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Proof of Concept Webinar



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Agenda for today



10.00 am – 12.00 pm

Antonino Puglisi | UK NCP for the ERC

Welcome and Introduction

Line Fredslund Volkers | ERCEA

- Overview ERC Proof of Concept
- Eligibility criteria
- Proposal development
- Submission Process
- Evaluation

Break



Professor Andrea Di Falco | University of St Andrews

Securing an ERC Proof of Concept Grant

Professor Robert Goodfellow | Co-founder & Director BiaGo Ltd

ERC Proof of Concept Grant Evaluator

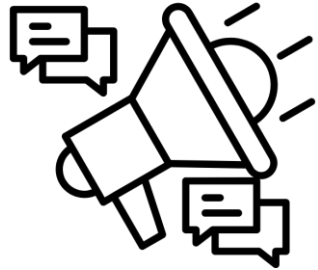
Q&A

Claire Griffin | UK NCP for the EIC

How to apply for EIC Transition funding, based on your ERC Proof of Concept project results

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A chat function is available and will be monitored

ERC Proof of Concept



**In
a
nut
shell**



ERC Proof of Concept

Complementary funding for StG,
CoG, AdG and SyG grantees

Evaluated based on the sole
criterion of excellence



Is a **lump sum** grant (150k euro)

Open opportunities to the
EIC Transition funding



Eligibility

(ERC-PoC-2026)



Ongoing – if your ERC main grant is ongoing



Recent – if your ERC main grant ended less than 12 months before 1 January 2026



**UKRI-guarantee ERC
grantees are not eligible**

2026 Proof of Concept Grant

ERC-2026-PoC



€60 M



400 grants

Call Opens



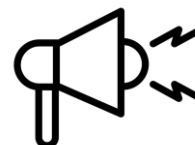
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Call deadlines



17 March 2026
17 Sept 2026

Inform applicants
after each step



1 July 2026
14 Jan 2027

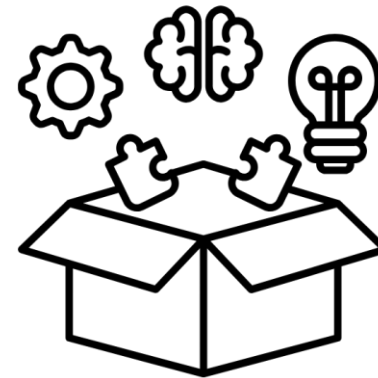
Signing Grant
Agreement



1 Nov 2026
18 May 2027

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- [ERC Classes available on YouTube](#)
- [Webinar on ERC Work Programme 2026](#)
- [ERC 2026 Work Programme](#)
- [Information for Applicants 2026](#)
- [Call for proposal](#)
- [Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement](#)



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