

What is the European Research Council (ERC)?

The ERC's mission:

- encourage the **highest quality** research in Europe
- support investigator-driven frontier research **across all fields**
- fund projects **purely** on the basis of **scientific excellence**

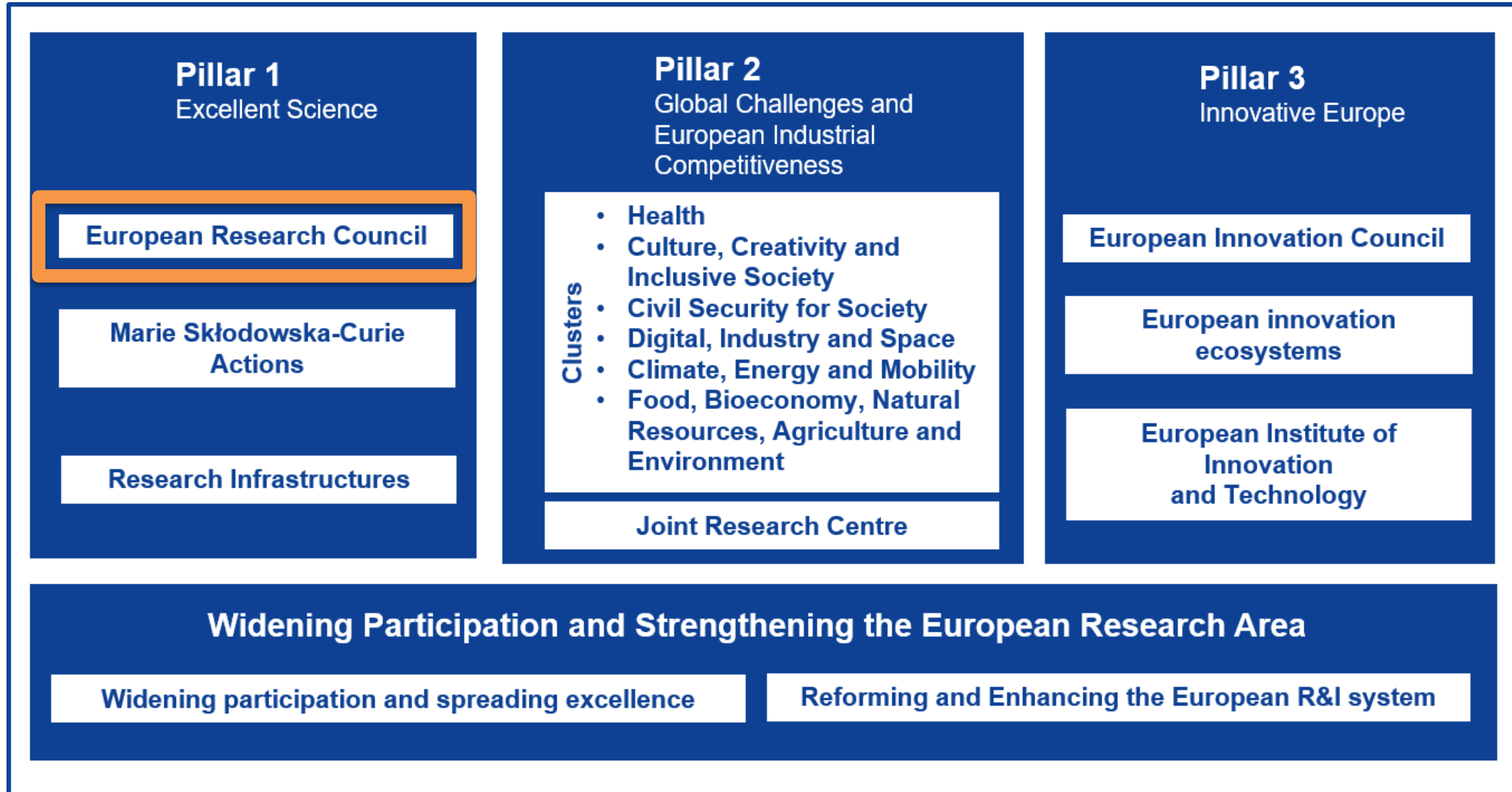
What makes the ERC unique:

- Excellence is the only criteria
- Principal Investigator is given considerable freedom to play a central role
- Freedom to work with and fund team members from anywhere in the world
- Funding split based on number of applications, not field/discipline/topic



BOTTOM-UP, CURIOSITY-LED EXCELLENT RESEARCH

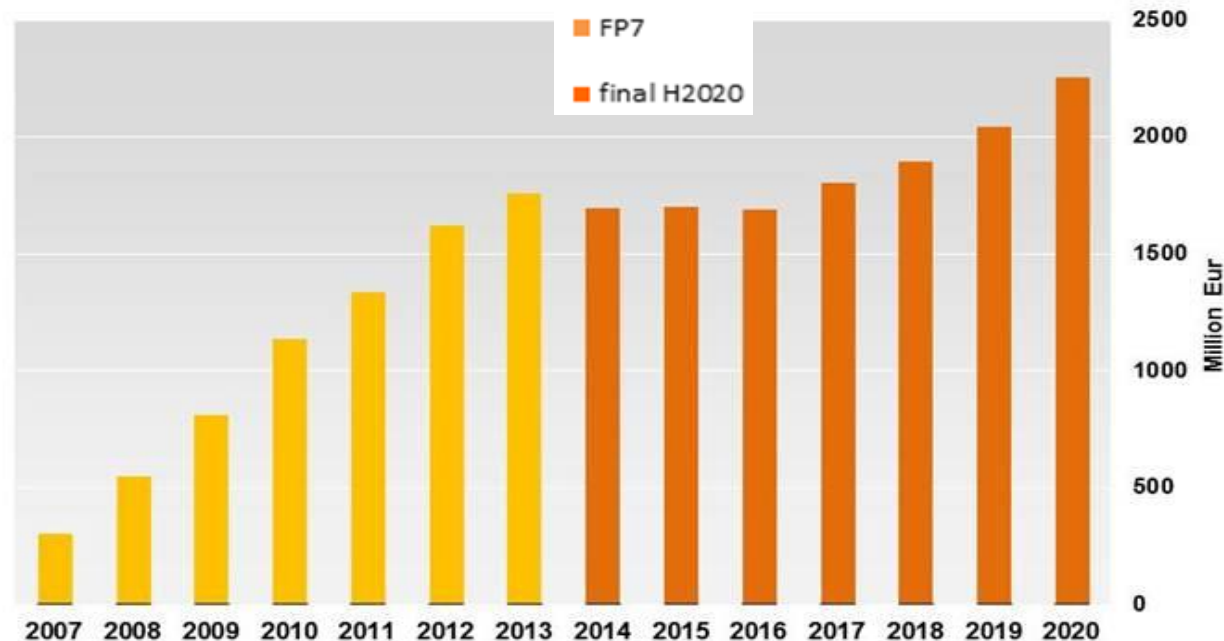
Horizon Europe structure



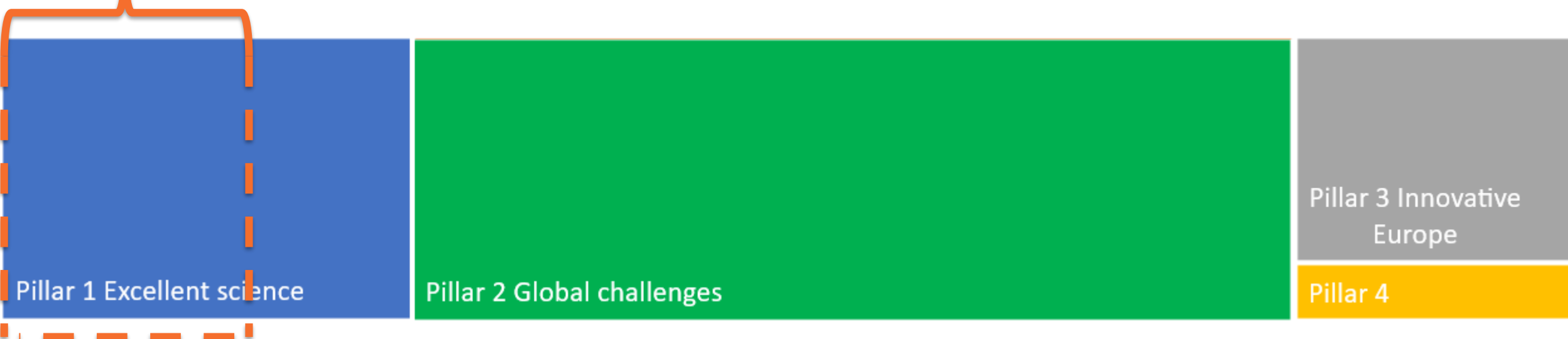
ERC Budget in Horizon Europe

26% increase in real terms compared to Horizon 2020.

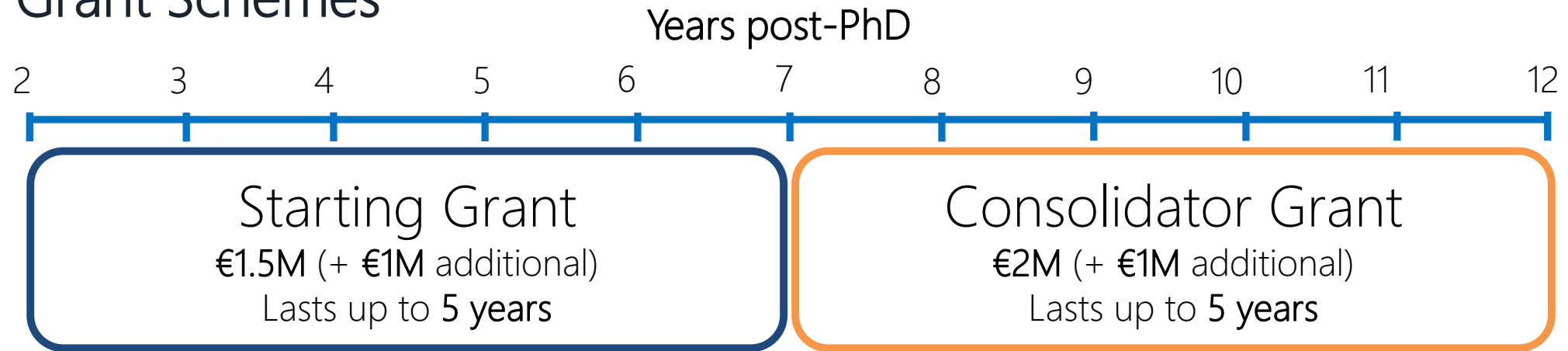
Horizon Europe structure is represented below proportionate to budget allocation.



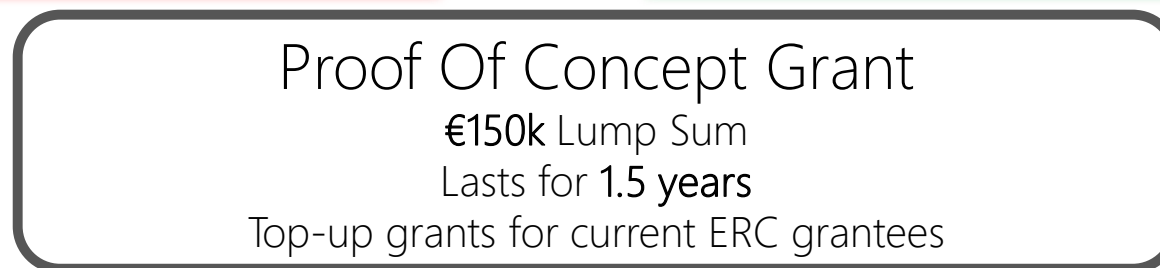
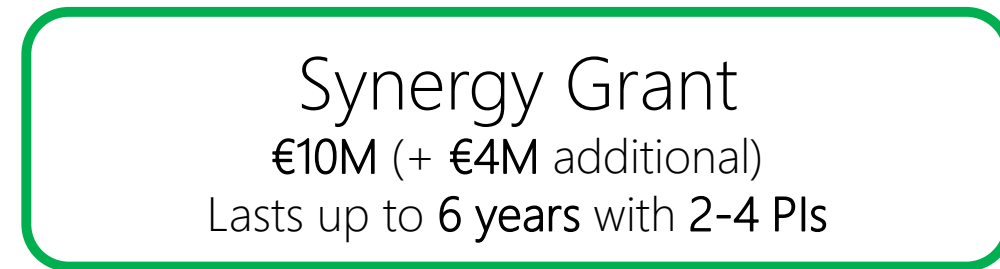
ERC BUDGET: €16 Billion



ERC Grant Schemes



No PhD Requirements



ERC 2021 Calls

	Starting Grant	Consolidator Grant	Advanced Grant	Proof of Concept	Synergy Grant
Call Type	ERC-2021-StG	ERC-2021-CoG	ERC-2021-AdG	No calls expected in 2021	No call in 2021 but... 2022 call is expected to open in late 2021
Call Opens	25/02/2021	11/03/2021	20/05/2021		
Deadline	08/04/2021	20/04/2021	31/08/2021		
Planned dates to inform applicants	26/08/2021	22/11/2021	28/01/2022		
	20/12/2021	28/03/2022	13/05/2022		
Budget €M (grants)	619 (413)	633 (317)	626 (250)		

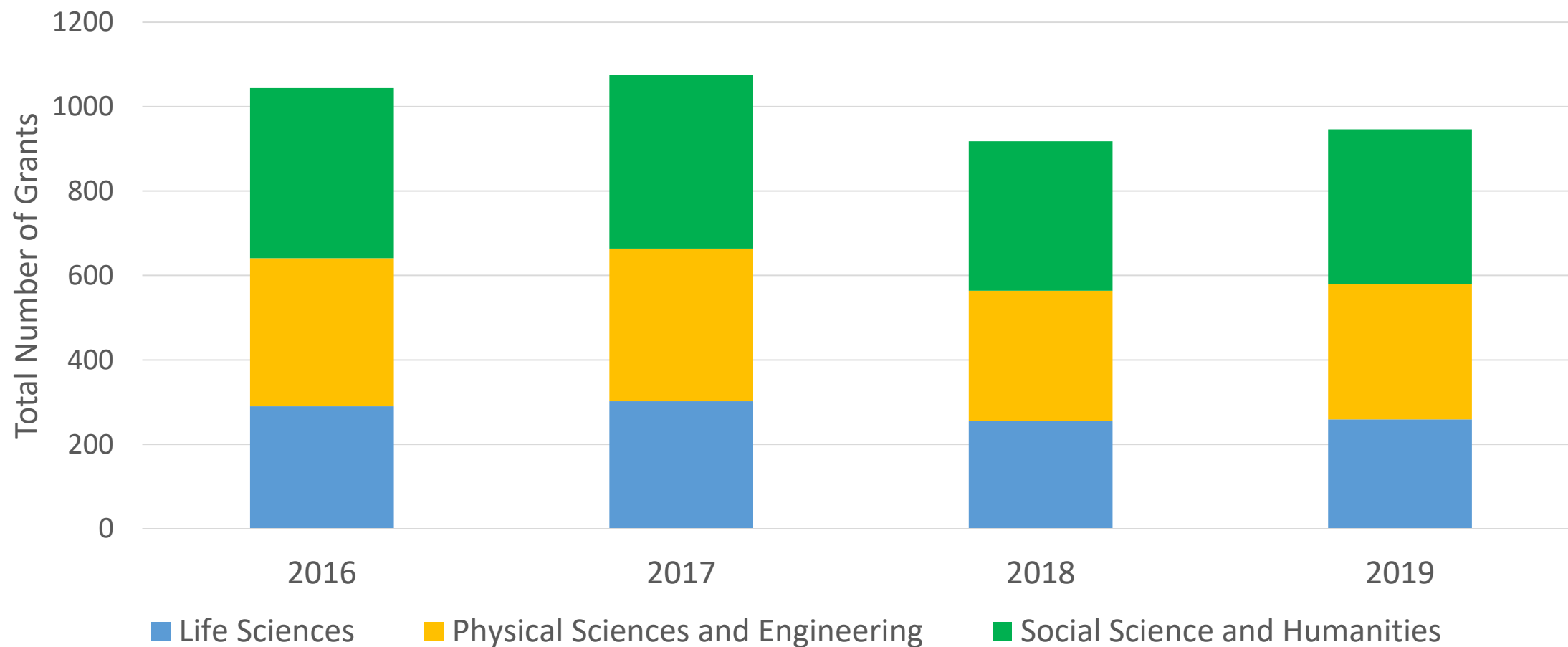
ERC Panel Structure

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

****These two panels are new additions, they will be in place for the 2021 calls***

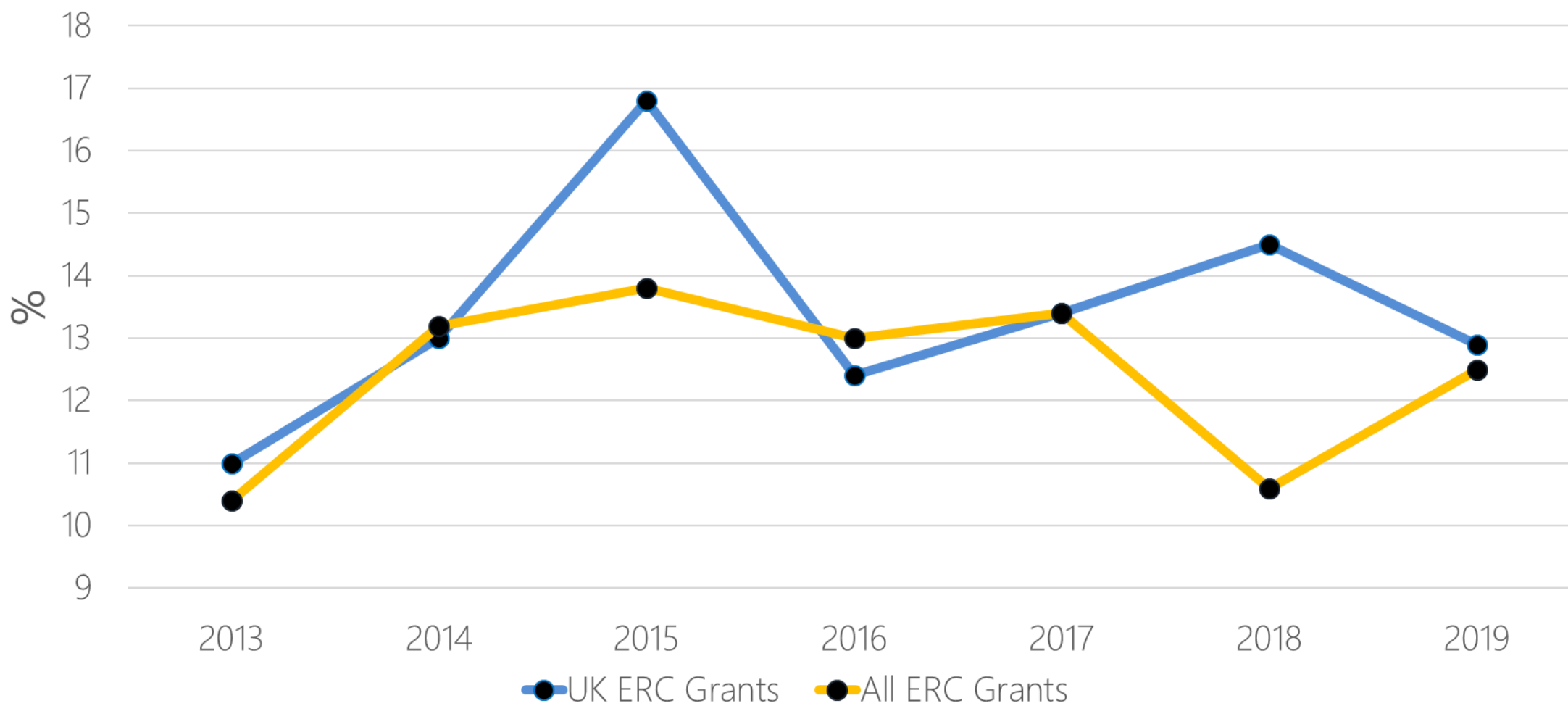
Funded Projects by Domain

ERC StG, CoG & AdG Awards by Domain



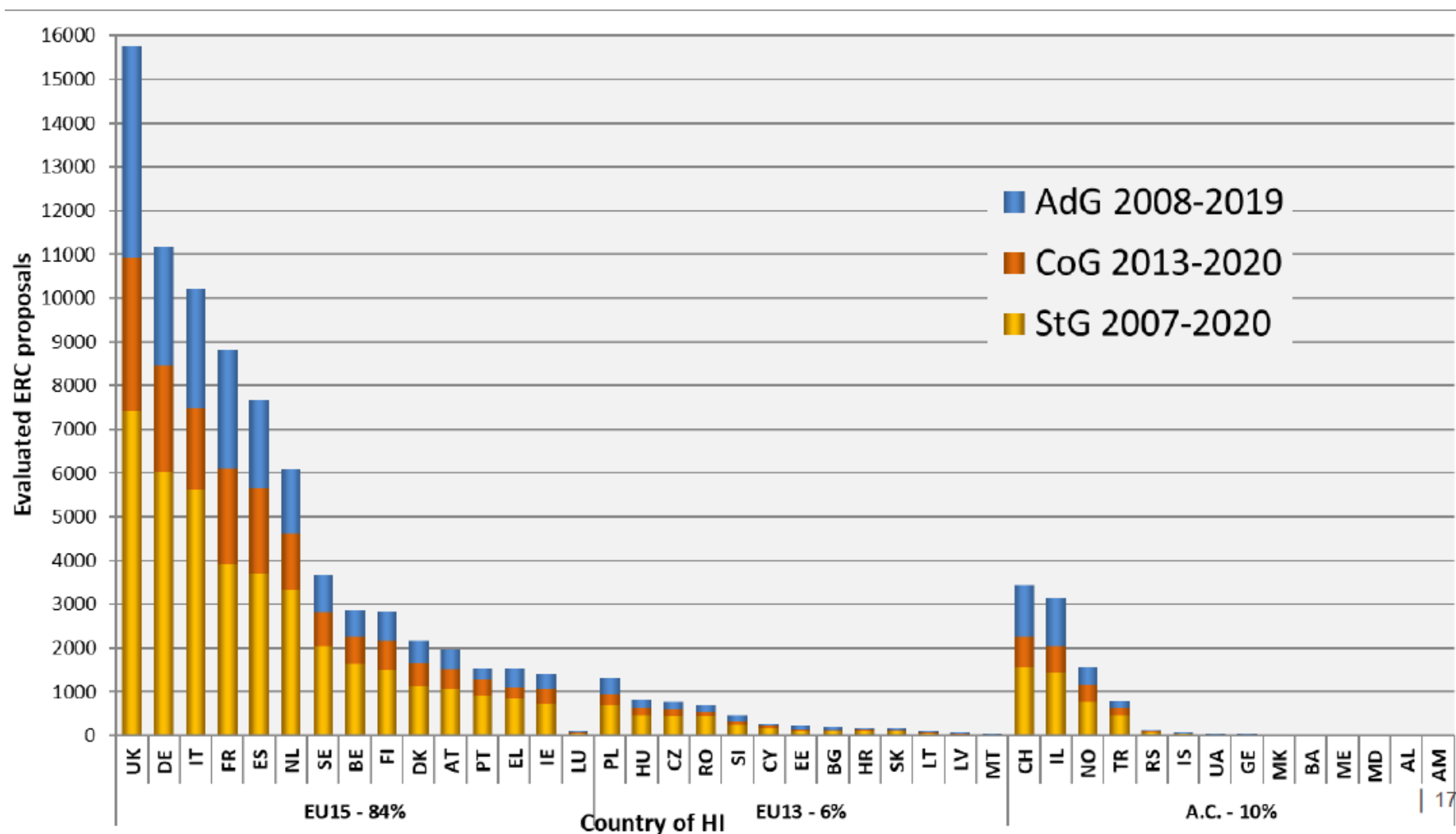
Source: [ERC statistics](#)

UK Success Rate vs Average Success Rate



Source: [ERC statistics](#)

Number of Grants Hosted by Country



Covid-19 and ERC

- Panels are evaluating remotely
- Interviews were held remotely by video conferencing
- Possible to postpone project start date by 6 months
- Possible to extend duration of project by 6 months
- Flexibility on teleworking and time commitments (notify ERCEA)

Remember – EU financial contribution to the project cannot be raised

[Coronavirus – business continuity measures at the ERC](#)

Resources available to find out more

European Research Council Guidance documents

- ERC website: <https://erc.europa.eu/>
- [ERC 2021 Work Programme](#) (key guidance for all calls this year)
- Dedicated pages for [Starting](#), [Consolidator](#) and [Advanced](#)* Grants

**Advanced Grant call has not open yet. We recommend using the [2020 Advanced Information for Applicants](#) and cross-reference with the [2021 Starting & Consolidator Information for Applicants](#) where necessary.*

UKRO ERC Resources

- Contact us: erc-uk@ukro.ac.uk
- [Dedicated NCP Information Pages](#)
- [UKRO ERC Webinars for Applicants](#)

About UKRO

- **Mission**
 - Maximise UK engagement in EU-funded research, innovation and higher education activities
- **Our office**
 - Based in Brussels
 - European office of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI)
 - Delivers subscription-based advisory services for around 140 research organisations in the UK and beyond
- **Horizon Europe National Contact Point**
 - Provides [ERC](#) and [MSCA](#) National Contact Point services on behalf of the UK Government

The screenshot displays the UKRO Portal website. At the top, there is a blue navigation bar with the UKRO logo and the text 'UK Research and Innovation'. The navigation menu includes links for 'ABOUT UKRO', 'ERC NCP', 'MSCA NCP', 'NEWS', 'RESOURCES', 'ELO AREA', and 'UKRI AREA'. Below the navigation bar, there are three breadcrumb-style links: '> UK Participation in the Green Deal Call', '> COVID-19 Guidance Update: Postponing or Extending ERC Projects', and '> UK Research and Development Roadmap'. The main content area features a 'WELCOME TO THE UKRO PORTAL' section with a paragraph explaining the office's role and mission. Below this, there are two buttons: 'EVENTS' (highlighted in blue) and 'ABOUT US'. A blue bar below the buttons reads 'WORKING ON EU-FUNDED PROGRAMMES'. Further down, there is a section titled 'UKRO EVENTS' with a card for an event: 'European Liaison Officer Catch-up' on '13 Jan 2021' at 'THE UK RESEARCH OFFICE (UKRO)'. The event description states: 'UKRO will be holding an online European Liaison Officer Catch-up on Wednesday 13 January 11:00 - 12:00.'