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TOPIC : ERC Consolidator Grant

Topic

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ERC-2018-COG

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ERC-COG Consolidator Grant

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Time Zone : (Brussels time)

Topic Description

Scope:

Objectives

ERC Consolidator Grants are designed to support excellent Principal Investigators at the career stage at which they may still be consolidating their own independent research team or programme. Applicant Principal Investigators must demonstrate the ground-breaking nature, ambition and feasibility of their scientific proposal.

Size of ERC Consolidator Grants

Consolidator Grants may be awarded up to a maximum of **EUR 2 000 000** for a period of **5 years** (The maximum award is reduced pro rata temporis for projects of a shorter duration. This does not apply to ongoing projects).

However, up to an **additional EUR 750 000** can be requested in the proposal to cover (a) eligible "start-up" costs for Principal Investigators moving to the EU or an Associated Country from elsewhere as a consequence of receiving the ERC grant and/or (b) the purchase of major equipment and/or (c) access to large facilities (As any additional funding is to cover major one-off costs it is not subject to pro-rata temporis reduction for projects of shorter duration. All funding requested is assessed during evaluation).

Profile of the ERC Consolidator Grant Principal Investigator

The Principal Investigator shall have been awarded their first PhD **over 7 and up to 12 years prior to 1 January 2018**. The effective elapsed time since the award of the first PhD can be reduced in certain properly documented circumstances (see ERC Work Programme 2018).

A competitive Consolidator Grant Principal Investigator must have already shown research independence and evidence of maturity, for example by having produced **several important publications as main author or without the participation of their PhD supervisor**. Applicant Principal Investigators should also be able to demonstrate a promising track record of early achievements appropriate to their research field and career stage, including significant publications (as main author) in major international peer-reviewed multidisciplinary scientific journals, or in the leading international peer-reviewed journals of their respective field. They may also demonstrate a record of invited presentations in well-established international conferences, granted patents, awards, prizes etc.

For further information please see the ERC Work Programme 2018

Topic conditions and documents

1. List of countries and applicable rules for funding:

The conditions specific to the ERC are described in the [ERC 2018 Work Programme](#) under the heading 'Eligibility criteria' and in Annex 3. An overview is provided below:

The ERC actions are open to **researchers of any nationality** who intend to conduct their research activity in any EU Member State or [H2020 Associated Country](#). **Principal Investigators** may be of **any age and nationality** and may reside in any country in the world at the time of the application. ERC Principal Investigators do not have to be based full-time in Europe.

The **host institution** must either be established in an EU Member State or [H2020 Associated Country](#) as a legal entity created under national law, or it may be an International European Interest Organisation (such as CERN, EMBL, etc.), the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) or any other entity created under EU law.

2. Eligibility and admissibility conditions:

The conditions specific to ERC grants are described in the [ERC Work Programme 2018](#) under the heading Eligibility criteria and in the [ERC Rules for Submission and Evaluation](#) under Section 2.4. An overview is provided below:

Eligible proposals: All proposals must be complete and submitted before the relevant call deadline. A complete proposal needs to include all parts or sections (see "Proposal submission and description" below). Incomplete proposals may be declared ineligible. The content of the proposal must relate to the objectives and to the grant type set out in the call, as defined in [ERC Work Programme 2018](#). A proposal will only be deemed ineligible on grounds of 'scope' in clear-cut cases.

Eligible Principal Investigator: Principal Investigators may be of any age and nationality and may reside in any country in the world at the time of the application. All Principal Investigators funded through an ERC grants shall spend a minimum of 50% of their total working time in an EU Member State or Associated Country and a minimum of 40% of their total working time on the ERC project.

Eligible Host Institution: The host institution (Applicant Legal Entity) must engage the Principal Investigator(s) for at least the duration of the project, as defined in the grant agreement. It must either be established in an EU Member State or [H2020 Associated Country](#) as a legal entity created under national law, or it may be an International European Interest Organisation (such as CERN, EMBL, etc.), the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) or any other entity created under EU law. Any type of legal entity, public or private, including universities, research organisations and undertakings can host Principal Investigators and their teams.

Restrictions on submission of proposals: The restrictions for submission are related to the outcome of the evaluation in previous calls and are designed to allow unsuccessful Principal Investigators the time necessary to develop a stronger proposal. For further details please consult page 19-20 of the [ERC Work Programme 2018](#) or the Frequently Asked Questions.

Proposal page limits and layout: A complete proposal is composed of:

- **Administrative Proposal Submission forms** (including Ethics Review Table): available in section 5 of the topic conditions and in the submission tool below. To access the submission tool, you need to register to the Participant Portal first.
- **Research Proposal (Parts B1 and B2)**, available in the submission tool below, should be uploaded and submitted via the submission tool as PDF files.

Proposal Part B1

Extended Synopsis: max. 5 pages (references do not count towards the page limits)

Curriculum Vitae: max. 2 pages for each Principal Investigator

Funding ID: no page limits

Track Record: max. 2 pages for each Principal Investigator

Proposal Part B2

Scientific Proposal: max. 15 pages (references do not count towards the page limit). Exceptionally for Synergy Grant applications the resources section that is included in the Scientific Proposal will not count towards the 15 page limit.

- **Host Institution Binding Statement of Support** (available on this page below and as a word-template in PPSS).
- **Ethics review self-assessment** (if applicable) and supporting documentation.

3. Evaluation:

The conditions specific to ERC are described in the [ERC Work Programme 2018](#) under the heading 'Evaluation procedure and criteria' and in the [ERC Rules for Submission and Evaluation](#). An overview is provided below:

Evaluation procedure

A single submission of the full proposal will be followed by a two-step evaluation. The evaluation will be conducted by means of a structure of high level peer review panels as listed in Annex 1 of the [ERC Work Programme 2018](#). The panels may be assisted by independent experts working remotely.

Evaluation criteria

For all ERC frontier research grants scientific excellence is the sole criterion of evaluation. It will be applied in conjunction to the evaluation of both: the ground-breaking nature, ambition and feasibility of the research project; and the intellectual capacity, creativity and commitment of the Principal Investigator. The detailed evaluation elements applying to the excellence of the research project and the Principal Investigator are set out in the [ERC Work Programme 2018](#).

4. Indicative timetable for evaluation and grant agreement:

Please refer to the [ERC Work Programme 2018](#) under the heading 'Indicative summary of main calls from the 2018 budget'.

5. Provisions, proposal templates and evaluation forms for the type(s) of action(s) under this topic

ERC Consolidator Grant

Specific provisions and funding rates: please refer to the [ERC Work Programme 2018](#) under the headings 'Funding rates' and 'Consolidator Grant profile'.

[Information for Applicants to the Starting and Consolidator Grant 2018 Calls](#)

CoG 2018 Proposal templates: ERC standard proposal template

[ERC Guide for Peer Reviewers – STG, COG, ADG](#)

[H2020 ERC MGA – Multi-Beneficiary](#)

[H2020 ERC MGA – Mono-Beneficiary](#)

[H2020 Annotated Grant Agreement](#)

6. Additional provisions:

[Horizon 2020 budget flexibility](#)

7. Open access:

The ERC supports the principle of open access to the published output of research, including in particular peer-reviewed articles and monographs, as a fundamental part of its mission. It also supports the basic principle of open access to research data and data related products such as computer code. The ERC considers that providing free online access to all these materials can be the most effective way of ensuring that the fruits of the research it funds can be accessed, read and used as the basis for further research.

Under Horizon 2020, beneficiaries of ERC grants must ensure open access to all peer-reviewed scientific publications (including journal articles, monographs, book chapters, edited volumes, etc.) related to the results of the project as set out in Article 29.2 of the ERC Model Grant Agreement.

In addition, for the first time under Horizon 2020, beneficiaries of ERC frontier research grants funded under this Work Programme will automatically be covered by the provisions on research data sharing as set out in Article 29.3 of the ERC Model Grant Agreement unless they specifically decide to opt-out.

Beneficiaries that do not opt-out should also ensure appropriate management (including preservation and curation) of the research data they generate in order to ensure its sustainability. These provisions are designed to facilitate access, re-use and preservation of research data generated during the ERC funded research work. For more guidance, please see the related [ERC guidelines](#) and [ERC Template for the Data Management Plan \(DMP\)](#).

Beneficiaries should carefully check the additional obligations related to open research data contained in Article 29.3. They may opt-out of the provisions of

the previous paragraph at any stage, thereby freeing themselves retroactively from the associated obligations.

8. Additional documents:

[Legal basis: Horizon 2020 - Regulation of Establishment](#)

[Legal basis: Horizon 2020 Rules for Participation](#)

[Legal basis: Horizon 2020 Specific Programme](#)

There is no obligation to conclude a consortium agreement.

Submission Service

To access the Electronic Submission Service of the topic, please select the **type of action** that is most relevant to your proposal from the list below and click on the **'Start Submission'** button. You will then be asked to confirm your choice of the type of action and topic, as these 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 Participant Portal and select the My Proposals page of the My Area section.

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Guidance on proposal submission:

[H2020 online manual](#)

IT Guidance:



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[ERC 2018 Consolidator Grant Applicant Mailbox](#) - For any queries related to the call

[ERC 2018 Consolidator Grant Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)

[H2020 Online Manual](#) is your guide on the procedures from proposal submission to managing your grant.

[Participant Portal FAQ](#) – Submission of proposals.

[National Contact Points \(NCP\)](#) - contact your NCP for further assistance in your national language(s).

[Research Enquiry Service](#) – ask questions about any aspect of European research in general and the EU Research Framework Programmes in particular.

[IT Helpdesk](#) - contact the Participant Portal IT helpdesk for questions such as forgotten passwords, access rights and roles, technical aspects of submission of proposals, etc.

[Ethics](#) – for compliance with ethical issues, see the [Online Manual](#) and [Science and Society Portal](#)

[European IPR Helpdesk](#) assists you on intellectual property issues

[The European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for their recruitment](#)

[Partner Search Services](#) help you find a partner organisation for your proposal.