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Why NCPs matter: beyond asking administrative questions

Can you imagine an ecosystem without connectors – what would be missing?

- Proposal pre-screening/review: 183
- Interview preparation: 17
- Total questions/guidance requests: 1021
- 1-1 meetings: 134
- Events: 14

Greek ERC NCP Support: December 2022- September 2026 (~3,5 years)

Why NCPs matter: beyond asking administrative questions

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NCPs as connectors:	link research to policy, and innovation to funding	lower barriers to ERC participation	Make easier access to opportunities
NCPs as multipliers:	spreading EU research culture and best practices	Help raise the overall quality of proposals	Build stronger research communities
Ecosystem growth	Not just technical advisors	Enablers of collaboration across academia, industry, and society	Facilitators of knowledge & innovation flow

Κατακτώντας το ERC 2027: καλές πρακτικές & εργαλεία

Πρόγραμμα εκδήλωσης

09:45–10:00	**Έναρξη**
10:00–10:15	**Χαιρετισμοί** *Ιωάννης Ρέκανος- Αντιπρύτανης Έρευνας και Καινοτομίας, ΑΠΘ Δρ. *Ευαγγελία Περπερή, Υπεύθυνη Διεύθυνσης Εξωστρέφειας και Κινητικότητας *Γιώργος Κοτρώτσιος- Εθνικός Εκπρόσωπος στο ERC
10:15-10:25	**Η Ελληνική συμμετοχή στα ERC grants |** Ελισάβετ Καραΐσκου, Γενική Γραμματεία Έρευνας & Καινοτομίας (ΓΓΕΚ), εθνική εμπειρογνώμονας στην Π.Ε. ERC
10:25-10:45	**ERC Work Program 2027** | Ευρώπη-Σοφία Δαλαμπίρα, Δίκτυο ΠΡΑΞΗ/ΙΤΕ, Technology Transfer Consultant | NCP (Cluster 6, ERC, RI)
10:45-11:10	**How does ERC-funded research contribute to frontier science: valuable insights and practical applications in proposal writing |** *VIGLI - PAPADAKI Dina, Head of Sector, ERCEA.C.4 - Grant Management, Audits Liaison & Implementation of Audits Coordination (presentation) *Dr Eleni Zika ERCEA-Head of Sector, Scientific Impact and Feedback to Policy (Q&A)
11:10-11:30	*Ερωτήσεις & Απαντήσεις*
11:30-11:50	*Διάλειμμα-καφές*
11:50-12:20	**Τα βήματα προς την επιτυχία: στρογγυλό τραπέζι** | 3 grantees (Δημήτρης Νταλαμπέκος-ΑΠΘ StG 2025, Χριστίνα Παπαγεωργοπούλου-ΔΠΘ CoG 2023, Massimo Morbidelli/Αλέξανδρος Κυπαρισσίδης-ΑΠΘ AdG 2022) Συντονισμός: Μαρία-Χριστίνα Χειμωνίδη, Δίκτυο ΠΡΑΞΗ/ΙΤΕ, ERC, EIC, MSCA NCP
12:20-12:35	**Ο ρόλος του ERC για τη καριέρα νέων επιστημόνων: δυνατότητες και προβλήματα** | Θέμις Αλισσάφη, πρέσβειρα ERC για την Ελλάδα
12:35-12:45	**Greek ERC Mentoring Initiative: ένα νέο εργαλείο για καλύτερες προτάσεις** | Παναγιώτα Ποϊράζη-ΙΤΕ/ΙΜΒΒ
12:45-12:55	**Οι υπηρεσίες του Δικτύου ΠΡΑΞΗ** | Μαρία-Χριστίνα Χειμωνίδη, Δίκτυο ΠΡΑΞΗ, NCP (ERC, EIC, MSCA)
12:55-13:00	*Ερωτήσεις-κλείσιμο* | Ευρώπη-Σοφία Δαλαμπίρα, Δίκτυο ΠΡΑΞΗ/ΙΤΕ

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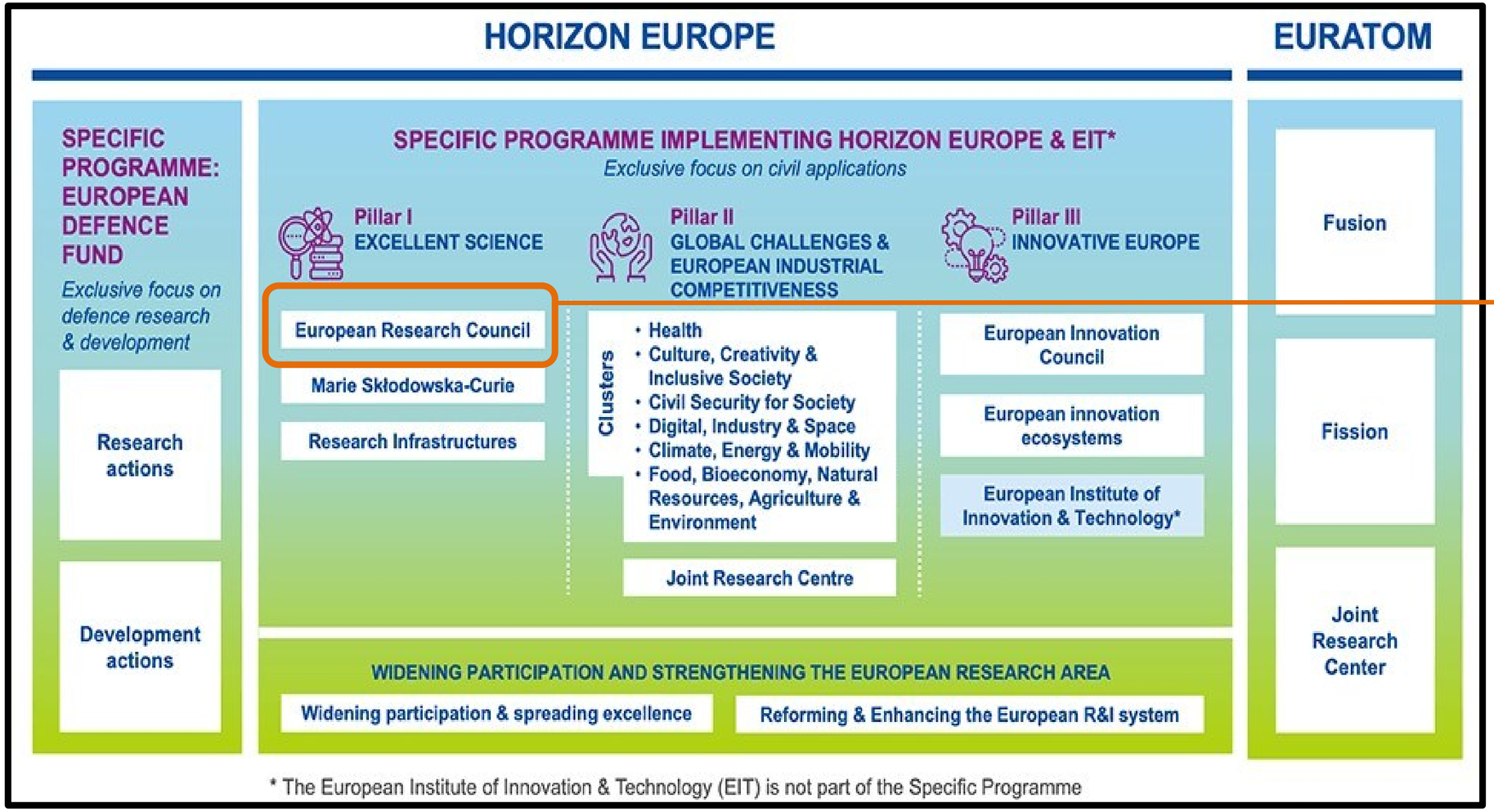
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ERC funding philosophy and frontier science



FP7: €7.5 billion

H2020: €13 billion

HE: €16 billion

17%

of the entire Horizon Europe budget

- ERC 2027: ~ € 2.8 billion
  - € 490 million – Associated Countries
  - € 57 million – EFTA

ERC funding philosophy and frontier science

Involved parties

- Principal Investigator (PI): any nationality
- Host Institution (HI): University, Research Center or SME in EU or Associated county

No priorities/policies/strategies: bottom-up research

- Breakthrough research
- Frontier research
- Groundbreaking research

**Mono-beneficiary: no need for consortium (exception: Synergy Grants)*

Overview of ERC funding schemes

Individual (mono-beneficiary) grants*:



Starting Grants
Early-career researchers
0-10 years after PhD
up to €1.5 M
for 5 years



Consolidator Grants
Mid-career researchers
5-15 years after PhD
up to €2 M
for 5 years



Advanced Grants
Senior-established researchers
track-record of significant research achievements
up to Lum sum €2.5 M
for 5 years

Other grants



Synergy Grants
Small research teams
2 – 4 Principal Investigators
up to €10.0 M for 6 years
1 PI can be based outside EU/Associated Countries



Proof-of-Concept
Only of ERC grantees: exploring commercialization
bridging gap between research - earliest stage of marketable innovation
lump sum €150,000 for 18 months
Only for ERC grant holders, max 3 (mono-beneficiary, 6 synergy), one application per call

ERC Plus Grant
"Choose Europe" EC initiative
Open to researchers at any age, or nationality residing anywhere and wish to come to Europe
Outstanding record of scientific achievement
Up to 7 M for 7 years
Lum sum
30 Grants in total

**Applicants must have successfully defended their PhD at the time of the call deadline*

**counting from certified date of the successful PhD defence*

2027 calls: deadlines and budget

Individual (mono-beneficiary) grants:

Table 4: The Eligibility Period

	Starting Grant	Consolidator Grant
Time Elapsed between PhD Defence Date and Cut-off Date:	> 0 and ≤ 10 years	> 5 and ≤ 15 years
Cut-off Date:	January 1st, 2027	January 1st, 2027
Eligibility Period Starts on:	January 1st, 2017	January 1st, 2012
Eligibility Period Ends on:	December 31st, 2026	December 31st, 2021

2027 calls: deadlines and budget

Table 1: Provisional Details on the Main Calls for Proposals under Work Programme 2027[5,6,7]

	Starting Grant Call	Consolidator Grant Call	Advanced Grant Call	Synergy Grant Call	ERC Plus Grant Call[8]
Call Identifier	ERC-2027-StG	ERC-2027-CoG	ERC-2027-AdG	ERC-2027-SyG	ERC-2027-PLUS
Opening Date	22 July 2026	24 September 2026	27 May 2027	17 February 2027	1 June 2027
Deadline	14 October 2026	12 January 2027	26 August 2027	11 May 2027	1 September 2027
Budget (EUR, m)	594	618	798	500	210
Estimated Number of Grants	373	296	311	48	30
Date to Inform Applicants – Step 1	11 May 2027	16 July 2027	11 February 2028	26 October 2027	15 February 2028
Date to Inform Applicants – Step 2	24 August 2027	17 December 2027	16 June 2028	25 January 2028	14 June 2028
Date to Inform Applicants – Step 3				7 April 2028	
Grant Agreement Signature Date	22 December 2027	8 April 2028	14 October 2028	25 August 2028	12 October 2028

2027 calls: deadlines and budget

*Additional funding –StG, CoG, AdG**

- Additional funding can be requested to cover further eligible costs if needed for implementing the project
- No more pre-defined cost categories for additional funding
- May include personnel costs

Up to €1 million

Applicants already based in an EU Member State or country associated to HE

Up to €2 million

Applicants re-locating to the EU or an Associated Country from elsewhere to take up their ERC grant

* SyG: up to €4 million additional funding

Eligibility criteria and changes for 2027

Novelties II – Submission Restrictions I

- Updated rules on submission of proposals and eligibility:
  - Only one ERC main grant proposal under evaluation* at any time
  - Only one eligible ERC main grant proposal to 2027 calls

**A proposal is considered under evaluation between the time of the call deadline and the time an applicant receives a letter informing them of the outcome of either:*

- the eligibility and admissibility check, or
- the evaluation (including placement on the reserve list)

Eligibility criteria and changes for 2027

Table 6: Resubmission Restrictions

Application under Previous ERC Work Programme Calls and Outcome of Evaluation[49]		Applicants are Ineligible for the Following Calls under Work Programme 2027
Starting, Consolidator, Advanced, or Synergy Grant 2025	Rejected on the grounds of a breach of research integrity[50]	Starting, Consolidator, Advanced, ERC Plus, and Synergy Grant 2027
Starting, Consolidator, Advanced, ERC Plus, or Synergy Grant 2026	Rejected on the grounds of a breach of research integrity[50]	Starting, Consolidator, Advanced, ERC Plus, and Synergy Grant 2027
Starting, Consolidator, or Advanced Grant 2025	C at Step 1	Starting, Consolidator, Advanced, ERC Plus, and Synergy Grant 2027
Starting or Consolidator Grant 2026	B or C at Step 1	Starting, Consolidator, Advanced, ERC Plus, and Synergy Grant 2027
Advanced Grant 2026	B or C at Step 1	Starting, Consolidator, Advanced, and ERC Plus Grant 2027
Synergy Grant 2025	C at Step 1	Synergy Grant 2027
Synergy Grant 2026	B or C at Step 1	Synergy Grant 2027
ERC Plus Grant 2026	Not retained at Step 1	ERC Plus Grant 2027

Novelties II – Submission Restrictions II

Eligibility criteria and changes for 2027

Novelties IV – Proposal Evaluation

The assessment of the ground-breaking nature and ambition of the research project in the main grant calls will now include the following (updated) evaluation question at Step 1 and 2:

To what extent are the project's objectives ambitious, will the project advance the frontier of knowledge and is the proposed approach scientifically convincing?

Eligibility criteria and changes for 2027

Novelties VI – Restrictions on Entities from Certain Countries

- Based on Article 22(6) of the HE Regulation, universities (higher education establishments) established in China which are public bodies, that are administered by or fall under the supervision of the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) will not be eligible to participate in the **Synergy Grant call in 2027.**

- Under Article 22(6) of the Horizon Europe Regulation, legal entities established in China are not eligible to participate in ERC **Proof of Concept grants** if the proposed project concerns one or more of the 10 critical technology areas identified in the Annex to the Commission Recommendation (EU) 2023/2113 of 3 October 2023.

- Proposals from applicants hosted by the above entities will still be evaluated and, if successful, they will be able to exercise portability at granting.

Eligibility criteria and changes for 2027

Novelties VI – Restrictions on Entities from Certain Countries

Participation from Russia and Belarus

- **Legal entities:** Entities established in Russia, Belarus or non-government-controlled territories of Ukraine are ineligible to participate in any capacity, subject to justified case-by-case exceptions.
- **Russian ownership:** Entities established outside Russia but more than 50% directly or indirectly owned by a Russian-established legal entity are also ineligible.
- **Individual researchers:** Russian and Belarusian nationals established outside the specified territories are not excluded solely on the basis of nationality, provided they are not subject to EU restrictive measures.
- **Sanctions screening:** Russian and Belarusian Principal Investigators are screened against the EU sanctions list.

Important: Always consult the specific ERC Work Programme and call conditions for the relevant year and ERCEA for each case

Source: ERC Work Programme 2027, Annex 3, pp. 61–62.

Application structure

Part A
Administrative form online

- Administrative form (online)
- Section 1 General information
- Section 2 Participants
- Section 4 Ethics and security
- Section 5 Other Questions

Part B1
submitted as single .pdf

- **9-page** (+references, do not count the page limit)
- Extended Synopsis (5 p.) + Curriculum Vitae & track record (4 p.)

Part B2
submitted as single .pdf

- **7-page** (+references, do not count the page limit)
- Full Scientific Proposal
- Funding ID (does not count the page limit)

Annexes
submitted as .pdf

Mandatory
- Copy of PhD certificate +Host institution support letter

If applicable
- Documentation needed to support a request for
- eligibility extension
- Ethics and security issues (if applicable) etc.

Thank you…

What is the one thing you will take away from today?

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