised cost items...)

Beneficiary's/affiliated entity's name	Short name of the asset	Purchase cost per item (a)	Depreciation time (months) (b)	Expected percentage of usage for the grant (c)	Expected use time during the grant (months, cannot exceed the duration of the grant) (d)	Estimated depreciation costs per item (cannot exceed the purchase costs) $(a/b)*c*d$	Comments (e.g. depreciation policy, grouped items, full capitalised costs, etc.....)
Example 1	Equipment 1	€ 100,000.00	60	100%	48	€ 80,000.00	
Example 2	Equipment 2	€ 10,000.00	36	100%	36	€ 10,000.00	
Example 3	Equipment 3	€ 50,000.00	60	50%	48	€ 20,000.00	



Part A – Budget

Additional declaration 10

New declaration specific to Lump Sum proposal, under Point 1 of the Application forms

Applicants to declare that **cost estimates** have been **established in compliance with:**

- **usual accounting practices** of their institution &
- basic **eligibility conditions for EU actual cost grants**

Part A – Ethics & Security questions



Follow the guidance document

‘How to complete your ethics self-assessment’

4 - Ethics & security

Ethics Issues Table ?

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
It is 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

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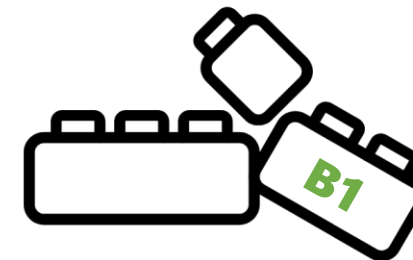
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5. Other questions



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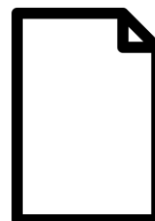


B1, your business card!



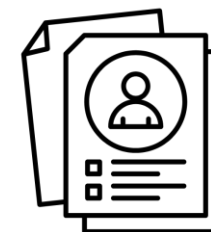
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Info from Part A



Extended Synopsis

5 pages

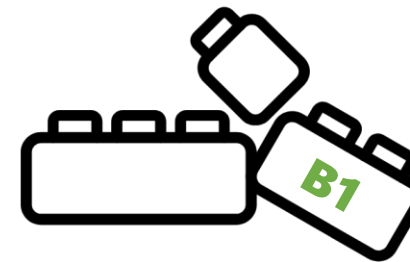


CV and Track Record

4 pages

Part B1 – Extended Synopsis

5 pages *max*



Self-contained

Standalone document
Complementary to B2
Timeliness & relevance
State-of-the-art



Persuasive to generalists

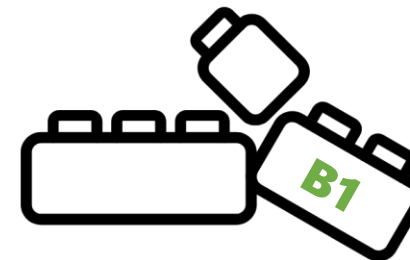
Do not use specialised jargon



Entertaining

Grab the panellists' attention
Leave them curious to find out more in B2
Convey your passion and motivation

Part B1 – CV and Track Record



4 pages

in one single template

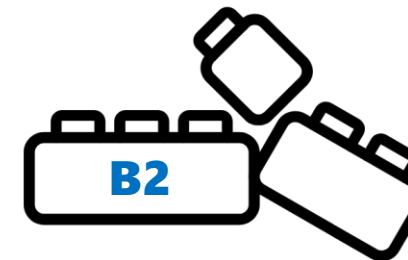
- Personal details, education, key qualifications, current position(s) and relevant previous positions
- **list of up to ten research outputs** that demonstrate how the applicant has advanced knowledge in their field and a list of selected examples of **significant peer recognition** (for example, prizes).
- Include relevant additional information on **career breaks, diverse career paths, and life events**



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Part B2 – Overview

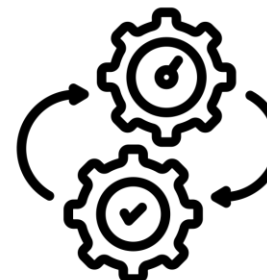
14 pages



State of the art and objectives



Methodology



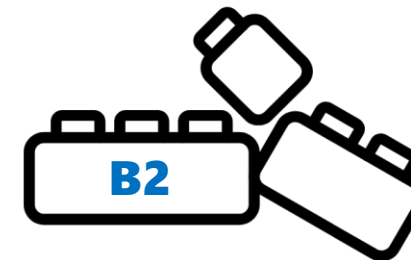
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Part B2 – State of the Art and Objectives



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.

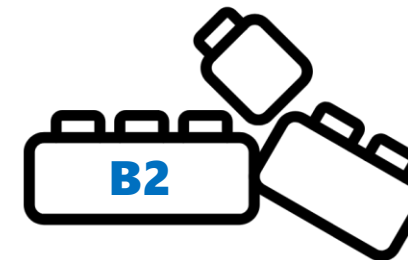
State of the art

- 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.

Part B2 – 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**.
- But evaluators and external experts can be risk averse.
- Explicit but controlled risk

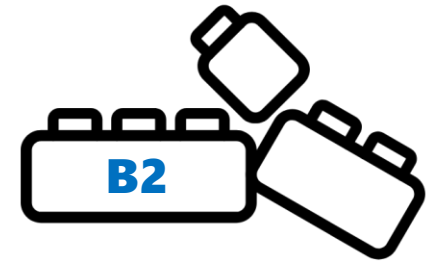
Your team

- 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**.

Part B2 – Final thoughts



- **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

Submission Process



ERC Evaluation Panels



Physical Sciences & Engineering

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



Life Sciences

- LS1** Molecules of Life: Biological Mechanisms, Structures & 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 & 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** Texts and Concepts
- SH6** The Study of the Human Past
- SH7** Human Mobility, Environment, and Space
- SH8** Studies of Cultures and Arts



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How do we pick the right panel?



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

Main proposal page on EC Portal

Part A: Administrative Forms
online only

Part B1 & Part B2
Editable templates available to download

Support for using the EC portal

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

Part B1 & Part B2
Upload PDFs based on editable templates
Other documents listed below uploaded separately as PDFs

The screenshot shows the 'Proposal forms' page on the EC Portal. It is divided into several sections:

- Deadline:** 02 February 2023 17:00:00 Brussels Local Time. 122 days left until closure.
- Call data:** Call: ERC-2023-COG, Topic: ERC-2023-COG, Type of action: HORIZON-ERC, Type of MGA: HORIZON-AG.
- Proposal data:** Acronym: test, Draft ID: SEP-210899104.
- Download Part B templates:** A button to download part B templates.
- Support & Helpdesk:** Includes links to 'Online Manual', 'IT How To', 'IT Helpdesk', and 'FAQ'. A 'Service Desk' email (EC-FUNDING-TENDER-SERVICE-DESK@ec.europa.eu) and phone number (+32 2 29 92222) are also listed.
- Administrative forms (Part A):** Includes an 'Edit forms' button, 'View history', and 'Print preview'.
- Part B and Annexes:** A section for uploading documents. It includes fields for 'Part B1', 'Part B2', 'HI support letter', 'PhD certificate', and six 'Annex' fields (Annex 1 to Annex 6). Each field has an 'Upload' button.
- Footer:** Includes a 'BACK TO PARTICIPANTS LIST' button, a 'VALIDATE' button, and a 'SUBMIT' button.

Annotations from the text blocks on the left point to specific elements on the page:

- An orange arrow points from 'Part A: Administrative Forms online only' to the 'Edit forms' button.
- A green arrow points from 'Part B1 & Part B2 Editable templates available to download' to the 'Download part B templates' button.
- A green arrow points from 'Support for using the EC portal' to the 'IT Helpdesk' button.
- An orange arrow points from 'Part B1 & Part B2 Upload PDFs based on editable templates' to the 'Part B1' and 'Part B2' upload fields.

Evaluation Process



Step 1

Part B1

Extended Synopsis

(5 pages)

CV & Track Record

(4 pages)

Step 2

Part B1



Part B2

(14 pages)

Single submission



Two-step evaluation

How are ERC proposals evaluated?

Excellence is the sole evaluation criterion

Research Project

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

Principal Investigator

- Intellectual capacity and creativity

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?**
- are the research methodology and working arrangements **appropriate to achieve project goals?**
- the proposal involves the **development of novel methodology?**
- are the **timescales, resources and PI commitment adequate** and properly justified?

2. Principal Investigator - Intellectual capacity and creativity

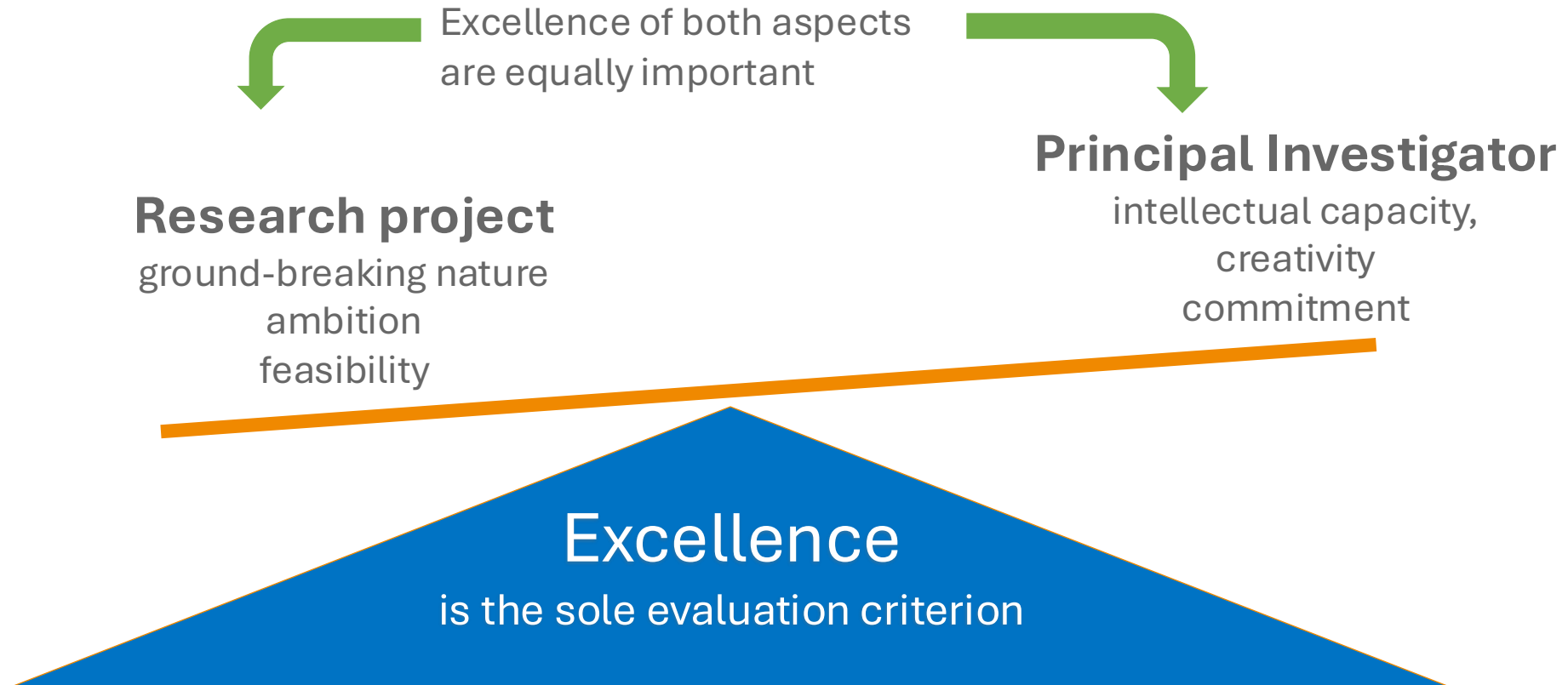


The Principal
Investigator
(PI)

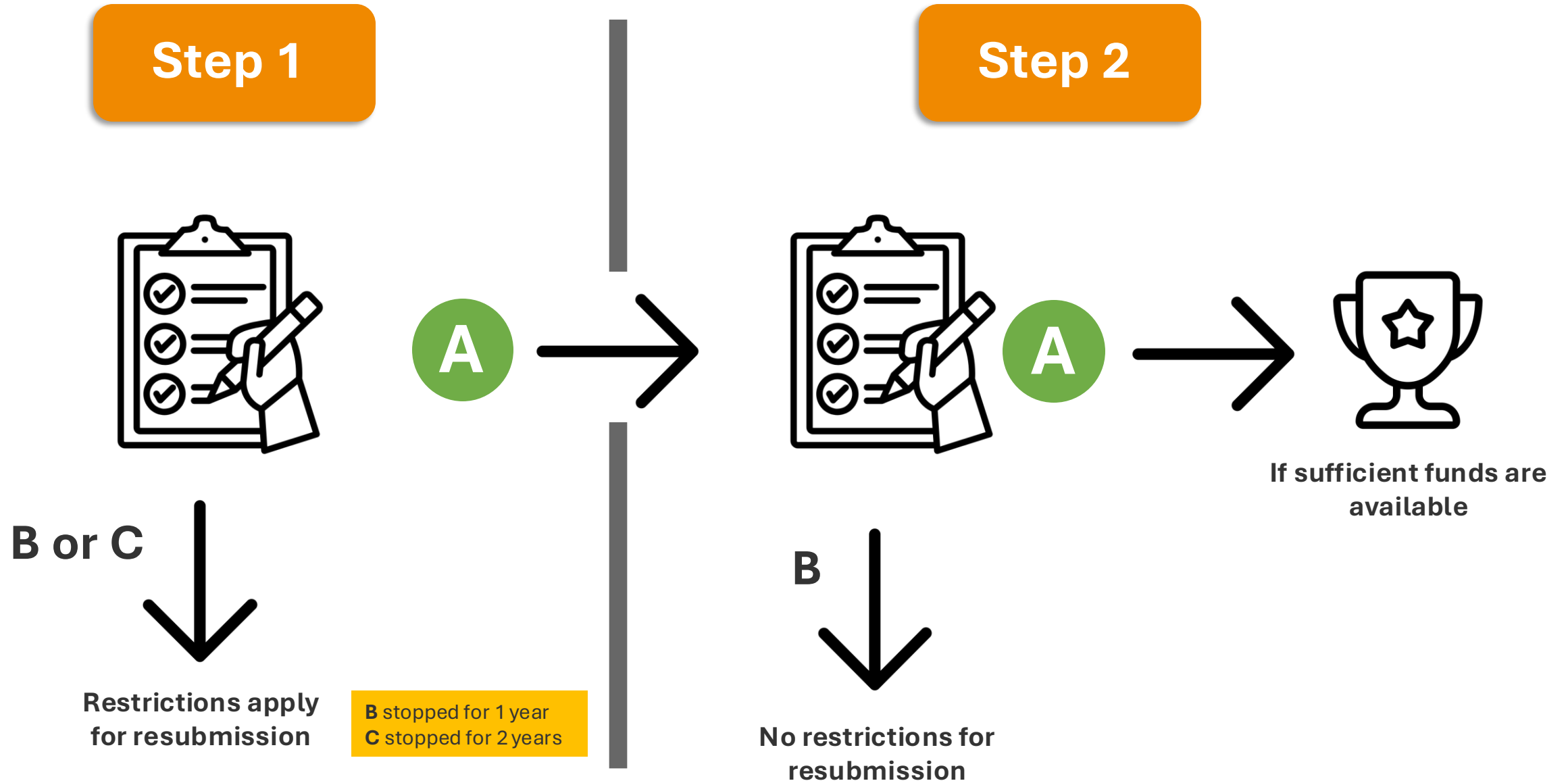
To what extent:

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

ERC evaluation criterion



Evaluation Outcomes



Other Points for Consideration



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Open access means accessible on:

- a trusted repository
- under a CC BY (or equivalent) licence (either to the ‘author accepted manuscript’ or the published ‘version of record’).

For long-text publications like monographs

- a CC BY-NC / ND / NC-ND licence (or equivalent) is acceptable.
- The ERC Scientific Council recommends the use of the OAPEN Open Books library (<https://oapen.org>) as repository for monographs and other books as well as book chapters.



- ❖ [Guidelines on FAIR Data Management in Horizon 2020](#)
- ❖ www.openaire.eu
- ❖ <https://www.fosteropenscience.eu/>

Publishing Fees will be eligible for funding if the venue is fully open access (i.e. a full open access journal or book, or an open access publishing platform like, e.g., Open Research Europe)

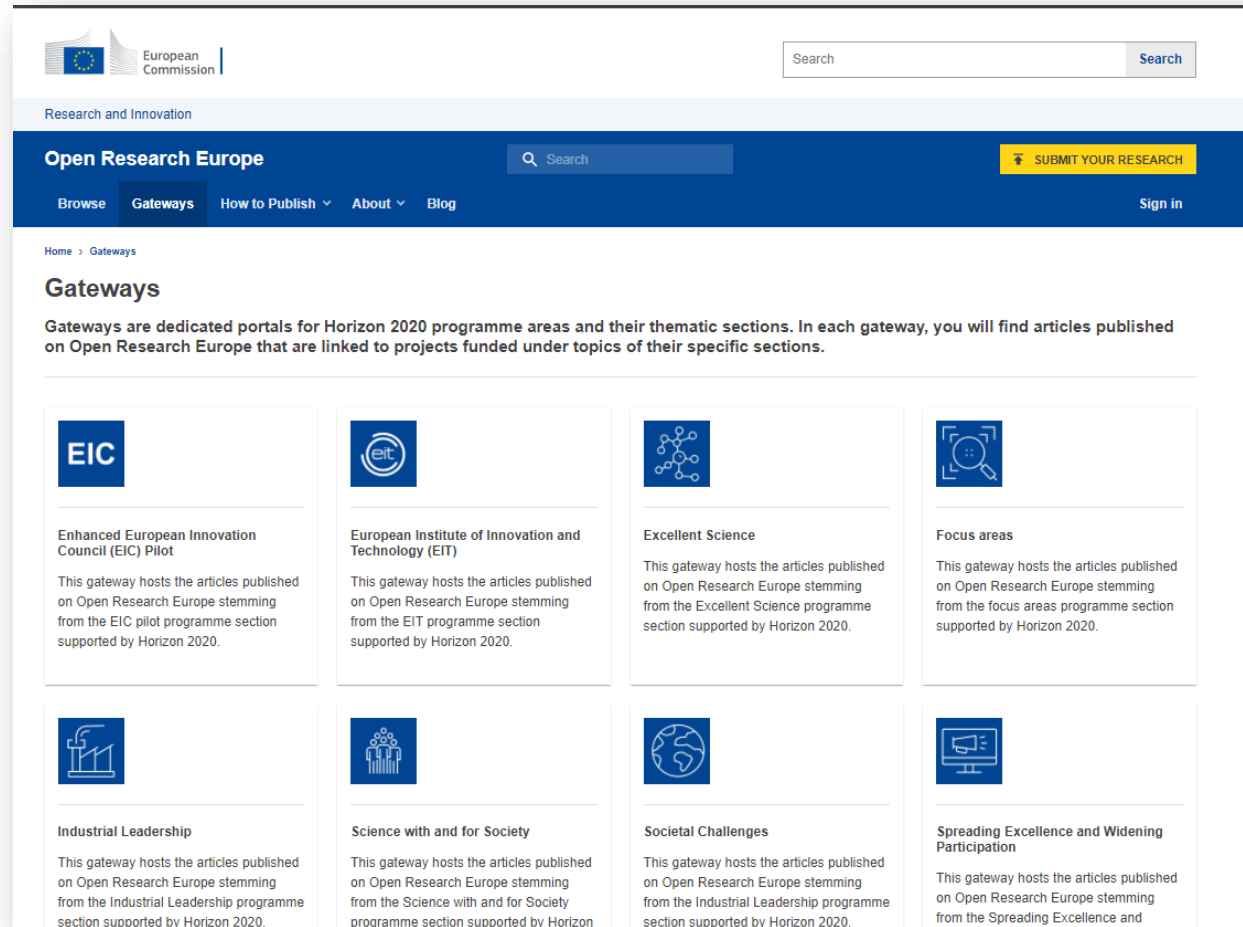


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[You can find the provisions related to Open Science on pages 107 – 109 of the Model Grant Agreement](#)

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<https://open-research-europe.ec.europa.eu/>

Gender

Sex and Gender dimension of your project

- Not a strict requirement in of itself, but..
- Integrating the gender dimension in research and innovation can make your proposal more competitive
- Proper consideration of sex and gender in research design is often evaluated as added excellence to the research question and methodology.
- **Some basic questions you can ask in project design:**
 - Are some of your findings going to be gender specific?
 - Do you justify your gender choices in the research design to peer reviewers?
 - If the topic is not relevant to Sex & gender, do you explicitly acknowledge that consideration?

Find more tips and guidance:

In a recent [ERC workshop](#) about how ERC-style excellence in different domains can be interrelated with the Sex and Gender Dimension.

Gender rules for eligibility and in the Part A form

- A Gender Equality Plan (GEP) has to be in place for the Host Institutions before the signature of the grant agreement.
- GEPs are the Host Institution's responsibility, it is not the Principal Investigator's responsibility
- Proposal PI and team members' gender and career stage details requested in Part A are not seen by evaluators.
- These Part A personal details are used in a quantitative way by the Commission to monitor progress towards gender equality and better careers in the European research sector



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Useful links

- **ERC Website**

including the [ERC Dashboard](#) and the more in-depth [ERC Information System](#)

- **Amended ERC 2025 Work Programme**

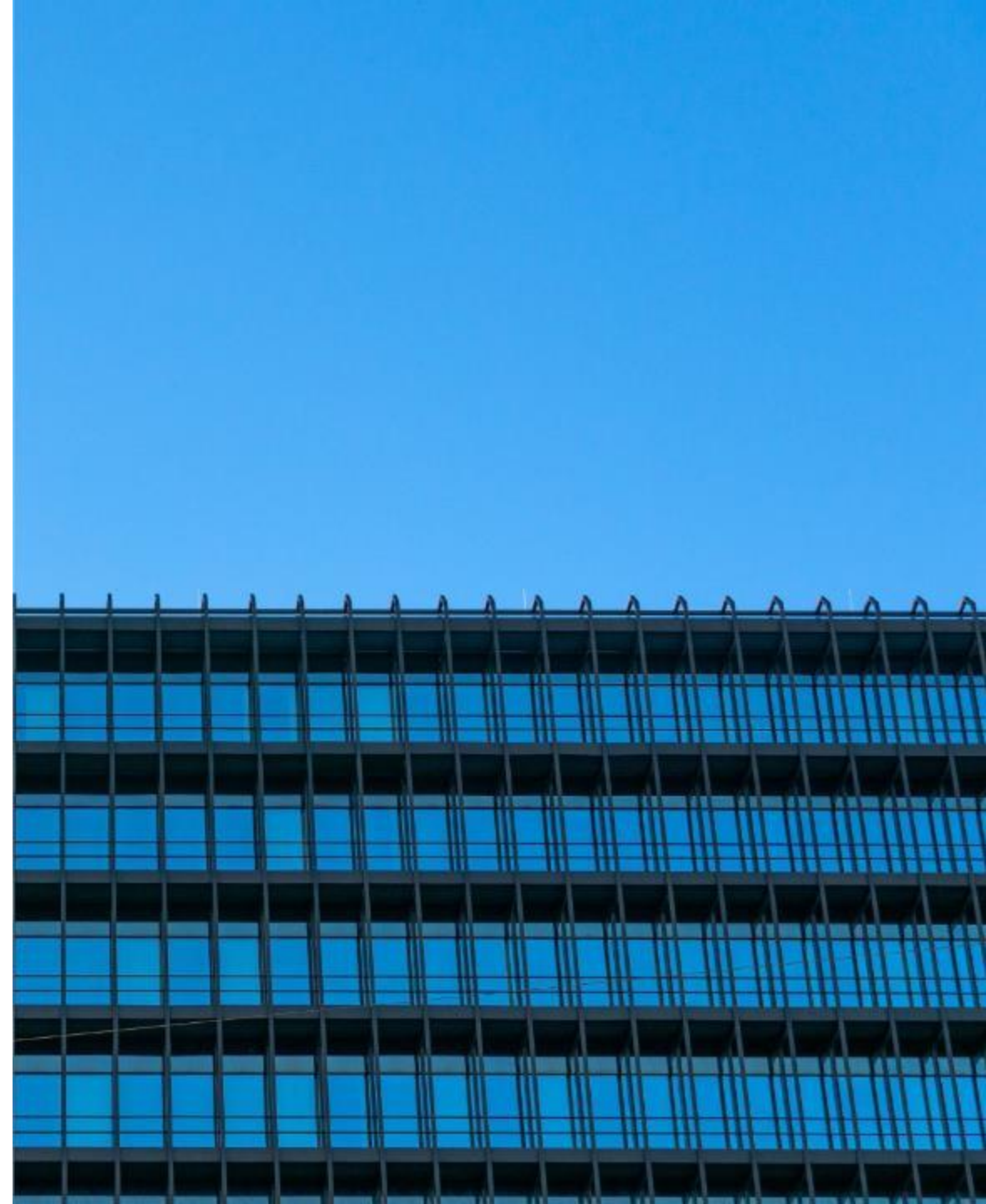
- **Information for Applicants 2025**

- **Call for proposal**

- **Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement**



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