

# ERC Funding opportunities (AdG)



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- **Quick ERC overview**
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- Preparing an AdG proposal
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- Questions?

# The European Research Council (ERC)



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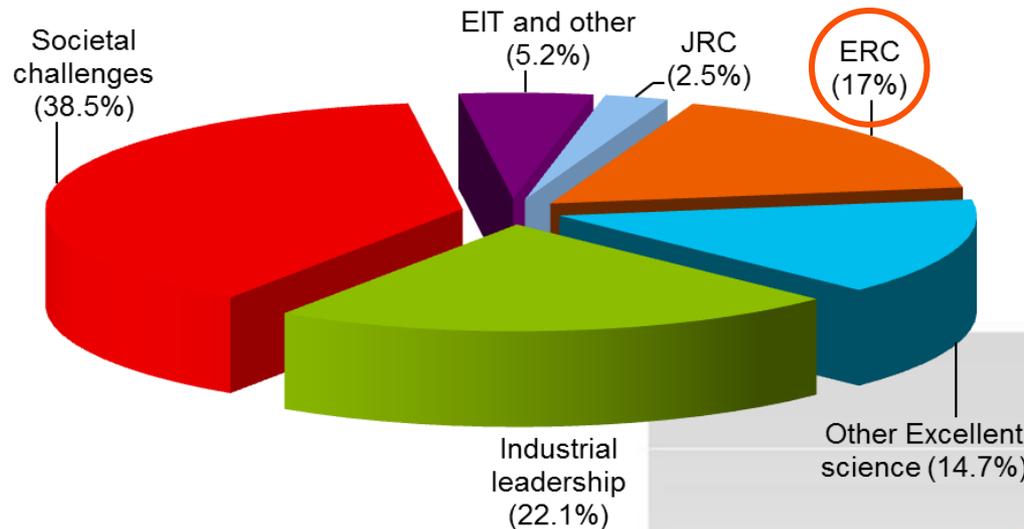
- ERC is the first European funding organisation that supports excellence in frontier research through a bottom-up, individual-based, pan-European competition.
- ERC selects and funds the very best, creative researchers of any nationality and age, to run projects based in the European Research Area.
- ERC has three core grant schemes: *Starting Grants*, *Consolidator Grants* and *Advanced Grants*. An additional funding scheme, *Synergy Grants*, was re-introduced in 2017.
- To date, the ERC has funded some 8,000 top researchers at various stages of their careers, and over 50,000 postdocs, PhD students and other staff working in their research teams.

# ERC is part of H2020



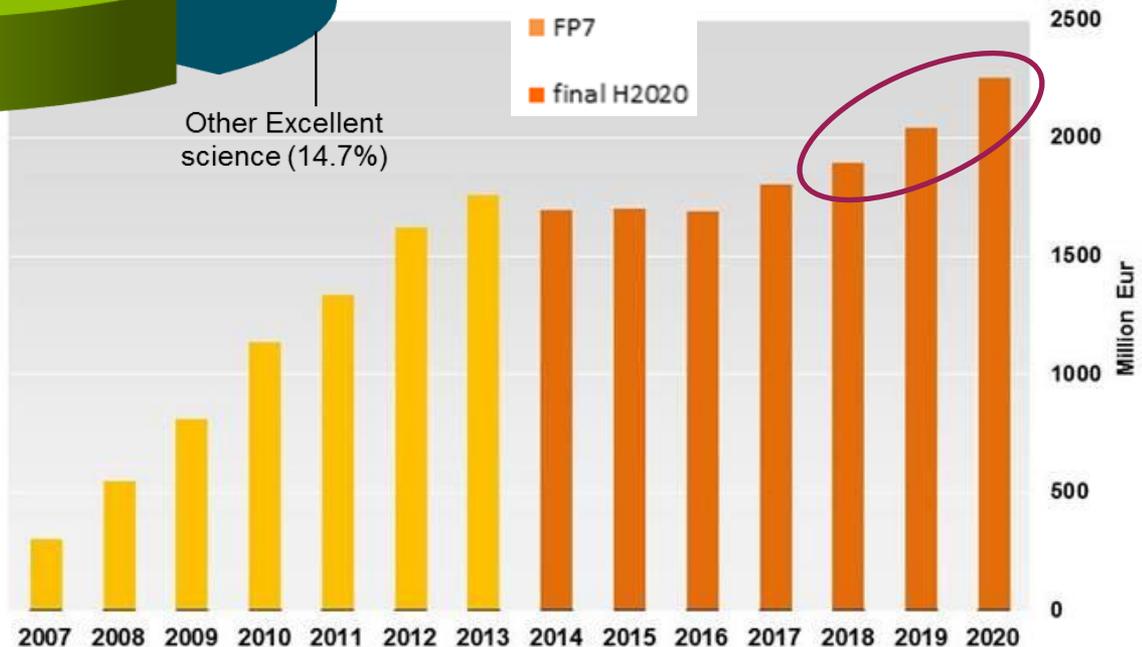
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**H2020 budget €77 billion**  
**ERC budget €13 billion**

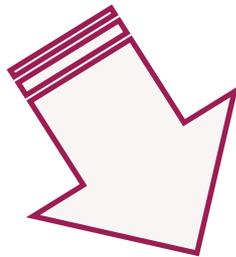
For 2018, the budget is more than 1.8 billion euros, the highest ever since the beginning of the ERC.



# ERC Scientific Council

## The ERC Scientific Council

- 22 prominent researchers appointed by the Commission
- Establishes overall scientific strategy
- Controls quality of operations and management
- Ensures communication with the scientific community



## Panel Members

- Appointed by the Scientific Council
- Full independence in the evaluation and ranking of the proposals
- Appoint remote referees

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# ERC Executive Agency

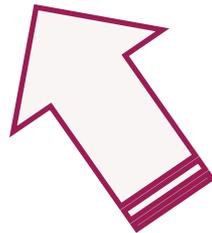


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## The ERCEA:

- Implements calls for proposals
- Organises peer review evaluation
- Establishes and manages grant agreements
- Administers scientific and financial aspects
- Carries out communications activities



## ERC Scientific Officers

- Work closely with the panel members
- Manage all practical aspects of the evaluations
- Carry out scientific follow-up

# What does the ERC offer?



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ERC grants offer independence, recognition & visibility:

- research topic of **own choice**, with a team of **own choice**
- true **financial autonomy** for 5 years
- negotiate with the host institution the **best conditions** of work
- attract **top team members** (EU and non-EU) and **collaborators**
- **portability of grants** within Europe
- **attract additional funding**

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# ERC Grant Schemes (1)



## Starting Grants

starters  
(2-7 years after PhD)

up to €1.5 Mio  
for 5 years  
+ €500,000

## Consolidator Grants

consolidators  
(7-12 years after PhD)

up to €2 Mio  
for 5 years  
+ €750,000

## Advanced Grants

track-record of  
significant research  
achievements in the  
last 10 years

up to €2.5 Mio  
for 5 years  
+ €1 Mio

## Synergy Grants

2 – 4 Principal Investigators  
up to €10 Mio for 6 years  
+ €4 Mio

## Proof-of-Concept

bridging gap between research - earliest stage  
of marketable innovation  
up to €150,000 for ERC grant holders

# ERC Grant Schemes (2)



## Starting Grants

≥ 50% time in Europe (MS + AC)

≥ 50% working time on ERC project

- show potential for research independence and evidence of maturity.
- at least one important publication as main author or without the PhD supervisor.

## Consolidator Grants

≥ 50% time in Europe (MS + AC)

≥ 40% working time on ERC project

- show research independence and evidence of maturity;
- several important publications as main author or without their PhD supervisor.

## Advanced Grants

≥ 50% time in Europe (MS + AC)

≥ 30% working time on ERC project

- exceptional leaders in terms of originality and significance of their research contributions.

## Synergy Grants:

each PI

≥ 50% time in Europe (MS + AC)

≥ 30% working time on ERC project

# ERC evaluation criteria

*Excellence* is the sole evaluation criterion



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Evaluation of *excellence* at two levels:

- **Excellence of the Research Project**

- ✓ Ground breaking nature
- ✓ Potential impact
- ✓ Scientific Approach

**Synergy grants: synergetic aspects in addition**

- **Excellence of the Principal Investigator**

- ✓ Intellectual capacity
- ✓ Creativity
- ✓ Commitment

# Scoring scheme – StG/CoG/AdG



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- **Score 'A'**: The proposal meets fully the ERC excellence criterion and is recommended for funding if sufficient funds are available.
- **Score 'B'**: The proposal meets some but not all of the ERC excellence criterion and will not be funded. The applicant may also be subject to resubmission limitations in the next call(s).  
**If score B is awarded in step 1, the PI may not submit a proposal to any ERC call in the following year.**
- **Score 'C'** (Step 1 only): The proposal is not of sufficient quality to pass to Step 2 of the evaluation. The applicant may also be subject to resubmission limitations in the next call(s).  
**If score C is awarded in step 1, the PI may not submit a proposal to any ERC call in the following two years.**

# Evaluation procedure – StG/CoG/AdG

## Single submission, two-step evaluation



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### STEP 1

Remote assessment by Panel Members  
of **section 1 only**  
(Part B1 – Extended synopsis and PI)

Panel meeting

Rejected proposals  
(score **B & C**)

Retained for step 2  
proposals (score **A**)

### STEP 2

Remote assessment by Panel  
Members and External Reviewers  
of **full proposal (Part B1+ Part B2)**

Panel meeting  
+ Interview (StG+CoG)

Ranked list of proposals  
(scores **A & B**)

Feedback to  
applicants

Redress

# ERC panel structure

PI applies to a panel



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Each panel:  
Panel Chair and 10-16 Panel Members

## Life Sciences

- LS1** Molecular and Structural Biology and Biochemistry
- LS2** Genetics, Genomics, Bioinformatics and Systems Biology
- LS3** Cellular and Developmental Biology
- LS4** Physiology, Pathophysiology and Endocrinology
- LS5** Neurosciences and Neural Disorders
- LS6** Immunity and Infection
- LS7** Diagnostic Tools, Therapies , Applied Medical Technology & Public Health
- LS8** Evolutionary, Population and Environmental Biology
- LS9** Applied Life Sciences & Non-Medical Biotechnology

## Social Sciences and Humanities

- SH1** Individuals, Markets and Organisations
- SH2** Institutions, Values, Environment and Space
- SH3** The Social World, Diversity, Population
- SH4** The Human Mind and Its Complexity
- SH5** Cultures and Cultural Production
- SH6** The Study of the Human Past

## Physical Sciences & Engineering

- PE1** Mathematics
- PE2** Fundamental Constituents of Matter
- PE3** Condensed Matter Physics
- PE4** Physical & Analytical Chemical Sciences
- PE5** Synthetic Chemistry and Materials
- PE6** Computer Science & Informatics
- PE7** Systems & Communication Engineering
- PE8** Products & Process Engineering
- PE9** Universe Sciences
- PE10** Earth System Science

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# 2018 Call Calendar



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ERC calls	Budget	Call Opening	Submission Deadline(s)
<b>Starting Grants</b> ERC-2018-StG	581 M€ (391 grants)	3 August 2017	17 October 2017
<b>Synergy Grants</b> ERC-2018-SyG	250 M€ (30 grants)	3 August 2017	14 November 2017
<b>Consolidator Grants</b> ERC-2018-CoG	550 M€ (287 grants)	24 October 2017	15 February 2018
<b>Advanced Grants</b> ERC-2018-AdG	450 M€ (194 grants)	17 May 2018	30 August 2018
<b>Proof of Concept</b> ERC-2018-PoC	20 M€ (130 grants)	6 September 2017	16 January 2018 18 April 2018 11 September 2018

# ERC Advanced Grants in brief



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- For well-established top researchers of any nationality or age, who are scientifically independent and have a recent high-level research track-record and profile which identifies them as leaders in their respective field(s).
- Based on a simple approach: 1 PI with her/his team, 1 host institution, 1 project, 1 selection criterion: scientific excellence.
- The host institution should be based in the European Research Area. The host institution can be changed in the course of the project if the PI so wishes (“portability of the grant”).
- No consortia or co-funding are requested.
- Funding: up to €2.5 million per grant (can exceptionally go up to €3.5 million, in case of purchase of major equipment, mobility from another continent, etc.).

# ERC Advanced Grants

## The applicant's profile

*“Am I competitive enough?”*

- Exceptional leader in terms of originality and significance of your research
- Excellent track record and achievements during the last 10 years (this time window can be extended in case of eligible career breaks)

*Substantial track-record of significant research achievements*

- **as appropriate for the field**
- publications in peer-reviewed journals, monographs, invited presentations, funding, patents, awards, prizes
- organisation of international conferences
- major contributions to the early careers of excellent researchers
- bibliometry may be one of the proxies used (where appropriate) among many others

# Questions to ask yourself as an AdG applicant



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- Am I internationally competitive as a researcher at my career stage and in my discipline ?
- Do I have a substantial track-record of significant research achievements?
- Can I lead a 5-year project with a substantial budget?
- Why is my proposed project important?
- Does it promise to go substantially beyond the state of the art?
- Why am I the best/only person to carry it out?
- Is it timely? (Why wasn't it done in the past? Is it feasible now?)
- What is the risk? Is it justified by a substantial potential gain?  
Do I have a plan for managing the risk?

# How to prepare an ERC research proposal?

## Hints and tips



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- Have a **bright, original and exciting idea**
- **Design a research project** to implement your idea
- Get a letter of support from a **Host Institution** where the project is to be carried out (in EU or any of the H2020 associated countries)
- **Write** your research proposal
- **Get feedback** from peers
- **Submit** your research proposal **before the deadline** -> fully electronic/web based submission system



# Preparing an application

## Hints and tips



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- **Register early**, get familiar with the system and templates and start filling in the forms
- A submitted proposal can be **revised until the call deadline** by submitting a new version and overwriting the previous one
- Follow the formatting rules and page limits.
- Download and proof-read the proposal before submitting.
- Make use of the **help tools and call documents** (*Information for Applicants, Work Programme, Frequently asked questions*) to prepare your proposal
- Talk to the National Contact Points and your Institution's grant office

# Proposal Submission (on Participant Portal)

## Proposal structure



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### Administrative forms (Part A)

- 1 – General information
- 2 – Administrative data of participating organisation(s)
- 3 – Budget
- 4 – Ethics
- 5 – Call specific questions

### Annexes

Commitment of the host institution,  
PhD certificates (StG, CoG), etc.

### Part B1 (submitted as pdf) ***Evaluated in Step 1 & Step 2***

Text box - Cross-domain nature explanation

- |                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| a – Extended synopsis | 5 pages |
| b – Curriculum vitae  | 2 pages |
| Appendix – Funding ID |         |
| c - Track-record      | 2 pages |

### Part B2 (submitted as pdf) ***NOT evaluated in Step 1 (Step 2 only)***

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|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Scientific proposal                 | 15 pages |
| a – State-of-the-art and objectives |          |
| b – Methodology                     |          |
| c – Resources                       |          |

**Guidelines and Recommendations in the 2018 Information for Applicants**

# Submission to Panels



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- Proposals are submitted to a *Targeted Panel* (of PI's choice)
  - ➔ PI can flag one '*Secondary Review Panel*'
- **Applicant chooses his/her panel**, this panel is 'responsible' and takes the ownership of the evaluation of the particular proposal
- **But:** In case of cross-panel or cross-domain proposals, evaluation by members of other panels is possible
- Allocation of the proposal to another panel is exceptional (e.g. in case of clear mistake made by the applicant or when the necessary expertise is available in a different panel) and requires the agreement of both panel chairs
- **Select carefully relevant ERC keywords (panel descriptors) and indicate free keywords** (used when allocating proposals to PMs)

# Preparing a proposal

## Host Institution



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- You **can change** it during the project's lifetime, if needed
- **Negotiate** with the HI (your position, equipment, administrative support, access to infrastructure, etc.)
- Make sure to have the HI letter ready in time for the submission deadline

**Rumour:** *The quality/fame of the HI is increasing my chances/scores.*

**✗ NOT true:** the HI is not an evaluation criterion!

# When writing your CV

- Remember that the CV/Track Record are as important as your project!
- For AdG you need to have a track record of significant research achievement in the past 10 years
- Describe activities which can indicate sound scientific leadership
- Explain what has been your own contribution to your key publications
- Explain publishing habits in your field and country if needed.
- If you know that you have gaps or other issues in your CV, explain them.
- Use the template provided by the ERC in the submission system

# Ten-year track record



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- 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;
- 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 PI 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.**

# Preparing an application - hints and tips

## Differences in Part B1 and Part B2



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In Step 1: Panel members evaluate **only Part B1** of your proposal: Prepare it accordingly!

- Pay particular attention to the **ground-breaking nature** of the research project – no incremental research. State-of-the-art is not enough. Think big!
- Know your competitors – what is the **state of play** and why is your idea and scientific approach outstanding?
- Only the extended Synopsis is read at Step 1 (not the full scientific proposal): **concise and clear presentation** is crucial (evaluators are not necessarily all experts in the field – at step 1 acting as generalist is normal)
- **Outline** of the **methodological approach** – at Step 1 the feasibility is assessed. Do you provide convincing elements on the scientific approach used?
- Show your **scientific independence (StG, CoG)** and **scientific leadership (AdG)** in your CV (model CV provided in the part B1 template)
- Funding ID to be filled in

# Preparing an application - hints and tips

## Differences in Part B1 and Part B2



In Step 2: Both **Part B1** and **B2** are evaluated by panel members and external reviewers with specific expertise relevant to the project

- Do not just repeat the synopsis
- Provide **sufficient detail** on methodology, work plan, selection of case studies where relevant, etc. (15 pages)
- Check coherency of figures and references (references are included in the proposal files but do not count towards the page limit)
- **Justify requested resources**
- Explain **involvement of team members**
- Provide alternative strategies to **mitigate risk**

# Explain your budget properly!



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- 💡 **Ensure coherence between the description of resources (the narrative part) and the budget table.**
- 💡 **Follow the guidelines in the *Information for Applicants* on how to fill the budget table and calculate overheads.**
- 💡 **Consider asking for funding for Open Access – OA is obligatory in Horizon2020 and the related costs are eligible.**
  - Budget analysis is carried out in Step 2 evaluation.
  - Panels have the responsibility to ensure that the requested resources are reasonable and well justified. Any budget cuts are justified on a proposal-by-proposal basis (no across-the-board cuts). **Not explained costs can be cut!**
  - Panels recommend a maximum grant amount based on the requested resources and considering budget cuts, if any.
  - Granting is made on a 'take-it-or-leave-it' basis: no negotiations.

**Rumour :** *Ask for more money, the reviewers will anyhow cut it down.*

- ✘ **NOT true:** however, unexplained or non-motivated costs can be cut and artificially inflated budgets reduced.

# Beware of Open Access



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- The ERC supports the principle of open access to
  - ➔ the published output of research, including in particular peer-reviewed articles and monographs
  - ➔ research data and data related products such as computer code.
- Under Horizon 2020, **beneficiaries of ERC grants must ensure open access to all peer-reviewed scientific publications relating to their results** as set out in **Article 29.2** of the ERC Model Grant Agreement.
- The beneficiaries of ERC grants **will automatically be covered by the provisions on research data sharing** as set out in **Article 29.3** of the ERC Model Grant Agreement **unless they specifically decide to opt-out.**
  - ➔ Beneficiaries that do not opt-out should also ensure appropriate management (including preservation and curation) of the research data they generate in order to ensure its sustainability.

# Preparing your application

## Information sources



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- Check the **ERC website** for latest funding opportunities: <https://erc.europa.eu/>
- **Register early**, get familiar with the European Commission's Participant Portal system, download the templates and start filling in the forms  
<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/home.html>
- You may want to view the **step-by-step video** *Introduction to application process*, including tips & tricks for StG & CoG interview: <https://vimeo.com/94179654>
- Use the **help tools and call documents** (**Information for Applicants**, Work Programme, Frequently Asked Questions) to prepare your proposal
  - 💡 Read the guidelines carefully
  - 💡 Find out about the formatting rules and page limits to respect
  - 💡 Check *Funded projects* section on the ERC website
- **Talk to your Institution's grant office and ERC grantees**
- **Contact your National Contact Point if you have questions**

# Preparing an application

## Check the already Funded Projects



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The screenshot shows the top section of the ERC website. On the left is the ERC logo and the text 'European Research Council Established by the European Commission'. In the center, a large banner reads 'Supporting top researchers from anywhere in the world'. On the right, there is a search bar, a 'Share' button, and social media icons for RSS, Twitter, and Facebook. Below the banner is a navigation menu with the following items: Home, Funding and Grants, Projects and Results, Media and Events, About ERC, and Contact us. Below the menu, a breadcrumb trail reads: 'You are here: Homepage > Projects and Results > ERC Funded Projects'.

### ERC Funded Projects

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Research Area

Country of Host Institution

Free text search

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### ERC Funded Projects



The ERC operates according to an "investigator-driven", or "bottom-up", approach, allowing researchers to identify new opportunities in any field of research. Accordingly the portfolio of ERC funded projects spans a wide range of topics and research questions.

Since 2007, more than **4,500 projects** have been selected to receive ERC funding throughout the EU Member States and the associated countries. The ERC has received over **43,000 project proposals** for its calls.

**You can use the menu on the left to search quickly and easy ERC funded projects.**

**Projects can be filtered according to: Funding scheme, Research area (Panels/Domains), Country of Host Institution <sup>(?)</sup> and/or free keyword(s).**

Information displayed is automatically updated through the information available on the **CORDIS** platform.

*Please note that only funded projects, whose grant agreements have been signed, appear in this database. For this reason, the total number of projects in this database may differ from the figures provided in the statistics section which include also projects selected for funding whose grant agreements have not been signed yet.*

For specific queries, please use this **contact form** and select the category 'Web'.

Menu allows searching by Funding Scheme, Research Area, Country of Host Institution.

# Preparing an application

## Check past panel members for the call



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## Evaluation Panels

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The selection of scientific and scholarly proposals for ERC funding is based on international peer review<sup>?</sup> with excellence as the sole criterion. The ERC uses a typical panel<sup>?</sup>-based system, in which panels of high-level scientists and/or scholars make recommendations for funding.

### Domain<sup>?</sup> and panel<sup>?</sup> structure

The ERC panel<sup>?</sup> structure consists of 25 panels.

The panels of each grant are grouped into three disciplinary domains that cover the entire spectrum of science, engineering and scholarship:

1. Social sciences and Humanities (SH)
2. Life sciences (LS)
3. Physical and Engineering Sciences (PE)

Research proposals of a multi and inter disciplinary nature are strongly encouraged throughout the ERC's schemes. Proposals of this type are evaluated by the ERC's regular panels with the appropriate external expertise.

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- More information: [erc.europa.eu](http://erc.europa.eu)
  - ➔ ERC Work Programme (published annually)
  - ➔ Information for Applicants (published with each call)
- National Contact Points:  
[erc.europa.eu/national-contact-points](http://erc.europa.eu/national-contact-points)
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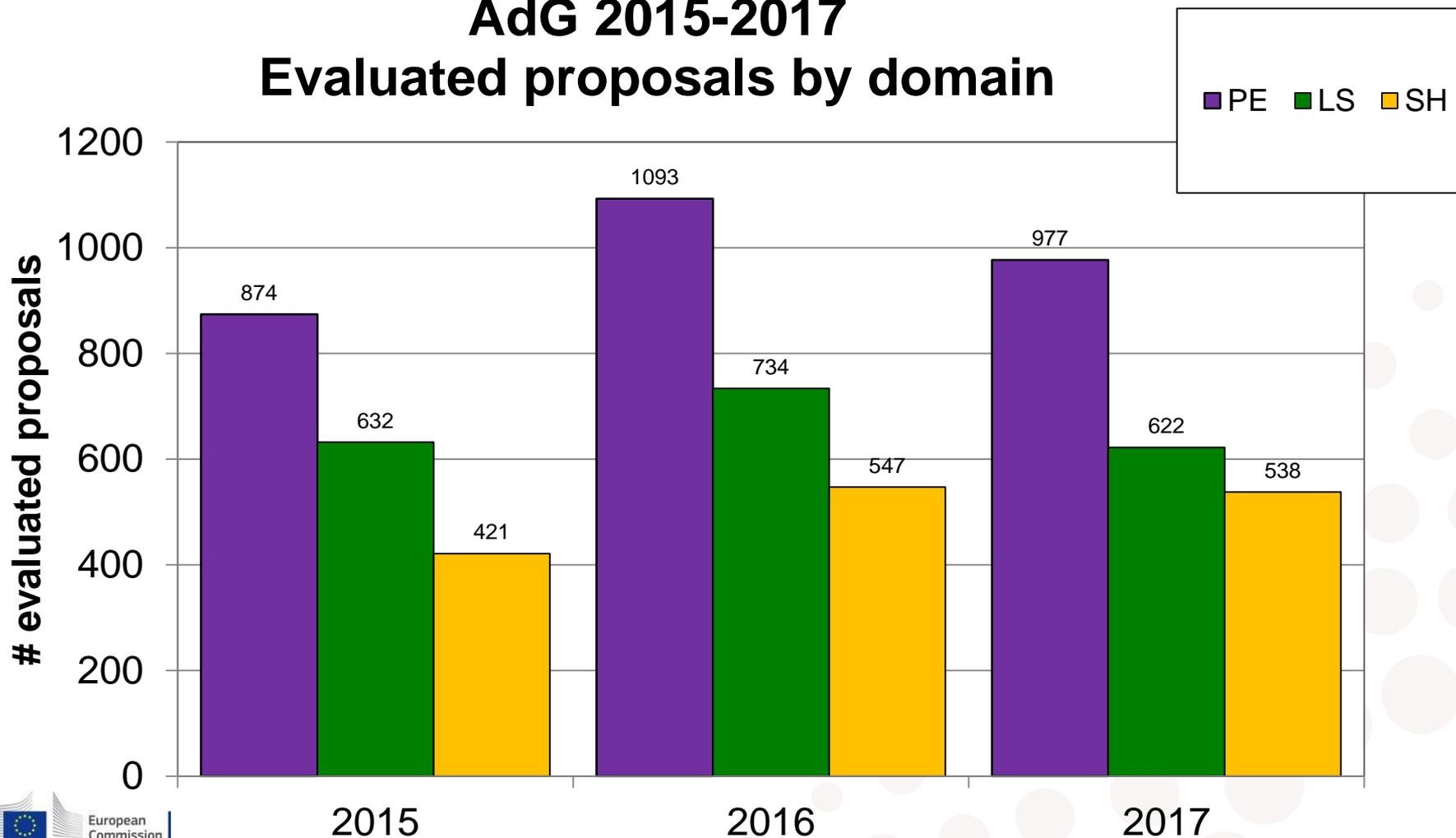
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## AdG 2015-2017 Evaluated proposals by domain



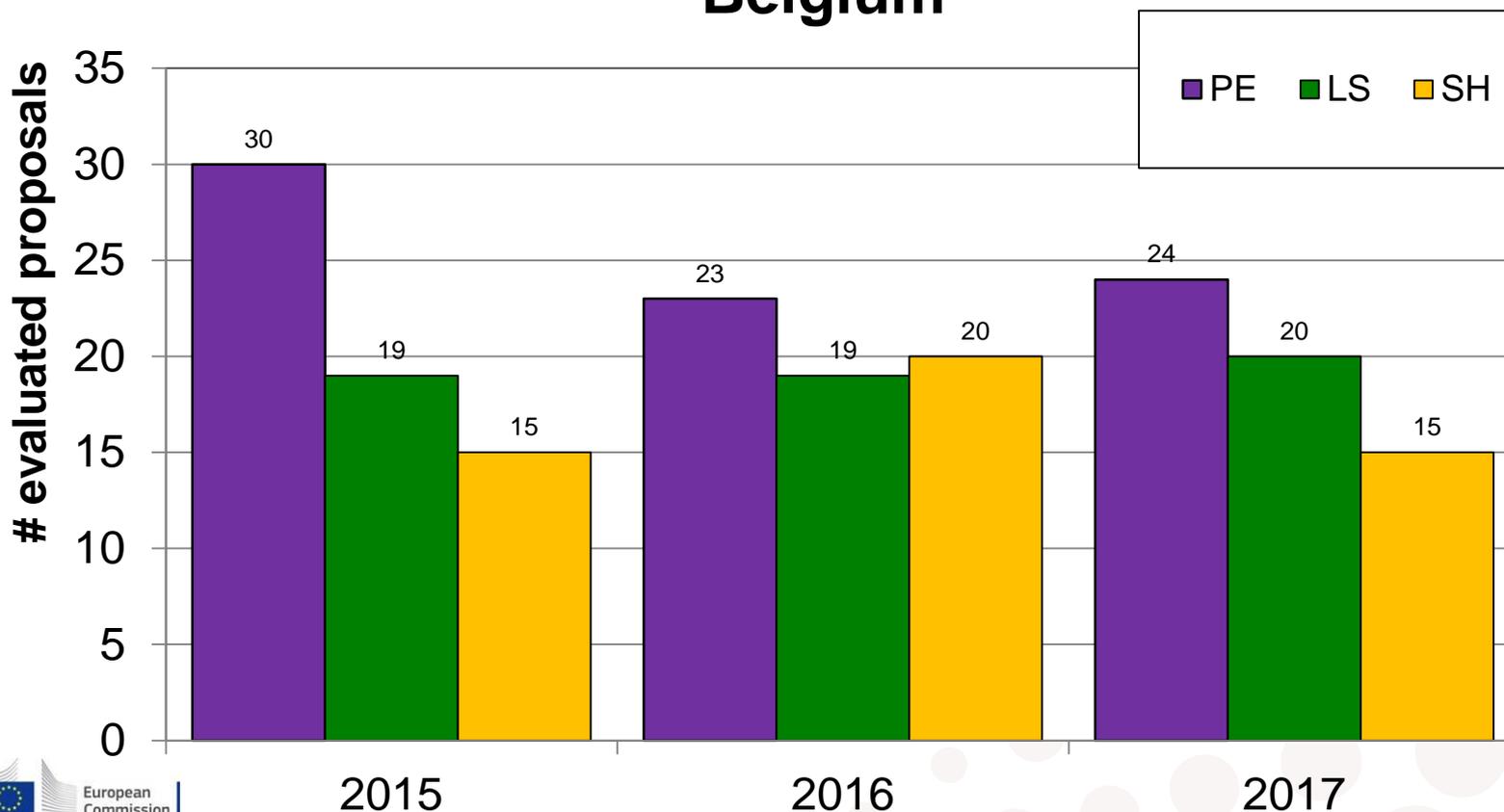
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## AdG 2015-2017 Evaluated proposals from institutions in Belgium



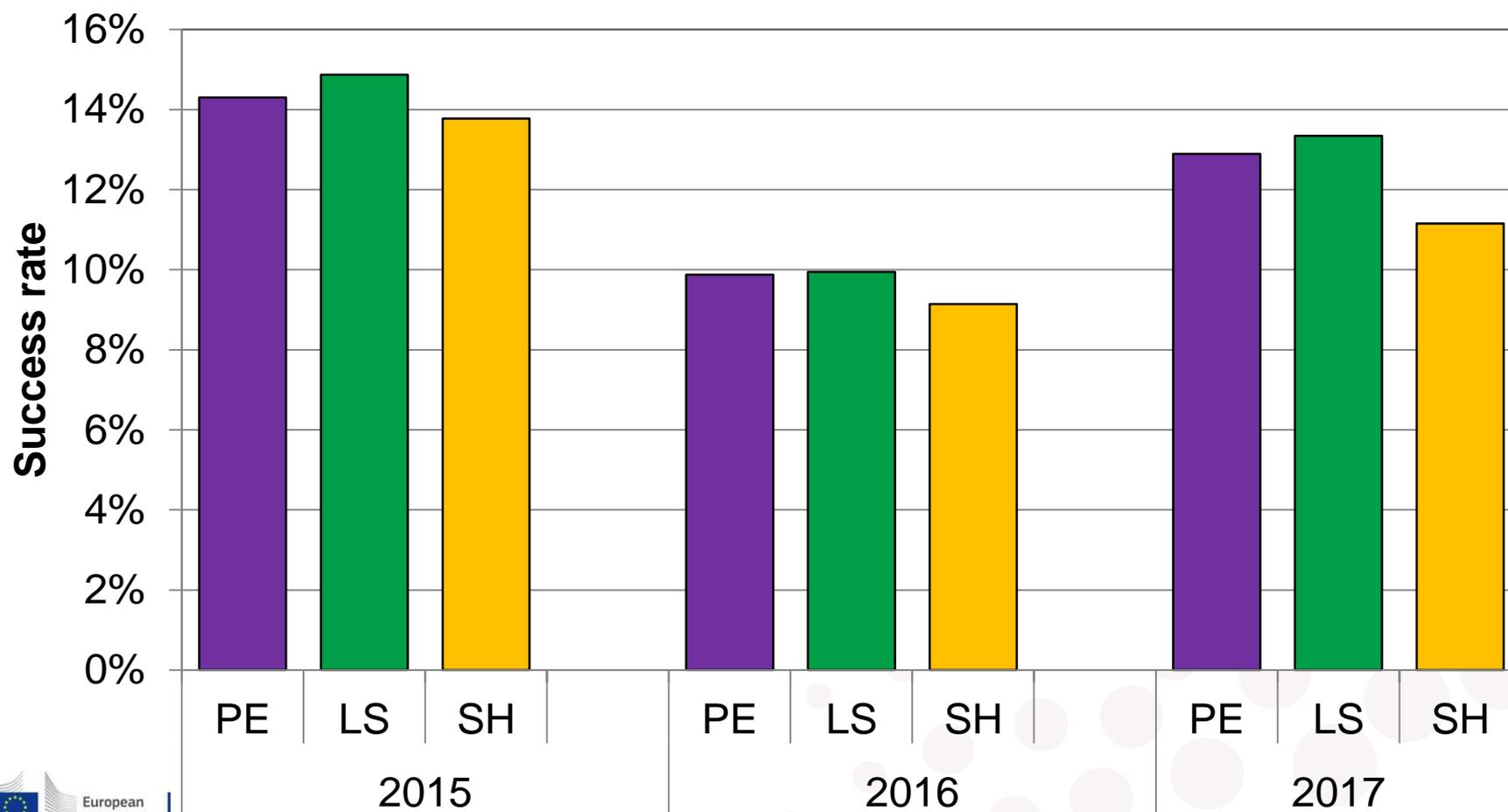
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## AdG 2015-2017 Success rates by domain



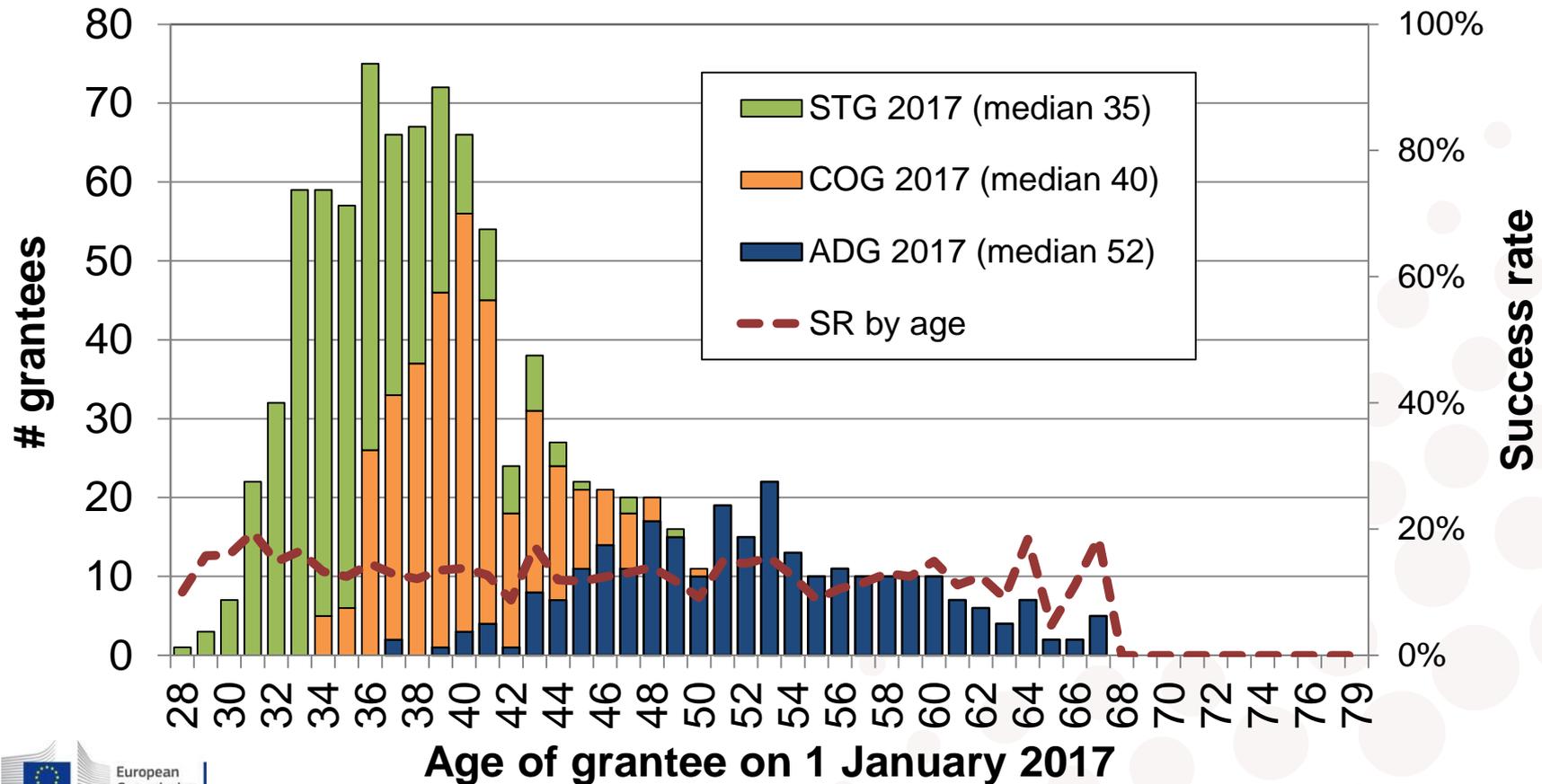
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## Age of Grantees



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### 2017 Grantees by age and success rate

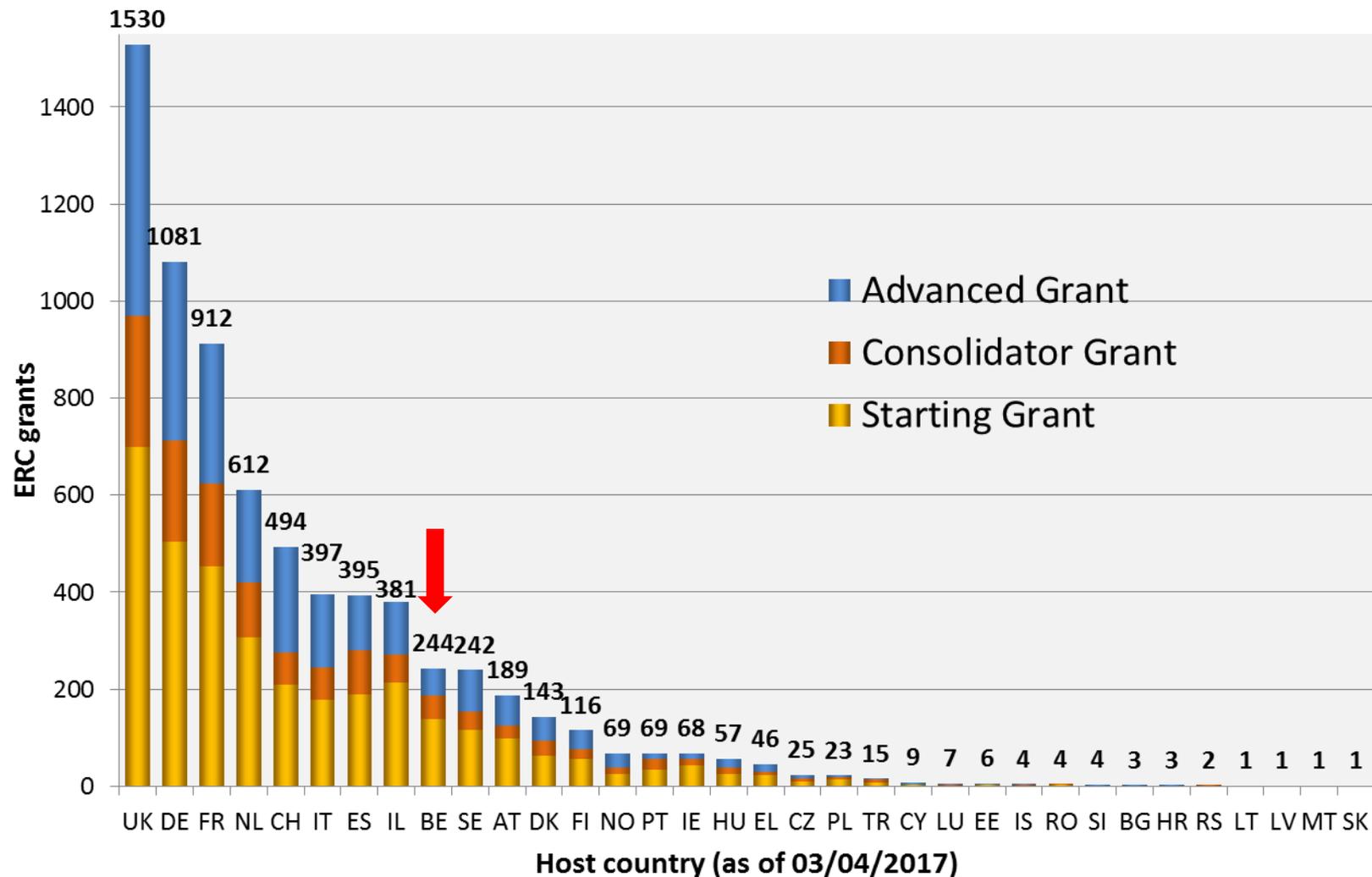


# ERC Funded Projects by Country of HI



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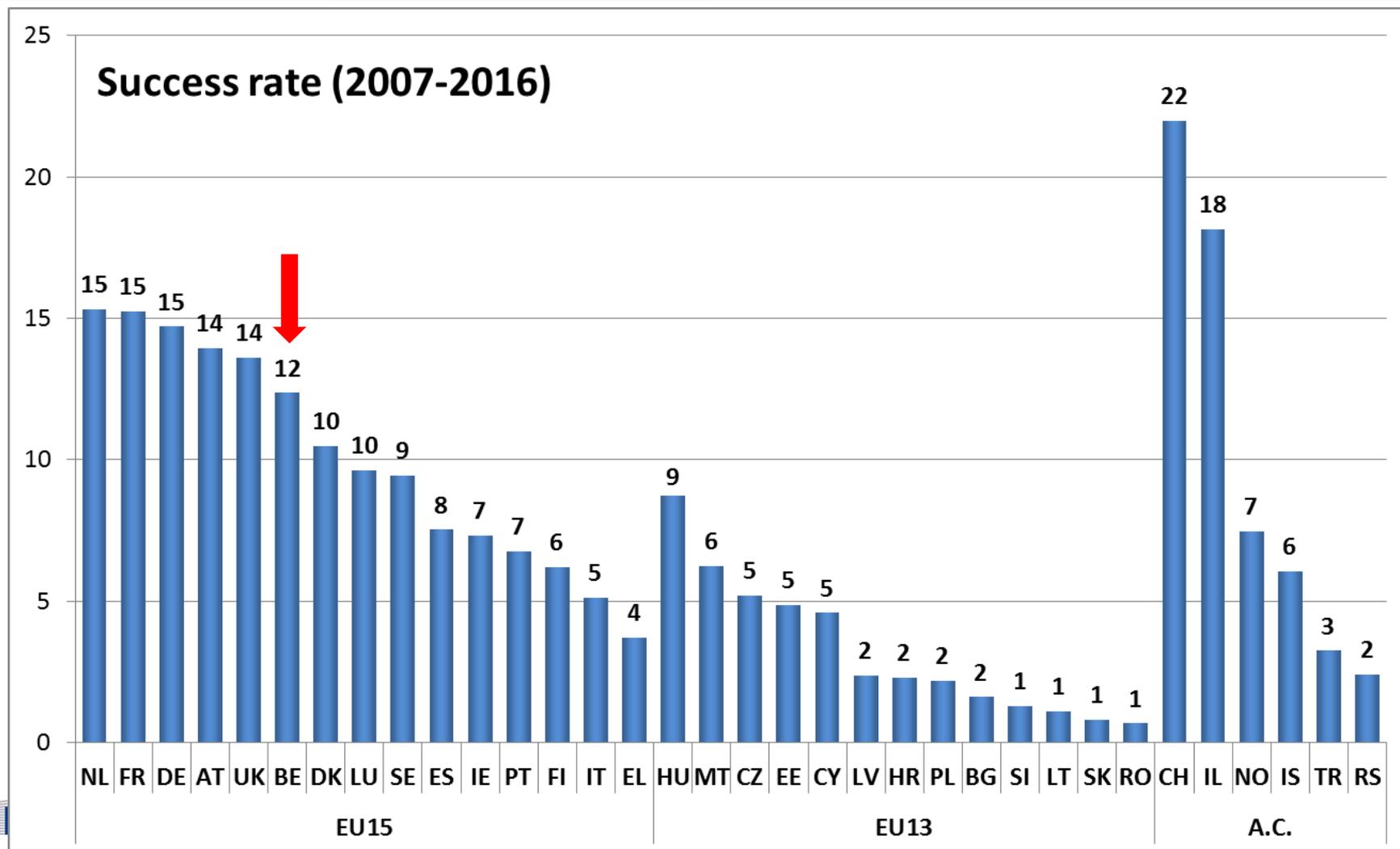


# Success Rate by Country of HI



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# Frontier research

(from the ERC Work Programme)



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The ERC puts particular emphasis on the frontiers of science, scholarship and engineering.

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.

# Frontier research

(according to *HLEG report, 2005*:

## ***Frontier Research: The European Challenge***)



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Frontier research stands at the forefront of creating new knowledge and developing new understanding. Those involved are responsible for fundamental discoveries and advances in theoretical and empirical understanding, and even achieving the occasional revolutionary breakthrough that completely changes our knowledge of the world.

Frontier research is an intrinsically risky endeavour. In the new and most exciting research areas, the approach or trajectory that may prove most fruitful for developing the field is often not clear. Researchers must be bold and take risks.

The traditional distinction between ‘basic’ and ‘applied’ research implies that research can be either one or the other but not both. With frontier research researchers may well be concerned with *both* new knowledge about the world *and* with generating potentially useful knowledge at the same time.

## **Can a PI apply for an ERC grant as - industry employee - startup employee - independent working as consultant for an industry or startup?**

The PI can be employed by the industry or a startup (beware the startup will be subject to financial viability check and may risk not to be accepted)

## **Possibility to subcontract another local or international Institute. Number of collaborators allowed on the proposal.**

Subcontract can be done to any legal entity, subject to respect of procurement procedures (best value for money). There is no specific limitation to collaborators under a legal/financial point of view.

## **How to draft a budget of the project proposal?**

Ensure coherence of info between description of resources (the narrative part) and budget table.

## Q: Can you show us an example of a successful proposal and say what factors made it stand out from the crowd?



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Every panel decides whether and why a proposal is successful as compared to others evaluated by the panel in question. The reasons for this can be very different from one panel to another. We can't provide a 'representative' example.

If we give one example, it might be totally meaningless / perhaps even misleading for an applicant in a different field, or even within the same field.

Applicants should find their own way and rely on themselves to come up with a convincing proposal.

**See on the ERC Website what projects have been funded in your field.**



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# Thank you!

In case of further questions:

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*Until the UK leaves the EU, EU law continues to apply to and within the UK, when it comes to rights and obligations; this includes the eligibility of UK legal entities to fully participate and receive funding in Horizon 2020 actions. Please be aware however that the eligibility criteria must be complied with for the entire duration of the grant. If the United Kingdom withdraws from the EU during the grant period without concluding an agreement with the EU ensuring in particular that British applicants continue to be eligible, you will cease to be eligible to receive EU funding (while continuing, where possible, to participate) or be required to leave the project on the basis of Article 50 of the grant agreement.*

Country	Higher-Education Institution	No	StG	CoG	AdG	Total	LS	PE	SH
UK	University of Cambridge	1	81	33	78	192	68	92	32
UK	University of Oxford	2	75	36	79	190	55	77	58
UK	University College London	3	68	27	47	142	56	41	45
CH	Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL)	4	53	15	50	118	33	83	2
CH	Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH Zurich)	5	45	7	65	117	35	78	4
IL	Weizmann Institute	6	55	23	36	114	66	46	2
IL	Hebrew University of Jerusalem	7	55	15	37	107	45	44	18
UK	University of Edinburgh	8	33	14	38	85	28	33	24
UK	Imperial College	9	48	13	23	84	29	53	2
NL	University of Amsterdam	10	38	14	22	74	7	25	42
DK	University of Copenhagen	11	31	21	18	70	30	25	15
DE	University of Munich (LMU)	12	30	4	33	67	27	23	17
IL	Tel Aviv University	13	39	10	16	65	29	30	6
BE	University of Leuven	13	34	10	21	65	17	35	13
UK	University of Bristol	14	22	7	30	59	10	38	11
NL	Delft University of Technology	15	28	14	16	58	7	45	6
CH	University of Zurich	16	23	9	25	57	32	11	14
NL	Utrecht University	16	26	16	15	57	10	26	21
NL	Radboud University Nijmegen	17	32	9	15	56	21	13	22
NL	Leiden University	18	25	10	18	53		21	32
FI	University of Helsinki	19	25	9	18	52	33	14	5
IL	Technion - Israel Institute of Technology	20	32	6	12	50	16	33	1
UK	University of Manchester	21	20	8	20	48	10	30	8
Country	Research Organisation	No	StG	CoG	AdG	Total	LS	PE	SH
FR	National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS)	1	188	82	94	364	105	218	41
DE	Max Planck Society	2	85	23	82	190	98	81	11
DE	Helmholtz Association of German Research Centres	3	50	29	25	104	64	39	1
FR	National Institute of Health and Medical Research (INSERM)	4	41	24	24	89	83	3	3
ES	Spanish National Research Council (CSIC)	5	28	17	18	63	20	36	7
FR	French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission	6	40	5	17	62	10	50	2

**Top European Institutions Hosting ERC Grantees by Funding Schemes**

ERC calls 2007-2016

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Data as of 03/04/2017

# ERC Grant Schemes (3)



## Starting Grants

**2 years  $\leq$  PhD date  $\leq$  7 years**

- 1 January 2011 to 1 January 2016
- Counted from 1 January 2018 (call year)

## Consolidator Grants

**7 years  $<$  PhD date  $\leq$  12 years**

- 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2010
- Counted from 1 January 2018 (call year)

## Advanced Grants

- Researchers of any age
- Track record of significant research achievements in the last 10 years

## Synergy Grants

- Researchers of any age
- Each PI: to present a track record according to their career stage