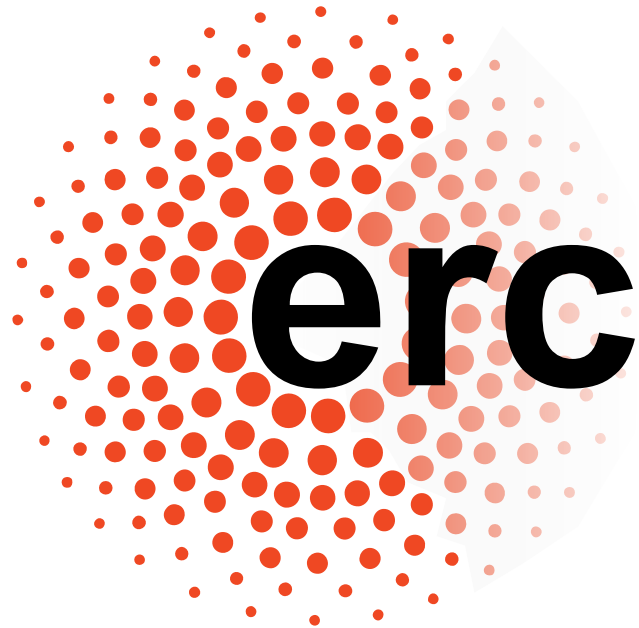




Webinaire : les nouveautés du programme de travail 2026

« Choose Europe for Science »

❑ Doublement du financement additionnel

- Pour les chercheurs et chercheuses provenant de **pays tiers** et **souhaitant s'installer en Europe** ;
- Possibilité de demander **2 millions d'euros supplémentaires** qui s'ajoutent aux montants maximaux prévus dans les différentes catégories de bourses ;
- En vigueur **dès l'appel ERC AdG 2025 (avenant au programme de travail 2025)**, avec un maintien prévu du dispositif sur les programmes de travail 2026 et 2027.
- **Actualité site PCN ERC** : <https://www.horizon-europe.gouv.fr/l-erc-double-le-financement-additionnel-pour-les-chercheurs-s-installant-en-europe-38839>

❑ « Super-grants »

- Annoncé par la Présidente de la CE le 5 mai à l'occasion de la conférence *Choose Europe for Science* à la Sorbonne ;
- Bourses d'une durée étendue et d'un montant augmenté, le Conseil scientifique travaille actuellement à sa mise en œuvre opérationnelle.
- **Actualité site PCN ERC** : <https://www.horizon-europe.gouv.fr/les-bourses-erc-mobilisees-dans-l-accueil-de-chercheurs-issus-des-pays-tiers-38796>

Programme de travail 2026

☐ Communiqué de presse de l'ERC du 02 juin 2025 : nouveautés du programme de travail 2026 et 2027

- **Nouvelle structure de la proposition** : Scientific Proposal Part I / Scientific Proposal Part II ;
- **Processus d'évaluation** des propositions adapté ;
- **Financement additionnel** ;
- **Nouveaux critères d'extensions** de la fenêtre d'éligibilité ;
- **Restrictions de re-soumissions** ;
- Mise en place des “**Super-grants**” ;
- Pour les appels 2027 : **modification de la fenêtre éligibilité StG et CoG**.

☐ Nouveautés à confirmer avec la publication du programme de travail 2026 prévue en juillet 2025 et avec la publication des appels à projets

☐ Actualité site PCN ERC : <https://www.horizon-europe.gouv.fr/nouveautes-du-programme-de-travail-erc-2026-40540>

PROGRAMME DES EVENEMENTS PCN ERC

**20
JUN**

Webinaire : présentation du programme de travail ERC 2026

🕒 10h-12h
📍 (En ligne)

**24
JUN**

Webinaire : préparation à l'appel SyG 2026

🕒 10h-12h
📍 (En ligne)

**04
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Webinaire : préparation à l'oral CoG 2025

🕒 10h-12h
📍 (En ligne)

**08
JUILLET**

Q/R sur la préparation de la candidature à l'appel AdG 2025

🕒 13h30-15h30
📍 (En ligne)

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JUILLET**

Q/R sur la préparation à l'oral de l'appel SyG 2025

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**18
JUILLET**

Webinaire : préparation à l'appel StG 2026

🕒 10h-12h
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Appels ouverts :

- ❑ Advanced Grants 2025 : deadline 28/08/2025
- ❑ PoC 2025 DL2 : deadline 18/09/2025

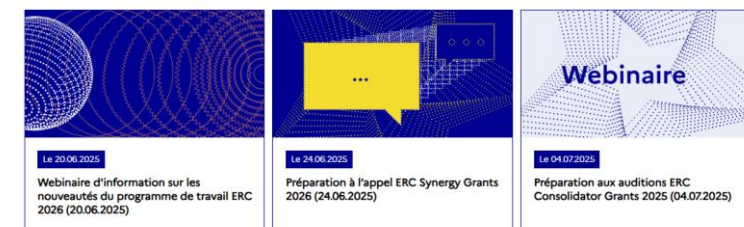
Inscription : <https://www.horizon-europe.gouv.fr/preparation-l-appel-erc-synergy-grants-2026-24062025-40539>

Inscription : <https://www.horizon-europe.gouv.fr/preparation-aux-auditions-erc-consolidator-grants-2025-04072025-40673>

PCN à votre écoute : <https://www.horizon-europe.gouv.fr/le-pcn-erc-votre-ecoute-31198>

Lien à venir (sur notre site internet et dans notre newsletter)

Événements à venir



Tous les événements ERC

Une équipe



Coordinatrice



Toutes membres à 40%

Des actions d'information et de formation concernant l'ERC en direction des chercheurs et des chercheuses et des accompagnants au niveau national

Information sur les financements ERC

- **Webinaires nationaux** de présentation des appels ERC
- **Newsletters** avec les dernières informations relatives à l'ERC
- **Site Web** (présentation des appels, statistiques, calendrier, conseils pratiques : <https://www.horizon-europe.gouv.fr>)
- **LinkedIn** : <https://www.linkedin.com/company/pcn-erc>

Accompagnement des candidatures

- **Entretiens individuels** avec les chercheurs et leurs accompagnants
- **Webinaires de préparation à l'oral**

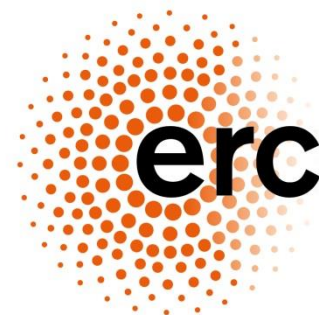
Accompagnement du dépôt et de la gestion de projet

- **Hotline** (pcn-erc@recherche.gouv.fr)
- **PCN à votre écoute** (hebdomadaire, le mardi de 13h30 à 14h30)

The European Research Council

Information session on ERC Grants

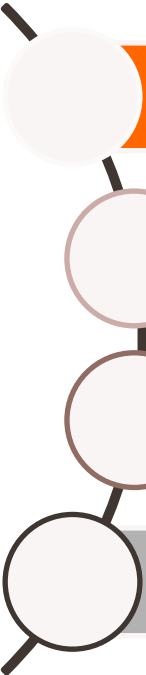
Monique Smaïhi,
Call Coordination Sector
ERC Scientific Department
20 June 2025



European Research Council

Established by the European Commission

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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



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

Since 2024 calls – panels will primarily evaluate the excellence of the project, while assessing the above aspects of the PI

ERC grant schemes



Starting Grants

starters (2-7 years after PhD)
up to € 1.5 Million for 5 years



Consolidator Grants

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



Advanced Grants

track-record of significant research achievements
up to € 2.5 Million
for 5 years



Synergy Grants

2 – 4 Principal Investigators
up to € 10.0 Million 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

The ‘Supergrant’

- Announced by President von der Leyen at the “Choose Europe” conference in Paris
- ERC Scientific Council is currently refining the details of this new instrument:
 - A seven-year grant, providing stability for ambitious projects
 - Awarded purely on scientific excellence
 - Open to researchers in any field and of any nationality
 - Generous funding as lump-sum grants, without additional top-ups
 - Accessible to researchers at all career stages, designed to support ambitious individual-led research

Additional funding (new features as from AdG2025 on)

- **up to 1M €:** Applicants already based in an EU Member State or country associated to HE

Additional funding can be requested to cover the following costs:

- (a) purchase of **major equipment** and/or
- (b) access to **large facilities** and/or
- (c) other **major experimental** and **field work costs**, *including personnel costs (from AdG2025 on)*

- **up to 2M €:** Applicants currently based outside Europe *(from AdG2025 on)*

- ✓ to facilitate the **relocation** of their laboratory/team to the EU/country associated to the ERC part of the HE programme

ERC Work Programme 2026 - Budget

- ERC Work Programme 2026 approved by the Scientific Council in March 2025
- European Commission to adopt the ERC Work Programme 2026 in July 2025

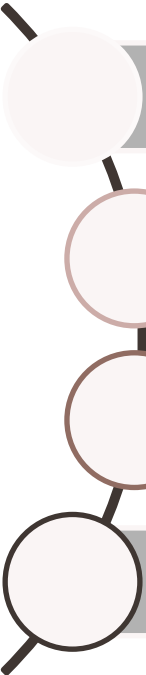
Provisional Total Budget = 2.7bn

ERC Work Programme 2026 – Provisional Call Calendar

	Starting Grant Call	Consolidator Grant Call	Advanced Grant Call	Synergy Grant Call
Identifier	ERC-2026-StG	ERC-2026-CoG	ERC-2026-AdG	ERC-2026-SyG
Opening Date	09/07/2025	25/09/2025	28/05/2026	10/07/2025
Deadline	14/10/2025	13/01/2026	27/08/2026	05/11/2025
Budget (EUR, m)	705	673	747	500
Grants (est.)	450	328	294	49



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

1. Reference date for the calculation of the Eligibility window: **1st of January of the year of the Call**
StG2026: 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2023
CoG2026: 1 January 2014 and 31 December 2018
 - *Extensions of eligibility window possible for documented cases*
2. If you previously applied to an ERC call, check **resubmission restrictions**
 - *Indicative submission restrictions for the StG2026 and CoG2026 calls*
- same as in the past
3. Time **commitment on the project:** Min. 50% (StG), 40% (CoG)
4. Minimum 50% of PI **working time in an EU Member State or Associated Country**



Novelties – Submission Restrictions

Additional Submission Restrictions for 2026 calls:

- Applicants to Synergy Grant 2025 call, who have obtained a score 'B' at Step 1 will not be eligible for the Synergy Grant 2026 call
- Current grantees applying for their next grant in 2026 must abide by the two-year rule (i.e. their current grant must end within two years of the call deadline) but extensions to the duration of the current project after the call deadline may be exceptionally granted without affecting the eligibility of the new proposal



StG and CoG: Extension of the Eligibility windows

For documented situations occurring before the call deadline

- **Maternity leave:** +18 months for each child born before/after the date of the successful defence of PhD degree;
- **Paternity/parental leave:** documented time taken for each child born before or after the date of the successful defence of PhD degree;
- **Long-term illness** (>90 days for the PI or a close family member) or **national service:** documented amount of leave taken for each incident that occurred after the date of the successful defence of PhD degree;
- **Disability:** Extension corresponding to the reduced amount of working time (including leave taken) and/or the degree of disability as documented by the applicant
- **Clinical training:** documented amount of clinical training received **after** the reference date of the 1st eligible degree, **up to a maximum of 4 years**;
- **Major disaster** and for **seeking asylum**;
- **Victims of any kind of violence, including gender-based** after the date of the successful defence of PhD degree **(as from WP2026)**

From WP2027

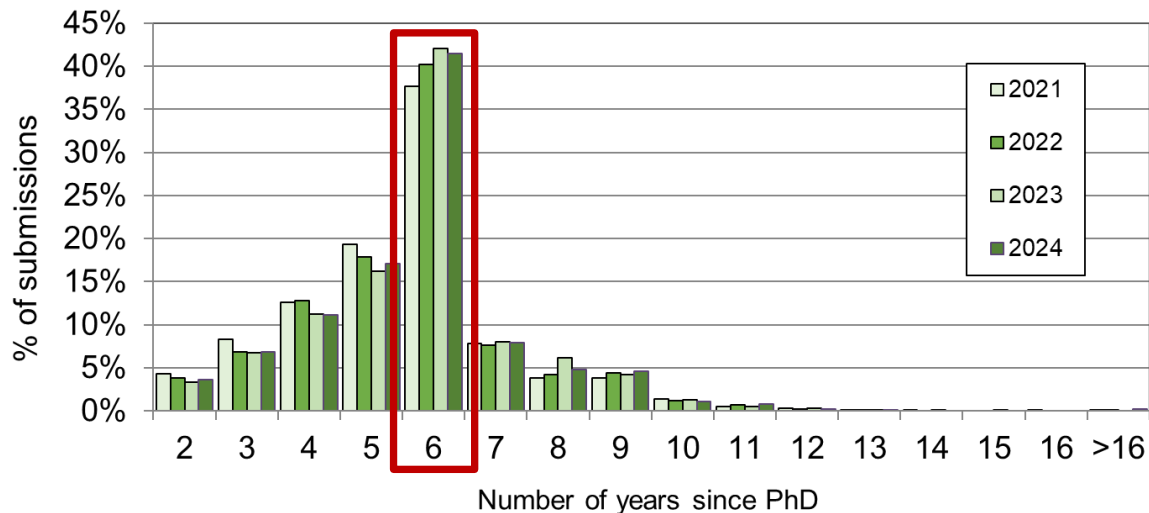
Widening of the eligibility period for StG and CoG



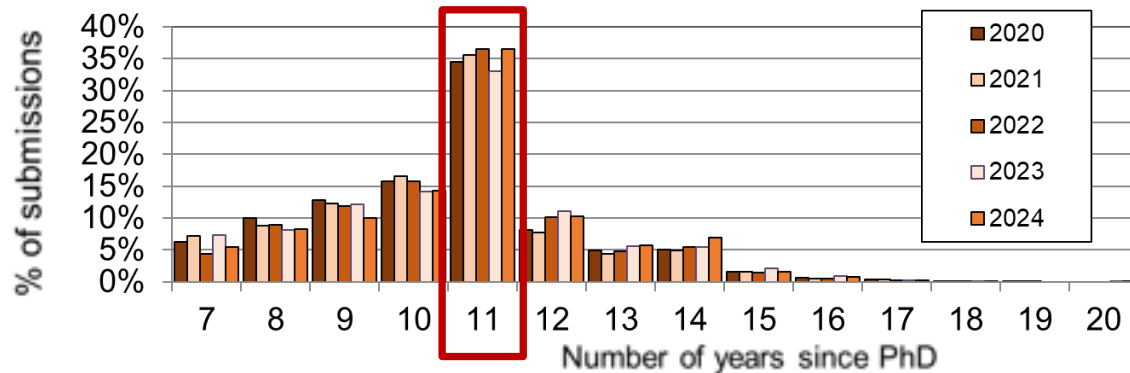
- **StG:** applicants will be eligible to apply **immediately after successfully defending their PhD**, and at **any time within the following 10-year period**.
- **CoG:** applicants will be eligible to apply between **5 and 15 years** after **defending their PhD**.
- All current policies for the extension of the eligibility periods will remain in force.
- Researchers will be awarded **no more than one StG and one CoG during their career**.

Submissions by years since PhD

STG 2021-2024



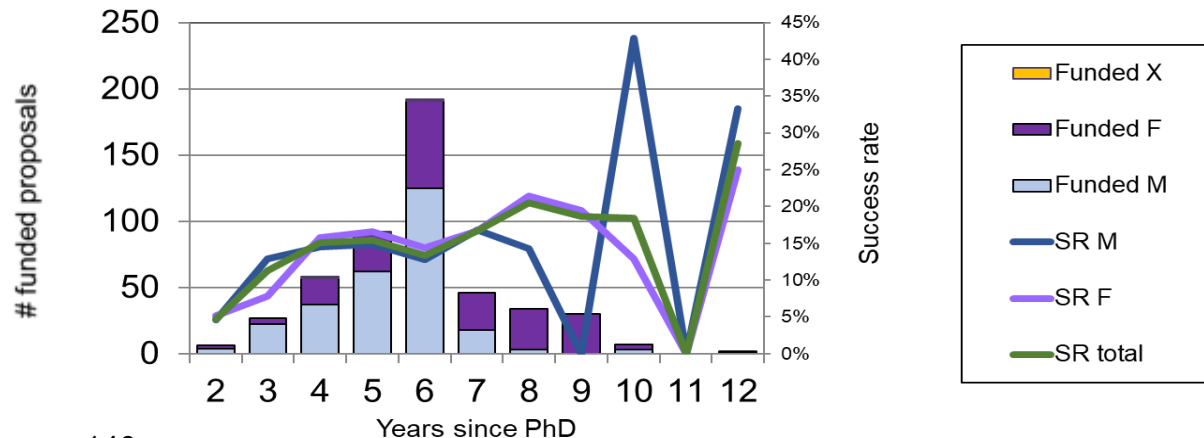
COG 2020-2024



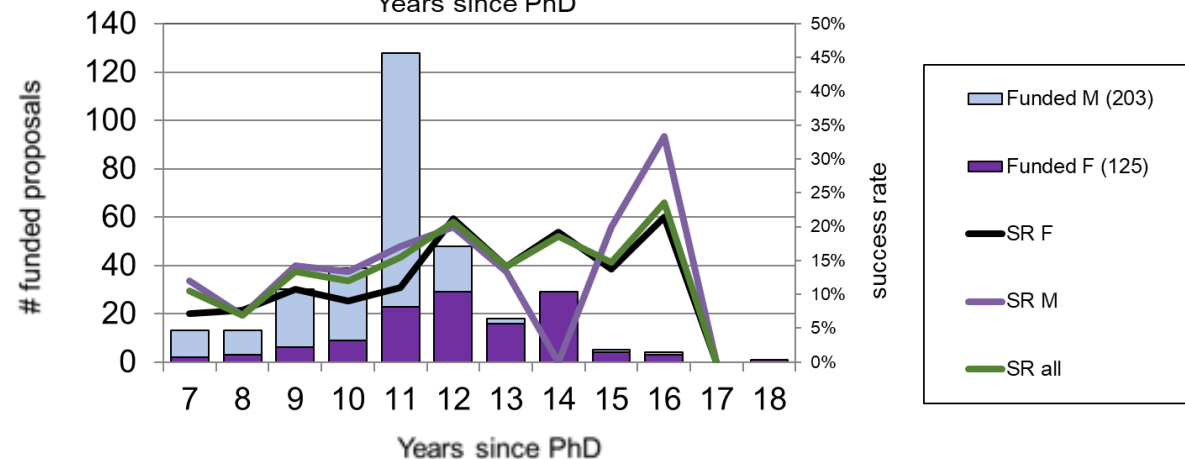
Shall I apply now or wait another year?

STG and COG 2024 - Results of step 2

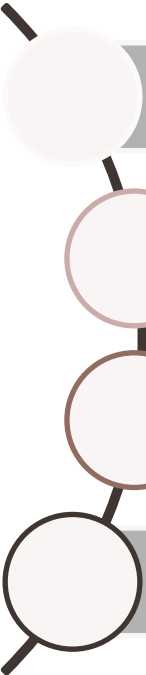
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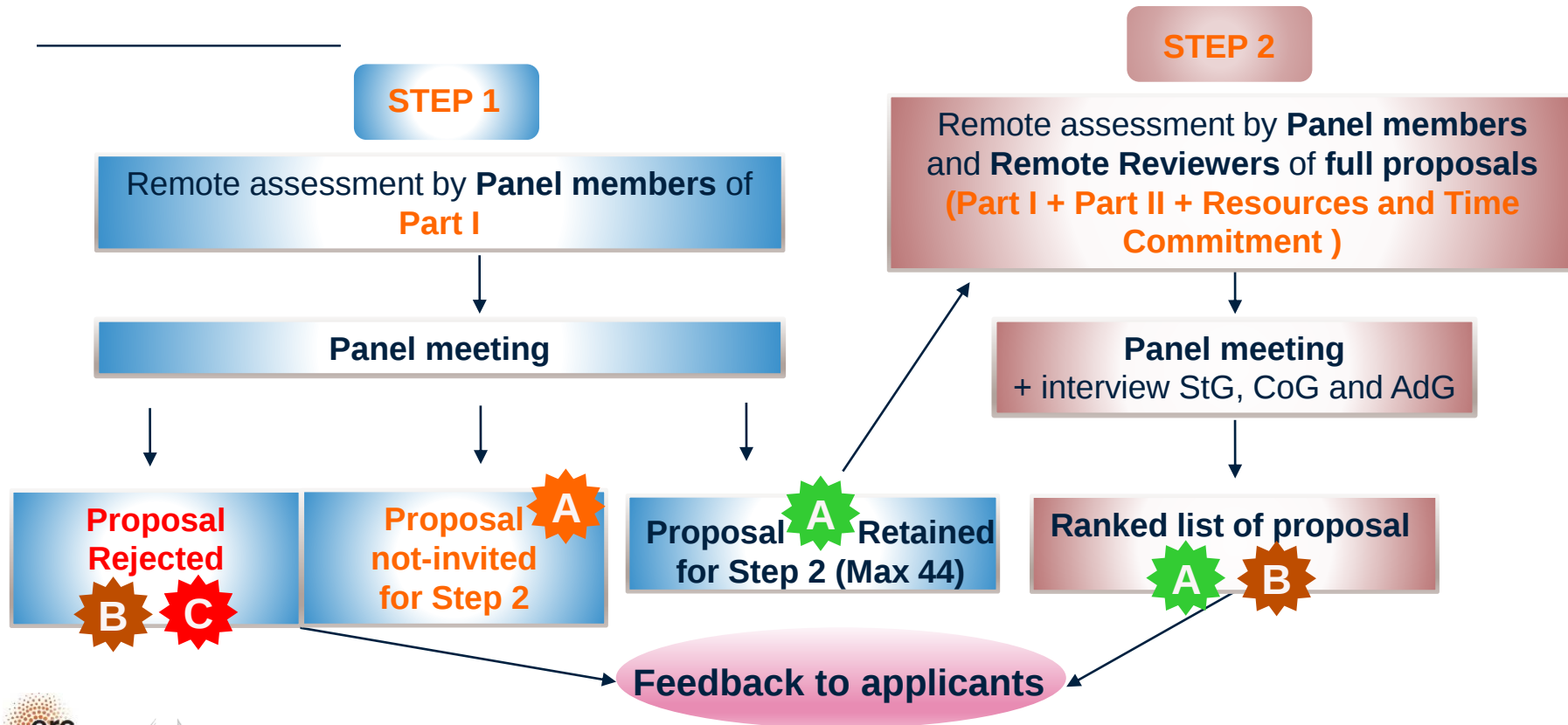
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Evaluation: process

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



Proposal scored A not-invited for step 2: no reapplication restrictions

Summary of Novelties – As from ERC Work Programme 2024

FOCUS ON RESEARCH • Ground-breaking • Ambitious • Feasible	• Up to 10 research outputs • Short narrative • Career breaks, diverse paths	• Up to 44 proposals in step 2 (exc. SyG) • 'A not invited' can reapply next year	• AdG only: One amount payment based on the work done (not success) • Additional funding and portability	• New Panel – SH8 • Changes in description of some panels
Assessment	No prescriptive PI profiles	Evaluation Procedure	Lump Sum Pilot	Panels

ERC President, Prof. Maria Leptin, explains the background and rationale to the recent changes in the evaluation process of ERC grant proposals: [Evaluation of research proposals: The why and what of the ERC's recent changes | ERC \(europa.eu\)](#)

Novelties as from the ERC Work Programme 2024 (I)

Research assessment

Focus on the research project



- **First and foremost, applicants will be assessed on the **ambition of their idea** in advancing present-day knowledge in the field**
- The ERC panels will also evaluate the intellectual capacity, creativity, and commitment of the applicant, with a focus on the extent to which they have the excellence and required scientific expertise to successfully execute the proposed project

Broad assessment of the applicant



- Curriculum Vitae and Track Record: one document, structured
- **Up to 10 research outputs** that demonstrate how the applicant has advanced knowledge
- Selected **examples of significant peer recognition**
- Noteworthy **contributions** to the research community, **career breaks** or unusual **career paths**. These will not in themselves be evaluated but are important to provide context

Novelties as from the ERC Work Programme 2024 (II)

Evaluation procedure



- **At most 44 proposals to step 2**
- Proposals **scored A at step 1** but not taken to interview may be re-submitted the following year

Lump-sum funding for Advanced grants



- Advanced grants: awarded as a **single lump sum**
- Final payment will be based on the work carried out and reported, irrespective of the “successful” outcome of the project activities
- Additional funding (equipment, access to research facilities) remains available and will be made part of the lump sum
- Portability of grant maintained

StG and CoG Proposal Structure in WP2026

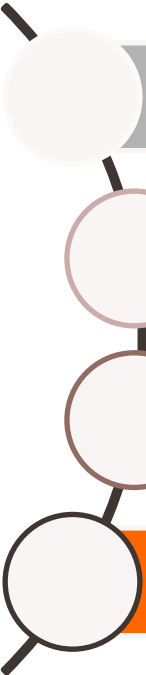
(<https://erc.europa.eu/news-events/news/changes-2026-and-2027-work-programmes>)



- **Administrative form**, including requested budget and resources
- **Part I – Overall idea, Objectives** and **Overall approach**/research strategy (5 pages) and **CV+Track Record** (up to 4 pages)
- **Part II - Scientific Proposal** (7 pages): **implementation** and **methodology** (including feasibility, risk assessment and mitigating measures)
- **Host Institution support Letter**
- **PhD certificate** (+ additional document to support PhD defence date, if needed)

Annexes: Extension request documents in 1 pdf, including cover page (new form), any ethics + security issues

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Contrary to what you may think

- The **budget** is distributed among the scientific panels as a function of demand → success rate is equal amongst panels → choose the Panel that is right for your proposal!
- **Publication record** is not decisive in selection decisions;
- The **Host Institution** is not an evaluation criterion;
- The **success rate** is not linked to academic age.
- The **panel descriptors** do not represent ERC scientific priorities; **any topic/field** is equally welcome.



Preparing your proposal

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

Part I: Find the right balance

- ✓ Is the research idea **ambitious**?
- ✓ Is the idea **advancing** present-day knowledge in the field?
- ✓ Outline **state of knowledge** (incl. competition)
- ✓ Outline the **objectives** and the **overall research strategy**
- ✓ Be concise & clear (also for generalists)

In Step 2: Part I and Part II + Resources and Time commitment are evaluated by Panel Members & Remote Referees

Part II: Fill in the details

- ✓ No repetition of Part I
- ✓ Detail the **implementation** (including feasibility)
- ✓ Provide extensive **methodology**
- ✓ Detail the **work plan**
- ✓ Provide **risk assessment**
- ✓ Provide **mitigation** measures

Evaluation elements: read the evaluation questions in the Work Programme

Main tips, but no tricks!

1. Consult **call documents** ([ERC Work Programme](#), the [Information for Applicants](#) and the [Guide for Peer Reviewers](#))
2. Get the written consent of your collaborators before the submission deadline (a simple email exchange is OK)
3. Look at funded projects in your field (search tool on ERC website), testimonials, tutorials ([ERC homepage](#))
4. Contact the ERCEA and **ask all your questions** well ahead of the submission deadline:
ERC-2026-COG-APPLICANTS@ec.europa.eu
ERC-2026-STG-APPLICANTS@ec.europa.eu
ERC-2025-ADG-APPLICANTS@ec.europa.eu
5. Submit your research proposal **before the deadline** – avoid submitting on the last day.

Thank You!

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