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ERC 2022 Advanced Call Webinar

Session 1:

Overview of the ERC, eligibility and
proposal development

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What will be covered in this webinar?



Introduction to UKRO & UK Participation in Horizon Europe



Overview of the ERC programme



Eligibility criteria



Proposal development



Questions and answers session



About UKRO

We support UK research intensive organisations

UK National Contact Point for European Research Council and Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions programmes

Unique partnership between UKRI and subscribing organisations

Provide a service to more than 140 subscribing organisations

A Brussels-based team of advisors

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UK participation in Horizon Europe

On 24 December 2020, the negotiations on the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement concluded

The [announcement](#) sets out the UK's intention to **associate to Horizon Europe**

This includes **full participation in the programme** (with the exception of the EIC Fund)

UK entities can participate in/coordinate projects and receive funding from Horizon Europe, incl. ERC grants

[European Commission's Q&A](#) confirms **UK eligibility to apply.**

UKRO [website](#) provides latest information on UK participation



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UK-EU TRADE AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Summary

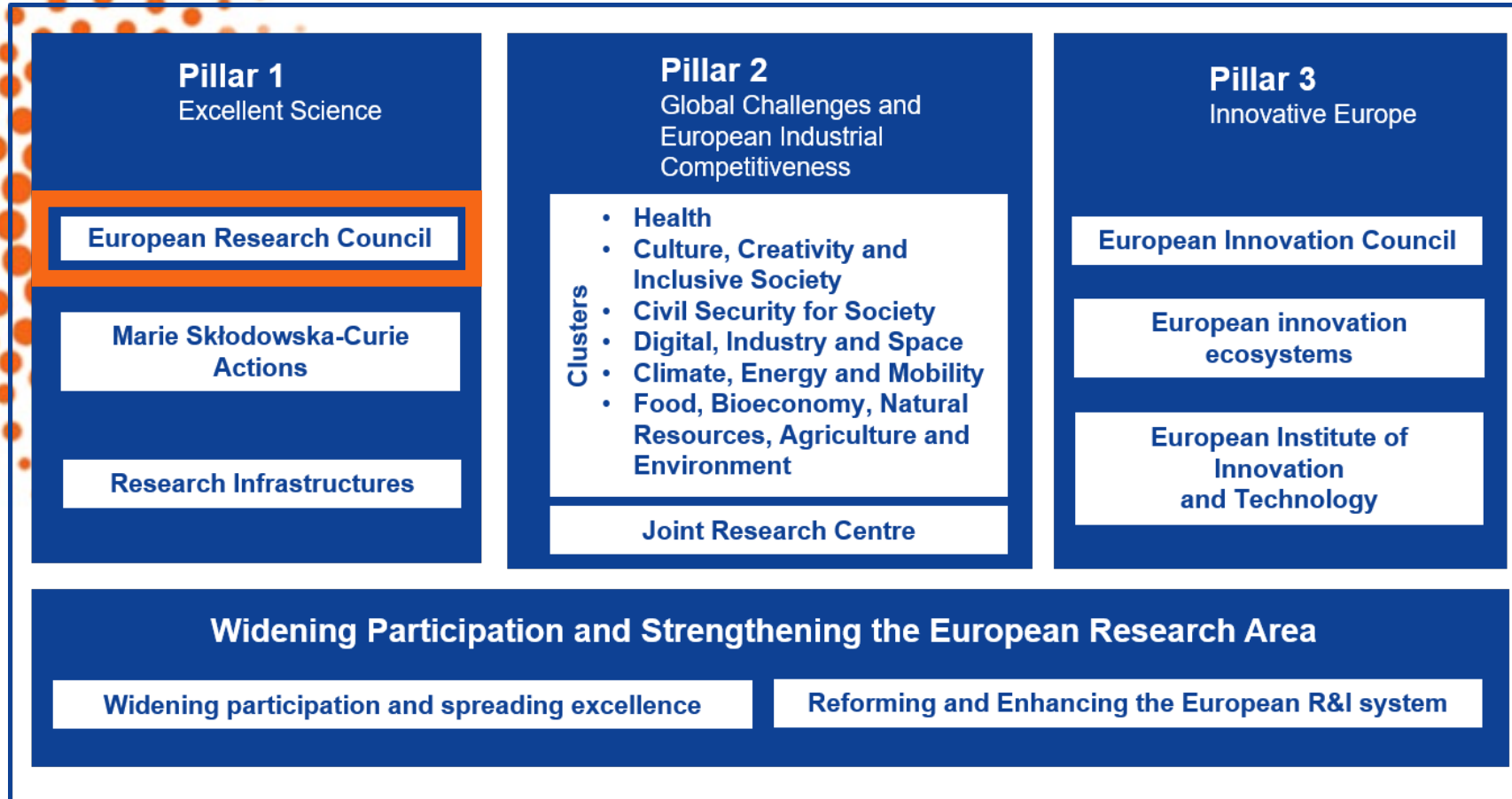
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Overview of the ERC

How does it fit into the wider Horizon Europe and what is it about?



Horizon Europe structure



What is the European Research Council?



The ERC's mission:

- Support investigator-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 of PIs to lead their project with anyone in the world in their team

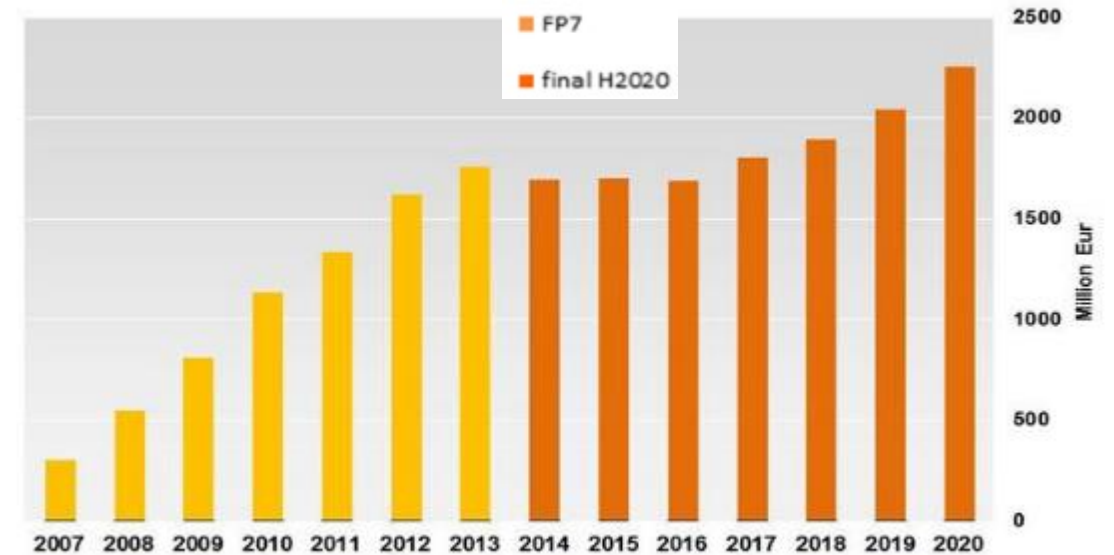
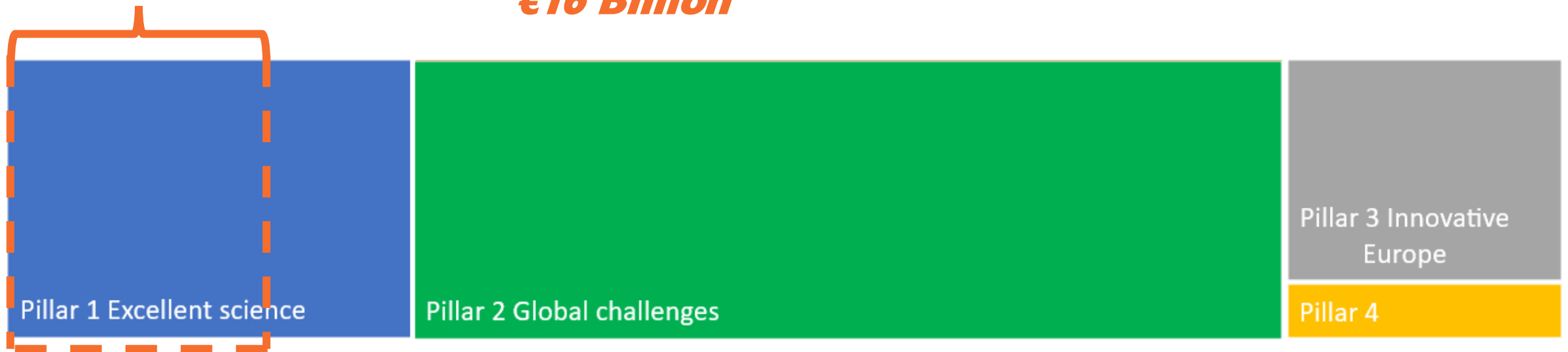


ERC Budget in Horizon Europe

26% increase in real terms compared to Horizon 2020.

Horizon Europe structure is represented below proportionate to budget allocation.

**ERC BUDGET:
€16 Billion**



Years post-PhD

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Starting Grant
€1.5M (+ €1M additional)
Lasts up to **5 years**

Consolidator Grant
€2M (+ €1M additional)
Lasts up to **5 years**

No PhD Requirements

Advanced Grant
€2.5M (+ €1M additional)
Lasts up to **5 years**

Synergy Grant
€10M (+ €4M additional)
Lasts up to **6 years with 2-4 PIs**

Proof Of Concept Grant
€150k Lump Sum, Lasts for **1.5 years**
Top-up grants for current ERC grantees



ERC 2022 Calls

	Starting Grant	Consolidator Grant	Advanced Grant	Synergy Grant	Proof of Concept	
Call Type	ERC-2022-CoG	ERC-2022-CoG	ERC-2022-AdG	ERC-2022-SyG	ERC-2022-PoC1	ERC-2022-PoC2
Call Opens	23/09/2021	19/10/2021	20/01/2022	15/07/2021	15/07/2021	16/11/2021
Deadline	13/01/2022	17/03/2022	28/04/2022	10/11/2021	14/10/2021	15/02/2022
						19/05/2022
						29/09/2022
Budget (€ million)	749	776	555	297	25	25

ERC Panel Structure

Open to any field of research

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

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

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

How do I pick the right panel for me and my project?

Make the right choice/configuration

You must choose a **best fit primary panel** – might not be perfect

You can choose a **secondary panel** – indicate where other panellists could help the primary panel to evaluate your proposal

Choose **Panel Descriptor**– this helps the Panel Chair to identify your proposal’s main readers ahead of the panel meeting.

Choose **ERC-listed keywords from primary/secondary panel** in order of priority

Choose **Free keywords** that complement your selected ERC keywords.

Keywords in your abstract – try to use keywords that define your project because they are used by the ERC to find the right remote expert reviewers.

You can change your chosen panel right up to the deadline.

Evaluation panel section in Part A form

Primary ERC Review Panel*	<input type="text"/>
Secondary ERC Review Panel	<input type="text"/> (if applicable)
ERC Keyword 1*	<input type="text"/> <small>As first keyword please choose one which is linked to the Primary Review Panel. Please select, if applicable, the ERC keyword(s) that best characterize the subject of your proposal in order of priority.</small>
ERC Keyword 2	<input type="text"/>
ERC Keyword 3	<input type="text"/>
ERC Keyword 4	<input type="text"/>
Free keywords	<input type="text"/> <small>In addition, please enter free text keywords that you consider best characterize the scope of your proposal. The choice of keywords should take into account any multi-disciplinary aspects of the proposal.</small>

Do your homework to judge which panel best matches your proposal.

Read panel descriptors & keywords in the [ERC Work Programme](#) to get an idea of the best-fit panel for you – they align with the kinds of experts on the panel.

Search for previously funded projects from your potential panel choices to see examples of projects.
Use the [ERC Information System](#)

Avoid mistakes with your panel selection

What doesn't work...

Don't try to refit your proposal to a more "generous panel" based on previous call statistics.

Why?

- Funding is allocated to panels demand and the ERC aims is for comparable success rates between panels
- That means heavily subscribed panels will have lots of unsuccessful applicants
- This year a panel call may be oversubscribed/undersubscribed compared to recent years, you don't know.
- In any case if you adapt your proposal to another panel, it is less likely to be excellent in the eyes of evaluators.

What if I pick the wrong panel?

Panel chairs can reallocate proposals if they think there is a better place but only on rare occasions

Don't count on a late reallocation:

- No guarantee that panel chairs will do this.
- A good reallocation might not be apparent to them, especially when they are working with a high volume of proposals
- Nobody knows your project like you do, you're best placed to choose the best-fit.



ERC Eligibility Criteria



Types of research funded

- Can be in **ANY** field of research;
- Must be very **ambitious** in **risk** and in **scope**;
- **Principal Investigator** is central to the project, they can be supported by as many “team members” as they need;
- Must be “**frontier research**”, and should not be incremental advances.



More on evaluation criteria in part 2 including how panels and external experts evaluate proposals

Judged on the scientific excellence of the project and PI

No need to aim for externally selected policies or research themes, it's up to the applicant!



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2022 Advanced Grant call details

Call Identifier	ERC-2022-AdG
Budget	€555 Million
Estimated no. grants funded	223



Am I a competitive candidate?

Compared to what?

- Constantly measure yourself against the Advanced Grantee profile and the PI Evaluation Criteria in the [Work Programme](#)
- Think about what this profile looks like in your field of research
- Look at [previously funded Advanced PIs in your field](#), but remember you can present yourself on your own terms

What counts for a good track record?

- Prestigious achievements can matter but they aren't the only way to be successful. There are no blunt markers of an ERC grantee.
- Context matters, demonstrate what you did well and details that show your role so that evaluators can make a nuanced consideration

Don't forget to seek feedback!



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***Are you convinced you fit the profile?
You will need to demonstrate enough
to convince world-leading experts.***

Ten-year track record

In the Track Record (see "Proposal description") the applicant Principal Investigator should list (if applicable, and in addition to any other scientific achievements deemed relevant by the applicant in relation to their research field and project):

- 1. Up to ten representative publications as main author*** (or in those fields where alphabetic order of authorship is the norm, joint author) in ***major international peer-reviewed multi-disciplinary scientific journals*** and/or in the ***leading international peer-reviewed journals and peer-reviewed conference proceedings*** of their respective research fields (properly referenced, field relevant bibliometric indicators²⁴ may also be included); preprints may be included, if freely available from a preprint server (preprints should be properly referenced and either a link to the preprint or a DOI should be provided);
- 2. Research monographs and any translations thereof;***
- 3. Granted patents;***
- 4. Invited presentations to internationally established conferences and/or international advanced schools;***
- 5. Research expeditions*** that the applicant Principal Investigator has led;
- 6. Organisation of international conferences*** in the field of the applicant (membership in the steering and/or organising committee);
- 7. Prizes, awards, academy memberships;***
- 8. Major contributions to the early careers of excellent researchers;***
- 9. Examples of innovation leadership.***

2022 ERC Calls

Resubmission Restrictions

Call to which the Principal Investigator applied under previous ERC Work Programmes and proposal evaluation outcome		2022 ERC calls to which a Principal Investigator is <u>not</u> eligible
2020 and 2021 Starting, Consolidator, Advanced Grant or 2020 Synergy Grant	Rejected on the grounds of a breach of research integrity	Starting, Consolidator, Advanced and Synergy Grant
2020 Starting, Consolidator or Advanced Grant	C at Step 1	Starting, Consolidator and Advanced Grant
2020 Synergy Grant	A, or B at Step 3	No restrictions
	B at Step 1 or 2	No restrictions
	C at Step 1	Advanced and Synergy Grant
2021 Starting, Consolidator or Advanced Grant	A, or B at Step 2	No restrictions
	B, or C at Step 1	Starting, Consolidator and Advanced Grant



How are ERC proposals evaluated?

Excellence is the sole evaluation criterion, applied to:

Research Project

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

Principal Investigator

- Intellectual capacity and creativity

Should I apply this year?

Apply when you're ready

- The calls are annual, if you're not ready, then apply next year

Have you planned ahead?

- It takes a long time and a lot of work to write an ERC proposal

Have you looked at the PI profile?

- If you have gaps, use the guidance profile to aim for achievements ahead of later calls

Don't forget there are resubmission restrictions for ERC calls...

- Don't rush your proposal and risk being excluded for up to two years



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 or associated country willing to host them.

Calculated as an average across entire project duration, can vary to a degree year on year

Grant Type	Minimum % of Working Time on Grant	Minimum % of time* in EU Member State or Associated Country	Years since PhD Award
Starting	50	50	2-7
Consolidator	40	50	7-12
Advanced	30	50	N/A
Synergy	30	50	N/A



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* Fieldwork/work abroad related to the ERC project does not count against time commitment

Host Institution Eligibility



Can be any type of legal entity
(university, business, public body, NGO etc.)



Must be based in the territory of an
EU Member State or Associated Country



Has the infrastructure and capacity to allow the PI to
independently direct the research and manage ERC funding



Must not constrain the PI to the institution's research strategy.
PI has the right to transfer the grant to another institution.



Must 'engage' the PI for project duration, if grant is successful



Not assessed as a separate criterion during peer review but
must sign a letter of commitment as part of application



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If funded, the HI will:

- sign up to the **Grant Agreement**
- sign a '**Supplementary Agreement**' with the PI

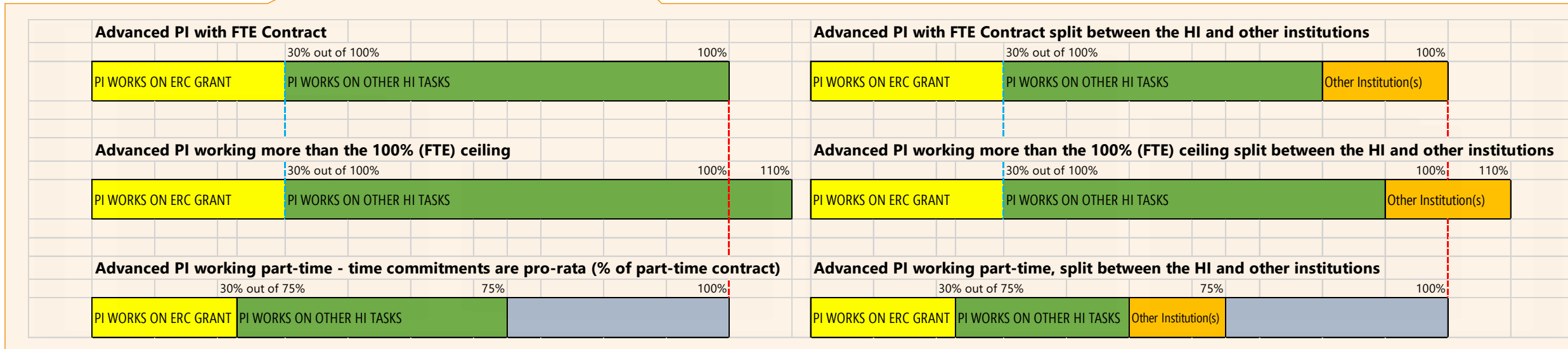
Working out the PI's time commitments

Minimum 30% working time working on the ERC grant

- All percentages are established by reference to the full time equivalent at the host institution (see below) or 1720 hours per year.

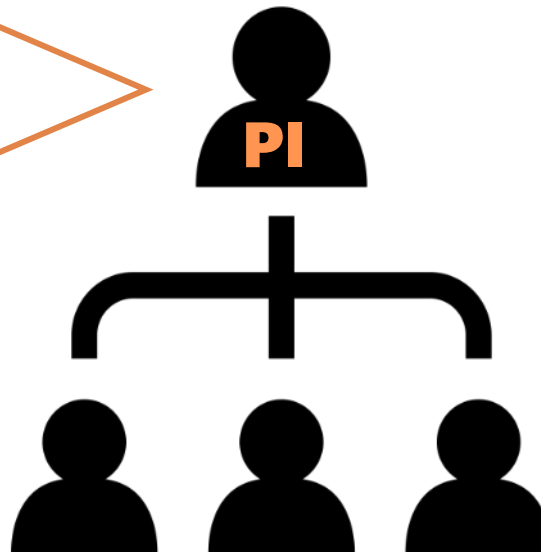
Minimum 50% time spent in Europe (Member State or Associated Country)

Fieldwork/work abroad related to the ERC project does not count against time commitment



Principal Investigators leading 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
- Evaluators reject proposals where the PI is overshadowed by any team members



TEAM MEMBERS

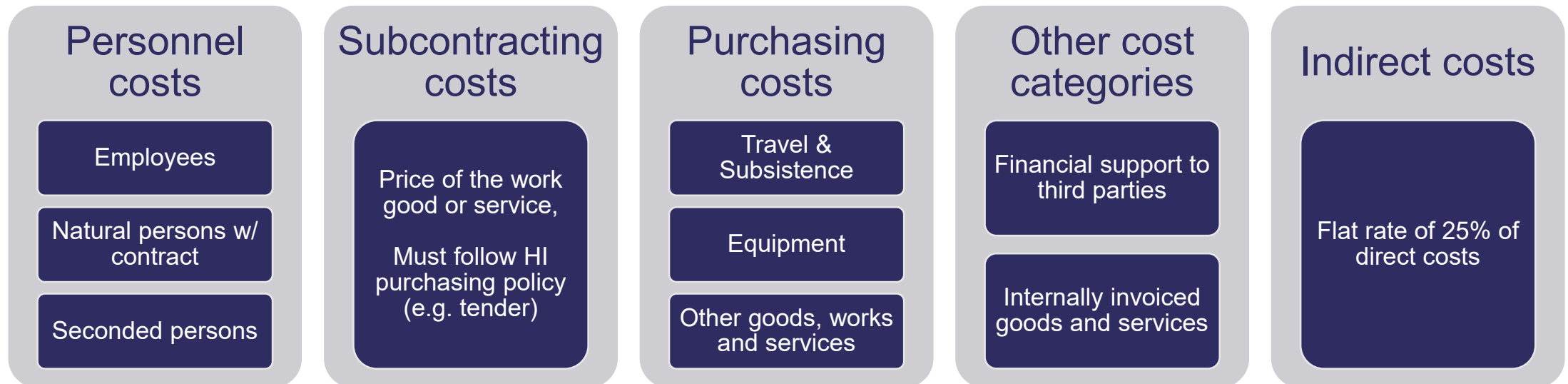
- **Cannot be “co-investigators”**
- **Assigned to specific project outputs/tasks**
- Do activities the PI can't do by themselves
- Should not have purely supervisory/mentor roles
- Can be **research staff at any level** (including technicians and project managers)
- Think about career path of employees
- Of any age, nationality or country of residence
- Can be based **at the Host Institution or any other organisation** in the world
- **EU funded**, even outside member states or associated countries

Eligible costs for ERC projects

The ERC funds up to **100% of the total eligible costs with a 25% flat rate of indirect costs on top.**

- Same as most EU grants – based on actual cost reporting
- The budget covers the full project duration,
- It can be adjusted with budget transfers from one category to another, but the overall grant amount cannot be increased after start date.

The budget is subdivided into:



Whose rules?



Auditors will check that costs are both eligible by ERC rules **and** in keeping with the standard accounting practices of the Host Institution.

e.g. ERC allows hotel bookings in Paris for research trips, but a PI at a Paris host institution would not be allowed to charge it to their grant due to institutional rules

Funding Levels

Grant Type	Main Grant Amount up to:	“Additional Funding” up to:
Starting	€1.5 M	€1.0 M
Consolidator	€2.0 M	€1.0 M
Advanced	€2.5 M	€1.0 M
Synergy	€10 M	€4.0 M

ERC's Additional Funding:

- eligible “start-up” costs for PIs moving from outside Europe
- the purchase of major equipment
- access to large facilities
- major experimental/fieldwork costs (excluding personnel)

Additional funding requests are **mixed into the main budget table** but **written separately** in the justification of resources text



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Recap on what makes a quality ERC project

- You need to have a strong research question
 - ✓ *Interesting, significant, novel, exciting*
 - ✓ *Clearly define what the state of the art is and how your project goes beyond this*
- Need to have an excellent methodology
 - ✓ *Multidisciplinary research is strongly encouraged – as the PI you are not expected to be the expert in everything, but the best person to make the project succeed*
 - ✓ *As the PI, it's up to you to decide the structure to best solve your research question*
- Have realistic and well-defined research objectives
- Dedicate a lot of time to write an ERC proposal, plan wisely



What Do We Mean by Frontier Research?

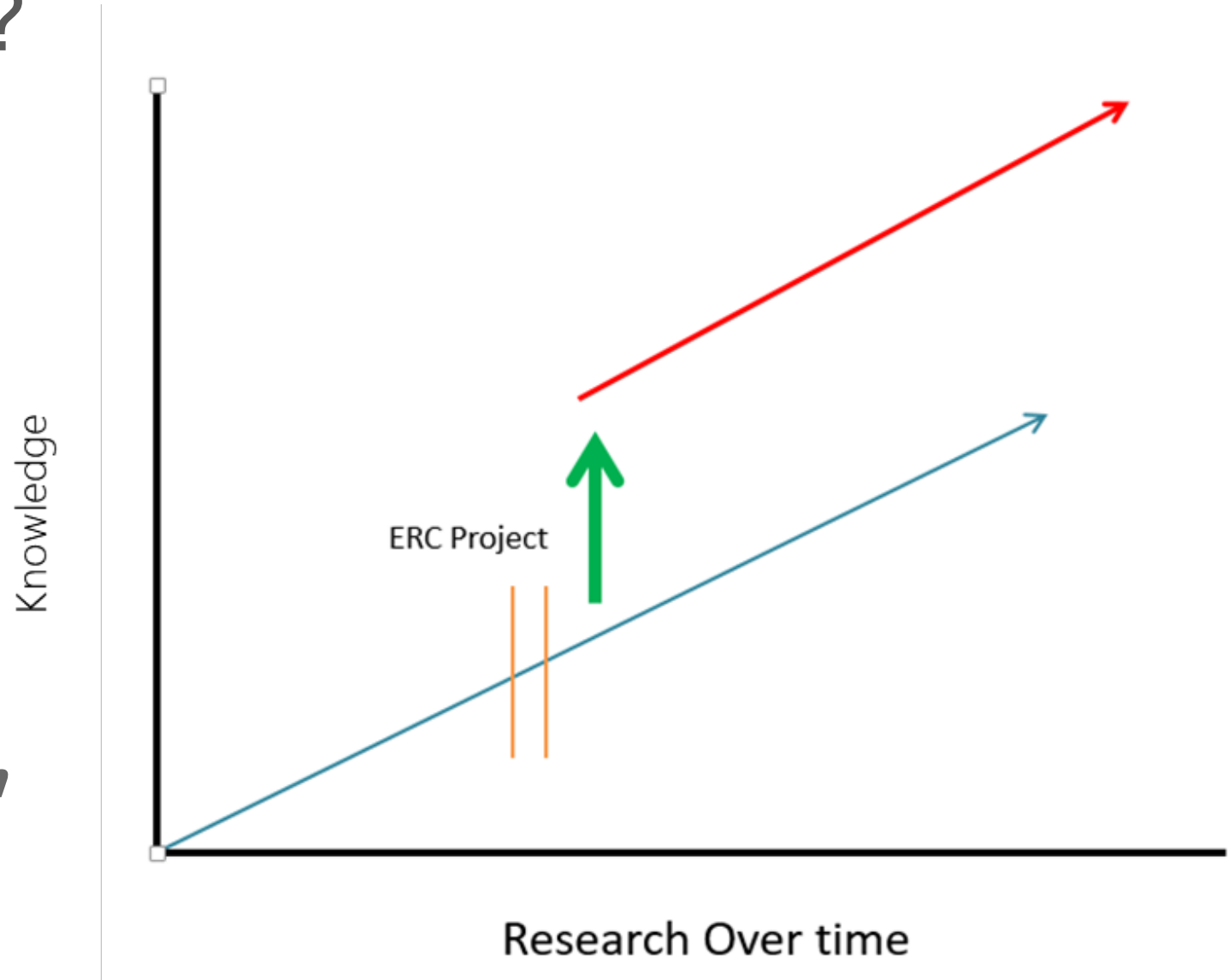
Groundbreaking research

Goes beyond current limits of your research area

Develops new horizons

New solutions to old problems

Exciting, high risk-high gain





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ERC Proposal Development

Part B1 & B2

Part A is addressed in tomorrow's session



1-Step Submission

All parts submitted together by the call deadline.

Part A is filled in online.

B1, B2 & Annexes are uploaded as PDFs.

Part A

*Administrative Forms
and Abstract*

- General Info
- Participating Institutions
- Budget & Description of Resources
- Ethics Check

Part B1

*Proposal Overview
and PI Track Record*

- Cover page and summary
- Extended Synopsis (5 pages)
- CV (2 pages)
- Funding ID
- Track Record (2 pages)

Part B2

*Detailed Research
Proposal*

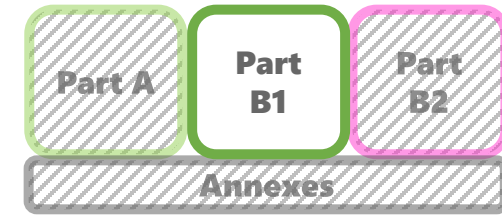
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- Methodology

(Total of 14 pages)

Annexes

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Part B1 – Step 1 of the Evaluation



Strict formatting requirements:

Page Format	Font Type	Font Size	Line Spacing	Margins
A4	Times New Roman, Arial or similar	At least 11	Single	2cm Side 1.5cm Bottom

Part B1 includes:

- Cover Page (info repeated from Part A)
- Extended Synopsis (5 pages)
- CV (2 pages)
- Track Record (2 pages)
- Funding ID (not counted towards page limit)

Writing the Extended Synopsis

Self-contained

- All the essential info about your idea in 5 pages.
- Describe where the novelty lies – what is the state-of-the-art and how does this proposal go further?
- Your synopsis should be **referenced**, these won't count towards page limits – using end-notes is recommended.

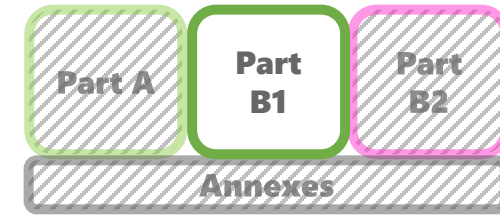
Persuasive to generalists

- A variety of experts decide collectively whether to pass the proposal to Step 2.
- Be clear and don't use **specialist jargon** because the panel are generalists as a whole, some will be less familiar with your field.
- Applicants need to **persuade the whole panel** – include just enough info and don't give any reasons to reject!

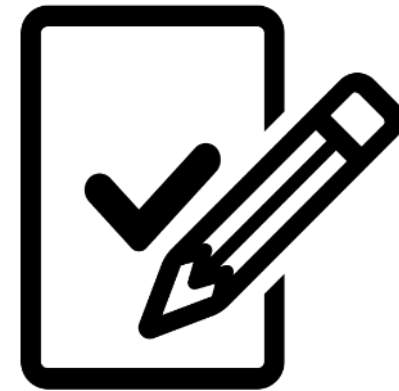
Entertaining!

- Sell your idea and yourself – the synopsis should grab the panellists' attention
- Your idea should be ambitious – be explicit about **high risk and potentially high gain**.
- The description of novelty and ambition should leave them curious to find out **more detail** in Part B2 and the interview at Step 2.

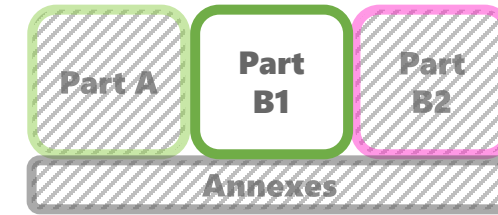
Things to think about: Extended Synopsis



- **Dual role:** key text in stand-alone B1, then goes hand-in hand with the B2 full proposal. Make it work in both ways, not as a summary of the full proposal
- **What excites you about your research?** Convey that in your application
- **Scientific Impact** – how can you change your field of research and make progress beyond the current state-of-the-art.
 - Does the research open new lines of research and/or enquiry
 - Will it lead to new scientific activity and further questions beyond the current frontier?
 - Be positive about achievements made by others thus far then demonstrate you have something new and different to offer.
- **Timeliness and relevance of the work during the project**, not just at the deadline but throughout the project's five years. Scientific impact can also be made at anytime of the project, not just at the end
- **Research Aims, should clearly link to the research objectives**, which should clearly link to research methodology(ies)



Writing your CV and filling in your Funding ID



Use the suggested template

- 2 page limit
- Be concise and make sure the CV is laid out clearly. Choose additional highlights wisely.
- CV template can also give you an indication of how to build your track record for future ERC bids.

Career breaks, reduced capacity or unconventional careers

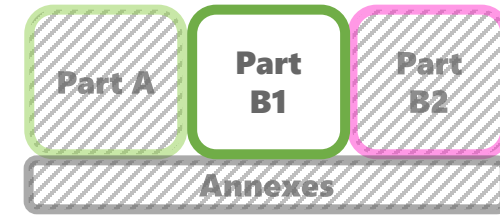
- Complement any 10-year track record extensions with a descriptions of how/when you have been restricted.
- What were able to achieve despite these restrictions or thanks to this unconventional path?
- New in 2022 Covid-19 Impact to scientific productivity (multiple choice w/300 characters)

Describe significance

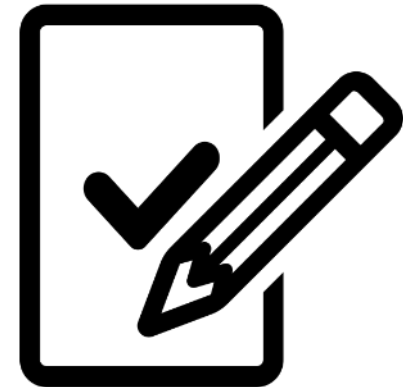
- Adding concise descriptive captions can help explain why an entry is significant
- What experience can be flagged as being an exceptional leader in terms of originality and significance of your research contributions?
- Your story will be told in the track record, but you can lay out the timeline and context in the CV.

Funding ID table lists your current grants and on-going/submitted grant applications. You also have to briefly outline any scientific overlap with the ERC proposal. (This table will not count towards the page limits).

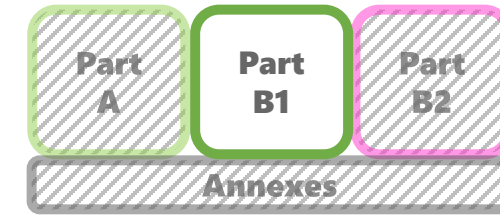
Things to think about: Your CV



- Make your CV bespoke and well-suited to the ERC evaluation criteria. Use the template but also include any kind of relevant activities
- Make sure the CV is **easy to read**, and information is easy to find
- **Briefly explain context** such as any career breaks or unusual pathways – this can be used to extend your 10-year track record
- Entries can be **linked explicitly to the ERC's PI evaluation criterion**: how you fit the profile given the context of your field and career context.
- **Highlight activities** that show your significant research achievements in the last 10 years and evidence of being an exceptional leader in terms of originality and significance of your research contributions
- What was **your contribution** to key publications/activities?



Writing your 10 Year Track-Record



Track Record

- 2 pages
- **Tell your story** - provide a brief explanation of what each entry on the CV & Funding ID indicates about you as an excellent potential Principal Investigator.
- Relate your story points directly to the **PI evaluation criteria**.

Up to 10 publications

- Choose your most important 10, with a eye for strong links to the proposal
- Add **descriptive captions** if helpful to set the context for the authorship and impact of a publication.
- These publications will be judged on the basis of expectations in your field, but **make sure their significance comes across to generalists**.

Highlight leadership

- How and when have you **distinguished yourself in your field?**
- What activity demonstrated sound leadership in the **training and advancement of young scientists**
- When did your activity attract the attention or participation of **important figures in your field?**

10 years of achievements

- You must demonstrate achievements and leadership over the last 10 years. This can be extended for maternity/paternity leave etc.
- Advanced Grant sets **high expectations** appropriate for an established researcher.
- Achievements can include **anything significant in your field**, the evaluators will be in your general field so they will recognise them. Can include:
 - Patents granted
 - Prizes/awards/academy memberships
 - Etc.

Part A

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Part B2

Detailed Research Proposal

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***At Step 2 there is also a ~30 min interview with your panel
(presentation and Q&A)***

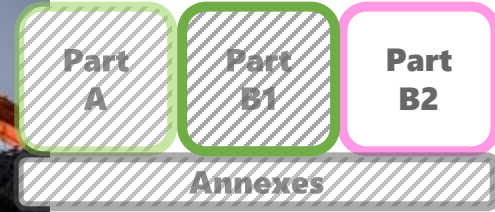
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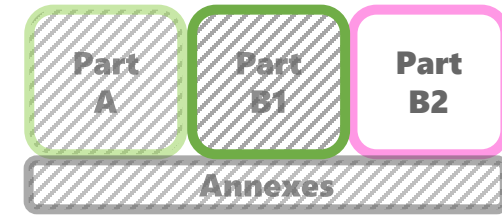
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Part B2

- **State of the art and objectives**
 - Objectives here become grant agreement objectives
- **Methodology**
 - Proposed methodology
 - Milestones and alternatives
 - Risk and mitigation
 - Project Management
 - Publication & Exploitation of results



Writing your 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.

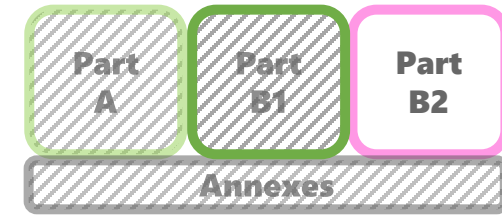
State of the art

- 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.

Writing your 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**.
- ERC accepts high risk to hopefully reach high gain – so don't shy away
- But evaluators and external experts can be risk averse.
- Explicit but controlled risk

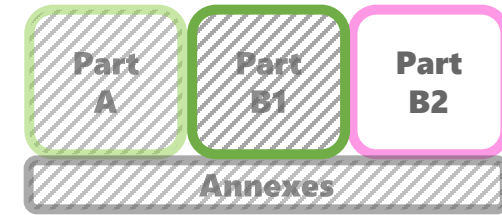
Your team

- 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.

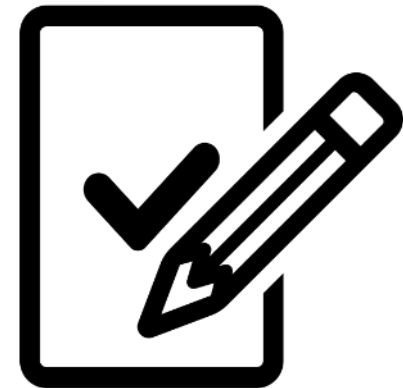
Justify resources

- 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**.

Things to think about: The Scientific Proposal



- **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.



Other points to consider

Important aspects of proposal development that might not be immediately apparent.



Open Science

Under Horizon Europe, beneficiaries of ERC grants must ensure open access to all peer-reviewed scientific publications relating to their ERC project results.

- **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.

[Provisions related to Open Science can be found on pages 107 – 109 of the Model Grant Agreement](#)



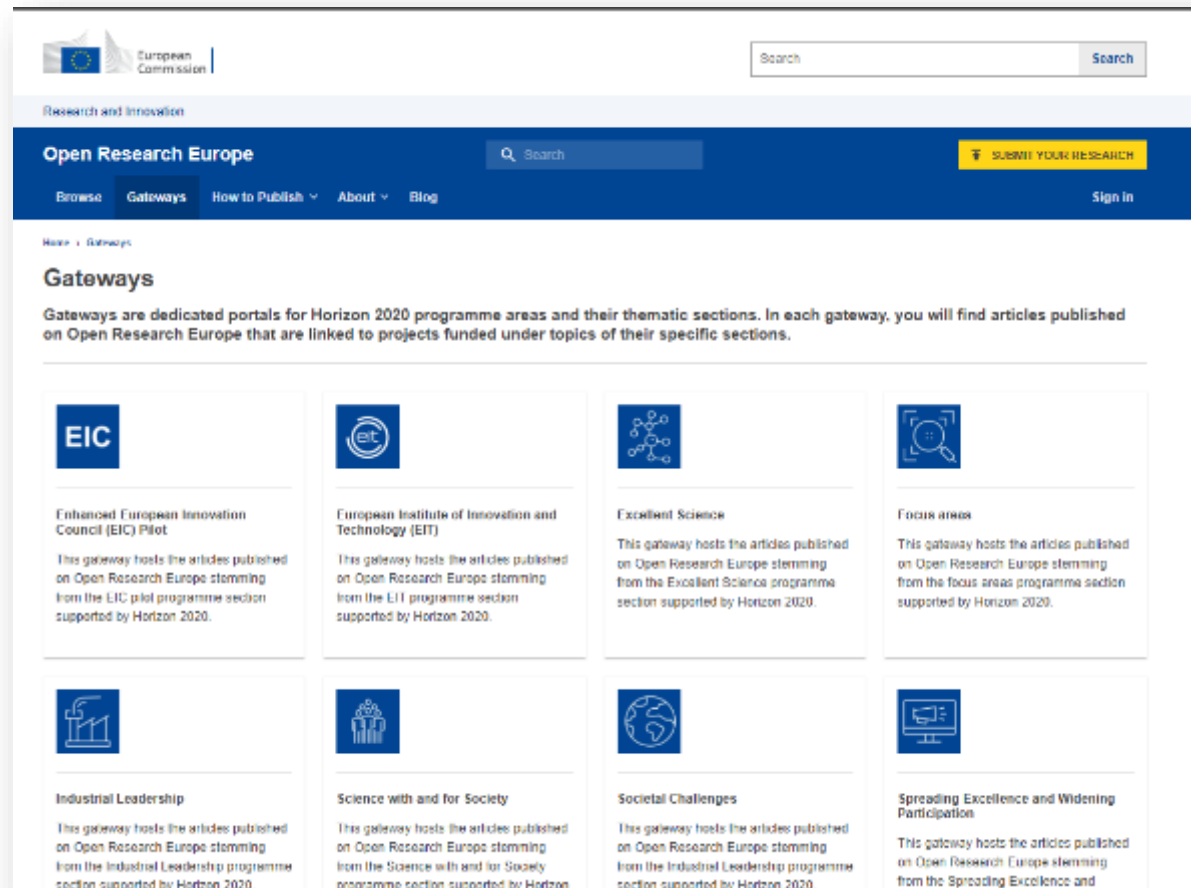
- ❖ [Guidelines on FAIR Data Management in Horizon 2020](#)
- ❖ www.openaire.eu
- ❖ <https://www.fosteropenscience.eu/>

Publishing Fees

Will not be eligible for funding from the grant if the publication venue is not fully open access

(i.e. a fully open access journal or book, or an open access publishing platform like, e.g., Open Research Europe)

Open Research Europe



The screenshot displays the Open Research Europe website interface. At the top, there is a search bar and a navigation menu with options like 'Browse', 'Gateways', 'How to Publish', 'About', and 'Blog'. The main content area is titled 'Gateways' and includes a brief description: 'Gateways are dedicated portals for Horizon 2020 programme areas and their thematic sections. In each gateway, you will find articles published on Open Research Europe that are linked to projects funded under topics of their specific sections.' Below this, there are eight gateway cards arranged in a 2x4 grid, each with an icon and a short description of the articles it hosts.

Gateway Name	Description
Enhanced European Innovation Council (EIC) Pilot	This gateway hosts the articles published on Open Research Europe stemming from the EIC pilot programme section supported by Horizon 2020.
European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)	This gateway hosts the articles published on Open Research Europe stemming from the EIT programme section supported by Horizon 2020.
Excellent Science	This gateway hosts the articles published on Open Research Europe stemming from the Excellent Science programme section supported by Horizon 2020.
Focus areas	This gateway hosts the articles published on Open Research Europe stemming from the focus areas programme section supported by Horizon 2020.
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Scholarly publishing platform that will provide Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe beneficiaries with a no-cost full open access peer-reviewed publishing service, across all fields of research

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

Why Gender?

Sex & Gender is not an extra criteria, but it could have a lot to do with your proposal's scientific excellence.

Make sure you think about it in your research design relative your field/discipline, evaluators might see this as a gap in your proposal.

Some ideas to ponder:

- Integrating the gender dimension in R&I can be added value in terms of **excellence** and **creativity**
- S&G helps researchers question gender norms and stereotypes, to rethink standards and reference models – **improve methodology**
- It can **enhance** the **validity of results** and the **societal relevance** of the knowledge, technologies and innovations produced.
- It also contributes to the **production of goods and services** better suited to potential markets – not specifically important for winning an ERC but it could be a big deal further down the line.

[Click here to watch an ERC workshop](#)

*ERC grantees talking about how the **Sex and Gender Dimension is involved in each ERC domain***

(Physical Sciences & Engineering, Life Sciences and Social Sciences & Humanities)

Covid-19 and the ERC

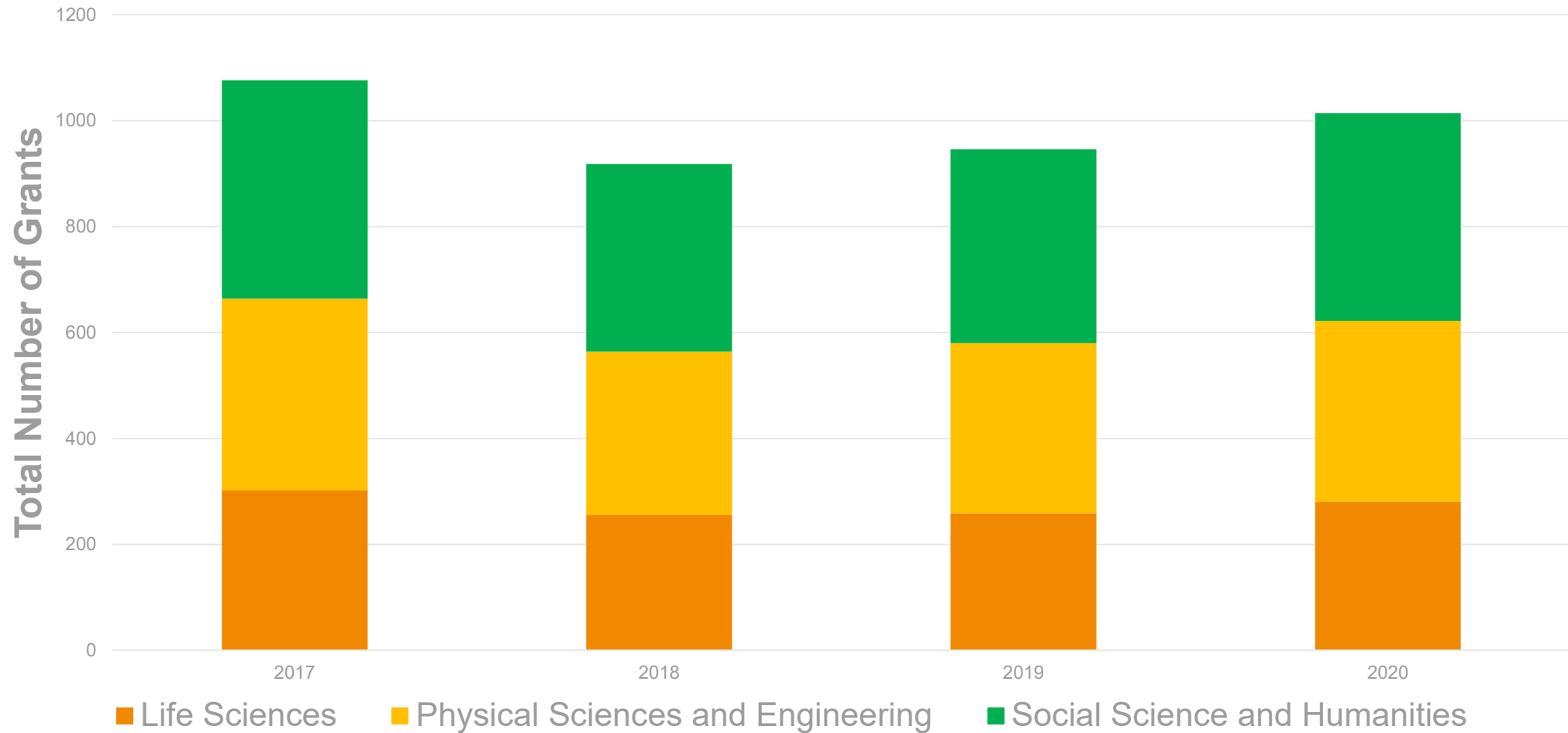
- Possible to postpone project start date by 6 months
- Possible to extend duration of project by 6 months or further on case by case basis
- Flexibility on teleworking and time commitments (notify ERCEA)
- **New in 2022** – Covid-19 Impact to scientific productivity (300 characters in CV)

Remember – EU financial contribution to the project cannot be raised

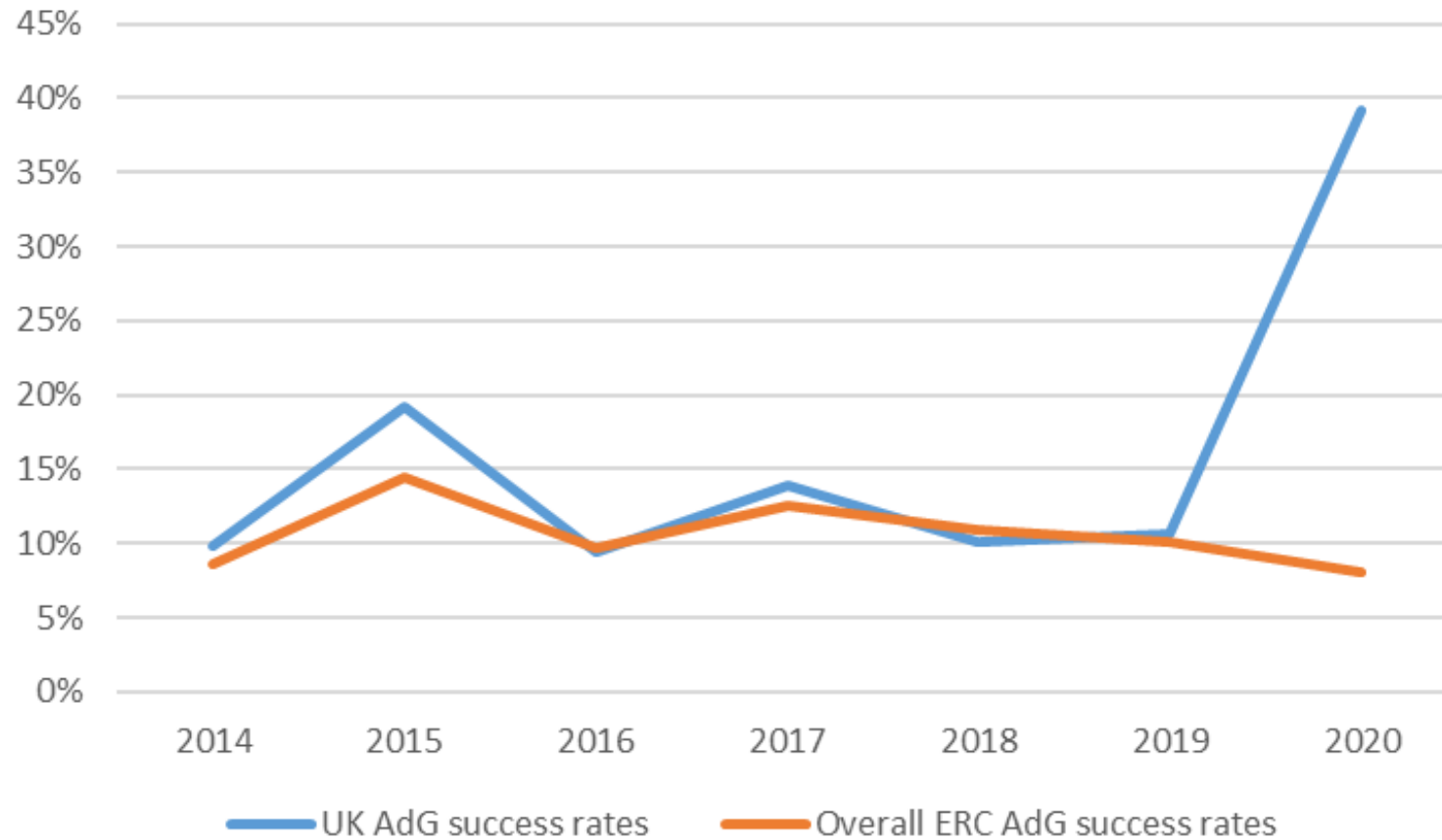
[Click here for the ERC's up to date coronavirus measures](#)
(covering submission, evaluation and implementation)



Combined ERC Awards by Domain



UK Success Rate vs Average Success Rate



ERC AdG 2020 Results

UK highlights

1st

In the overall ranking of Host Institution Countries.

- *Top for Social Sciences & Humanities domain*
- *2nd in Life Sciences and Physical Sciences and Engineering*

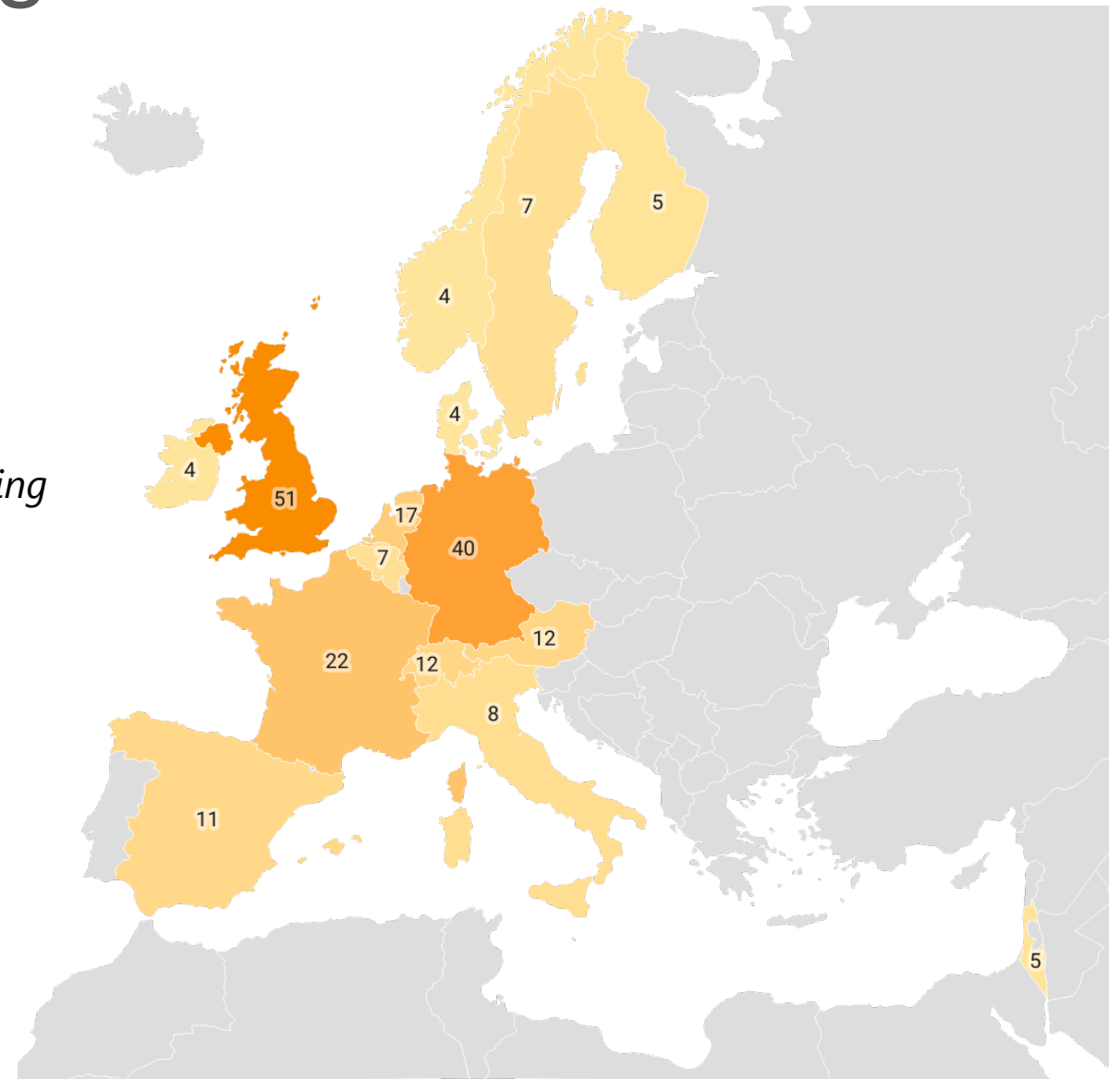
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Nationalities of ERC PI's choosing a UK-based Host.

- *Broadest diversity out of all countries.*

Over €121 million

Total funding awarded to UK hosted projects



Source: [ERC statistics](#)

ERC-2020-AdG

Results in more detail

- **209** proposals selected for funding from a total of **2678** evaluated.
- ~8% overall success rate
- 39% success rate for UK proposals passed to Step 2 of Evaluation

AdG 2021 Evaluation is ongoing
– over 100 UK applicants are in at Step 2 now.

2021 results are expected in mid-May, unlikely to be out in time for the 2022 deadline

Expected success rate: 14.4%

Breakdown by research domain:

	Physical Sciences & Engineering	Life Sciences	Social Sciences & Humanities
Proposals evaluated	1175	746	757
Proposals selected	92	62	55



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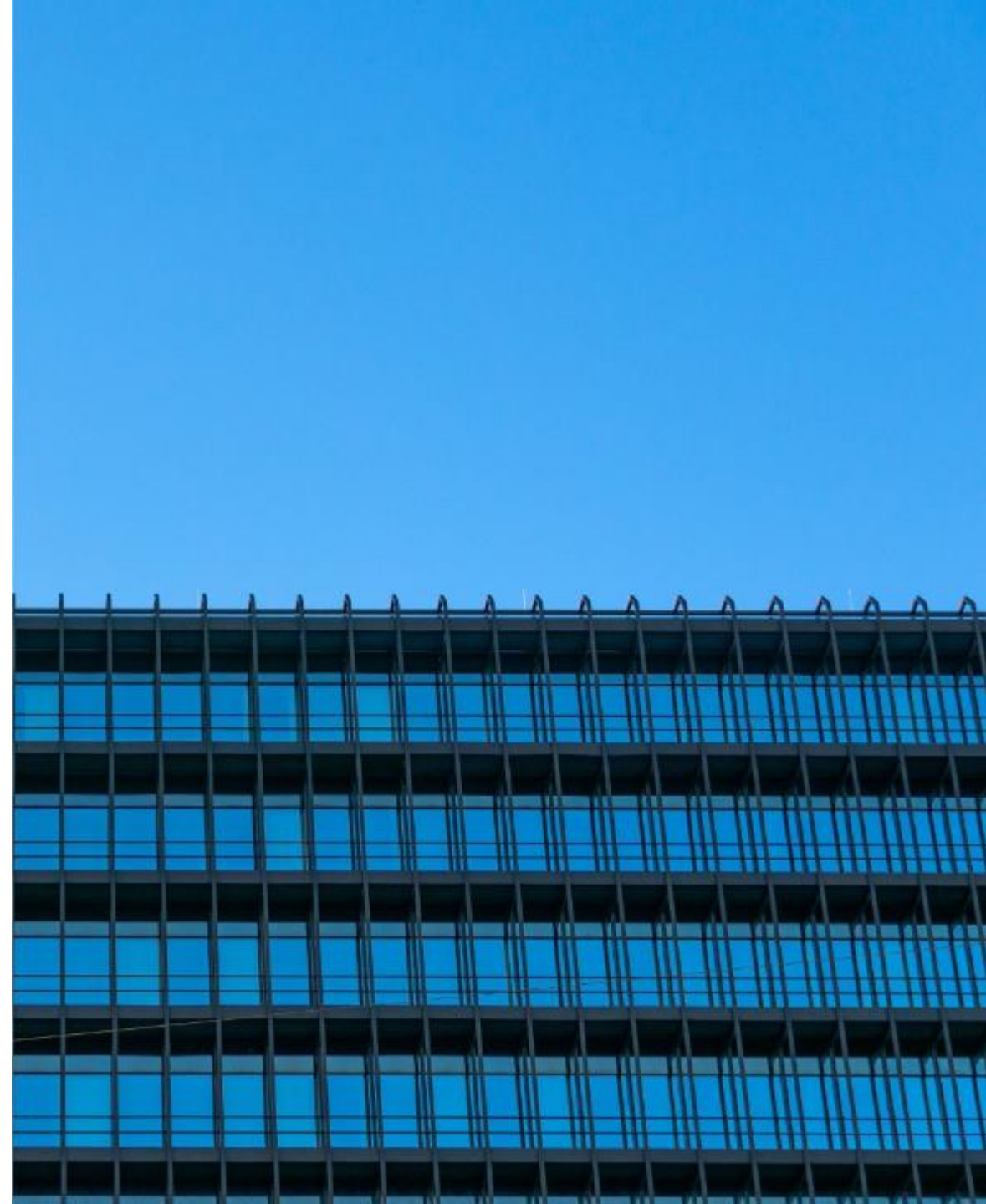
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Images of 2020 Advanced Grantees sourced from the [ERC website](#)

Click here to see an [interactive database of all ERC projects](#)

Useful links

- [ERC 2022 AdG call on the Funding and Tenders portal](#)
- [ERC 2022 AdG Information for Applicants](#)
- [Draft Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement](#)
- [Part A. 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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Thank you, any questions?



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