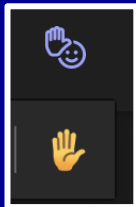


Preparing for ERC Starting Grants 2027 Call

- Please mute your microphones and turn off your cameras when you are not speaking
- To ask a question, raise your hand;  we will give you the floor one at a time.

Webinar Agenda for July 20, 2026, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

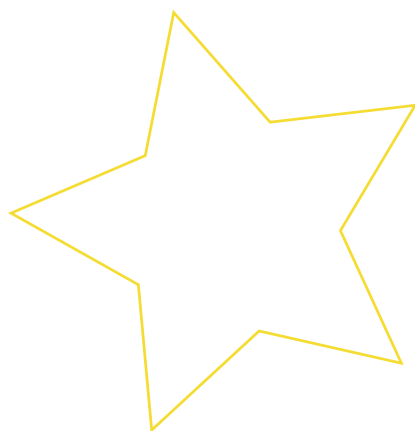
14h00 - 14h10 : Introduction by the ERC National Contact Point

14h10 – 15h00 : Testimonials

- Pascal ARNAUD, panel member ERC StG 2020, 2022 & 2024, Panel SH6
- Emilien FARGUES, CYU, SH7, ERC StG 2025 grantee , Panel SH7
- Charlene BOUMENDIL, ERC StG 2025 grantee , LS1
- Meryem BAGHDADI, ERC StG 2025 grantee , LS3
- Alejandro ALVAREZ LAGUNA, ERC StG 2025 grantee, Panel PE8

15h00-16h00 : Questions from participants and discussions with the witnesses and members of the ERC NCP

This session will not be recorded



Watch our recorded
presentation (in
french)

« Jeune » chercheur.e :

- ☐ Excellents et indépendants, à fort potentiel de leadership scientifique
- ☐ Projets de recherche ambitieux, à la frontière de la connaissance
- ☐ Volonté de former ou consolider une équipe de recherche

- Bourses "Individuelles"
- un PI (Principal Investigator)
- StG : Max budget 1.5 M€* sur 5 ans

*Possibilité d'un financement supplémentaire ≤ 1M€ ou ≤ 2M€ pour les chercheurs d'un pays tiers souhaitant s'installer dans un Etat membre ou un pays associé.

La nécessité de cette enveloppe supplémentaire doit être justifiée (ex : Coût lié à la mobilité de l'activité scientifique d'un état tiers vers un état membre ou pays associé, achat de gros équipement, accès aux grandes infrastructures, études sur le terrain)

<https://www.horizon-europe.gouv.fr/webinaire-de-preparation-l-appel-erc-starting-grants-2027-20072026-44019>

Submission in ONE step... and 4 separate parts

Administratives
documents

PART A

- A1** General Information
- A2** Participants
- A3** Budget
- A4** Ethics and Security
- A5** Other questions

Annexes

- Host Institution Binding Statement of Support
- Equipment table
- If applicable: explanatory info and docs on ethical issues and security issues

Partie B1 :

Abstract (2000 caractères max)

- a) Scientific proposal Part 1 5 p.
- b) CV and Track-Record 4 p.

Partie B2:

Scientific proposal Part 2 7 p.

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Documents à
remplir en ligne

PART A

A1 General Information

Proposal title, panel & key-words, abstract

A2 Participants

PI & HI information

A3 Budget – Lump Sum

Ressources and Time Commitment 2p.

A4 Ethics and Security review table

A5 Other questions

PDFs à télécharger
en ligne

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- ❑ Get help from your HI's support team (Host Institution)
- ❑ Contact them as soon as possible

Part 1 : the proposed research project

Panel evaluation of Part 1 only:

- Intended for a limited audience of around 15 members from **various disciplines** (non-specialists in the field)
- A **pedagogical and concise overview** of the project
- Positioning relative to the **state of the art**
- **Scientific question and project objectives**
- **The general approach** and research strategy for achieving the project's objectives



Part B1 :

Abstract (2000 characters max) *

- a) Scientific proposal part 1 5 p.
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* The abstract will be made public (if the project is selected) on the ERC website <https://erc.europa.eu/>

Partie B2:

Scientific proposal part 2 (B2) 7 p.

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Part B2 : the implementation of the project

Evaluation by the panel AND by external evaluators (scientific experts in the relevant field(s))

- Detailed description of **methodologies**, the **work plan**, **risk assessment**, and **mitigation measures...**
- Justification of the Budget and Requested Resources
- Any necessary background information not included in Part 1



Part B1 :

Abstract (2000 characters max)

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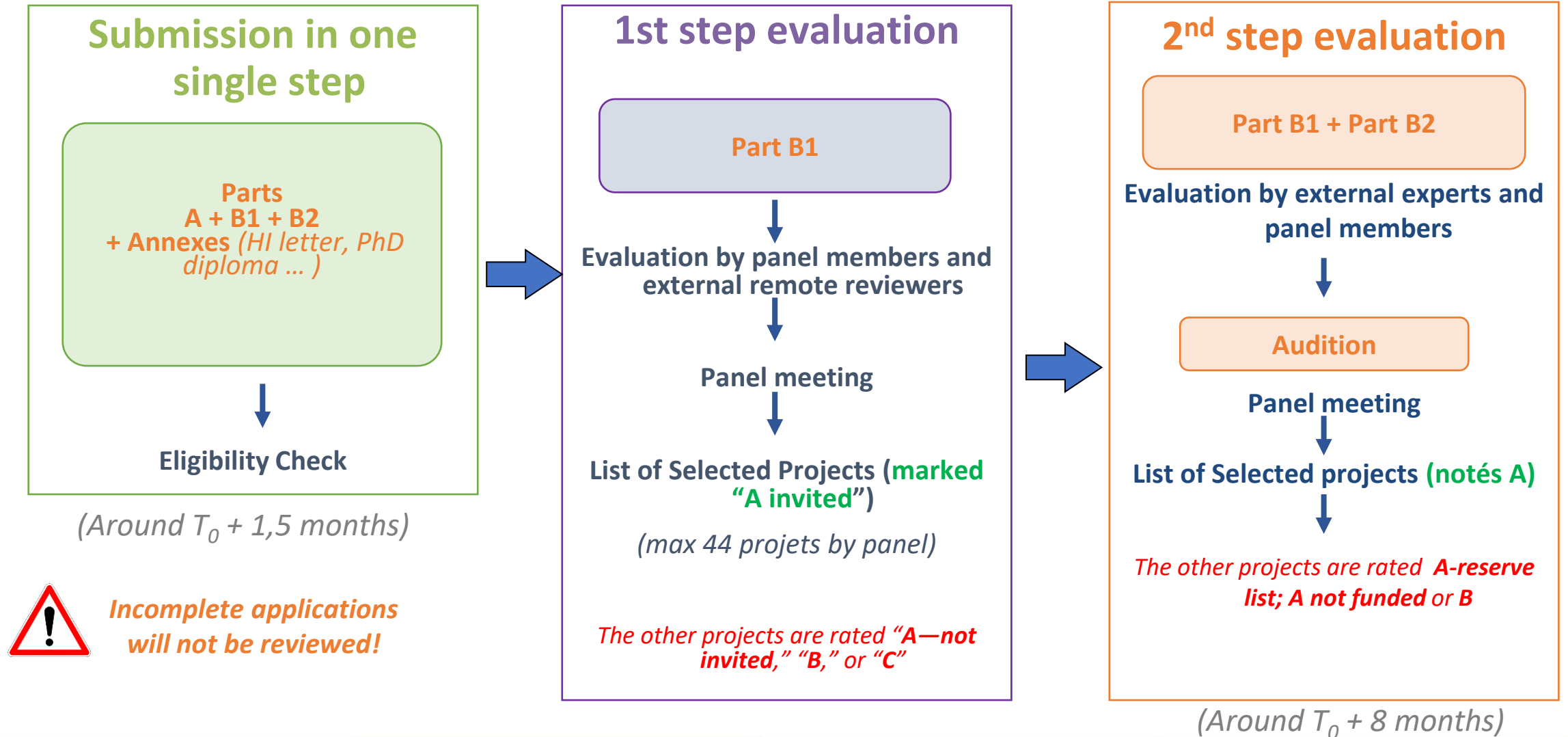
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Applies only to
Step 2

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The Submission and Evaluation Process



Understanding the Evaluation Criteria! (WP 2027)

Questions to be answered by the evaluators, as set out in the Work Program

(1) Ground-breaking nature and ambition of the Research Project (step 1 & 2)

- To what extent does the research address important scientific questions?
- To what extent are the project's objectives ambitious and will it advance the frontier of knowledge **and is the proposed approach scientifically convincing?**
- SyG only: To what extent does the proposal go beyond what the individual PIs could achieve alone?

(2) Ground-breaking nature and ambition of the Research Project (step 2)

- To what extent are the research methodology and working arrangements appropriate to achieve the goals of the project?
- To what extent are the timescales and resources adequate and properly justified?
- SyG only: To what extent do the PIs succeed in proposing a combination of scientific approaches that are crucial to address the scope and complexity of the research questions to be tackled ?

Understanding the Evaluation Criteria! (WP 2027)

(3) Principal Investigator : intellectual capacity and creativity (step 1 & 2)

“Highlight” your scientific strengths, your intellectual independence, and your creativity

- To what extent has/have the PI(s) demonstrated the ability to conduct ground-breaking research?
- To what extent does/do the PI(s) provide evidence of creative and original thinking?
- To what extent does/do the PI(s) have the required scientific expertise and capacity to successfully execute the project?
- SyG only: To what extent does the Synergy Grant Group demonstrate that it brings together the know-how necessary to address the proposed research question(s)?

- Link to access the current work program, the applicant's guide, the evaluators' guide, and many other resources :

<https://erc.europa.eu/apply-grant/starting-grant>

- Link to the submission platform (participant portal)::

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>

More:

- **Open Science:** <https://erc.europa.eu/managing-your-project/open-science>
- **Panel members:** <https://erc.europa.eu/apply-grant/panel-members?CMCTQQgti7> (public after the results are announced)
- List of **grantees** (and their **abstracts**): [click here](#)
- The ERC's **YouTube channel** : <https://www.youtube.com/@EuropeanResearchCouncil>
- **Work programme 2027** : https://erc.europa.eu/system/files/2026-07/ERC_Work_Programme_2027.pdf

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Webinar recording: Towards an ERC Starting Grant: from promising idea to competitive proposal



<https://mercuryncp.eu/webinar-recording-towards-an-erc-starting-grant-from-promising-idea-to-competitive-proposal/>

Information and training initiatives regarding the ERC for researchers and their advisors at the national level

One team



Coordinator



All members at 40%

At the national level

- **Webinars** to Present Calls for Proposals and Prepare for Oral Presentations
- Dissemination of all information regarding the ERC through :
 - ✓ Our **Newsletter**
 - ✓ Our **Linkedin** page : <https://www.linkedin.com/company/pcn-erc/>
 - ✓ Our **web page** : <https://www.horizon-europe.gouv.fr/erc>
- Day-to-day support for setting up and managing ERC projects :
 - **Hotline**, individual interviews, participation in mock oral exams (pcn-erc@recherche.gouv.fr)
 - **PCN à votre écoute** (every Tuesday from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.).

Feedback



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