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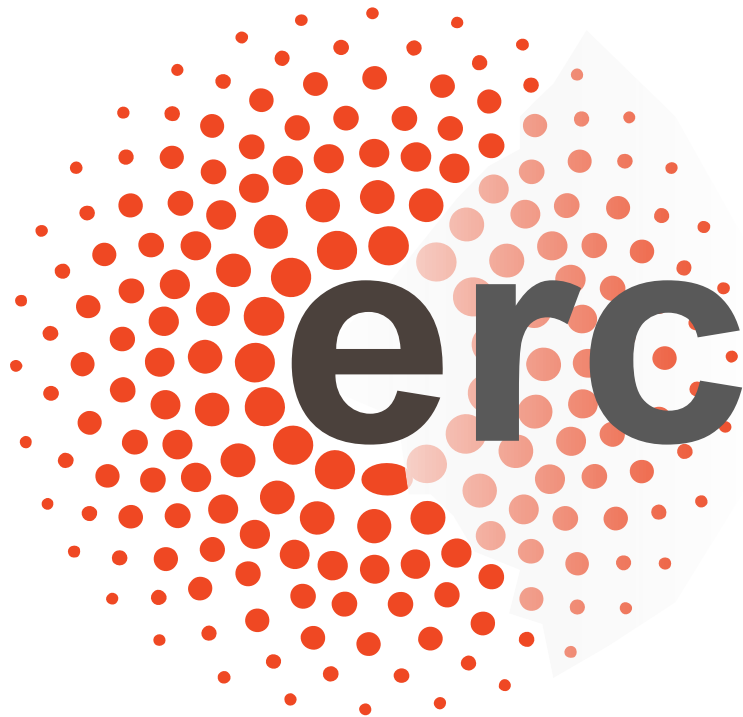
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At a glance... European Research Council



- Pillar I of **Horizon Europe**: Excellent Science
- Open to researchers from **all over the world**
- Long-term **individual projects**
- **No thematic priorities**
- **Frontier research** in any scientific field
- Sole evaluation criterion: **scientific excellence** of the research proposal and the Principal Investigator, not ~~high risk-high gain~~
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- **Evaluation by** internationally renowned **scientists**
- Offers researchers: **independence, recognition, and visibility**

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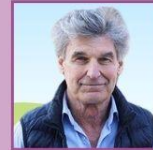
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ERC MAIN grant schemes



Starting Grants

Researchers (0-10 years after PhD)
up to €1.5 million for 5 years

NEW
WP 2027



Consolidator Grants

Researchers (5-15 years after PhD)
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Advanced Grants

Researchers with track-record of significant
research achievements up to €2.5 million for 5 years



Proof of Concept

bridging gap between research
- earliest stage of marketable innovation
lump sum €150 000 for ERC grantees



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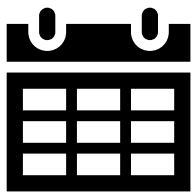
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● ● ● ERC Work Programme 2026: call calendar

	Starting Grant Call	Consolidator Grant Call	Advanced Grant Call	Synergy Grant Call	ERC Plus Grant Call ⁸
Call Identifier	ERC-2026-StG	ERC-2026-CoG	ERC-2026-AdG	ERC-2026-SyG	ERC-2026-PLUS
Opening Date	9 July 2025	25 September 2025	28 May 2026	10 July 2025	2 June 2026
Deadline	14 October 2025	13 January 2026	27 August 2026	5 November 2025	2 September 2026
Budget (EUR, m)	705	673	747	500	210
Estimated Number of Grants	450	328	294	49	30
Date to Inform Applicants – Step 1	28 April 2026	17 July 2026	29 January 2027	13 April 2026	16 February 2027
Date to Inform Applicants – Step 2	25 August 2026	11 December 2026	11 June 2027	14 August 2026	15 June 2027
Date to Inform Applicants – Step 3	-	-	-	27 October 2026	-
Grant Agreement Signature Date	22 December 2026	12 April 2027	16 November 2027	24 March 2027	13 October 2027



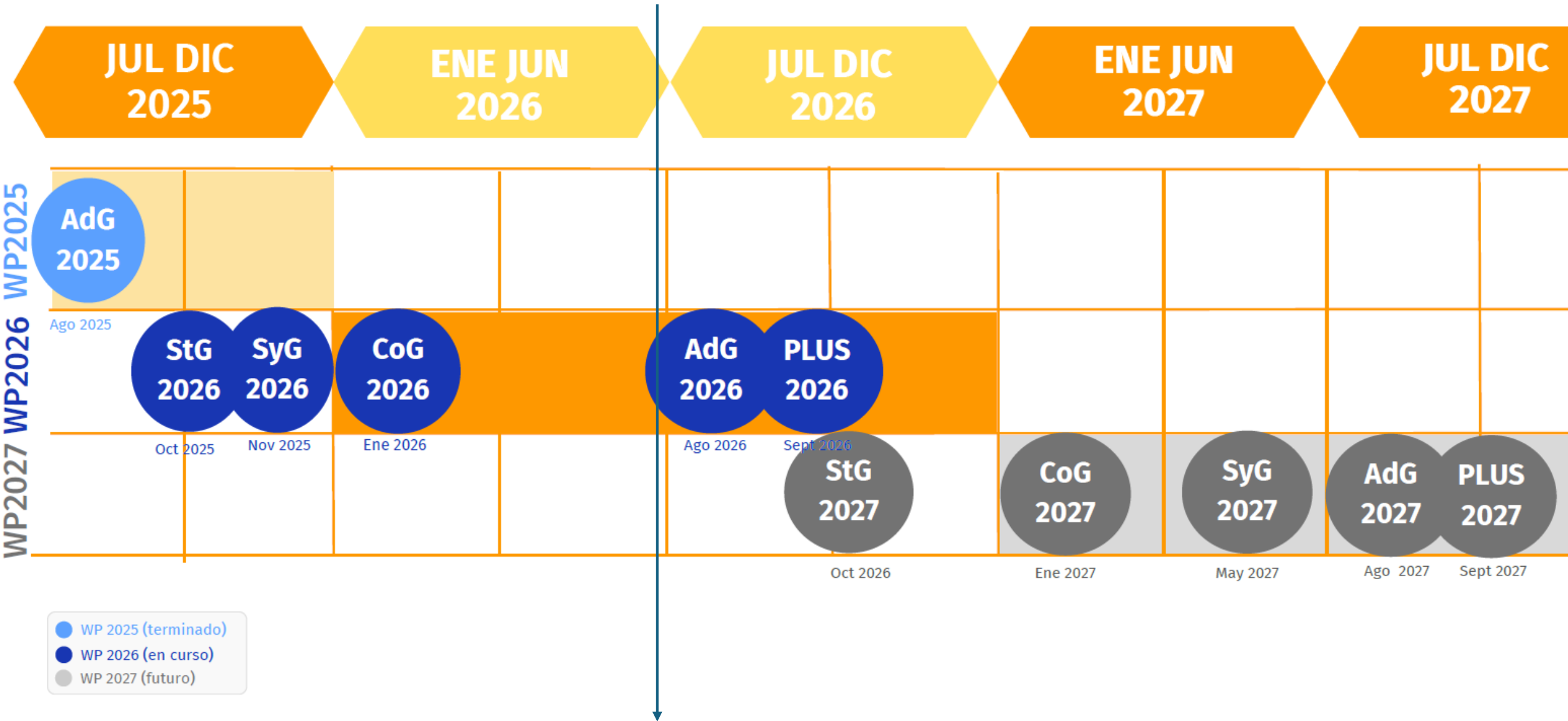
Annual periodicity
by call with a
similar closing
calendar

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WP 2027

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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

Fechas de cierre de convocatorias ERC por Work Programme



- WP 2025 (terminado)
- WP 2026 (en curso)
- WP 2027 (futuro)

NEW
WP 2027

New eligibility windows

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 1 st , 2027	January 1 st , 2027
Eligibility Period Starts on:	January 1 st , 2017	January 1 st , 2012
Eligibility Period Ends on:	December 31 st , 2026	December 31 st , 2021

PhD reference date for eligibility

From WP2023: For ERC Starting and Consolidator Grants the reference date for the calculation of the eligibility period is the certified date of the successful defence (and not the award) of the PhD degree.

[Real Decreto 1002/2010, de 5 de agosto](#), sobre expedición de títulos universitarios oficiales, artículo 3, punto 4



Successful PhD
defence date not
indicated in the PhD
document

- Written confirmation from the awarding institution clearly stating the date of the successful defence

PhD defence not
approved, corrections
needed

- Written confirmation from the awarding institution stating the date when the corrections were approved

No defence/viva
organised in the
awarding institution

- Written confirmation from the awarding institution confirming that no defence/viva was organised and stating the date when the PhD thesis was approved

StG and CoG: Extension of the Eligibility windows

- **Maternity leave:** 18 months for each child born before/after the date of the successful defence of their PhD degree;
- **Paternity leave:** documented time taken for each child born before or after the date of the successful defence of PhD degree;
- **Parental leave:** now included alongside maternity and paternity leave to acknowledge the diversity of applicants' personal circumstances
- **Long-term illness** (>90 days for the PI or a close family member) or **national service:** documented amount of leave taken for each incident that occurred after the date of the successful defence of PhD degree;
- **Disability:** Extension corresponding to the reduced amount of working time (including leave taken) and/or the degree of disability by the PI, which occurred after the date of the successful defence of their first PhD degree.
- **Clinical training:** documented amount of clinical training received **after** the reference date of the first eligible degree, **up to a maximum of 4 years.**
- **Major disasters and Seeking Asylum:** extension by the documented time of a PI's inability to work before the call deadline due to a major disaster, which occurred after the date of the successful defence of their first PhD degree.
- **Gender-based or any other form of violence:** applicants who have been victims of violence are now eligible for an extension on these grounds

Applies to StG, CoG, AdG and SyG

Minimum **50% of PI working time in an EU Member State or Associated Country**

Additional funding up to 1M€ (4M€ SyG) can be requested to cover further eligible costs (e.g. start-up costs, major equipment, access to large facilities, major experimental and field work costs) when these are necessary to carry out the proposed work. The requests for additional funding must be duly justified in the proposal.

- Except for Principal Investigators in Starting, Consolidator, or Advanced Grant re-locating to the EU or an Associated Country from elsewhere to take up their ERC grant. In this case, the maximum additional funding shall be EUR 2 000 000.
- **personnel costs are no longer excluded from the above eligible cost categories**

ERC Starting Grant vs ERC Consolidator grant



ERC Starting Grant vs ERC Consolidator grant



ERC Starting Grant Principal Investigator should have already shown evidence of the **potential** for research independence



A Consolidator Grant Principal Investigator should have already shown evidence of research independence

ERC Starting Grant

- 1.5 Million euro (+1M extra, +1M extra if outside EU) + up to 5 years.
- Researchers eligible to apply for a StG immediately after successfully defending their PhD, and at any time within the following 10-year period
- 50% minimum Working Time on Project per Principal Investigator
- 50% Working Time in a Member State or Associated Country
- Type of Funding Model: Actual Costs

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WP 2027

NO more than 1 Starting Grant and 1 Consolidator Grant per researcher in a lifetime

Structure of the proposal (StG, CoG and AdG)

One deadline | 2 steps evaluation process

The ERC full proposal = part B1 + part B2+ Part A

Part B1 - pdf

Cover Page and summary
(1p)

Part I of the Scientific
Proposal (5p)

Curriculum vitae +
Track-record (4p)

Evaluated in Step 1

Part B2 - pdf

Part II of the Scientific
Proposal **(7p)**

Appendix: funding ID

***NOT evaluated in Step
1 (only in Step 2)***

Part A – online forms

A1 General Information

A2 Participants

A3 Budget: table + description (Section C.
Resources)

A4 Ethics and security

A5 Other questions

% Time commitment

Excluded Reviewers (up to 3)

Annexes

HI support letter

Ethics and security issues

PhD certificate (StG, CoG)

Eligibility Extension Request (StG, CoG)

Scientific Proposal (StG, CoG and AdG – since WP2026)

	Part I (5 pages)	Part II (7 pages)
Objective	To convince the evaluation panel that the proposal presents an original and creative idea addressing an important scientific question , with the potential to advance the frontiers of knowledge	Explain how the project will be implemented in detail.
Content	- State of the knowledge - Scientific question and objectives - Overall approach or research strategy - <i>Expected contribution to the field</i>	- Detailed methodology - Work plan and timeline - Risk assessment and mitigation - Additional background (if needed)
Tone	- <i>Visionary, conceptual, persuasive: focused on scientific ambition, without technical detail.</i>	- <i>Precise, technical, and implementation-focused — aimed at experts in the field.</i>

** Assumed by the Spanish
NCPs*

Evaluation: Principle

Excellence is the sole evaluation criterion



Excellence of the Research Project

- Ground breaking nature
- Ambition

Excellence of the Principal Investigator

- Intellectual capacity
- Creativity



Evaluation panels

28 panels divided into 3 domains. Each panel covers a number of research topics, detailed with their [descriptors](#).

**Physical Sciences
and Engineering
(PE)**

11 paneles

Life Sciences (LS)

9 paneles

**Social Sciences
and Humanities
(SH)**

8 paneles

When you submit, you need to indicate:

Primary ERC Review Panel : which will in principle evaluate the proposal

Secondary ERC Review Panel: *if applicable*

Please select, if applicable, the ERC keyword(s) that best characterise the subject of your proposal in order of priority.

ERC Keyword 1: As first keyword, choose one which is linked to the Primary Review Panel.

ERC Keyword 2-4: *if applicable, from any panel*

Free keywords: FREE text, they guide (but do not determine) the allocation of proposals to reviewers

Evaluation: Panel Structure

Life Sciences

- LS1 Molecules of Life: Biological Mechanisms, Structures and Functions
- LS2 Integrative Biology: From Genes and Genomes to Systems
- LS3 Cell Biology, Development, Stem Cells and Regeneration
- LS4 Physiology in Health, Disease and Ageing
- LS5 Neuroscience and Disorders of the Nervous System
- LS6 Immunity, Infection and Immunotherapy
- LS7 Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment of Human Diseases
- LS8 Environmental Biology, Ecology and Evolution
- LS9 Biotechnology and Biosystems Engineering

Physical Sciences & Engineering

- PE1 Mathematics
- PE2 Fundamental Constituents of Matter
- PE3 Condensed Matter Physics
- PE4 Physical and Analytical Chemical Sciences

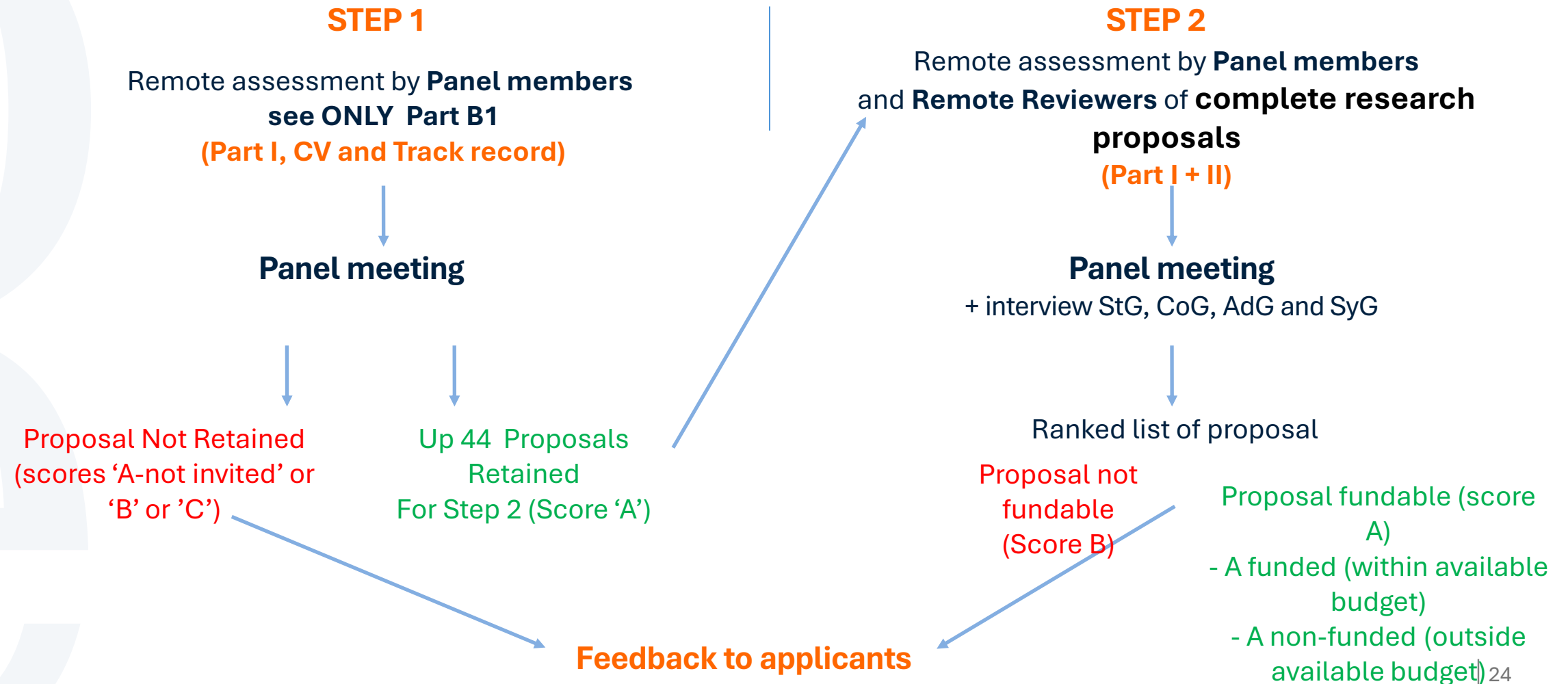
- PE5 Synthetic Chemistry and Materials
- PE6 Computer Science and Informatics
- PE7 Systems and Communication Engineering
- PE8 Products and Processes Engineering
- PE9 Universe Sciences
- PE10 Earth System Science
- PE11 Materials Engineering

Social Sciences and Humanities

- SH1 Individuals, Markets and Organisations
- SH2 Institutions, Governance and Legal Systems
- SH3 The Social World and Its Diversity
- SH4 The Human Mind and Its Complexity
- SH5 Cultures and Cultural Production
- SH6 The Study of the Human Past
- SH7 Human Mobility, Environment, and Space
- SH8 Studies of Cultures and Arts

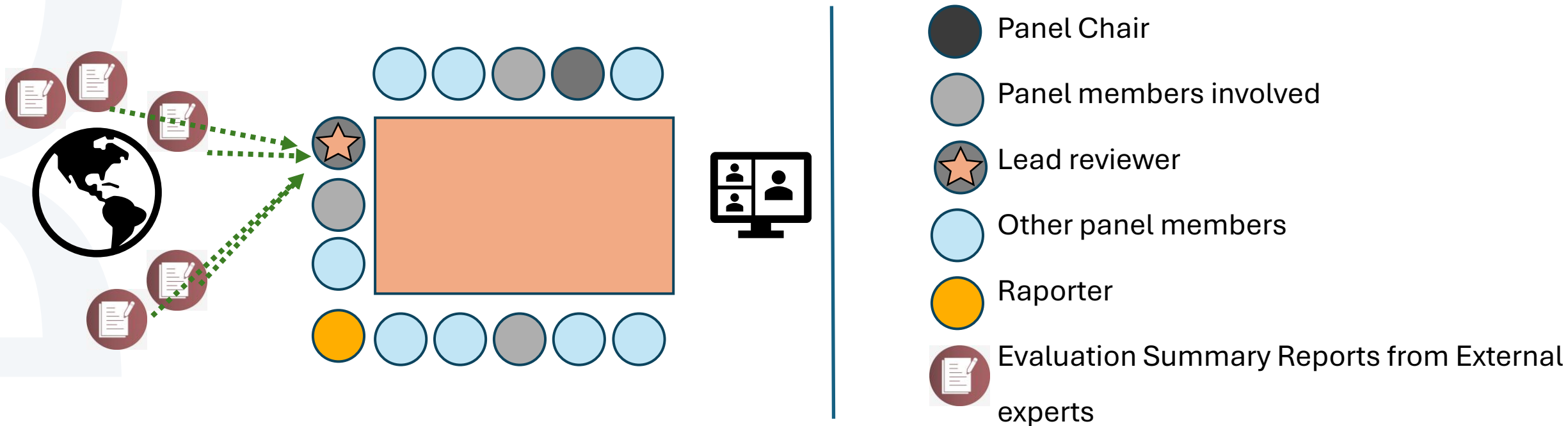
Evaluation process (StG, CoG and AdG)

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



The interview

- Presentation (3-10 min.) + Question (15-25min) = Total 30min
- Panel members: Top Science Experts, but possibly no expert in your field
- Reports from Top Science Experts in your field
- **Consensus** must be reached



New application restrictions

- » **One proposal at a time:** Applicants may have only one proposal under evaluation at any given time (except Proof of Concept).
- » **One proposal in WP 2027:** Applicants may submit only one proposal under the ERC Work Programme 2027, unless the first is declared ineligible.
- » **Starting & Consolidator limits:** No applicant may hold a Starting or Consolidator Grant more than once.
- » **Restriction for Synergy 2027:** Applicants with eligible Advanced or Plus Grant 2026 proposals may not apply to Synergy Grant 2027.

Resubmission restrictions

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 ⁵¹	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

Resources

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When **Pile Up**

[Read the science](#)

- Starting Grant
- Consolidator Grant
- Advanced Grant
- Proof of Concept
- Synergy Grant
- ERC Plus Grant
- For Non-European Researchers
- Panel members
- Independent observers
- Additional opportunities
- Science Journalism Initiative
- ERC for Ukraine

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Work Programme 2027 (link)

It is established by the ERC Scientific Council and subsequently adopted by the European Commission.



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Information for Applicants to the
Starting and Consolidator Grant Calls



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- [IfA to StG and CoG](#)
- [IfA to AdG](#)
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Guide for Peer Reviewers
Starting and Consolidator Grant Calls

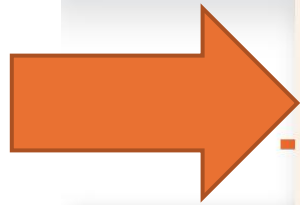
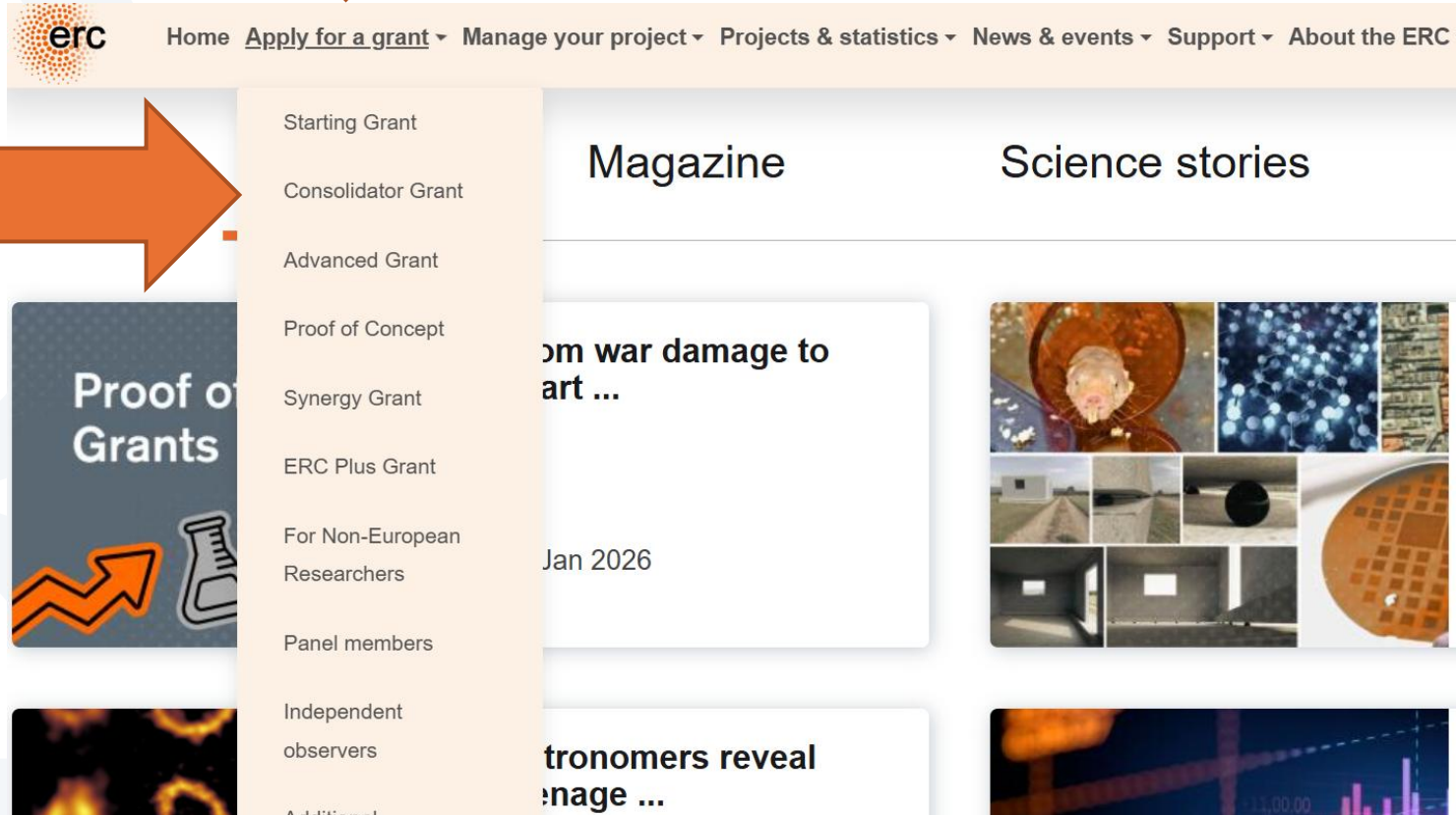


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- [GfPR StG & CoG calls](#)
- [GfPR AdG call](#)
- [GfPR SyG call](#)
- [GfPR PoC call](#)

[Guide for Peer Reviewers](#) (2026,
2027 to be published soon)

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- 1  **How can you get started with your ERC proposal?**
European Research Council • 6,1 K visualizaciones • hace 1 mes
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Step 1

Infodays

Workshops

Reading Days



Analysis of bibliometric profiles of ERC Grantees (2018-2020)

Step 2

Mock interviews



Portability to a Spanish Institution

Europa Excelencia (AEI) for the individual ERC with A-not funded

Con colaboraciones expertas,
fundamentalmente **ERC Grantees**

On demand consulting: proposal and contract

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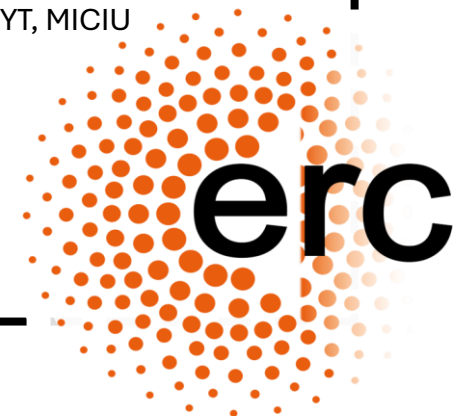
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- Horizon Europe Website: <https://www.horizonteeuropa.es/>
- HE useful links: https://www.horizonteeuropa.es/enlaces-de-interes-programa?id_programa=1
- Bibliometric profiles StG, CoG y AdG
 - <https://www.fecyt.es/publicaciones/estudio-del-perfil-bibliometrico-de-los-beneficiarios-starting-grants-stg-2018-2020>
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