Some tips for your ERC interview

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ERC Interview

- **Panel presented:** SH6: The study of the human past
- Submission deadline: 13 January 2022
- Invitation letter to Step 2: 20 May 2022 •
- **Evaluation letter:** 17 June 2022
- Date interview: 26 September 2022
- Interview slot: 10:30 11:50 Brussels time
- WebEx guidelines •

Interview characteristics

- □ 3 minutes presentation
- **2**0 minutes questions
- No PowerPoint animations
- □ No movie clips allowed
- □ No back-up slides
- No restriction in number of slides



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1. PREPARE YOU PSYCHOLOGICALLY

- Yes, you can do it!
- Yes, your English is good enough!
- Invest your time on it!
- Ambition for self improvement

2. PREPARE A FIRST DRAFT OF THE PRESENTATION

- Resume the main ideas
- Try to synthetize and catch the attention
- Be specific but not too much (general panelists!)

3. SEARCH FOR HELP: FEEDBACK

- Present your draft and presentation to colleagues, family, international experts... as much as you can
- Improve your presentation with new ideas: humility! (they want to help you)

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4. PREPARE THE FINAL PRESENTATION

- Practice, practice, practice... to be on time and make a perfect presentation. 3 minutes are 3 minutes!
- Record you and try to improve the presentation as much as you can
- Practice in WebEx as the real interview

PREPARE YOU FOR QUESTIONS 5.

- Re-analyse your project. Be aware of the project's weaknesses
- Prepare questions (50, 100) and answers. Study them and practice the reply trying to be natural!
- Try to study the panel members for specific questions

Believe in yourself, believe in your project!