

The European Research Council

Funding opportunities @ ERC & Novelties in WP2024

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I am here for YOU!

- **YOU WANT** knowing the ERC and its grant schemes
- **YOU INTEND** (dream) to apply for an ERC grant
- **YOU WANT** knowing about the ERC evaluation process
- **YOU WANT** knowing on the novelties of the WP 2024



ERC grants competitions



Setting the bar...



The European Research Council Executive Agency is dedicated to selecting and funding the excellent ideas that have not happened yet and the scientists that are dreaming them up.



ERC is part of Horizon Europe



EUR 16 billion
ERC budget in Horizon Europe



17%
of the entire
Horizon Europe budget



EUR 2.91 billion in 2024
Funding 950 grants including synergy and PoCs



About the ERC

Scientific governance

- Independent Scientific Council with 22 members including the ERC President, with full authority over strategy
- Supported by a Dedicated Implementation Structure, the ERC Executive Agency

Scientific freedom

- Scientific excellence as the sole criterion
- Support to the individual scientist – *no consortia*
- No predetermined subjects – *'bottom-up'*
- Support for frontier research in all fields of science and humanities
- International peer-review



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ERC Executive Agency

The ERC Dedicated Implementation Structure

- Executes annual work programme as established by the Scientific Council
- Implements calls for proposals and provides information and support to applicants
- Organises peer review evaluation
- Establishes and manages grant agreements
- Administers scientific and financial aspects and follow-up of grant agreements
- Carries out communications activities and ensures information dissemination to ERC stakeholders



ERC Basics



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INDIVIDUAL RESEARCHERS
FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

LONG TERM GRANTS

TO HIGH-RISK/HIGH-GAIN PIONEERING PROJECTS
IN ANY FIELD OF FRONTIER RESEARCH



Life Sciences



Physical Sciences and Engineering



Social Sciences and Humanities

2024 calls – “high-risk/ high-gain” with different possible interpretations; thus replaced by ground-breaking nature, ambition, and potential impact



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And more... Anyone from anywhere in the world can apply!

- Research topic of own choice, with a team of own choice
- True financial autonomy for 5 years
- Negotiate the best conditions of work with the host institution
- Attract top team members (EU and non-EU) and collaborators
- Portability of grants within Europe
- Attract additional funding and gain recognition; ERC is a quality label

➤ **ERC offers independence, recognition & visibility**

ERC Grant Schemes



Starting Grants

Starters (2-7 years after PhD) - up to € 1.5 M*
for 5 years



Consolidator Grants

Consolidators (7-12 years after PhD) - up to € 2 M*
for 5 years



Advanced Grants

Established research leaders - up to € 2.5 M*
for 5 years



Synergy Grants

2 – 4 Principal Investigators up to € 10.0 M** for 6
years
1 PI can be based outside EU/Associated
Countries



Proof-of-Concept

bridging gap between research - earliest stage of marketable innovation
lump sum €150,000 for ERC grant holders

*up to €1 million
** per beneficiary | 10



Excellence

is the sole evaluation criterion

Excellence of the Research Project

- Ground breaking nature
- Scientific impact
- Scientific approach

Excellence of the Principal Investigator

- Intellectual capacity
- Creativity
- Commitment

2024 calls – panels will primarily evaluate the excellence of the project, while evaluating the above aspects of the PI via a narrative CV

Evaluation panel structure (2024)

Life Sciences

- LS1 Molecules of Life: Biological Mechanisms, Structures and Functions
- LS2 Integrative Biology: From Genes and Genomes to Systems
- LS3 Cell Biology, Development, Stem Cells and Regeneration – Call 2024
- LS4 Physiology in Health, Disease and Ageing
- LS5 Neuroscience and Disorders of the Nervous System – Call 2024
- LS6 Immunity, Infection and Immunotherapy
- LS7 Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment of Human Diseases
- LS8 Environmental Biology, Ecology and Evolution
- LS9 Biotechnology and Biosystems Engineering

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

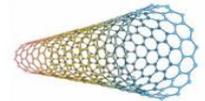
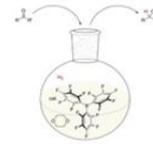
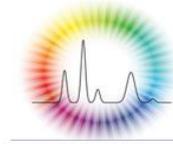
Social Sciences and Humanities

- SH1 Individuals, Markets and Organisations
- SH2 Institutions, Governance and Legal Systems
- SH3 The Social World and Its Interactions
- SH4 The Human Mind and Its Complexity
- SH5 Texts and Concepts
- SH6 The Study of the Human Past
- SH7 Human Mobility, Environment, and Space
- SH8 Studies of Cultures and Arts – Call 2024



Preparing your proposal

.....choosing the right panel



You are presenting a proposal involving (potentially) an important scientific advance

- In which field?
- Which panel is covering that field?
This is the panel which will have the evaluators best suited to appreciate the work you propose
- Which descriptor(s) best cover it?
Note that the panel should correspond to the first descriptor (or vice-versa)

To familiarise yourself with the nature and remit of a panel:

- Use datahub of funded projects (ERC website)
- Consult composition of previous panels

Preparing your proposal

..... you also must know

- By default, a proposal is evaluated by the panel chosen by the applicant
- In exceptional cases, a proposal may be evaluated by:
 - Clear
 - Need
- The applicant must specify the panel (or panels) to which the proposal should be referred (main)
- To be considered for funding, a proposal must be evaluated by a panel
- The applicant must specify the panel (or panels) to which the proposal should be referred (main)
- Choice of reviewers
 - A proposal submitted to a panel must be reviewed by a reviewer from another panel
 - A proposal with a secondary panel or key words from a second panel may not require a reviewer from the secondary panel
 - Depends on scientific expertise present in a given panel

Choose the panel that best fits the proposal – the success rate in each panel is the same as the budget is distributed as a function of demand



Preparing your proposal

.....but first things first!

- Have a bright, original and exciting idea
- Know your competitors and existing work
- Know why the proposed project is important/timely
- Design a research project to implement the idea with YOUR team
- Know that proposals are assessed by generalists (Step 1) and specialists (Step 2)
- Step 1 'feasibility' vs step 2 'methodology' & resources
- Feasible bearing in mind the groundbreaking nature and ambition of the proposed research – and risk mitigation
- Show scientific independence in CV for YOUR career stage make full use of the new CV structure



Preparing your proposalparticular emphasis on!

Frontier of science, scholarship and engineering, i.e.

- Multi- or interdisciplinary proposals which cross boundaries between different fields of research,
or
- Pioneering proposals addressing new and emerging fields of research,
or
- Proposals introducing unconventional, innovative approaches and scientific inventions.



Preparing your proposal

.....for StG and CoG, make sure you are eligible

- Reference date for the calculation of the eligibility window: 1st January of the year of the call
 - StG 2024: **1 January 2017 to 31 December 2021 (inclusive)**
 - CoG 2024: **1 January 2012 to 31 December 2016 (inclusive)**
- *Extensions of the eligibility window possible in certain documented circumstances*
- If you previously applied to an ERC call, check resubmission restrictions
- Time commitment on the project: Min. 50% (StG), 40% (CoG), 30% (AdG)
- Minimum 50% of PI working time in an EU Member State or Associated Country



Preparing your proposal

.....for StG and CoG, recall that in WP2023!

➤ New « PhD eligibility reference date » rule:

*The reference date towards the calculation of the eligibility period shall be the **certified date of the successful defence of the PhD.***

- *Allows for the eligibility window to reflect the real academic age instead of the “administrative age” of the PI.*
 - *Puts an end to confusion about “award according to national rules” - brings clarity to applicants.*
- Two new categories for extension of the eligibility window: natural disaster and for seeking asylum.

Preparing your proposal

.....contrary to what you may know!

- ERC funds "frontier research", including **applied research**
 - ERC panel structure does not represent 'priorities' & success rate is not panel dependent
- the budget is distributed among panels as a function of demand
 - ALL scientific fields are eligible for ERC funding; no predetermined priorities
- the Host Institution is not an evaluation criterion
 - Scientific gain is an evaluation criterion but societal or economic impact NOT
- proposals shorter than five years are equally welcomed
 - the content of the proposed research determines its budget
- having already an ERC grant does not guarantee obtaining another one
 - Each proposal is evaluated on its own merit, in comparison with the competing pool of applications
- applicant's career stage and **context DOES matter**
 - NEW CV is more holistic and takes fuller account of applicants' research careers and contributions



Preparing your proposal

.....its structure

- Part A: Administrative forms and proposal budget
- Part B1: Extended synopsis: 5 pages & CV and Track Record (up to 4 pages) – Call 2024
- Part B2: Scientific proposal: 14 pages
 - State-of-the-art and objectives
 - Methodology
- Host Institution Support Letter
- PhD certificate (StG and CoG)



Preparing your proposal

.....new CV and Track Record – 2024 Calls

- No prescriptive Principal Investigator profiles
- **COMBINED CV AND TRACK RECORDS**
 - 1. Personal details: education, employment
 - 2. Research achievements (≤ 10):
 - demonstrating advancement in the field
 - emphasis on more recent achievements
 - short narrative on significance of YOUR achievements
 - 3. Peer recognition: prizes, fellowships, academy membership, etc.
 - 4. Additional information:
 - career breaks, diverse career paths, life events
 - other contributions to research community



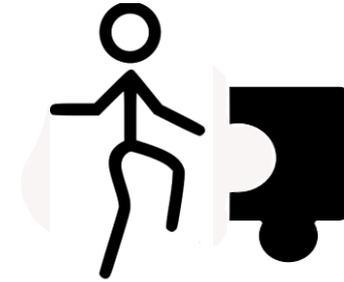
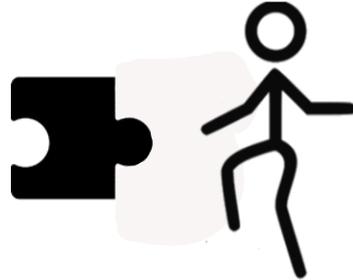
Preparing your proposalnow you can start writing BUT how!



Part B1

or

Part B2?



**Spark curiosity and
excitement !!!
Invitation for interview**

BOTH 😊

**Impress with
plans and
details**

Read carefully the evaluation criteria and try to ensure that
the reviewers can find the answers to them in your proposal
(part B2 is not a mere repetition of part B1)

Preparing your proposalmore in detail!

In Step 1: Panel Members see only **Part B1** of the proposal (prepare it accordingly!)

Part B1: Find the right balance

- ✓ Innovative? Beyond state-of-art?
Realistic/feasible?
- ✓ Outline state of play (incl. competition)
- ✓ Goals realistic? Think about risk mitigation
- ✓ Be concise & clear – beware using too much jargon (think about generalists at Step 1)
- ✓ Feasibility (scientific approach)

In Step 2: Part B1 and B2 and **Budget section** are evaluated by Panel Members & Remote Referees

Part B2: Fill in the details

- ✓ No verbatim repetition of synopsis
- ✓ Detailed state-of-art
- ✓ Extensive methodology and work plan
- ✓ Provide risk mitigation strategies
- ✓ Explain involvement of team members
- ✓ Justify requested resources - Panels have to ensure that the requested resources are reasonable and well justified.



Evaluation Questions: Research Project (StG, CoG, AdG)

Ground-breaking nature, ambition, and feasibility

To what extent does the proposed research address important challenges?

To what extent are the objectives ambitious and beyond the state of the art (e.g., novel concepts and approaches or development between or across disciplines)?

To what extent is the outlined scientific approach **feasible bearing in mind the groundbreaking nature and ambition of the proposed research** (Step 1)?

To what extent are the proposed research methodology and working arrangements **appropriate** to achieve the goals of the project (Step 2)?

To what extent are the proposed timescales, **resources**, and PI commitment adequate and properly justified (Step 2)?

Call 2024: AdG lump sum pilot



Evaluation Questions: Principal Investigator (StG, CoG, AdG)

Intellectual capacity and creativity

To what extent has the PI demonstrated the ability to conduct ground-breaking research?

To what extent does the PI provide evidence of creative and original thinking?

To what extent does the PI have the required scientific expertise and capacity to successfully execute the project?

Call 2024: New CV format combining CV&Track record

2024 Calls - Research Assessment

- Evaluation is **primarily** focused on the **proposed research project**
 - Ground-breaking nature, ambition, and potential impact
 - Feasibility of the scientific approach
- Intellectual capacity, creativity, and commitment of the PI also evaluated, with a focus on the extent to which the PI has the required scientific expertise and capacity to successfully execute the project



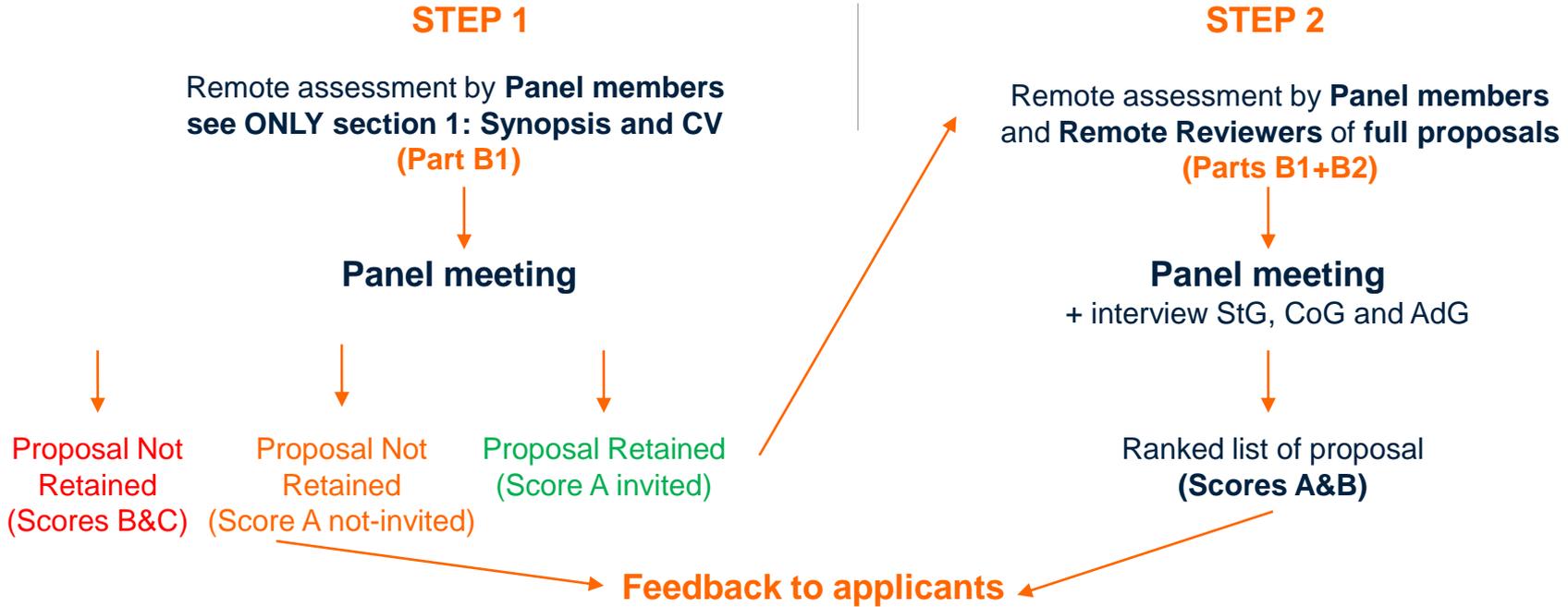
Preparing your proposalstrongly encouraged!

1. Consult **call documents** (Work Programme, Information for Applicants)
2. **Register** early on the Funding and Tenders Portal
3. Have your **documentation ready** – proof read the proposal
4. Contact the ERCEA and **ask all your questions** well ahead of the submission deadline (dedicated mailboxes for each call) – e.g.,
ERC-2024-STG-APPLICANTS@ec.europa.eu
ERC-2024-COG-APPLICANTS@ec.europa.eu
ERC-2024-ADG-APPLICANTS@ec.europa.eu
6. Get the **written consent of your collaborators** before the submission deadline (a simple email exchange is OK)



Evaluation process

For individuals calls: a single submission but a two-step evaluation



Call 2024: 44 proposal interview limit

Preparing a proposalmany fail because

Research Project

- Scope: Too narrow vs too broad/unfocussed
- Incremental research
- Collaborative project, several PIs
- Work plan not detailed enough/unclear
- Insufficient risk management

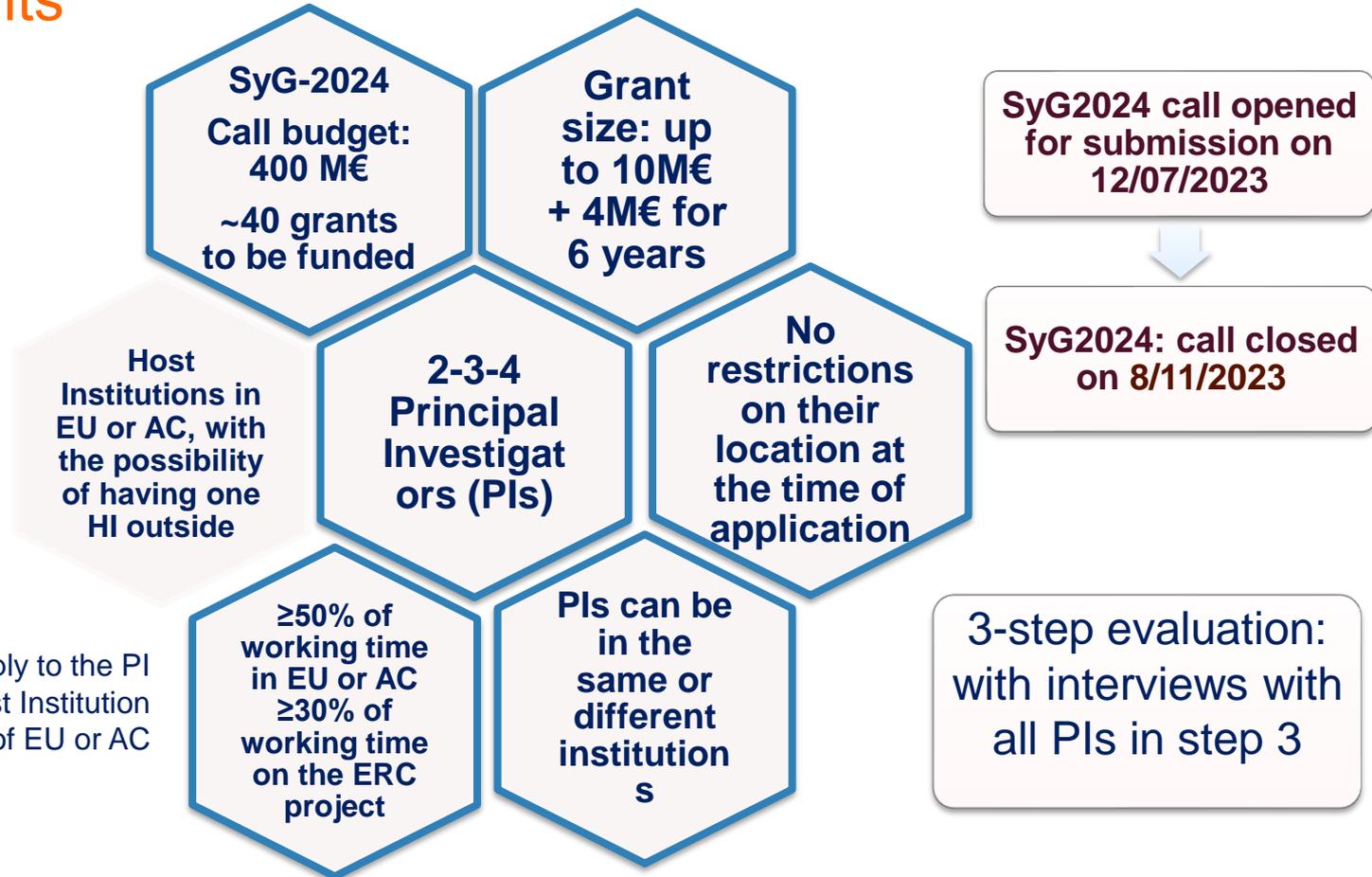
Principle Investigator (PI)

- Insufficient demonstration of scientific expertise and capacity to execute the project
- Insufficient (potential for) independence



QUESTIONS so far?

Preparing your synergy proposal ...requirements

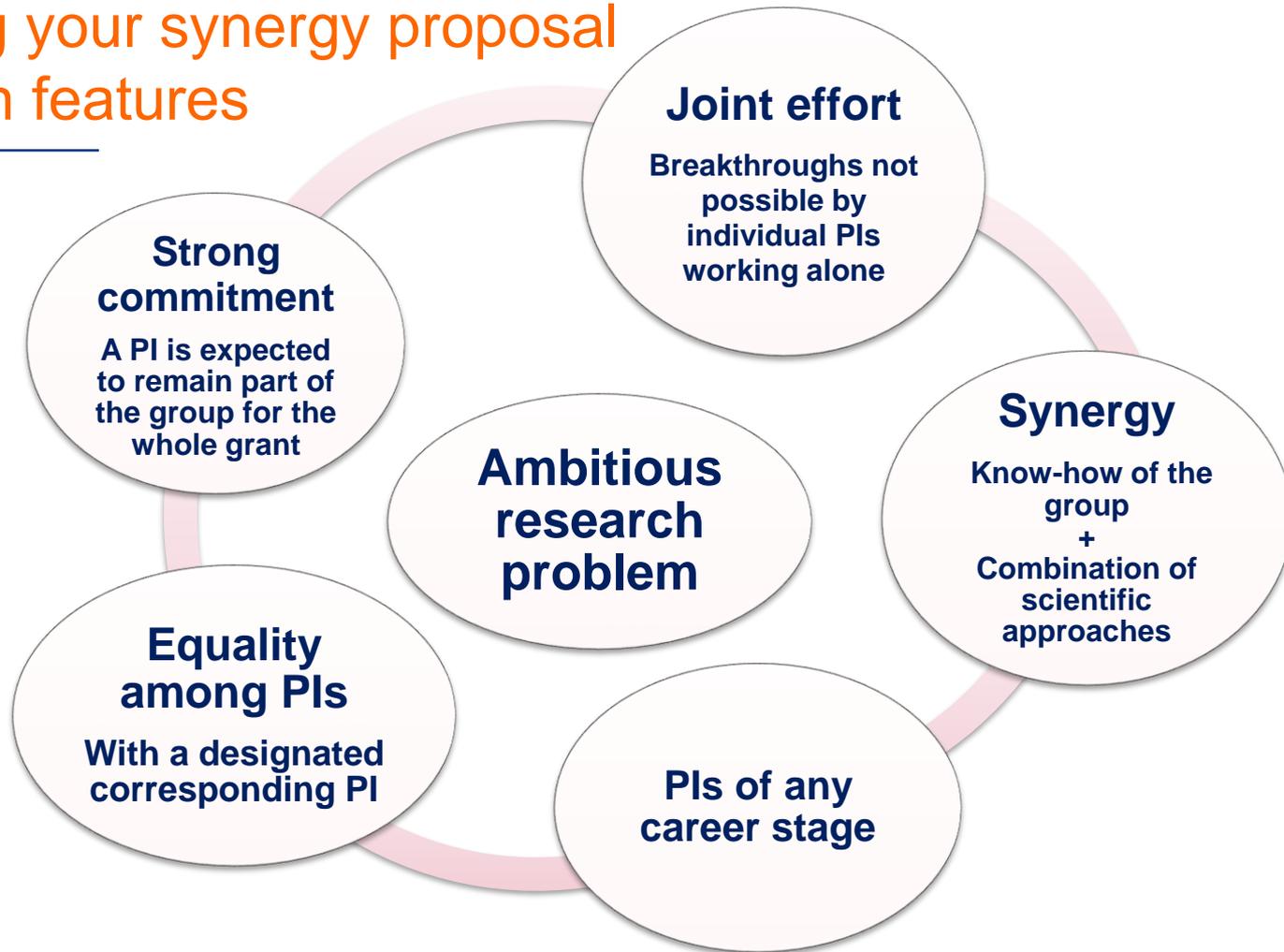


This does not apply to the PI applying with a Host Institution outside of EU or AC



Preparing your synergy proposal

..... main features



Preparing your synergy proposal

.....synergy aspects are

SYNERGY

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

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

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

ERC Synergy Grant features

Synergy aspects are not present if.....

**NOT
SYNERGY**

Loose cooperation or
networking between
PIs

Simple passing of
data or information
from one team to
another

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

Preparing your proposal

.....its structure

- Part A: Administrative forms and proposal budget
 - (4-6 keywords to be selected as panels are not defined at submission)
- Part B1: Extended synopsis: 5 pages & CV and Track Record (up to 4 pages) – Call 2024
- Part B2: Scientific proposal: 15 pages
 - a) State-of-the-art and objectives
 - b) Methodology
 - c) Resources (budget breakdown per applicant + a joint one)
- Host Institution Support Letter per applicant

Evaluation criteria

..... get familiar with the evaluation questions!

1. EXCELLENCE OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT

- Ground breaking nature
- Potential impact
- Scientific approach
- Synergetic aspects
- In **step 1** the **feasibility** is assessed only => methodology in step 2 and 3 (in part B2)
- Resources are **not** assessed in step 1

More emphasis on idea!

2. EXCELLENCE OF THE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS

- Each PI assessed according to their career benchmarks
- Intellectual capacity
- Creativity
- Commitment => evaluated in step 2 and 3 only (information in part B2)

Evaluation process

For synergy calls: a single submission but a three-step evaluation

interdisciplinary panels: 2 Life sciences, 2 Physical sciences and Engineering, 1 Social science and humanities oriented; defined only when we know what type of proposals remain in evaluation after step 1

Step 1: 1 panel

REMOTE REVIEWS:

- Only part B1
 - Mainly generalists:
 - panel members
 - panel evaluators*

26 February - 1 March 2024

Meeting: panel chairs & vice chairs → scoring:

- A – invited (max 7 x budget) ~ 230 proposals
- A – not invited
- B - rejected
- C** - rejected

Step 2: 5 panels

REMOTE REVIEWS:

- Parts B1 & B2
 - Mainly generalists: panel members
 - Specialists: remote referees

17 – 21 June 2024

Meeting: panel members → scoring:

- A (max 4 x budget) ~ 120 proposals
- B - rejected

Step 3: 5 panels

NO REMOTE REVIEWS

- Parts B1 & B2
 - Panel members: interview preparation: formulate questions based on step 2 reviews

9 - 13 September 2024

Meeting: panel members; **interviews with all PIs** → scoring & ranking:

- Top A - main list ~ 40 funded
- A below funding limit - reserve + rejected

*panel evaluators (PEVs) are panel members of other ERC calls assisting in the remote review phase by providing individual reviews

** might be restricted from applying to the next ERC SyG call.

Submission restrictions for the SyG2024 call

.....When checking for a rule look for the call year, not calendar year.

Evaluation		Can a PI apply to		
Result of SyG 2022 or 2023	Step	StG/CoG call in 2024?	AdG call in 2024?	SyG call in 2024?
C	1	yes	yes	no
B	1	yes	yes	yes
B	2	yes	yes	yes
A or B	3	yes	yes	yes

Applicants to previous StG/CoG/AdG ERC calls can apply to the SyG2024 call regardless of the score received previously.

To be eligible for SyG2024: a **running ERC grant has to end before 8 November 2025**

A PI can be part of only one application published under the same Work Programme regardless of the call. The first application will be considered, the subsequent ones will be declared ineligible.



Call Calendar – Work Programme 2024

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



Where Can You Find More Information?



Videos - ERC Classes

- What to consider before applying
- How to fill in the application (Part B1 and B2)
- The interview
- How the evaluation works

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xbFbz kVWgCU&list=PLtv6FnsXqnXAYRk6HCEr wMxwML0ZKoMcy>



More QUESTIONS!

Opportunities for applicants from Widening Countries

ERC Mentoring Initiative: Aim is to support potential ERC applicants from countries where the level of participation and success rates in ERC calls has been so far modest

- Initiative of the ERC Scientific Council's Working Group on Widening European Participation
- Inspired by the experience of some research agencies and host institutions which put in place programmes to support ERC applicants but have difficulty identifying international experts to provide coaching and advice
- ERCEA helps identify ERC PIs and former Panel Members who could serve as external mentors
- More information can be found here: [Working Group on Widening European Participation | ERC \(europa.eu\)](#)



Summary of Novelties – ERC Work Programme 2024

FOCUS ON RESEARCH



- Ground-breaking
- Ambitious
- Feasible

Assessment

- Up to 10 research outputs
- Short narrative
- Career breaks, diverse paths

No prescriptive PI profiles

- Up to 44 proposals in step 2 (exc. SyG)
- 'A not invited' can reapply next year



Evaluation Procedure

- AdG only
- One amount
- Payment based on the work done (not success)
- Additional funding and portability

Lump Sum Pilot

- New Panel – SH8
- Changes in description of LS3/LS5 panels

Panels

FAQ on the Novelties – ERC Work Programme 2024

.....assessment

1a). How to interpret the change going forward in the ERC's approach to research assessment?

- Proposals will continue to be judged on their originality, creativity and ground-breaking ideas BUT more emphasis is put to the research idea (NO fixed ratio defined)
- Applicants are evaluated primarily on their excellence and likely ability to carry out the proposed work successfully that is done in a more holistic way
- Panels will use quantitative and qualitative scoring @ the remote assessment phase
- Reviews by RR have ONLY qualitative scores and it never constituted an issue for panels!
- Evaluation is not a mere statistical exercise of numerical scores but the result of in-depth discussions

➤ Panel rank proposals based on in-depth discussions as before!

FAQ on the Novelties – ERC Work Programme 2024

.....assessment

1b). How to understand the removal of ‘high risk’/‘high gain’ terminology from the evaluation questions

- Not well defined and possibly interpreted differently by different panels
- Panels to consider more concrete questions on the challenges addressed by the project and its possible scientific impact, as well as questions on the scientific approach, research methodology, working arrangements, timescales, resources, and PI commitment.
- Notion of “risk” rather than uncertainty or feasibility might unintendedly make panels more inclined to choose projects proposed by more established applicants.
- Its removal does NOT change anything to the type of projects ERC is looking for!



FAQ on the Novelties – ERC Work Programme 2024

.....no prescriptive PI profiles

2a). Why was the CV and track record combined?

- Proposals will continue to be assessed on their originality, creativity and ground-breaking ideas.
- There were concerns that the current practices often used inappropriate and narrow methods to assess the quality, performance and impact of research and researchers
- Applicants are allowed to provide - and evaluation panels to see - a more holistic and fuller account of their research careers and contributions.
- Changes are more inclusive as they support diversity and avoid favouring any particular types of research or research outputs over others. The career stage and personal context will continue to be taken into account to create a fair evaluation.



FAQ on the Novelties – ERC Work Programme 2024

.....no prescriptive PI profiles

2b). Why was the CV and track record combined? (Cont.)

- The scientific outputs will be limited to ten, and each one can be accompanied by a brief narrative on how the output has advanced knowledge in the field.
- Clear turn-away from quantitative assessment towards content, and the narrative part allows evaluators to understand the significance of the work, without necessarily having to read each item in detail.
- Narrative elements in the track record may also provide a more comprehensive view of a researcher's career, contributions, and potential, and they can highlight important aspects of a researcher's work that may not be reflected by traditional metrics.
- Review panels will be briefed on how to implementing the changes.



Guidance for ERC evaluators and for applicants to ensure that the purpose of the changes is fully understood are being prepared.

FAQ on the Novelties – ERC Work Programme 2024

.....evaluation procedure

3a). Why is there a maximum of 44 proposals to pass to Step 2?

- Guarantee a reasonable workload for PMs – 11 interviews per day/1 week panel duration max.
- Preserve the evaluation quality on the long term so a maximum of 44 candidates interviewed at Step 2 panel meeting.

3b). Why was the budget multiplier eliminated at Step 1 for Starting, Consolidator and Advanced Grant?

- To ensure a reasonable and equitable workload balance at Step 2 panel meeting – ceiling of 44 in StG, CoG and AdG (harmonization)
- Not achieved with the change of the budget multiplier



FAQ on the Novelties – ERC Work Programme 2024

.....evaluation procedure

3c). Does the ceiling on number of proposals to pass to Step 2 not harm the chances of success for applicants?

- NO as it remains determined by the panel budget distribution, which follows the requested budget from all eligible proposals by panel upon submission.

3d). What does the new A score at Step 1 (A not invited) mean?

- Ceiling of 44 created – ‘A invited’ @ Step 2 interview & ‘A not invited’ may submit in 2025
- ‘A not invited’ are proposals with excellent quality BUT not ranked sufficiently high at Step 1 to pass to the Step 2 interview stage.



FAQ on the Novelties – ERC Work Programme 2024

.....evaluation procedure

3e). When can an “A not invited” be given by the evaluation panel?

- beyond the ceiling of 44 proposals when its quality is excellent.
- ‘A not invited’ have no restriction submission

3f). What is the impact of the changes in evaluation on the Synergy Grants call?

- Maintain budget multiplier both at Step 1 (7X panel budget) and Step 2 (4X panel budget)
- BUT @ Step 1 – ‘A invited’ and ‘A not invited’.
- ‘A not invited’ applied to excellent proposals ranked beyond the cut-off of the Step 1 budget multiplier
- ‘A not invited’ are not forced into a B (like now – faired process if excellence are present beyond budget multiplier!)

FAQ on the Novelties – ERC Work Programme 2024

.....lump sum pilot

4.a) What impact has the LUMP SUM Model in the AdG call (pilot)

- Proposal - NONE as applicants should not change the way they plan and think about their projects or how the scientific proposal is written. Whole project comprise one WP to ensure proper implementation and final payment, which is distinct from project structure.
- Budget - more detail on certain aspects, e.g. personnel costs will have to be specified in person-months per staff category, and equipment costs will have to include information on the depreciation rules that have been applied.
- Evaluation – NO change as scientific excellence remains the sole evaluation criterion. The cost estimates in the budget section of the proposal will however undergo a more in-depth assessment compared to the actual cost model, in order to ensure sound financial management of EU funds.

FAQ on the Novelties – ERC Work Programme 2024

.....lump sum pilot

4.b) What is the main difference between the lump sum model and the actual cost model?

- Panel always assesses the panel budget in both cost models
- Actual cost model payment done against actual incurred eligible costs up to max. EU contribution based on cost claims.
- Payment of full grant amount - as long as the project is implemented in line with the original proposal. No cost claims needed but they do have to report on the scientific progress and implementation of the project. Advanced payment of up to 80% & 20% upon project completion
- Grant remains portable and overheads are set at 25% of the EU contribution

➤ Lump sum for AdG is different from Lump sum PoC projects



FAQ on the Novelties – ERC Work Programme 2024

.....lump sum pilot

4.c) Can applicants choose between the lump sum and the actual cost model?

- NO, AdG 2024 is a lump sum pilot call while StG, CoG and SyG use actual cost model

4.d) Will there still be audits under the lump sum model?

- Ex-post audits can also take place under the lump sum model. However, there will be no more financial audits to look at personnel costs, time sheets, etc. Instead, ex-post audits would look at proper implementation of the project and compliance with obligations not linked to costs, but related to e.g., ethics, procurement procedures, or time commitment of the Principal Investigator.

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.....panel structure

5.) What are the changes to the panel structure and why were these changes introduced?

- New SH panel - SH8 on Studies of Cultures & Arts
 - SH3 (social anthropology)
 - SH5 (cultural studies, study of arts and art history) but philosophy will be fully incorporated in SH5
 - SH8 creation + restructuring between SH4 and SH5 is expected to restore the balance between the coverage of social sciences and humanities, and to re-balance the number of proposals submitted to the SH3, SH4, SH5 panels
- Minor changes to the LS3 title and LS5 subtitle and descriptors to make disciplinary coverage more explicit and to further encourage researchers to apply.

Take home message...

If rejected, **KEEP TRYING!!!!**

VERY IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT

- Reapplications have a much higher success rate
- Benefit of using feedback from evaluation reports



Final QUESTIONS?

Thank You!

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