



erc OVERVIEW

**NOVELTIES IN
ERC WORK PROGRAMME**

2024 & 2025

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Novelties in ERC Work Programme 2024 (1)

Research assessment

1

Evaluating primarily the research project Focus on the project

- Ground-breaking nature, ambition, and potential impact
- Feasibility of the scientific approach
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- Intellectual capacity, creativity, and commitment of the PI also evaluated
- Focus on the extent to which the PI has the required scientific expertise and capacity to successfully execute the project



2

Revised evaluation questions

- No question any longer on high risk/high gain aspect, neither on development of novel methodology:
- Focus rather on the extent of the ground-breaking nature and ambition of the proposed research

Novelties in ERC Work Programme 2024 (2)

CV and Track Record

1

No prescriptive PI profiles

- CV & Track Record templates are combined (4 pages in total) + simplified

2

Research achievements (<=10):

- Demonstrating advancement in the field
- emphasis on more recent achievements
- Short narrative on significance of achievements

3

Peer recognition:

- Prizes;
- Fellowships;
- Academy membership, etc.;

4

Additional information:

- Career breaks, diverse career paths, life events
- Exceptional contributions to research community
- Other contributions to research community

Novelties in ERC Work Programme 2024 (3)

Evaluation procedure

1

No budget multiplier in STG, COG, ADG calls:

- Up to 44 proposals per panel in Step 2

2

New A-score at Step 1 (STG, COG, ADG, SYG):

- 'A invited' – high quality proposals to pass to Step 2
- 'A not invited' – high quality proposals is of excellent quality but not ranked sufficiently high to pass to step 2 of the evaluation
- !!! The researcher will be free to submit a proposal in the following year's calls

3

New resubmission restriction:

- Applicants selected for funding and preparing a grant agreement in a 2023 ERC call, may not apply to STG, COG, ADG in 2024 ERC calls

Novelties in ERC Work Programme 2024 (4)

ERC AdG 2024 Lump Sum

1

- Proposals' budget based on estimated costs related to activities
- Budget assessed during evaluation (resources & costs)

2

- Lump sum amount defined by project (different for each project) and capped at funding scheme ceiling (2,5 M€+ 1M€ additional funding)

3

- Payment based on work completion.
- Not linked to successful outcome

4

- No financial reporting anymore (e.g., submission of cost claims, time sheets etc.)



Novelties in ERC Work Programme 2025 (1)

Eligibility and Submission Restrictions

1 Eligibility Extensions (changes):

- Extension on the grounds of disability
- Major disasters – definition elaborated to include disasters caused by humans

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2 Evaluation of Synergy Grants:

- Flexibility in the number of panels in Step 2: between five and seven
- At Step 2, the budgetary cut-off to pass to Step 3, reverts to three times the panel budget (instead of four)

Novelties in ERC Work Programme 2025 (2)

Additional Clarifications

1 Evaluation of Proposals by Panels:

- ERC evaluation panels are instructed to approve or reject proposals in their entirety, and they may not select parts of a proposal for funding

2 Change in Panel Descriptors:

- PE6 - Computer Science and Informatics: Theoretical and experimental computer science, information processing, intelligent systems



Novelties in ERC Work Programme 2025 (3)

Use of ERDF Funds

1

- Member States can transfer funds allocated to them as part of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) to the ERC budget. However, those resources can only be used for the benefit of the Member States concerned, thus limiting the portability of the respective grants.

2

- For those proposals where ERCEA makes use of funds transferred from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) to the ERC budget, the right to exercise portability will be limited to legal entities established within the territory of the concerned Member State which has requested the transfer of such funds, in accordance with Article 15(5) and (6) of Regulation (EU) 2021/695.

Novelties in ERC Work Programme 2025 (4)

Other Actions and Public Procurement

1

Other Actions:

- Support to programme monitoring and evaluation (thematic analyses and impact studies)
- Support to open science (Coordination and Support Action)
- Support to National Contact Points (Coordination and Support Action)

**2**

Public Procurement:

- Support and technical assistance for proposal evaluation, the establishment of ERC Archives, and data management for programme evaluation and monitoring
- Support to communication activities
- Assessment of the scientific impact of ERC-funded research

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