



Tips for a successful ERC interview

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Interview characteristics

**Panel SH7
Human Mobility,
Environment and Space**

5-minute presentation

25 minutes of questions and answers

Conducted online via WebEx

No restrictions in the number of slides

No back-up slides allowed

Movie clips, ppt animations and gifs allowed





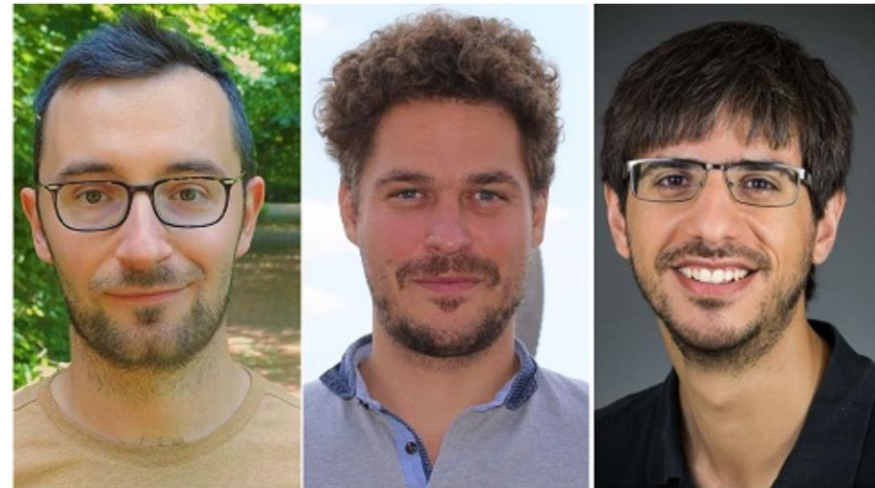
Three ICTA-UAB researchers awarded an ERC Starting Grant

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Three ICTA-UAB researchers have been awarded a Starting Grant from the European Research Council (ERC) to develop projects on sustainable mobility, indigenous environmental knowledge, and the role of the Internet in the protection of the natural environment. Together they will receive a total of 4.5 million euros.



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**REACH OUT TO COLLEAGUES WHO
ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE ERC
GRANT SCHEME!**

21 ERC grants since its
foundation (11 ongoing)



Tips for the presentation

Block time for preparing.

Get familiar with WebEx.

Remember that the panel is diverse;
make it understandable for both
specialists and generalists.

Practice your presentation
(twice a day)

Explain as precisely as possible the
feasibility of your project.

The best time to answer a question
is before it's been asked.



Tips for the Q&A

Aim for 30-second answers
(to-the-point, fast, synthetic).

Be fully aware of all the
weaknesses in your project.

Prepare an exhaustive file with
possible questions, learn to
answer them with confidence.

Most questions will be
technical and specific.

The more questions you
answer, the better!





Try to stand out!

Show the spark in you
Avoid over-selling your ideas
You need to make it memorable
Let them see how passionate you are!

BE CAREFUL

Show that what you do is ground-breaking, without explicitly saying it in every single sentence!



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