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I BANDI MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS (MSCA) - INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIP ED ERC

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Key features

- High-impact research output
- Inter-sectoral mobility
- A link between business, research and higher education
- Interdisciplinarity
- For all career stages
- Bottom-up approach
- Benefits society
- Expands scientific knowledge
- Good working conditions
- Hosts in any country or sector
- Open to the world
- Informing decision-makers

All domains of RESEARCH AND INNOVATION
Mobility

3 “i”

International

Interdisciplinary

Intersectorial
MSCA Objective

Ensure the optimum development and dynamic use of Europe’s intellectual capital in order to generate new skills, knowledge and innovation

Budget 2014-2020: 6 162 million €
Definitions

Participants are organisations from the academic or the non-academic sector. These two sectors are defined as follows:

**Academic sector**
- public or private HEI awarding academic degrees,
- public or private non-profit research organisations,
- international European interest organisations

**Non-academic sector**
- any socio-economic actor not included in the academic sector definition

inter-sector collaboration
## 2 - Administrative data of participating organisations

### Future Host Institution

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**Short name:**

**Address of the organisation**

- **Street:**
- **Town:** ROMA
- **Postcode:** 00165
- **Country:** Italy
- **Webpage:**

**Specific Legal Statuses**

- Research and Innovation legal statuses:
  - Legal person: yes
  - Non-profit: yes
  - International organisation: no
  - International organisation of European interest: no
  - Secondary or Higher education establishment: no
  - Research organisation: yes
  - Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs): no

- Academic Sector: yes
Definitions

**Beneficiaries**

*Beneficiaries* are the legal entities that **sign the grant agreement** and have the responsibility for the proper implementation of the action. They contribute directly to the implementation of the research, transfer of knowledge and training activities.

**Partner organisations**

Partner organisations are institutions that provide additional training and host the researcher during secondments. The partner organisations do not recruit any researchers and **do not sign the grant agreement**. As such, partner organisations **cannot directly claim any costs** from the action.
Researchers

Early-stage researchers (ESR)

≤ 4 years full-time equivalent research

Experienced researchers (ER)

≥ 4 years full-time equivalent research experience

Full-time equivalent research experience is measured from the date when a researcher obtained the degree which would formally entitle him or her to embark on a doctorate.
Bottom-up approach

Research fields are freely chosen by the applicants, except:

• research activity aiming at human cloning for reproductive purposes
• research activity intended to modify the genetic heritage of human beings which could make such changes heritable
• research activities intended to create human embryos solely for the purpose of research or for the purpose of stem cell procurement, including by means of somatic cell nuclear transfer
• areas of research covered by the EURATOM Treaty
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) have supported more than 100 000 researchers so far

MSCA researchers (all projects combined)

- FP4-FP6 1994-2006: 30 000
- FP7 2007-2013: 40 000
- Horizon 2020 2014-2020: 65 000

- 8 Nobel laureates
- 1 Oscar winner*

* A team of software developers involved with MSCA won an Academy Award in 2006 for their work on visual effects software
http://europa.eu/erpKBSYg
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions – Individual Fellowships (IF)
Why?

Are you an experienced researcher thinking about your next career move?

Individual Fellowships fund researchers looking to enhance their career development and prospects by working abroad.
Why?

**Figure 3.9 – Initial motivation/fulfilment for MC researchers**

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<th>Target group</th>
<th>Motivational factors</th>
<th>Fulfilment</th>
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<td>The opportunity to develop my personal research interests/agenda (i.e. the content and direction of my research)</td>
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<td>The opportunity for career progression</td>
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<td>The opportunity to work with leading researchers and institutions</td>
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<td>The opportunity to work in another country</td>
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<td>The opportunity of interdisciplinary work</td>
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<td>Personal factors</td>
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<td>The opportunity to carry out research with high social return</td>
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<td>Family/relational factors</td>
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<td>Dual career (partner in research)</td>
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<td>The opportunity to change sector (e.g. from academia to private sector, from private to public,...)</td>
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Expected Impact:

At researcher level:
- Increased set of skills, both research-related and transferable ones, leading to improved employability and career prospects both in and outside academia
- Increase in higher impact R&I output, more knowledge and ideas converted into products and services
- Greater contribution to the knowledge-based economy and society

At organisation level:
- Enhanced cooperation and stronger networks
- Better transfer of knowledge between sectors and disciplines
- Boosting of R&I capacity among participating organisations

At system level:
- Increase in international, interdisciplinary and intersectoral mobility of researchers in Europe
- Strengthening of Europe's human capital base in R&I with more entrepreneurial and better trained researchers
- Better communication of R&I results to society
- Increase in Europe's attractiveness as a leading destination for R&I
- Better quality research and innovation contributing to Europe's competitiveness and growth

Reading the Work Programme MSCA 2018-20:
**Career drivers and employability**

- MC fellows reported that MCF contributed significantly to other key career ‘drivers’, such as (i) access to high quality research facilities and labs, (ii) enlarging their professional network and (iii) improving their interdisciplinary skills.
- MCF can improve fellow’s immediate employability slightly better than other types of fellowship. In many instances former fellows have been offered an employment in the host institution after the end of MCF.

**Professional outputs**

- The results of the study shows that – all other factors considered – MC fellows’ publications are more-often cited than the CG’s, and are more frequently published on influential scientific journals.
- MC fellows are more successful in applying for European Research Council (ERC)’s competitive grants for high quality research.
- Conversely, limited or no positive MC effects have been found concerning (i) submission/commercialization of patents; and

**Employment status and career achievements**

- MC fellows achieve professorship titles more frequently than others, but somehow later in their career, and are more likely than the CG of leading a team of researchers, i.e. holding a principal investigator position.
- MC fellows often enjoy better employment contracts than the CG (e.g. open-ended tenure), but this does not necessarily implies higher income.
- MC fellows are more satisfied with their job than the CG, and this is true in general and for each individual aspect considered.

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N.B.
Marie Curie Fellowship (MCF)
Control group (CG)
Individual Fellowships (IF)

**Objective**
- enhance the creative and innovative potential of experienced researchers
- provide opportunities to acquire new knowledge, work on research projects in a European context or outside Europe, resume a career or return to Europe

**Scope**
- Individual, trans-national fellowships awarded to the best or most promising researchers
- European Fellowships or Global Fellowships

**Expected Impact**
- release the full potential of researchers and to catalyse significant development in their careers in both the academic and non-academic sectors
- strengthen the contact network of the researcher and the host organisation
Individual Fellowships (IF)
Mobility rule

For Standard (ST) the researcher must not have resided or carried out his/her main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the host organisation for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the deadline for submission of proposals.
Individual Fellowships (IF)

[...]  
✓ This action provides financial support for individual experienced researchers who want to work in host organisations established in EU Member States (MS) or Associated Countries (AC)*.  
✓ The Global Fellowship option also includes an initial period spent in a Partner organisation located outside of Europe MS or AC.  
[...]

Only one proposal per experienced researcher can be submitted for this call of proposals.
Only one proposal

Keep in mind that **only one proposal per researcher** may be submitted to this call. In the event of multiple submissions, REA will contact the supervisor and researcher, who will then choose the proposal to be evaluated:

- In case no reply is received, the first submitted proposal will be evaluated.
- In case of disagreement between supervisor and researcher, the supervisor's opinion prevails.
IF – European and Global

European Fellowships

- EFs: 12-24 months

Global Fellowships

- GFs: 12-24 months for the outgoing phase plus 12 month return phase in Europe

Mobility rule
Standard European Fellowships (EF-ST)

1. The researcher must be an **experienced researcher**
2. The researcher may be of **any nationality**. No age restrictions apply.
3. The researcher must **move or have moved** (transnational mobility) **from any country to the MS or AC** where the beneficiary is located.

The researcher must comply with the **mobility rule:**

The researcher must not have resided or carried out his/her main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the beneficiary for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately before the call deadline.
Career Restart Panel (EF-CAR)

The Career Restart Panel (CAR) is a multidisciplinary panel of the EF which provides financial support to individual researchers who wish to resume research in Europe after a career break (e.g. after parental leave, working outside research, etc.).

1. The researcher must be an experienced researcher
2. The researcher may be of any nationality. No age restrictions apply.
3. The researcher must move or have moved (transnational mobility) from any country to the MS or AC where the beneficiary is located.

The researcher must comply with the CAR mobility rule:
   The researcher must not have resided or carried out the main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the beneficiary for more than 36 months in the 5 years immediately before the call deadline.
Career restart panel (CAR)

4. The experienced researcher must have had a career break in research, i.e. they were not active in research for a continuous period of **12 months within the eighteen months immediately prior to the deadline for submission of proposals** (i.e. between 13 March 2017 and 12 September 2018).

‘Active in research’ means being employed or holding a scholarship in research. Parental leaves and unpaid leaves of absence will not be counted as periods of active engagement in research, even if a formal employment relationship exists during these periods. Publication activities or mere association to a university (i.e. any other link to the university that is not considered as an employment contract or a fellowship agreement) are not taken into account either.
Reintegration Panel (EF-RI)

- The Reintegration Panel is a multidisciplinary panel of the European Fellowships dedicated to researchers who wish to return and reintegrate in a longer term research position in Europe.

1. The researcher must be an experienced researcher.
2. The researcher must be a national or long-term resident of a MS or AC. No age restrictions apply.

Long-term residence means a period of legal and continuous residence within EU Member States or Horizon 2020 Associated Countries of at least 5 consecutive years. Periods of absence from the territory of the Member State or Horizon 2020 Associated Country shall be taken into account for the calculation of this period where they are shorter than 6 consecutive months and do not exceed in total ten months within this period of five years.
Reintegration Panel (EF-RI)

3. The researcher must **move or have moved** (transnational mobility) **directly from a TC** (excluding compulsory national service and/or short stays such as holidays) **to the MS or AC where the beneficiary is located**.

The researcher must comply with the **RI mobility rule:**

The researcher must not have resided or carried out the main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the beneficiary for more than 36 months in the 5 years immediately before the call deadline.
The Society & Enterprise Panel (EF-SE)

The Society & Enterprise Panel is a multidisciplinary panel of the European Fellowships dedicated to career opportunities for researchers seeking to work on research and innovation projects in an organisation from the non-academic sector.

1. The researcher must be **an experienced researcher**
2. The researcher may be of **any nationality**. No age restrictions apply.
3. The researcher must **move or have moved** (transnational mobility) **from any country to the MS or AC** where the beneficiary is located.

The researcher must comply with the **SE mobility rule**:

The researcher must not have resided or carried out the main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the beneficiary for more than 36 months in the 5 years immediately before the call deadline.
4. **The beneficiary must be an entity from the non-academic sector**

The non-academic status is assigned to entities *not* having the academic status, i.e. entities which are not:

- Public or private higher education establishments awarding academic degrees
- Public or private non-profit research institutes whose primary mission is to pursue research
- International European interest organisations
GLOBAL FELLOWSHIPS (GF)

Global Fellowships are composed of an **outgoing phase** during which the researcher undertakes mobility to a **partner organisation** in a **TC** for a **period of between 12 and 24 months**, followed by a **mandatory 12-month return period** to the **beneficiary** located in a **MS or AC**.

1. The researcher must be an **experienced researcher**
2. The researcher must be **national or long-term resident of a MS or AC**. No age restrictions apply.
3. The researcher must **move or have moved** (transnational mobility) **from any country** to the **partner organisation located in the TC**.

The researcher must comply with the **GF mobility rule**:

The researcher must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the TC partner organisation where the initial outgoing phase takes place for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately before the call deadline.
GLOBAL FELLOWSHIPS (GF)

4. a. The beneficiary must be located in an MS or AC, and,
   b. The partner organisation for the initial outgoing phase must be situated in a TC and is the entity where the initial outgoing phase takes place.
Letter of commitment- GF

Each partner organisation in a TC must include an up-to-date letter of commitment in Part B of the proposal to demonstrate its real and active participation in the proposed action and its precise role should also be clearly described in the proposal.
Widening fellowships

- WF call is part of the Work Programme "Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation", not in MSCA WP
- Applicants should submit their proposal to the MSCA-IF-2018 call only.
- Call open from 12 April till 12 September
- When ranking list for MSCA-IF-2018 call is finalised:
  - EF proposals to widening countries on the Main list of MSCA-IF-2018 will be funded under that call.
  - Proposals not selected for funding and that have a chance to be funded under the WF call will be automatically resubmitted and considered for funding under the widening call, within the limits of the available budget.
### Secondments

During the implementation of the IF the Experienced Researcher may be seconded to another institution in Europe. Such secondments must significantly contribute to the impact of the fellowship and therefore in certain research fields would be expected to take place in the non-academic sector.

The organisation where the secondment takes place is a partner organisation and must be located in the Member States or Associated Countries.

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<th>Duration of the fellowship</th>
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<td>&gt; 18 months</td>
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The secondment phase can be a single period or divided into shorter mobility periods.
Optional secondment - Global Fellowships

- For Global Fellowships, such an optional secondment can also take place at the start of the action at the beneficiary or its entity with a capital or legal link and/or a partner organisation in a MS or AC for a maximum of 3 months, allowing the researcher to spend time there before moving on to a partner organisation in a Third country. In such cases, the initial secondment will be considered as part of the outgoing phase.
Short visit is not a "secondment"

- Secondments have a clear impact on the project, are planned before, and have a particular scope – for example, without the secondment the final results of the project would not be possible. A short visit on the other hand will have a limited impact and could be spontaneous.

- The purpose of a secondment is providing transfer of knowledge and training, while the aim of a short visit is simply to gather data and information.

- The secondment implies mobility to a partner organisation in a MS/AC.
Research, Training and Development

- A concrete plan of *training-through-research* at the host organisation’s premises.
- well-defined *objective* in terms of career advancement (by attaining a leading independent position for example) or resuming a research career after a break.
- *final outcome* to develop and significantly widen the competences of the Experienced Researcher, particularly in terms of multi/interdisciplinary expertise, intersectoral experience and transferable skills.
- this plan comprises the researcher’s *training and career needs*, including training on transferable skills, planning for publications and participation in conferences.
Transferable skills:

- **Training related to research and innovation**: management of IPR, take up and exploitation of research results, communication, standardisation, ethics, scientific writing, personal development, team skills, multicultural awareness, gender issues, research integrity, etc.

- **Training related to management or grant searching**: involvement in the organisation of network activities, entrepreneurship, management, proposal writing, enterprise start-up, task co-ordination, etc.
Public engagement

Public Engagement
the primary goal of public engagement activities is to create awareness among the general public of the research work performed and its implications for citizens and society.
Outreach & Communication

Outreach and Communication Activities in the MSCA under Horizon 2020

Guidelines
MSCA fellows are expected to engage in outreach activities as an integral part of their fellowship. Below is a non-exhaustive list of practical outreach activities that MSCA fellows could consider for their project.

Difference between communication and outreach
Outreach and communication activities are related, but are not the same and a good MSCA project should include a mix of both.

Outreach activities are meant to engage a large audience and to bring knowledge and expertise on a particular topic to the general public. Outreach activities can take several forms, such as school presentations, workshops, public talks and lab visits, etc. The objective of outreach is to explain the benefits of research to a larger public (the tax payers who fund your research). Outreach implies an interaction between the sender and the receiver of the message, there is an engagement and a two-way communication between the researcher and the public.

Communication, on the other hand, only goes in one direction from the sender to the receiver. Communication refers to articles in mainstream newspapers and magazines, or on TV and radio channels. Successful communication requires a clear language and attractive scientific subject with outstanding results that can catch the media's attention.

The European Commission is aware that not every MSCA researcher is undertaking research of interest to the mass media. You can start small and attempt having your research published in your local newspaper. Researchers should be able to explain their project to the large public in accessible language: images having to explain what you do to fellow commuters on your daily trip to work.

Possible activities
In order to give visibility to MSCA projects, fellows could take part in outreach activities such as:

- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Ambassadors: Fellows acting as "Ambassadors" organizes activities with the aim of promoting their research to all public audiences. MSCA researchers visit schools and universities or assist educators in

The financial support for Marie Skłodowska-Curie IFs takes the form of a grant covering up to 100% of the costs.

### Financial Aspects

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* The country correction coefficients that will be applied are indicated in Table 4 in Part 3 of the Work Programme
### Call deadlines 2018

**Opening date(s), deadline(s), indicative budget(s):**

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<td>Quality and credibility of the research/innovation project; level of novelty, appropriate consideration of inter/multidisciplinary and gender aspects</td>
<td>Enhancing the future career prospects of the researcher after the fellowship</td>
<td>Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan, including appropriateness of the allocation of tasks and resources</td>
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<td>Quality and appropriateness of the training and of the two way transfer of knowledge between the researcher and the host</td>
<td>Quality of the proposed measures to exploit and disseminate the project results</td>
<td>Appropriateness of the management structure and procedures, including risk management</td>
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<td>Quality of the supervision and of the integration in the team/institution</td>
<td>Quality of the proposed measures to communicate the project activities to different target audiences</td>
<td>Appropriateness of the institutional environment (infrastructure)</td>
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| 50% | 30% | 20% |

**Weighing**

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**Priority in case of ex aequo**

NB: An overall threshold of 70% will be applied to the total weighted score.
Researcher Age - Success Rate (All years)

Figures based on FP 2014, 2015 and 2016 proposals.
PhD - Success Rate (all years)

- No PhD date
- PhD in progress
- 0-1 years
- 4-6 years
- 7-9 years
- 10-12 years
- 13-15 years
- +15 years

Success Rate vs. Years of research experience after PhD

Figures based on 2014, 2015 and 2016 proposals.

Research Executive Agency
IF 2017: Submissions  
new record: 9089

Submissions per action

- MSCA-IF-EF-ST (7145)
- MSCA-IF-EF-CAR (352)
- MSCA-IF-EF-RI (173)
- MSCA-IF-GF (858)
- MSCA-IF-EF-SE (561)
| Number of eligible proposals | 322 proposals | 653 proposals | 264 proposals | 1012 proposals | 179 proposals | 850 proposals | 889 proposals | 1701 proposals | 672 proposals | 1011 proposals | 71 proposals | 21 proposals | 99 proposals | 24 proposals | 212 proposals | 8 proposals | 65 proposals | 23 proposals |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| Score equal to or above     | CAR           | RI            | SE            | ST-CHE         | ST-ECO       | ST-ENG       | ST-ENV       | ST-LIF        | ST-MAT       | ST-PHY        | ST-SOC     | GF-CHE      | GF-ECO      | GF-ENG      | GF-ENV      | GF-MAT      | GF-PHY     | GF-SOC      |
| 100                         | 0.00%         | 0.00%         | 0.00%         | 0.00%          | 0.00%        | 0.00%        | 0.00%        | 0.00%          | 0.00%        | 0.00%         | 0.00%      | 0.00%       | 0.00%       | 0.00%       | 0.00%       | 0.00%      | 0.00%      | 0.00%       |
| 99                          | 0.31%         | 0.00%         | 0.00%         | 0.00%          | 0.00%        | 0.00%        | 0.00%        | 0.00%          | 0.00%        | 0.00%         | 0.00%      | 0.00%       | 0.00%       | 0.00%       | 0.00%       | 0.00%      | 0.00%      | 0.00%       |
| 88                          | 0.22%         | 0.00%         | 0.00%         | 0.00%          | 0.00%        | 0.00%        | 0.00%        | 0.00%          | 0.00%        | 0.00%         | 0.00%      | 0.00%       | 0.00%       | 0.00%       | 0.00%       | 0.00%      | 0.00%      | 0.00%       |
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The new programme will be implemented through three pillars:

**Pillar 1**
Open Science
- European Research Council
- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions
- Infrastructures

**Pillar 2**
Global Challenges and Industrial Competitiveness
- Health
- Inclusive and Secure Society
- Digital and Industry
- Climate, Energy and Mobility
- Food and natural resources
- Joint Research Centre

**Pillar 3**
Open Innovation
- European Innovation Council
- European innovation ecosystems
- European Institute of Innovation and Technology

Strengthening the European Research Area
- Sharing excellence
- Reforming and Enhancing the European R&I system

The **Open Science pillar** (€25.8 billion) supports frontier research projects defined and driven by researchers themselves through the **European Research Council** (€16.6 billion), funds fellowships and exchanges for researchers through **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions** (€6.8 billion), and invests in world-class research infrastructures.

Links


http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/index_en.htm
**Links**

http://cordis.europa.eu/projects/home_it.html

Video

Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions
A pocket guide.
Your passport to a successful research career

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions
Your next career move!

RISE
Research and Innovation Staff Exchange

MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS
International and/or Inter-sectoral research and innovation projects delivered through exchange of staff

MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS
Bridging Business and Research
"Opportunities for and with Businesses"

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## Horizon 2020

### Excellent science
- European Research Council
- Future and Emerging Technologies
- Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions
- European Research Infrastructures, including e-Infrastructures

### Industrial leadership
- Leadership in enabling and industrial technologies
- Information and Communication Technologies
- Nanotechnologies, Advanced Materials, Advanced Manufacturing and Processing, and Biotechnology
- Space
- Access to risk finance
- Innovation in SMEs
  - The SME Instrument
  - The Eurostars programme

### Societal challenges
- Health, demographic change and wellbeing
- Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine and maritime and inland water research and the bioeconomy
- Secure, clean and efficient energy
- Smart, green and integrated transport
- Climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials
- Europe in a changing world - inclusive, innovative and reflective societies
- Secure societies - protecting freedom and security of Europe and its citizens

### Fast Track to Innovation Pilot (2015-2016)

### Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation

### Science with and for Society

### European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)

### Euratom
Mission

The ERC's mission is to encourage the highest quality research in Europe through competitive funding and to support investigator-driven frontier research across all fields, on the basis of scientific excellence.

The aim here is to recognise the best ideas, and confer status and visibility on the best brains in Europe, while also attracting talent from abroad.
What is 'frontier research‘?  

Today the distinction between 'basic' and 'applied' research has become blurred, due to the fact that emerging areas of science and technology often cover substantial elements of both. As a result, the term 'frontier research' was coined for ERC activities since they will be directed towards fundamental advances at and beyond the 'frontier' of knowledge.
Budget

The ERC represents 17% of the overall Horizon 2020 budget (€13.1 billion of €77 billion).
The total budget allocated to the ERC for the period 2014-2020 is €13.1 billion. Which means, in real terms (i.e. without considering inflation), an increase of 60% compared to FP7.

Mission: rafforzare l'eccellenza, il dinamismo e la creatività della ricerca europea
ERC

• to provide attractive, long-term funding to support excellent investigators and their research teams to pursue *ground-breaking, high-gain/ high-risk research.*
• Scientific excellence is the sole criterion
• Applications can be made in any field of research
Applications can be made in any field of research

- The ERC's frontier research grants operate on a 'bottom-up' basis without predetermined priorities.
- In particular, it encourages proposals of a multi- or interdisciplinary nature which cross the boundaries between different fields of research, pioneering proposals addressing new and emerging fields of research or proposals introducing unconventional, innovative approaches and scientific inventions.

Q: Must the Principal Investigator applying for an ERC Starting Grant 2018 (ERC-2018-STG) choose the appropriate ERC peer review evaluation panel for their proposal?

A: According to the conditions of the ERC Starting Grant 2018 call, the applicant must choose a primary evaluation panel and may also indicate a secondary evaluation panel. They should indicate when they believe that their proposal is of a cross-panel or cross-domain nature. In most cases the proposal will be evaluated by the primary panel indicated by the applicant. However, if the scope of a proposal does not correspond to the expertise of the primary panel, the proposal can be reallocated to another panel, if the panel chairs of the original and the new panel agree to do so.
## Information for Applicants

| Primary ERC Review Panel* | [drop-down menu]  
Please choose the primary ERC review panel ('Targeted Review Panel') by which you would like your proposal to be evaluated.  
The full list of ERC review panels is in Annex 1 to the ERC Work Programme 2018.  
It is the PI’s responsibility to choose the most relevant ERC panel ('primary review panel') for the evaluation of the proposed research. The initial allocation of the proposals to the various panels will be based on the expressed preference of the PI. In the case of cross-panel/cross-domain proposals the PI may indicate a 'secondary review panel'. The primary panel will then decide whether the proposal is indeed cross-panel or even cross-domain and if its evaluation requires expertise from other panels.  
Despite the initial allocation being based on the preference of the PI, when necessary due to the expertise required for the evaluation, proposals may be reallocated to different panels during the course of the peer review evaluation. |
|---|---|
| Secondary ERC Review Panel (if applicable) | [drop-down menu]  
You can choose a secondary ERC review panel that you consider most relevant to your proposal. The choice of a ‘Secondary ERC Review Panel’ is optional.  
The full list of ERC review panels is in Annex 1 to the ERC Work Programme 2018. |
Evaluation Panel Structure (WP2018)

**Physical Sciences & Engineering**

**PE1 Mathematics**
All areas of mathematics, pure and applied, plus mathematical foundations of computer science, mathematical physics and statistics.

**PE2 Fundamental Constituents of Matter**
Particle, nuclear, plasma, atomic, molecular, gas, and optical physics.

**PE3 Condensed Matter Physics**
Structure, electronic properties, fluids, nanosciences, biological physics.

**PE4 Physical and Analytical Chemical Sciences**
Analytical chemistry, chemical theory, physical chemistry/chemical physics.

**PE5 Synthetic Chemistry and Materials**
Materials synthesis, structure-properties relations, functional and advanced materials, molecular architecture, organic chemistry.

**PE6 Computer Science and Informatics**
Informatics and information systems, computer science, scientific computing, intelligent systems.

**PE7 Systems and Communication Engineering**
Electrical, electronic, communication, optical and systems engineering.

**PE8 Products and Process Engineering**
Product design, process design and control, construction methods, civil engineering, energy processes, material engineering.

**PE9 Universe Sciences**
Astrophysics/chemistry/biology; solar system; stellar, galactic and extragalactic astronomy, planetary systems, cosmology, space science, instrumentation.

**PE10 Earth Systems Science**
Physical geography, geology, geophysics, atmospheric sciences, oceanography, climatology, cryology, ecology, global environmental change, biogeochemical cycles, natural resources management.

**Life Sciences**

**LS1 Molecular Biology, Biochemistry. Structural Biology and Molecular Biophysics**
Molecular synthesis, modification, mechanisms and interactions; biochemistry; structural biology, molecular biophysics; metabolism, signalling pathways.

**LS2 Genetics, ‘Omics’, Bioinformatics and Systems Biology**
Molecular genetics, quantitative genetics, genetic epidemiology, epigenetics, genomics, metagenomics, transcriptomics, proteomics, metabolomics, glycomics, bioinformatics, computational biology, biostatistics, systems biology.

**LS3 Cellular and Developmental Biology**
Cell biology, cell physiology, signal transduction, organogenesis, developmental genetics, pattern formation, stem cell biology, in plants and animals and where appropriate in microorganisms.

**LS4 Physiology, Pathophysiology and Endocrinology**
Organ physiology, pathophysiology, endocrinology, metabolism, ageing, tumorigenesis, cardiovascular diseases, metabolic syndromes.

**LS5 Neurosciences and Neural Disorders**
Neural cell function and signalling, systems neuroscience, neural bases of cognitive and behavioural processes, neurological and psychiatric disorders.

**LS6 Immunology and Infection**
The immune system and related disorders, biology of infectious agents and infection, biological basis of prevention and treatment of infectious diseases.

**LS7 Applied Medical Technologies, Diagnostics, Therapies and Public Health**
Development of tools for diagnosis, monitoring and treatment of diseases, pharmacology, clinical medicine, regenerative medicine, epidemiology and public health.

**LS8 Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Biology**
Population, community and ecosystem ecology, evolutionary biology, behavioural ecology, microbial ecology.

**LS9 Applied Life Sciences: Biotechnology and Molecular and Biosystems Engineering**
Applied plant and animal sciences; food sciences; forestry; applied biotechnology; environmental and marine biotechnology; applied bioengineering; biomass; biofuels; biohazards.

**Social Sciences & Humanities**

**SH1 Individuals, Markets and Organisations**
Economics, finance and management.

**SH2 Institutions, Values, Environment and Space**
Political science, law, sustainability science, geography, regional studies and planning.

**SH3 The Social World, Diversity, Population**
Sociology, social psychology, social anthropology, demography, education, communications.

**SH4 The Human Mind and Its Complexity**
Cognitive science, psychology, linguistics, philosophy of mind.

**SH5 Cultures and Cultural Production**
Literature, philology, cultural studies, study of the arts, philosophy.

**SH6 The Study of the Human Past**
Archaeology and history.
Independent researchers

• Independent researchers of any age and career stage can apply for attractive long-term funding

• The ERC awards funding to excellent investigators looking to set up or consolidate their own independent research team or programme, as well as to already established research leaders.

• Principal Investigators from anywhere in the world can apply for an ERC grant:
  • ERC grants are open to researchers of any nationality who may reside in any country in the world at the time of the application
Host institution

• The host institution must be established in an EU Member State or Associated Country.

• Host institutions must provide appropriate conditions for the Principal Investigator to independently direct the research and manage its funding.

• An ERC grant is awarded to the institution that engages and hosts the Principal Investigator.

• The host institution must engage the Principal Investigator for at least the duration of the project.

• Any type of legal entity, public or private, including universities, research organisations.
Top Host Institutions in Italy

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Current Host Institutions (data as of 10/04/2018)
Research teams

• The Starting, Consolidator and Advanced Grants will support projects carried out by individual teams which are headed by a single Principal Investigator.

• [ERC Synergy Grants will support small groups of two to four Principal Investigators and their teams with a designated Corresponding Principal Investigator.]

• The constitution of the research teams is flexible.

Q: Should the applicant provide the names and the Curriculum Vitae (CV) of the team members in the proposal for the ERC Consolidator Grant 2018 (ERC-2018-CoG) call?

A: The CVs of individual team members should not be included. Although, it is not mandatory to provide the names of individual team members, the proposal should describe the composition of the team that will carry out the proposed activities. Further explanations can be found in the Information for the applicants of the Starting and Consolidator 2018 Grants.
Team di ricerca: chi ne può far parte?

- Costituzione flessibile: post-doc, graduate and PhD students, senior researchers. No limiti di età, nazionalità e paese di residenza (no PhD supervisor nei team di StG e CoG)
- Composizione nazionale o trans-nazionale: team members provenienti dal gruppo di ricerca del PI/stesso Ente, ma anche da altri Enti di differenti Paesi (additional participants -> eccezione)
- Per gli additional participants: valutazione caso per caso, partecipazione giustificata e essenziale in termini di competenze e capacità scientifiche
Team vs Network

With the **focus on the PI**, the concept of individual team is fundamentally different from that of a traditional 'network' or 'research consortium'; proposals of the latter type should not be submitted to the ERC.

`focus sul PI ⇒ no ‘network’ o ‘consorzi’!
partecipazione di altri enti se necessario per fini scientifici`
Priority to Young Scientists

+ 30 000 PhD and post-doc researchers working in ERC teams.

Two-thirds of ERC grants to early-stage Principal Investigators.
Attracting Researchers to Europe

Nationality of ERC project teams (PIs not included)
Analysis of 1,901 Starting and Advanced Grants

- **EU:** 71%
- **Assoc. Countries:** 10%
- **non-ERA:** 17%
- **unknown:** 2%

In all ERC grants
+ **9,000** non-ERA team members
most from **China, US, India, and Russia**
Union Contribution

The Union financial contribution will take the form of the reimbursement of up to 100% of the total eligible and approved direct costs and of flat-rate financing of indirect costs on the basis of 25% of the total eligible direct costs.
**ERC FUNDING**

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Extension of the eligibility window

• For maternity, the effective elapsed time since the award of the first PhD will be considered reduced by 18 months or if longer by the documented amount of leave actually taken for each child born before or after the PhD award. For paternity, the effective elapsed time since the award of the first PhD will be considered reduced by the documented amount of paternity leave actually taken for each child born before or after the PhD award.

• For long-term illness, clinical training or national service the effective elapsed time since the award of the first PhD\textsuperscript{12} will be considered reduced by the documented amount of leave actually taken by the Principal Investigator for each incident which occurred after the PhD award.

\textsuperscript{12}For applicants whose first eligible degree is their MD such incidents can be considered from the date of the completion of their MD degree.
Medical doctor

la specializzazione medica non vale come requisito per l’eleggibilità

• Laurea in medicina di base (MD) + PhD: conteggio canonico (vedi quanto indicato nel Work Programme ERC 2018)

• MD + “proof of appointment requiring PhD equivalence”: 4-9 anni post MD per StG, 9-14 anni post MD per CoG

• MD + “proof of appointment requiring PhD equivalence”+ PhD: 4-9 anni post MD per StG, 9-14 anni post MD per CoG
Restrictions on submission of proposals

The ERC calls are highly competitive

A Principal Investigator may submit proposals to different ERC frontier research grant calls published under the same Work Programme, but only the first eligible proposal will be evaluated.

No restrictions apply

A Principal Investigator whose proposal was evaluated as category A or category B at step 2 in the 2017 Starting, Consolidator or Advanced Grant calls may submit a proposal to the 2018 Starting, Consolidator, Advanced or Synergy Grant calls.

Restrictions apply

A Principal Investigator whose proposal was evaluated as category B at step 1 in the 2017 Starting, Consolidator or Advanced Grant calls may not submit a proposal to the 2018 Starting, Consolidator or Advanced Grant calls but may submit a proposal to the 2018 Synergy Grant call.

A Principal Investigator whose proposal was evaluated as category C in the 2016 or 2017 Starting, Consolidator or Advanced Grant calls may not submit a proposal to the 2018 Starting, Consolidator or Advanced Grant calls but may submit a proposal to the 2018 Synergy Grant call.
Restrictions on submission of proposals

Restrictions that Scientific Council intends to apply

A Principal Investigator whose proposal was evaluated as category B at step 1 or step 2 in the 2018 Synergy Grant call may **not** submit a proposal to the 2019 Synergy Grant call.

A Principal Investigator whose proposal was evaluated as category C at step 1 in the 2018 Synergy Grant call may **not** submit a proposal to the 2019 Starting, Consolidator, Advanced or Synergy Grant calls or for the 2020 Synergy Grant call.

All Principal Investigators whose proposal was rejected on the grounds of a breach of research integrity in the 2018 Synergy Grant call may **not** submit a proposal to the 2019 ERC calls.
Main calls from the 2018

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## ERC-StG 2007-2017

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Starting Grant profile

Objectives

• ERC Starting Grants are designed to support excellent Principal Investigators at the career stage at which they are starting their own independent research team or programme.

• Applicant Principal Investigators must demonstrate the ground-breaking nature, ambition and feasibility of their scientific proposal.
ERC Starting Grants

Starting Grants may be awarded up to a maximum of EUR 1,500,000 for a period of 5 years.
Profile of the ERC Starting Grant Principal Investigator

- The Principal Investigator shall have been awarded their first PhD at least 2 and up to 7 years prior to 1 January 2018.

- A competitive Starting Grant Principal Investigator must have already shown the potential for research independence and evidence of maturity, for example by having produced at least one important publication 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.
Early achievements track record

1. Up to five publications in major international peer-reviewed multi-disciplinary scientific journals and/or in the leading international peer-reviewed journals, peer-reviewed conferences proceedings and/or monographs of their respective research fields, highlighting those as main author or without the presence as co-author of their PhD supervisor (properly referenced, field relevant bibliometric indicators may also be included);

2. Research monographs and any translations thereof;

3. Granted patent(s);

4. Invited presentations to internationally established conferences and/or international advanced schools;

5. Prizes/Awards/Academy memberships.
Expected time commitment

• The question of whether the Principal Investigator is strongly committed to the project and demonstrates the willingness to devote a significant amount of time to the project forms a key part of the evaluation.

• Principal Investigators funded through the ERC Starting Grants shall spend a minimum of 50% of their total working time in an EU Member State or Associated Country and a minimum of 50% of their total working time on the ERC project.
## STG 2017 Results

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ERC Starting Grant 2017
Grantees by nationality and gender
Total 406 grants

48 nationalities

Number of grantees

Grantees nationality

Male Grantees
Female Grantees
STG 2016-2017 Years passed PhD with success rate

STG 2016-2017 Funded proposals by years since PHD and success rate
Status / Overview: StG 2018

- Call closed 17 October 2017
- Final number of submitted proposals – 3170 (3% more than StG 2017- 3082)
- Budget: 581 M€
- Expect to fund: ~391 proposals
- Step 1 meetings in March
- Step 2 meetings in end of May- June
STG 2017-2018 Submissions by applicant nationality

(all nationalities with 10 or more in 2018)
### STG 2018- overview proposals received

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ERC-Consolidator Grant
## ERC-CoG 2013-2016

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Consolidator Grant profile

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.
ERC Consolidator Grants

Consolidator Grants may be awarded up to a maximum of EUR 2 000 000 for a period of 5 years.
Profile of the ERC Consolidator Grant PI

The Principal Investigator shall have been awarded their first PhD over 7 and up to 12 years prior to 1 January 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.
Early achievements track record

1. Up to ten publications in major international peer-reviewed multi-disciplinary scientific journals and/or in the leading international peer-reviewed journals, peer-reviewed conferences proceedings and/or monographs of their respective research fields, highlighting those as main author or without the presence as co-author of their PhD supervisor (properly referenced, field relevant bibliometric indicators may also be included);

2. Research monographs and any translations thereof;

3. Granted patent(s);

4. Invited presentations to internationally established conferences and/or international advanced schools;

5. Prizes/Awards/Academy memberships.
Expected time commitment

Principal Investigators funded through the ERC Consolidator 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.
Information for Applicants

A competitive Starting Grant Principal Investigator must have already shown the potential for research independence and evidence of maturity, for example by having produced at least one important publication as main author or without the participation of their PhD supervisor.

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.
# ERC Consolidator Grant 2017

Submitted and selected proposals by domain

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Success rate ~ 13%
ERC Consolidator Grants 2017
Grantees by country of host institution & domain
Total 329 grants

22 countries

Number of grantees

UK 60
DE 56
FR 36
NL 26
CH 19
IL 14
IT 14
SE 14
BE 13
ES 13
FI 12
AT 10
DK 10
PT 8
IT 5
BE 5
NO 4
HU 3
CZ 3
EL 1
PL 1
SI 1
FR 1

Country of host institution

Social Sciences and Humanities
Physical Sciences and Engineering
Life Sciences
ERC Consolidator Grant 2017
Grantees by nationality and gender
Total 329 grants

39 nationalities

Male Grantees
Female Grantees

number of grantees

Grantee Nationality
ERÇ Consolidator Grant 2017
Nationals in own country and abroad
Total 329 grants

39 nationalities

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Grantee Nationality
COG 2017 Results
Years passed PhD with success rates
COG 2017 Reaplications

- 1309 reaplications (52% of submissions) including 228 reapplying grantees
- 17.6 % success rate vs 13.2 % for the call
- ~ 70 % of those funded have previously applied (with one or several applications)
ERC-Advanced Grant
### ERC-AdG 2008-2016

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Advanced Grant profile

Objectives

• Advanced Grants are designed to support excellent Principal Investigators at the career stage at which they are already established research leaders with a recognised track record of research achievements.

• Applicant Principal Investigators must demonstrate the ground-breaking nature, ambition and feasibility of their scientific proposal.
ERC Advanced Grants

Advanced Grants may be awarded up to a maximum of EUR 2 500 000 for a period of 5 years
Profile of the ERC Advanced Grant Principal Investigator

• ERC Advanced Grant Principal Investigators are expected to be active researchers and to have a track record of significant research achievements in the last 10 years which must be presented in the application.

• A competitive Advanced Grant Principal Investigator must have already shown a record which identifies them as an exceptional leader in terms of originality and significance of their research contributions.
Profile of the ERC Advanced Grant Principal Investigator

Principal Investigators of Advanced Grant proposals will be expected to demonstrate a record of achievements appropriate to the field and at least matching one or more of the following benchmarks:

• 10 publications as main author (or in those fields where alphabetic order of authorship is the norm, joint author) in major international peer-reviewed multidisciplinary scientific journals, and/or in the leading international peer-reviewed journals and peer-reviewed conferences proceedings of their respective field;

• 3 major research monographs, of which at least one is translated into another language. This benchmark is relevant to research fields where publication of monographs is the norm (e.g. humanities and social sciences).

Other alternative benchmarks that may be considered (individually or in combination) as indicative of an exceptional record and recognition in the last 10 years:

• 5 granted patents;

• 10 invited presentations in well-established internationally organised conferences and advanced schools;

• 3 research expeditions led by the applicant Principal Investigator;

• 3 well-established international conferences or congresses where the applicant was involved in their organisation as a member of the steering and/or organising committee;

• International recognition through scientific or artistic prizes/awards or membership in well-regarded Academies or artefact with documented use (for example, architectural or engineering design, methods or tools);

• Major contributions to launching the careers of outstanding researchers;

• Recognised leadership in industrial innovation.
Ten-year track record

1. **Up to ten representative publications, from the last ten years, as main author** (or in those fields where alphabetic order of authorship is the norm, joint author) in **major international peer-reviewed multi-disciplinary scientific journals** and/or in the **leading international peer-reviewed journals and peer-reviewed conference proceedings** of their respective research fields (properly referenced, field relevant bibliometric indicators may also be included);

2. **Research monographs and any translations thereof;**

3. **Granted patents;**

4. **Invited presentations to internationally established conferences and/or International advanced schools;**

5. **Research expeditions** that the applicant Principal Investigator has led;

6. **Organisation of International conferences** in the field of the applicant (membership in the steering and/or organising committee);

7. **Prizes/ Awards/ Academy memberships;**

8. **Major contributions to the early careers of excellent researchers;**

9. **Examples of leadership in industrial innovation or design.**
Expected time commitment

Principal Investigators funded through the ERC Advanced Grants shall spend a minimum of 50% of their total working time in an EU Member State or Associated Country and a minimum of 30% of their total working time on the ERC project.
## ERC Advanced Grants 2016
Submitted and selected proposals by domain

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Success rate ~ 9.6%
### ERC Advanced Grants 2016
**Grantees by Country of Host Institution & domain**
Total 231 grants

#### 20 Countries

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*Number of grantees*
ERC Advanced Grant 2016
Grantees by nationality and gender
Total 231 grants

24 Nationalities

Number of grantees

Grantee Nationality

Female grantees
Male grantees
ERC Advanced Grant 2016
Nationals in own country and abroad
Total 231 grants

24 Nationalities

Grantee Nationality

Number of grantees

- Nationals abroad
- Nationals in own country

Country codes:
DE, UK, NL, FR, IT, SE, SI, CH, IL, ES, PT, AU, CA, CZ, EL, FR, HU, IL, JP, LT, SI
AdG 2016-2017
Applicant Nationality
(At least 5 applicants in 2017)

AdG 2016-2017 submissions by applicant nationality

# submissions

0 50 100 150 200 250 300 350 400

Applicant nationality

ADG 2016
ADG 2017
AdG 2016
Age of grantees vs success rate

ADG 2016 Age of grantees with success rate

# funded proposals

Funded

SR (9.6 %)

Age of grantees on 01/01/2016
AdG 2017
Age of applicants

AdG 2017 age of applicants - Average and median age = 53

# submissions

Age of applicants on 01/01/2017
AdG 2017 - Country of Host Institution

AdG 2016-2017 # submissions by HI country

European Commission

Hertzen 2020
European Union Funding for Research & Innovation

2016 (2401) 2017 (2166)
Italy: Success Rate by Domain

- LS: 5% (2007-2013), 6% (2014-2016)
- PE: 4% (2007-2013), 5% (2014-2016)
- All domains: 5% (2007-2013), 6% (2014-2016)
### Italy: Projects Funded by ERC in H2020

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Qualitative Evaluation of completed projects funded by the European Research Council

July 2016

Building on a European Success Story to Further Empower European Researchers

Statement by the ERC Scientific Council on the position of the European Research Council in the next European Union Framework Programme for Research and Innovation

15 May 2017

In the space of ten years, the European Research Council (ERC) has become a real European success story. Its original set-up and governance add a new dimension to the European Union (EU) Framework Programmes, and the funding it provides for the best investigator-driven frontier research complements national efforts. The EU should build on this achievement and scale up the ERC. Beyond 2021, Europe needs to increase its overall investment in research and innovation to speed up its progress towards becoming a dynamic knowledge society, empowering researchers to develop their boldest ideas broadly.

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Cenni di progettazione in ambito MSCA-IF ed ERC: le principali differenze
### JF - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships

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NB: An overall threshold of 70% will be applied to the total weighted score.
Part B-1:
The **maximum** total length for this document is **10 pages**. It should be composed as follows (detailed description below):

- Section 1: Excellence
- Section 2: Impact
- Section 3: Implementation

Of the **maximum 10 pages** applied to sections 1, 2 and 3, applicants are free to decide on the allocation of pages between the sections. However, the overall page limit will be strictly applied: after the call deadline, excess pages will automatically be made invisible, and will not be taken into consideration by the experts.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to verify that the submitted PDF documents are readable and are within the page limit. PDF documents can contain colours.

Part B-2:
Part B-2 must contain sections 4-7 as described below. No **overall page limit** will be applied to this document, but applicants should respect the instructions given per section (e.g. in section 5, a maximum of one page should be used per beneficiary and one page per partner organisation).

- Section 4: CV of the experienced researcher (maximum length: 5 pages)
- Section 5: Capacities of the participating organisations (1 page for the overview and 1 page for each participating organisation)
- Section 6: Ethical aspects
- Section 7: Letter of commitment of the partner organisation (for GF only)
Proposals must respect the following minimum standards:

- a minimum font size of 11 points, except for the Gantt chart and tables where the minimum font size is 8 points
- single line spacing
- A4 page size
- margins (top, bottom, left, right) of at least 15 mm (not including any footers or headers)
- a clearly readable font (e.g. Arial or Times New Roman)

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Tables are for illustrating the core text of the proposal. They cannot be used to contain the core text itself.
### MSCA-IF: Budget

3 - Budget

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The Partner Organisation does not sign the Grant Agreement and does not directly claim costs from the action. The entire EU contribution is transferred to the Host organisation located in a Member State or Associated Country.

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• Scientific excellence is the sole criterion.
• 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.
Section a: Extended Synopsis of the scientific proposal (max. 5 pages, references do not count towards the page limits)

The Extended Synopsis should give a concise presentation of the scientific proposal, with particular attention to the ground-breaking nature of the research project, which will allow evaluation panels to assess, in Step 1 of the evaluation, the feasibility of the outlined scientific approach. Describe the proposed work in the context of the state of the art of the field. References to literature should also be included. Please use a reference style that is commonly used in your discipline such as American Chemical Society (ACS) style, American Medical Association (AMA) style, Modern Language Association (MLA) style, etc. and that allows the evaluators to easily retrieve each reference.

Please respect the following formatting constraints: Times New Roman, Arial or similar, at least font size 11, margins (2.0cm side and 1.5cm top and bottom), single line spacing.
Section b: Curriculum vitae (max. 2 pages)

[The template below is provided only for guidance. It may be modified as necessary and appropriate.]

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Family name, First name:
Researcher unique identifier(s) (such as ORCID, Research ID, etc. ...):
Date of birth:
Nationality:
URL for web site:

• EDUCATION

2007

PhD
Name of Faculty/Department, Name of University/Institution, Country
Name of PhD Supervisor

1997

Master
Name of Faculty/Department, Name of University/Institution, Country

• CURRENT POSITION(S)

2017–

Current Position
Name of Faculty/Department, Name of University/Institution/Country

2007–

Current Position
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• PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2007 – 200? Position held
Name of Faculty/Department, Name of University/Institution/Country

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Section c: Early achievements track-record (max. 2 pages)

(see ‘Information for Applicants to the Starting and Consolidator Grant 2018 Calls’— instructions for completing ‘Part B’ of the proposal)
ERC Starting Grant 2018
Research proposal [Part B2]\(^1\)
\(\textit{not evaluated in Step 1}\)

Part B2: \textit{The scientific proposal} (max. 15 pages, references do not count towards the page limits)

Text highlighted in grey should be deleted.
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Section a. State-of-the-art and objectives

Section b. Methodology

Section c. Resources (including project costs)

(Note: State and fully justify the amount of funding considered necessary to fulfil the objectives for the duration of the project. To facilitate the assessment of resources by the panels, the use of the following budget table is strongly suggested. All eligible costs requested, should be included in the budget. Please use whole euro values only.)
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¹ An additional cost category ‘Direct costing for Large Research Infrastructures’ applicable to H2020 can be added to this table (below ‘Other Goods and services’) for PIs who are hosted by institutions with Large Research Infrastructures of a value of at least EUR 20 million and only after having received a positive ex-ante assessment from the Commission’s services.

³ When calculating the salary, please take into account the percentage of your dedicated working time to run the ERC funded project (i.e. minimum 50% of your total working time).

⁴ Please note that the overheads are fixed to a flat rate of exactly 25%.

⁵ Such as the costs of resources made available by third parties which are not used on the premises of the beneficiary.
1. Research Project

**Ground-breaking nature, ambition and feasibility**

Starting, Consolidator, Advanced and Synergy

**Ground-breaking nature and potential impact of the research project**

To what extent does the proposed research address important challenges?

To what extent are the objectives ambitious and beyond the state of the art (e.g. novel concepts and approaches or development between or across disciplines)?

To what extent is the proposed research high risk/high gain?

**Scientific Approach**

To what extent is the outlined scientific approach feasible bearing in mind the extent that the proposed research is high risk/high gain (based on the Extended Synopsis)?

To what extent does the proposal go beyond what the individual Principal Investigators could achieve alone (for Synergy Grants based on the Extended Synopsis)?

To what extent does the proposal require and demonstrate significant synergies, complementarities and scientific added-value to enable it to achieve its objectives (for Synergy Grants based on the Extended Synopsis)?

To what extent are the proposed research methodology and working arrangements appropriate to achieve the goals of the project (based on the full Scientific Proposal)?

To what extent does the proposal involve the development of novel methodology (based on the full Scientific Proposal)?

To what extent are the proposed timescales and resources necessary and properly justified (based on the full Scientific Proposal)?
## 2. Principal Investigator

### Intellectual capacity, creativity and commitment

#### Starting and Consolidator

**Intellectual capacity and creativity**

To what extent has the PI demonstrated the ability to propose and conduct ground-breaking research?

To what extent does the PI provide evidence of creative independent thinking?

To what extent have the achievements of the PI typically gone beyond the state of the art?

**Commitment**

To what extent does the PI demonstrate the level of commitment to the project necessary for its execution and the willingness to devote a significant amount of time to the project (minimum 50% for Starting and 40% for Consolidator of the total working time) (based on the full Scientific Proposal)?

#### Advanced and Synergy

**Intellectual capacity and creativity**

To what extent has/have the PI(s) demonstrated the ability to propose and conduct ground-breaking research?

To what extent does/do the PI(s) provide evidence of creative independent thinking?

To what extent have the achievements of the PI(s) typically gone beyond the state of the art?

To what extent has the PI demonstrated sound leadership in the training and advancement of young scientists (for Advanced Grant applicants)?

**Commitment**

To what extent does the PI demonstrate the level of commitment to the project necessary for its execution and the willingness to devote a significant amount of time to the project (minimum 30% for Advanced and Synergy of the total working time) (based on the full Scientific Proposal)?
Evaluation procedure and criteria

For **Starting, Consolidator and Advanced Grants**

A single submission of the full proposal will be followed by a two-step evaluation.

- **At step 1**, the extended synopsis and the Principal Investigator's track record and CV will be assessed (and **not** the full scientific proposal).

- **At step 2** the complete version of the retained proposals will be assessed (including the full scientific proposal).
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.
Outcome of evaluation

For Starting, Consolidator and Advanced Grants

• At the end of step 1 of the evaluation applicants will be informed that their proposal:
  A. is of sufficient quality to pass to step 2 of the evaluation;
  B. is of high quality but not sufficient to pass to step 2 of the evaluation;
  C. is not of sufficient quality to pass to step 2 of the evaluation.

• At the end of step 2 of the evaluation applicants will be informed that their proposal:
  A. fully meets the ERC's excellence criterion and is recommended for funding if sufficient funds are available;
  B. meets some but not all elements of the ERC's excellence criterion and will not be funded.
Restrictions on submission of proposals

The ERC calls are highly competitive

A Principal Investigator may submit proposals to different ERC frontier research grant calls published under the same Work Programme, but only the first eligible proposal will be evaluated.

No restrictions apply

A Principal Investigator whose proposal was evaluated as **category A or category B at step 2** in the 2017 Starting, Consolidator or Advanced Grant calls may submit a proposal to the 2018 Starting, Consolidator, Advanced or Synergy Grant calls.

Restrictions apply

A Principal Investigator whose proposal was evaluated as **category B at step 1** in the 2017 Starting, Consolidator or Advanced Grant calls may **not** submit a proposal to the 2018 Starting, Consolidator or Advanced Grant calls but may submit a proposal to the 2018 Synergy Grant call.

A Principal Investigator whose proposal was evaluated as **category C** in the 2016 or 2017 Starting, Consolidator or Advanced Grant calls may **not** submit a proposal to the 2018 Starting, Consolidator or Advanced Grant calls but may submit a proposal to the 2018 Synergy Grant call.
Restrictions on submission of proposals

Restrictions that Scientific Council intends to apply

A Principal Investigator whose proposal was evaluated as category B at step 1 or step 2 in the 2018 Synergy Grant call may not submit a proposal to the 2019 Synergy Grant call.

A Principal Investigator whose proposal was evaluated as category C at step 1 in the 2018 Synergy Grant call may not submit a proposal to the 2019 Starting, Consolidator, Advanced or Synergy Grant calls or for the 2020 Synergy Grant call.

All Principal Investigators whose proposal was rejected on the grounds of a breach of research integrity in the 2018 Synergy Grant call may not submit a proposal to the 2019 ERC calls.
Thank you!