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UK NCP Information Session



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Agenda for today



10.00 am – 12.30 pm



Overview of the ERC



Eligibility criteria



Proposal development



Submission Process



Evaluation



Q&A



Break



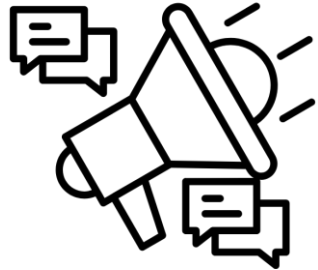
ERC Testimonial



Q&A

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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 the Speakers



Prof. Tiina Roose
University of Southampton
ERC Consolidator Grantee



Dr. Antonino Puglisi
UK Research Office
UK National Contact Point ERC



About UKRO

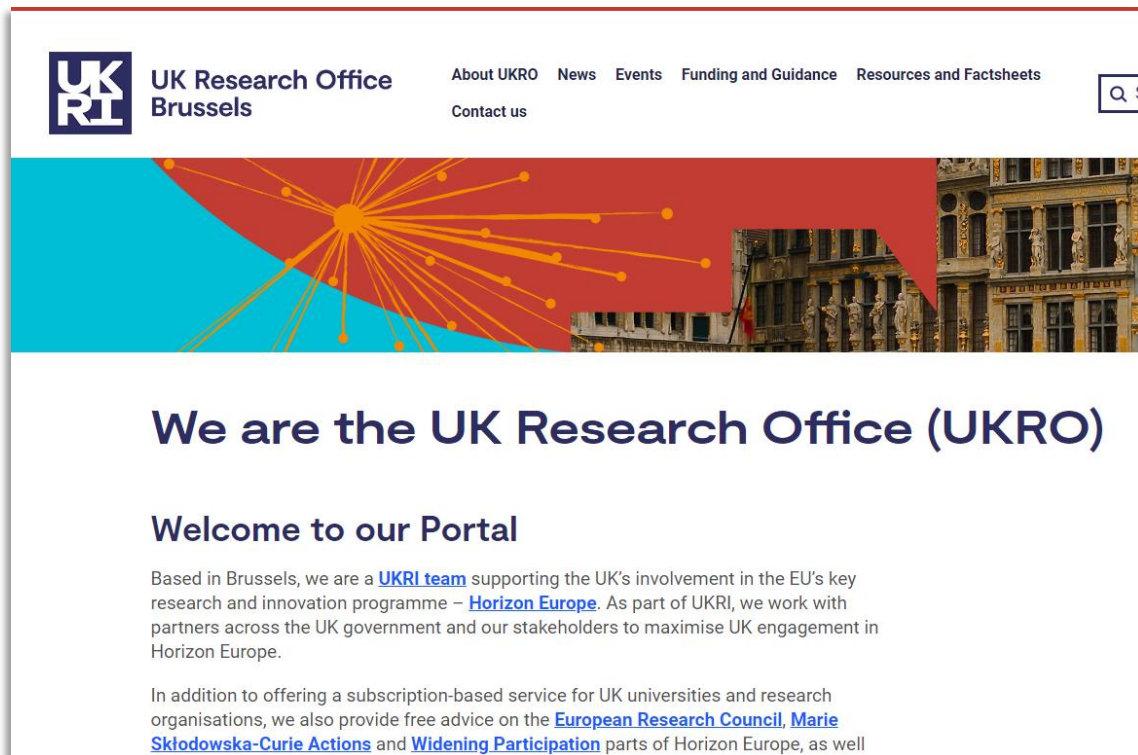
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 - Provide service to more than 140 subscribing organisations
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UK Association to Horizon Europe & Copernicus

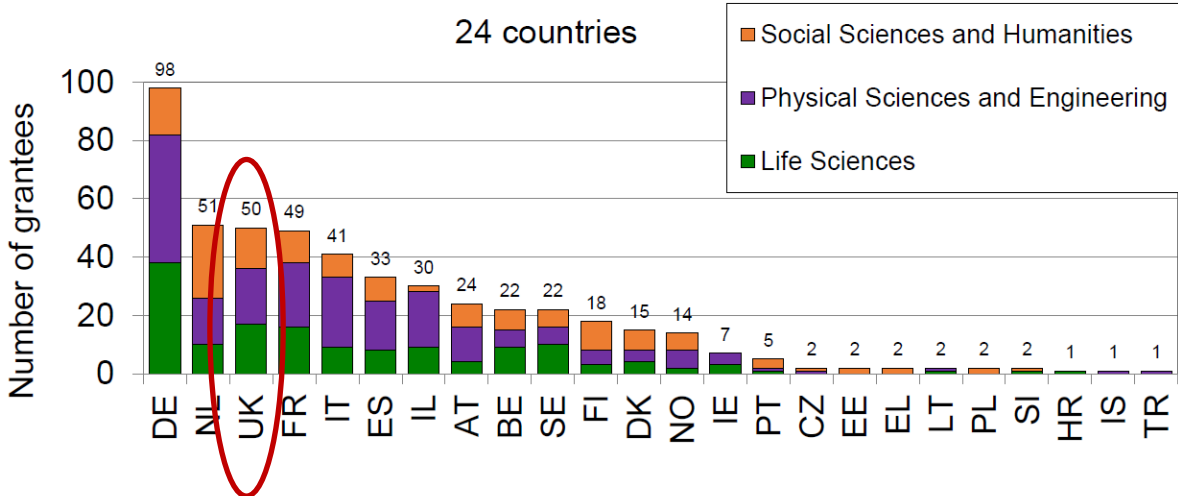
- **From 1 Jan 2024 UK organisations can bid into Horizon Europe**
 - With some exclusions - EIC Accelerator Investment Fund, some Cluster 4 calls governed by Article 22.5

- **UK entities can participate as collaborators and project leads**
 - Grant agreement set up between the Commission
 - Costs met by the Commission

- **UK participation in the ERC – looks promising**
 - First data on UK participation (ERC-2024-StG) – UK won 50 Starter grants, 11% success rate



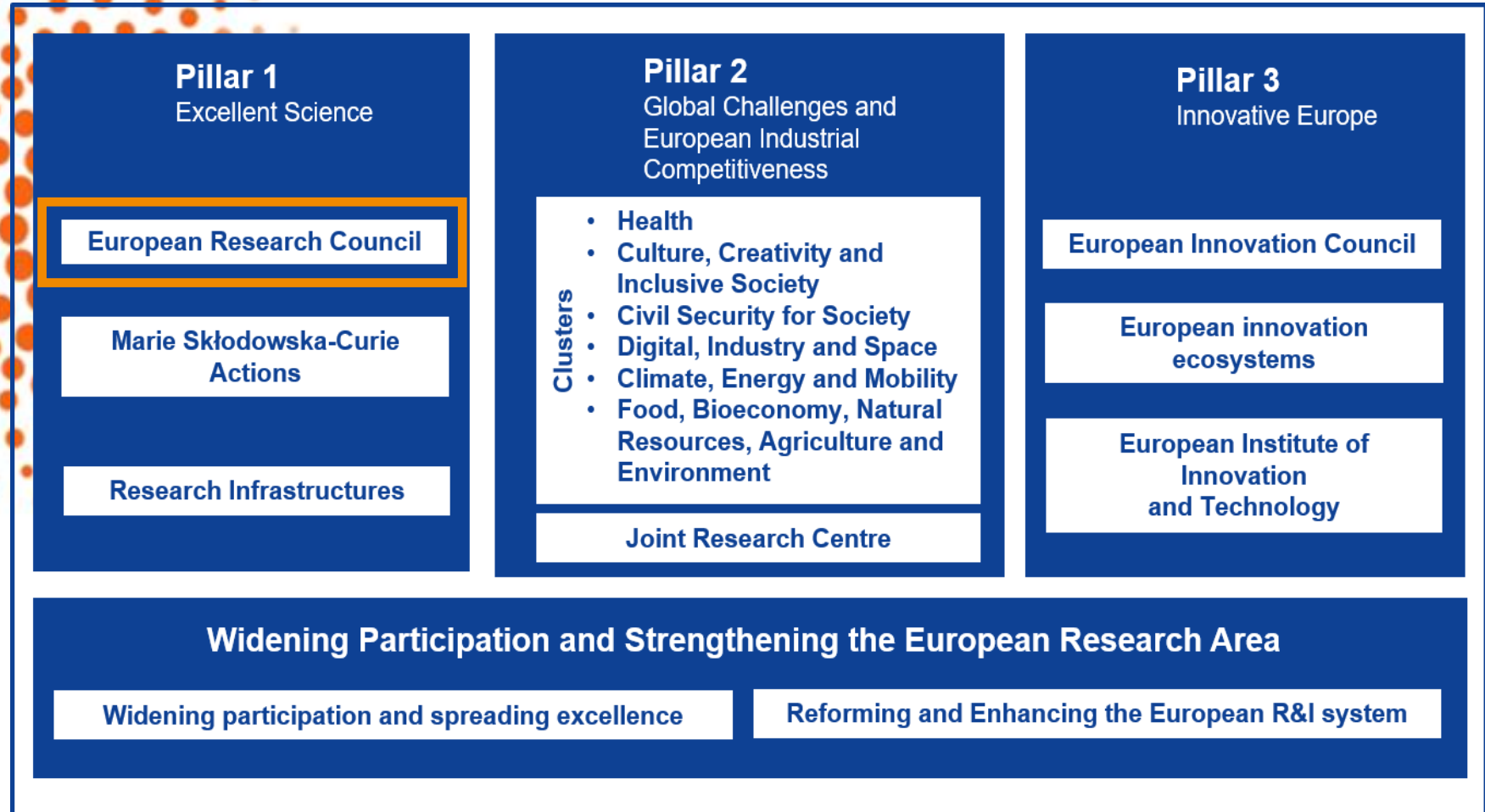
ERC Starting Grants 2024
Grantees by Country of Host Institution and Domain
 Total 494 grants



Overview of the ERC



Horizon Europe overview



What is the 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
- Funding split based on number of applications, *not* field/discipline/topic
- Freedom to work with and fund team members from anywhere in the world



BOTTOM-UP, CURIOSITY-LED EXCELLENT RESEARCH

ERC in Figures: After 15 Years, a Success Story



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



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



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



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



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



93
nationalities of
grant holders



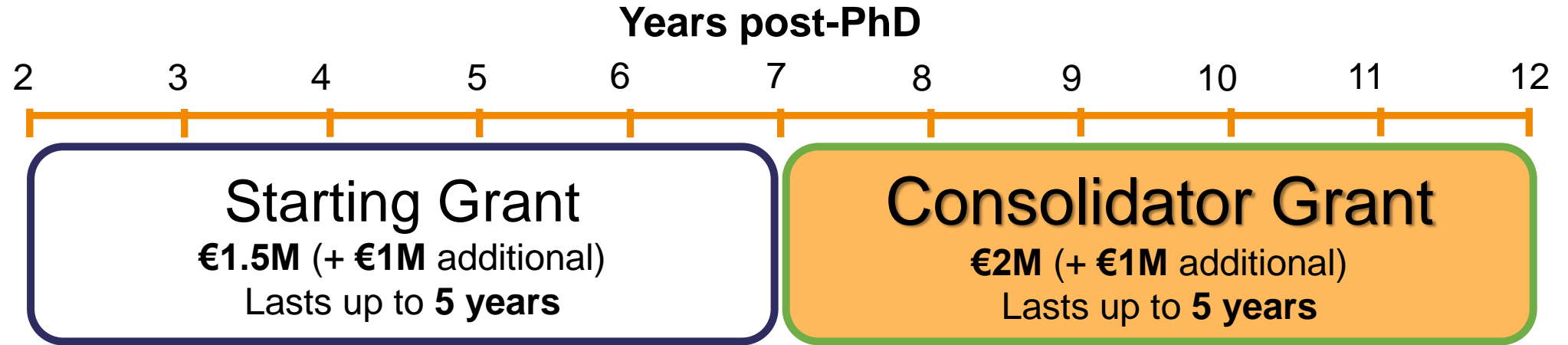
Over **400**
start-ups identified as founded
or co-founded by ERC grantees



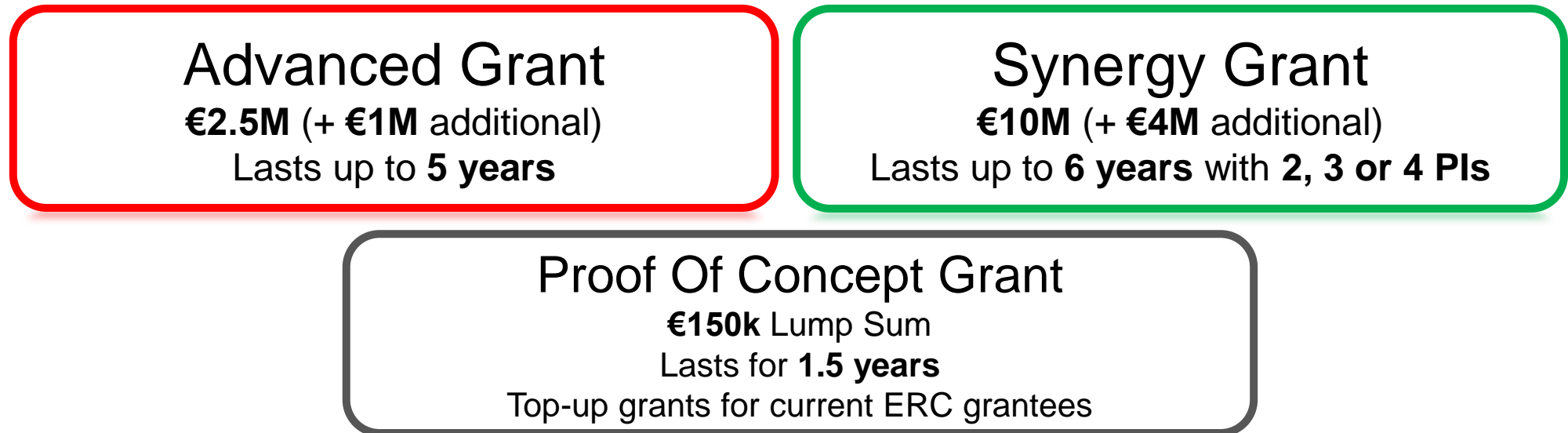
12 Nobel Prizes, **6** Fields Medals, **11** Wolf Prizes
and other prizes awarded to ERC grantees



ERC Grant Opportunities



No PhD Requirements





	StG	CoG	AdG	SyG
Identifier	ERC-2025-StG	ERC-2025-CoG	ERC-2025-AdG	ERC-2025-SyG
Call opens	10 July 2024	26 September 2024	22 May 2025	11 July 2024
Call deadline	15 October 2024	14 January 2025	28 August 2025	6 November 2024



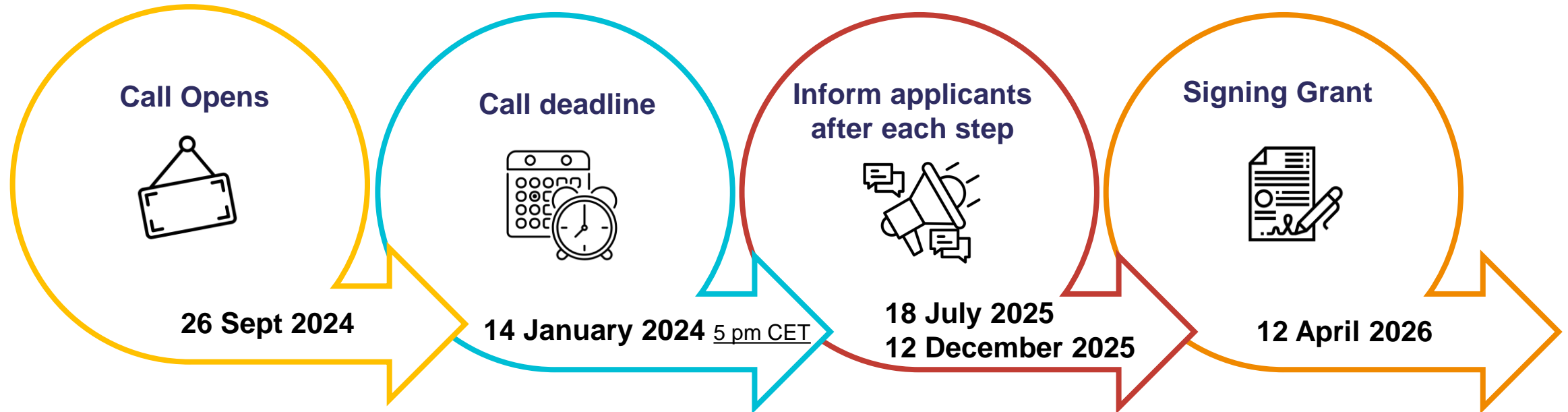
2025 Consolidator Grant (ERC-2025-CoG)



€719 M



354 grants



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Single submission

Two-step evaluation



Eligibility criteria



Types of research funded

- Can be in **any** field of research
- Must be very **ambitious** in **scope**
- **Principal Investigator** is central to the project
- Must be “**frontier research**”

Judged **on the scientific excellence** of the project and PI

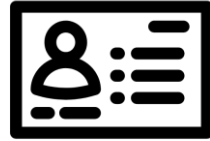
No need to aim for externally selected policies or research themes



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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

Time Commitment in the ERC Consolidator

40% minimum of working time on grant

50% minimum time in EU's MS or AC



2025 Consolidator Grant Eligibility window

- Applicants must hold a PhD between **7 and 12 years before 1st Jan 2025**
- **Cut-off dates** between 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2017
- The date of the PhD considered for the calculation of the eligibility period **is the date of the successful defence of the first PhD degree**



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Extending Eligibility window

Maternity leave

(18 months per child
or longer if documented)

Paternity leave

(actual amount of
documented leave taken)

National service

(Actual amount of
documented leave taken)

Long-term illness

(lasting over 90 days)
Illness of PI/family member

Clinical training

Maximum 4 years

Seeking Asylum

(Actual amount of
documented time)

Natural Disaster

(Actual amount of documented
time, min. 30 days)

Disability



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



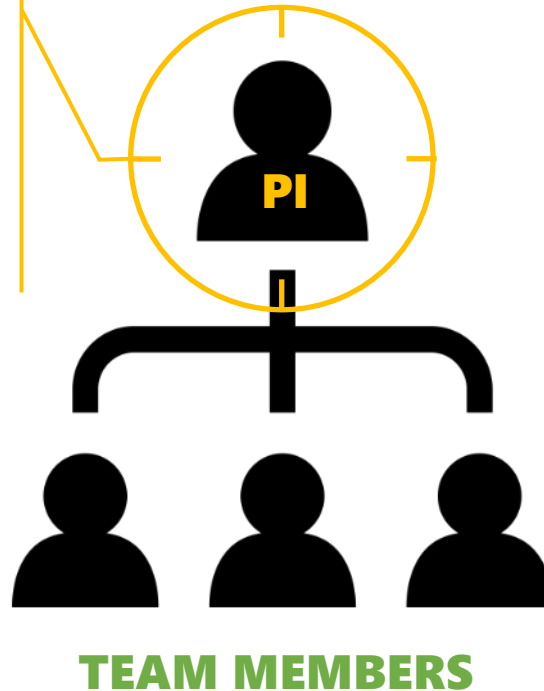
Not assessed at evaluation



- ✓ 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

Funding rate

The ERC funds up to **100% of the total eligible costs + 25% of indirect costs**

➤ Based on **actual costs**

2 million euros
up to 5 years



+ 1 million of additional funding

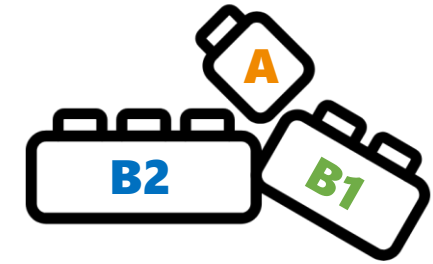
- “Start-up” costs
- Purchase of major equipment
- Access to large facilities
- Other major experimental and field work costs

Excluding personnel costs

Proposal development



ERC Application – Your building blocks



Part A

Administrative Forms

- General Info
- Participating Institutions
- Budget
- Ethics Check



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Part B1

- Cover page and summary
- Extended Synopsis
- CV & Track Record



Part B2

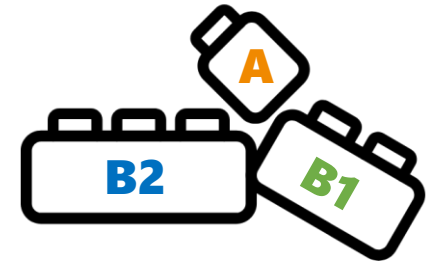
- State of the art
- Methodology
- Funding ID



Annexes

Host Institution Letter, Ethics, Eligibility Documents

ERC Application – Overview



Follow the specific
formatting
requirements

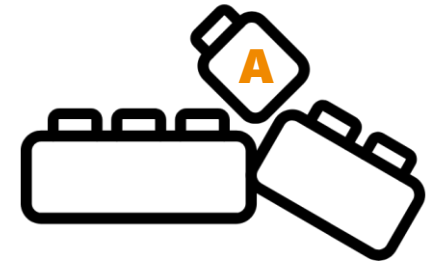


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Keep on hand
[Information for Applicants](#)

Part A – Administrative forms



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Application forms

HORIZON
Call: ERC-2023-COG
(Call for Proposals for ERC Consolidator Grant)

Topic: ERC-2023-COG
Type of Action: HORIZON-ERC
(HORIZON ERC Grants)
Proposal number: SEP-210899104
Proposal acronym: test
Type of Model Grant Agreement: HORIZON Action Grant Budget-Based

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

How to fill in the forms

The administrative forms must be filled in for each proposal using the templates available in the submission system. Some data fields in the administrative forms are pre-filled based on the steps in the submission wizard.

[Read more](#)

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1. General Information

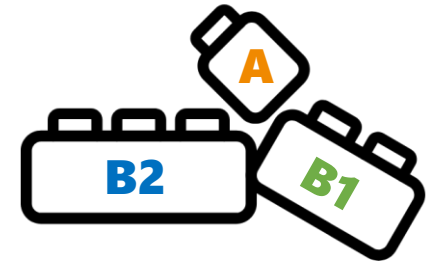
2. Participants

3. Budget

4. Ethics and security

5. Other questions

Part A – Budget and Resources



3 - Budget

Please indicate the costs for each cost category as accurate as possible using only Euro integers. The 'Total eligible costs' of the project will be automatically calculated based on the figures inserted in the individual columns. The 'Requested EU contribution' has to be filled in manually. Please make sure to update the 'Requested EU contribution' if updates are made in any of the cost categories.

PI: When calculating the salary, please take into account the percentage of your working time dedicated to the ERC project.

Other personnel costs and Other additional direct costs:

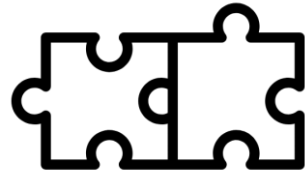
If applicable, please specify this cost category in the Resources section (textbox below).

Internally invoiced goods and services:

Costs for host institution invoices and invoices for other entities should be included here, e.g. access to large facilities, access to other services that are charged as unit costs.

For more details on the budget table, please consult the ERC Information for Applicants document applicable to the call and year. Please note that the budget table and the description of resources below will be made available to the experts evaluating the proposal at Step 2.

	PI	Senior Staff	Postdocs	Students	Other Personnel costs	A Total personnel costs €	B Subcontracting Costs € (No indirect costs)	C.1 Travel and subsistence	C.2 Equipment - including major equipment	Consumables incl. fieldwork and animal care	Publications (incl. Open Access fees) and dissemination	Other additional direct costs	C.3 Total other goods, works and services	Total Purchase costs €	D Internally invoiced goods and services € (No indirect costs)	E Indirect Costs €	Total Eligible Costs	Requested EU contribution
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Section C. Resources (Maximum 8000 characters allowed)

This section and the budget table will be made available to the experts evaluating the proposal at Step 2. Important: your description of resources will be truncated once it exceeds the maximum allowed characters. Please make sure that your description is complete before submitting.

State and fully justify the amount of funding considered necessary to fulfil the objectives for the duration of the project. The project cost estimation should be as accurate as possible. The evaluation panels assess the estimated costs carefully; unjustified budgets will be consequently reduced. Please specify if you will use third parties giving in-kind contributions to the action.

If applicable, please specify the cost items covered by your 'Other personnel costs' category and the cost items covered by your 'Other additional direct costs' category.

Request for additional funding if applicable (All items MUST be included in the overall budget table above): (Cost in EUR)

Justification:

1. General Information

2. Participants

3. Budget

4. Ethics and security

5. Other questions

Part A – Ethics & Security questions

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	

1. General Information

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Part A – Ethics & Security questions

- UK applicants should **answer ‘yes’ on questions about non-EU activity**. This will not affect eligibility
- Answering ‘yes’ on certain questions may require a **brief text response** from the applicant.
- Applicants may be requested to **upload documents** related to particular questions.
- **Free text character limits:** 5000 per text box
- If the character limit is too short, we recommend using a separate document **uploaded as one of the optional PDF annexes**. Make a reference to the annex in the Ethics text box in the application form.



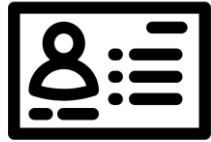
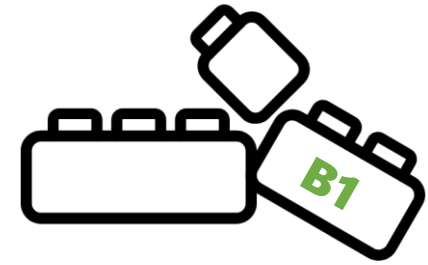
Follow the guidance document

‘How to complete your ethics self-assessment’



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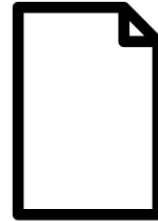
Part B1 – Overview



B1, your business card!



Cover Page
Info from Part A

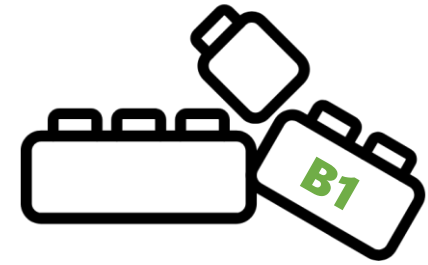


Extended Synopsis
5 pages



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

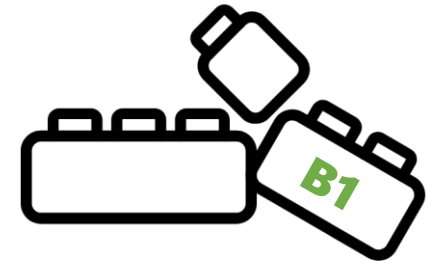
Do not use specialised jargon



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

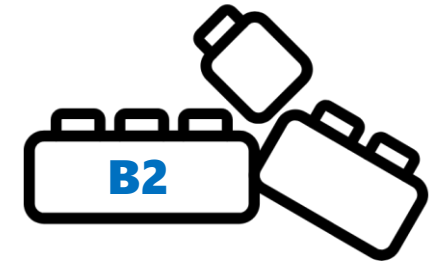
in one single template

- 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

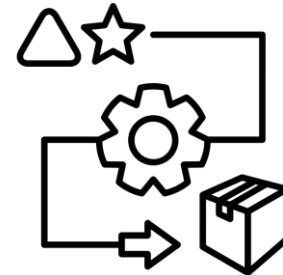


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**State of the art
and objectives**

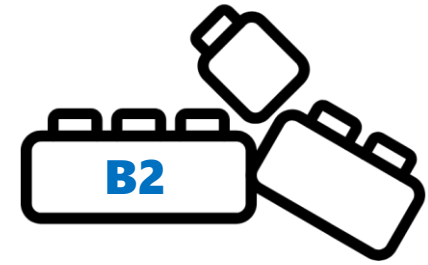


Methodology



“Funding ID”
does not count towards page limits

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.

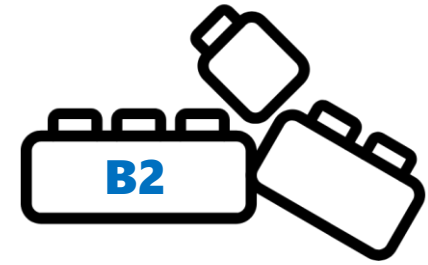
State of the art

- 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

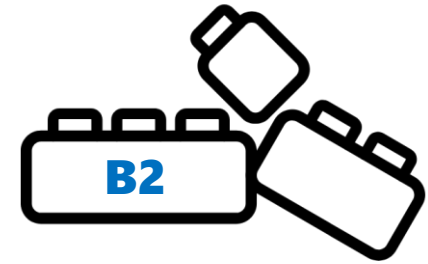
Your team

- 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

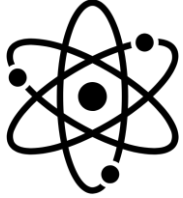


- **Recap and expand** on Part B1 introductory Extended Synopsis
- Detail the **current state of the art** in your field: highlight the achievements, challenges and gaps. How will your project go beyond these?
- Explain *how*, and *why*, your project is important to the field and what **impact** and **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



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](#)

Approaching Proposal Submission

Register in the Funding & Tender Opportunities Portal and create an ECAS account

Get in touch with your research support office

Add relevant contact people to the online application

Submit early and often – latest version will be accepted

Keep the **Information for Applicants** in front of you throughout!!!



Find the call on the **Funding & Tenders Portal**

The screenshot shows the 'Funding and tenders (16)' search results page. On the left, a search filter sidebar is visible with 'ERC' entered in the search bar (circled in orange). Below the search bar, there are filters for 'GRANTS' and 'TENDERS', 'Submission status' (Forthcoming, Open for submission (4), Closed (12)), 'Programming period' (2021 - 2027 (16)), 'Horizon Europe (HORIZON)', 'Programme part', and 'Mission'. The main content area displays three call listings:

- ERC STARTING GRANTS** (ERC-2023-STG): Horizon Europe (HORIZON), HORIZON ERC Grants, Opening date: 12 July 2022, Status: Open for submission, Deadline model: single-stage, Deadline date: 25 October 2022 17:00:00 Brussels time. Buttons: Call for proposal, Grant.
- ERC CONSOLIDATOR GRANTS** (ERC-2023-COG): Horizon Europe (HORIZON), HORIZON ERC Grants, Opening date: 28 September 2022, Status: Open for submission, Deadline model: single-stage, Deadline date: 02 February 2023 17:00:00 Brussels time. Buttons: Call for proposal, Grant.
- ERC Synergy Grants** (ERC-2023-SyG): Horizon Europe (HORIZON), HORIZON ERC Synergy Grants, Opening date: 13 July 2022, Status: Open for submission, Deadline model: single-stage, Deadline date: 08 November 2022 17:00:00 Brussels time. Buttons: Call for proposal, Grant.



ERC CONSOLIDATOR GRANTS

TOPIC ID: ERC-2023-COG

Grant

General information

Topic description

Conditions and documents

Partner search announcements

Submission service

Topic related FAQ

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General information

Programme
Horizon Europe Framework Programme (HORIZON)

Work programme part
HORIZON-ERC-2023

Call
Call for Proposals for ERC Consolidator Grant (ERC-2023-COG)

Work programme year
HORIZON-ERC-2023

 See budget overview

Open for submission

Type of action

Type of MGA



Start submission

To access the Electronic Submission Service, please click on the submission-button next to the **type of action** and the **type of model grant agreement** that corresponds to your proposal. You will then be asked to confirm your choice, as it cannot be changed in the submission system. Upon confirmation, you will be linked to the correct entry point.

To access existing draft proposals for this topic, please login to the Funding & Tenders Portal and select the My Proposals page of the My Area section.

Please select the type of your submission:

HORIZON ERC Grants [HORIZON-ERC], HORIZON Action Grant Budget-Based [HORIZON-AG]

Start submission

 Need help?



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IDENTIFY THE HOST INSTITUTION (PIC number)

Find your organisation

PIC Short name

Search for your organisation

Organisations you have been previously associated with. (Click to select)

WHAT IS YOUR ROLE ON THE PROPOSAL?

Your role

Please indicate your role in this proposal

- Principal Investigator
- Main Host Institution Contact
- Contact person

BASIC DETAILS ABOUT THE PROPOSAL

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 Enter value

Short Summary Enter value

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

Anything you enter in this part of the form **can be edited later**



Main proposal page on EC Portal

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' (ERC-2023-COG), 'Proposal data' (Acronym: test, Draft ID: SEP-210899104), 'Support & Helpdesk' (Online Manual, IT How To, IT Helpdesk, FAQ, Service Desk: EC-FUNDING-TENDER-SERVICE-DESK@ec.europa.eu, +32 2 29 92222), 'Administrative forms (Part A)' (with an 'Edit forms' button), and 'Part B and Annexes' (with upload fields for Part B1, Part B2, HI support letter, PhD certificate, and Annexes 1-6). A warning message states: 'Your proposal contains changes that have not yet been submitted.' At the bottom, there are buttons for 'BACK TO PARTICIPANTS LIST', 'VALIDATE', and 'SUBMIT'.

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

Evaluation Process



Evaluation Process



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?

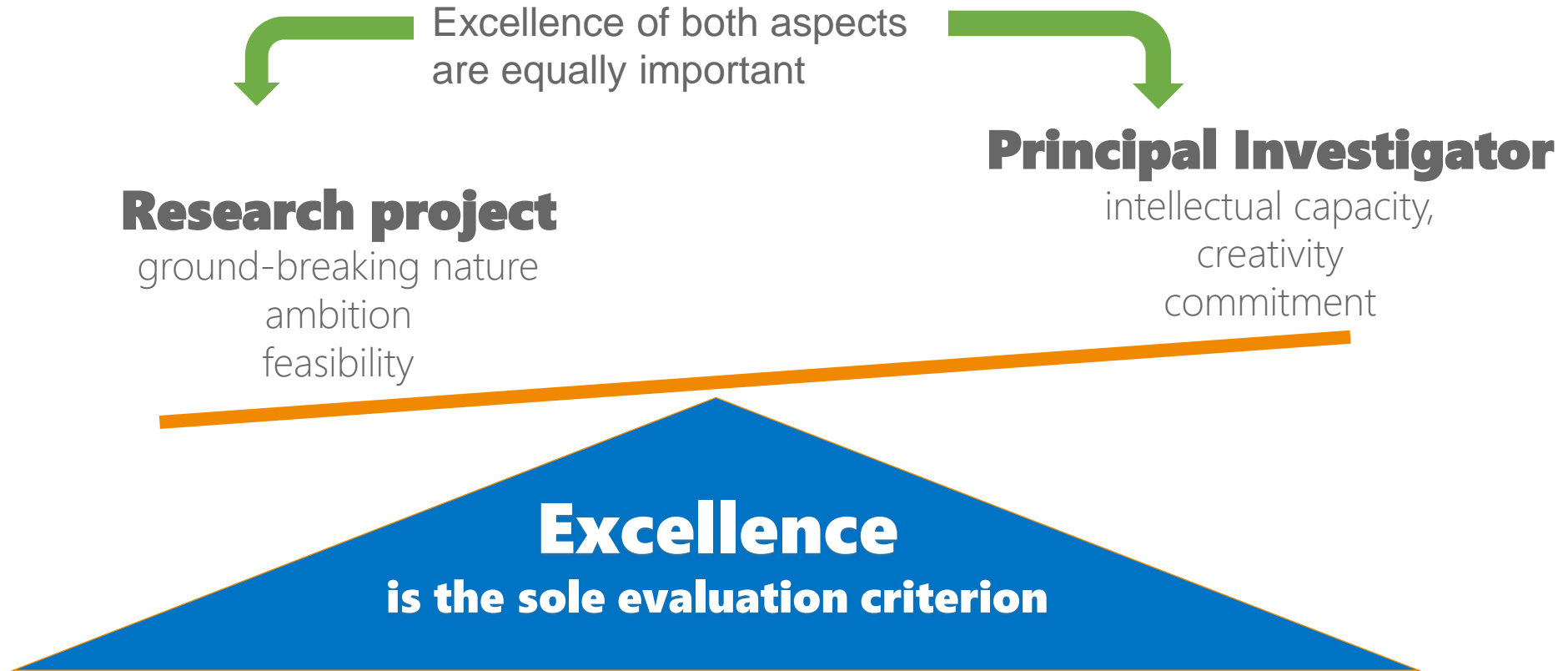
2. **Principal Investigator** - Intellectual capacity and creativity

The Principal Investigator (PI)

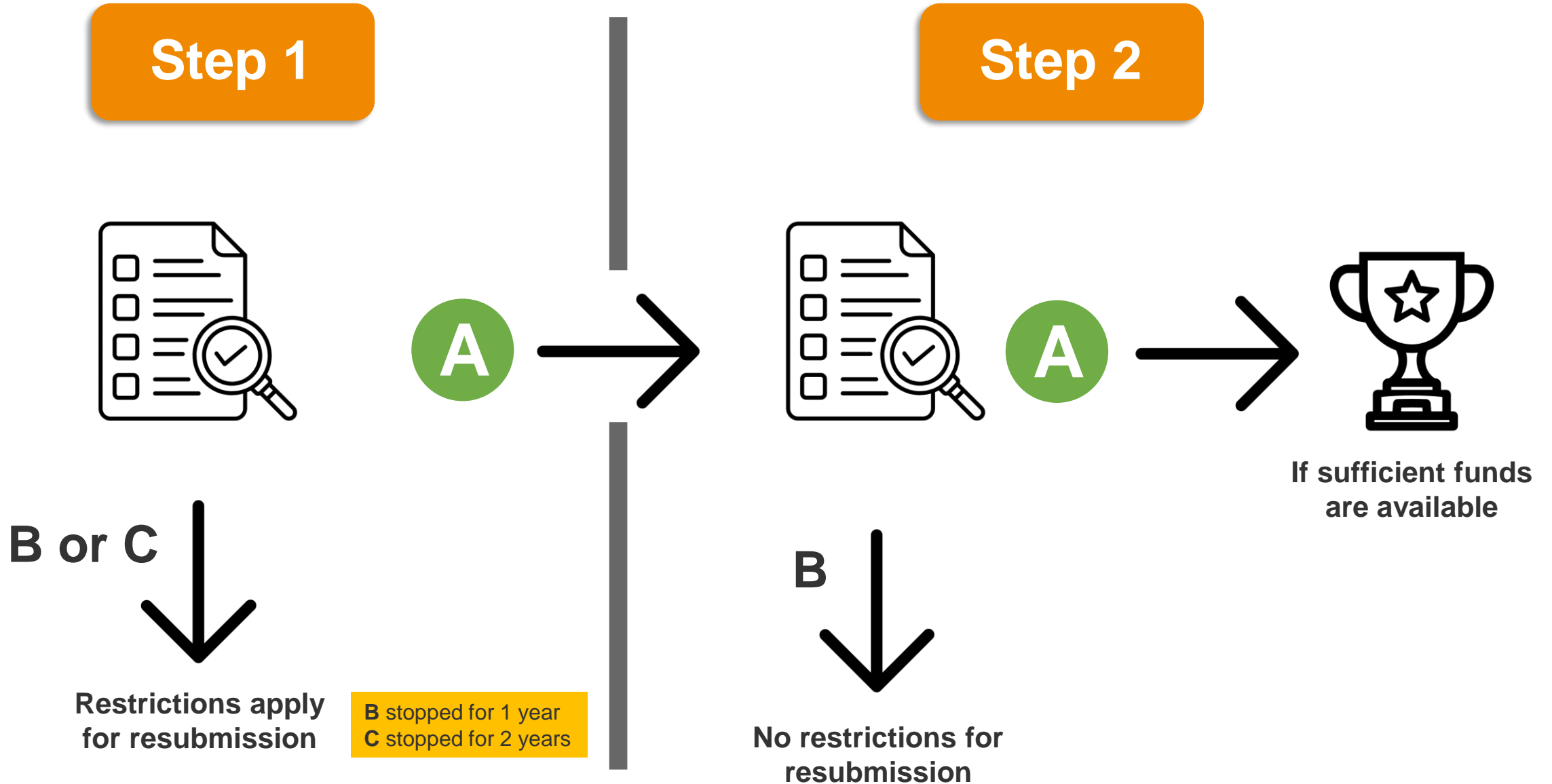
To what extent:

- 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



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.



- ❖ [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)

Open Research Europe

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

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 card features an icon, a title, and a short description of the gateway's focus.

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.
Industrial Leadership	This gateway hosts the articles published on Open Research Europe stemming from the Industrial Leadership programme section supported by Horizon 2020.
Science with and for Society	This gateway hosts the articles published on Open Research Europe stemming from the Science with and for Society programme section supported by Horizon 2020.
Societal Challenges	This gateway hosts the articles published on Open Research Europe stemming from the Industrial Leadership programme section supported by Horizon 2020.
Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation	This gateway hosts the articles published on Open Research Europe stemming from the Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation programme section supported by Horizon 2020.

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 at point of submission
- 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

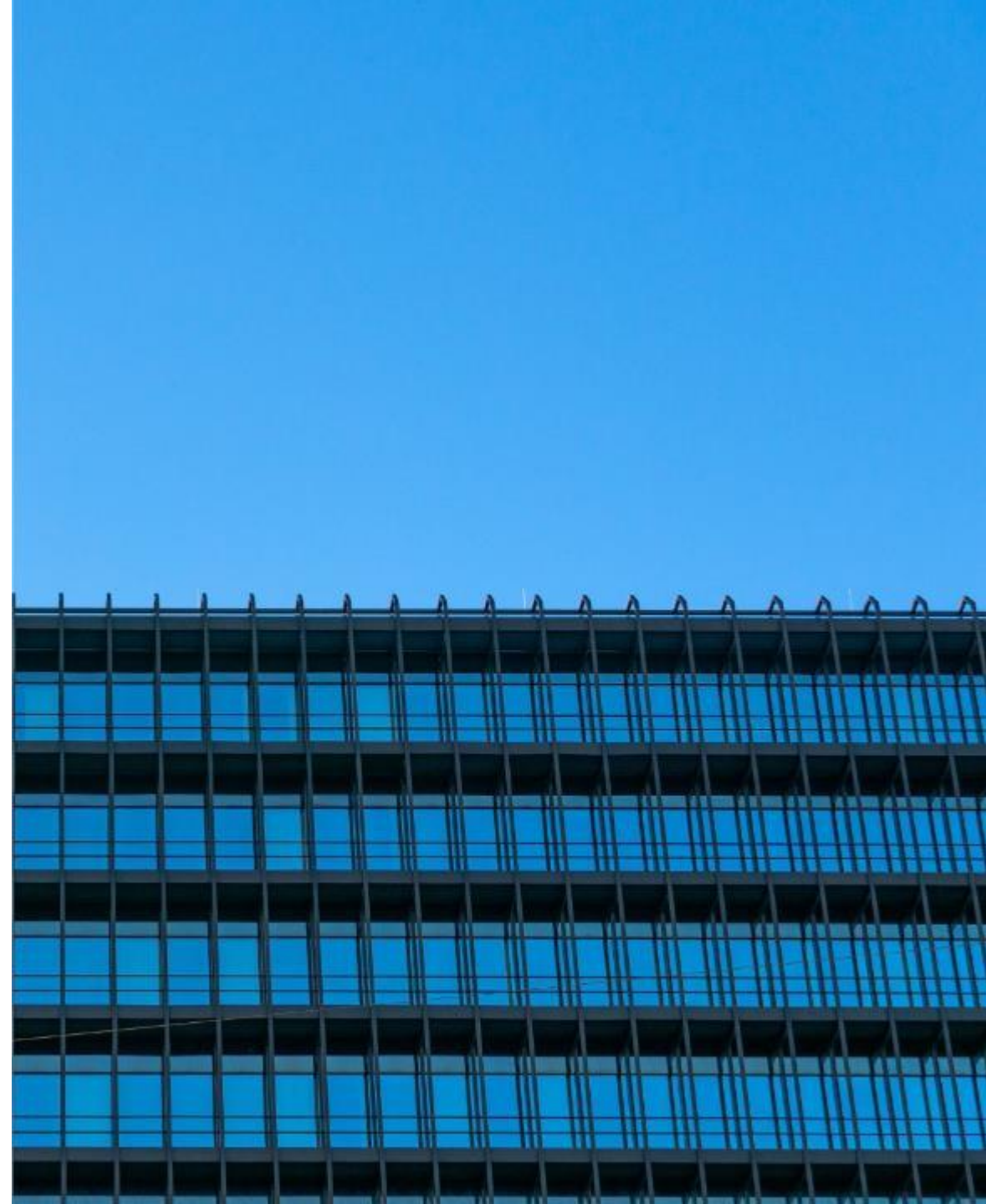


Useful links

- **[ERC Website](#)**
including the [ERC Dashboard](#) and the more in-depth [ERC Information System](#)
- **[ERC Work Programme 2025](#)**
- **[Information for Applicants 2025](#)**
- **[Call for proposal](#)**
- **[Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement](#)**



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Professor Tiina Roose

Professor of Biological and Environmental Modelling
- University of Southampton

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