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The European Research Council (ERC) in Horizon Europe

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Agenda

- Programme structure and funding lines
- Eligibility
- Application procedure and evaluation process

National Contact Point ERC – Services

- General information on the ERC
- Advice on grant application and grant management
- Individual proposal check
- Organisation of workshops and information events
- Newsletter & website www.eubuero.de/erc.htm (DEU) www.erc-germany.de (EN)

Close collaboration with
EU liaison officers of host
institutions

Programme structure and funding lines

Scientific Excellence as sole criterion

Scientific Autonomy

Groundbreaking
Frontier Research

European Research Council

Portability of Grants

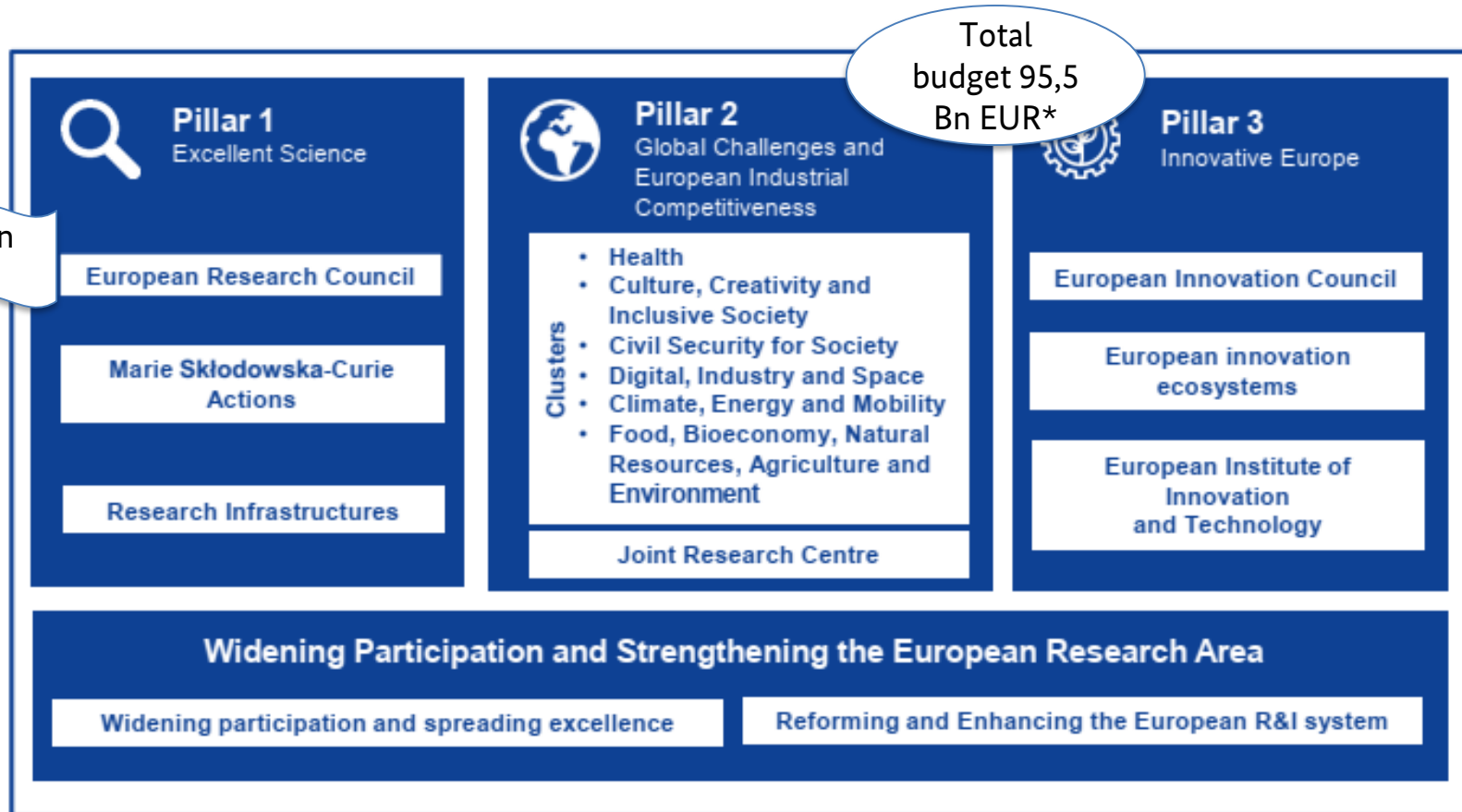


High risk – high gain

Investigator-driven

All research fields
“Bottom-Up”

Horizon Europe Programme Structure (2021-2027)



*Status: Trilogue, 10.12.2020

Main changes: ERC in Horizon Europe/Work Programme 2021

- Core message: Stability and continuity
- Changes to call calendar:
 - postponement of opening of the first calls!
 - suspension of Synergy and Proof of Concept Grant Calls
 - return to “usual” calendar by WP 2023
 - Eligibility periods for StG and CoG not affected
- Slightly revised panels for 2021/22 calls (published [here](#))
- Advanced Grant: interview

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for updates!

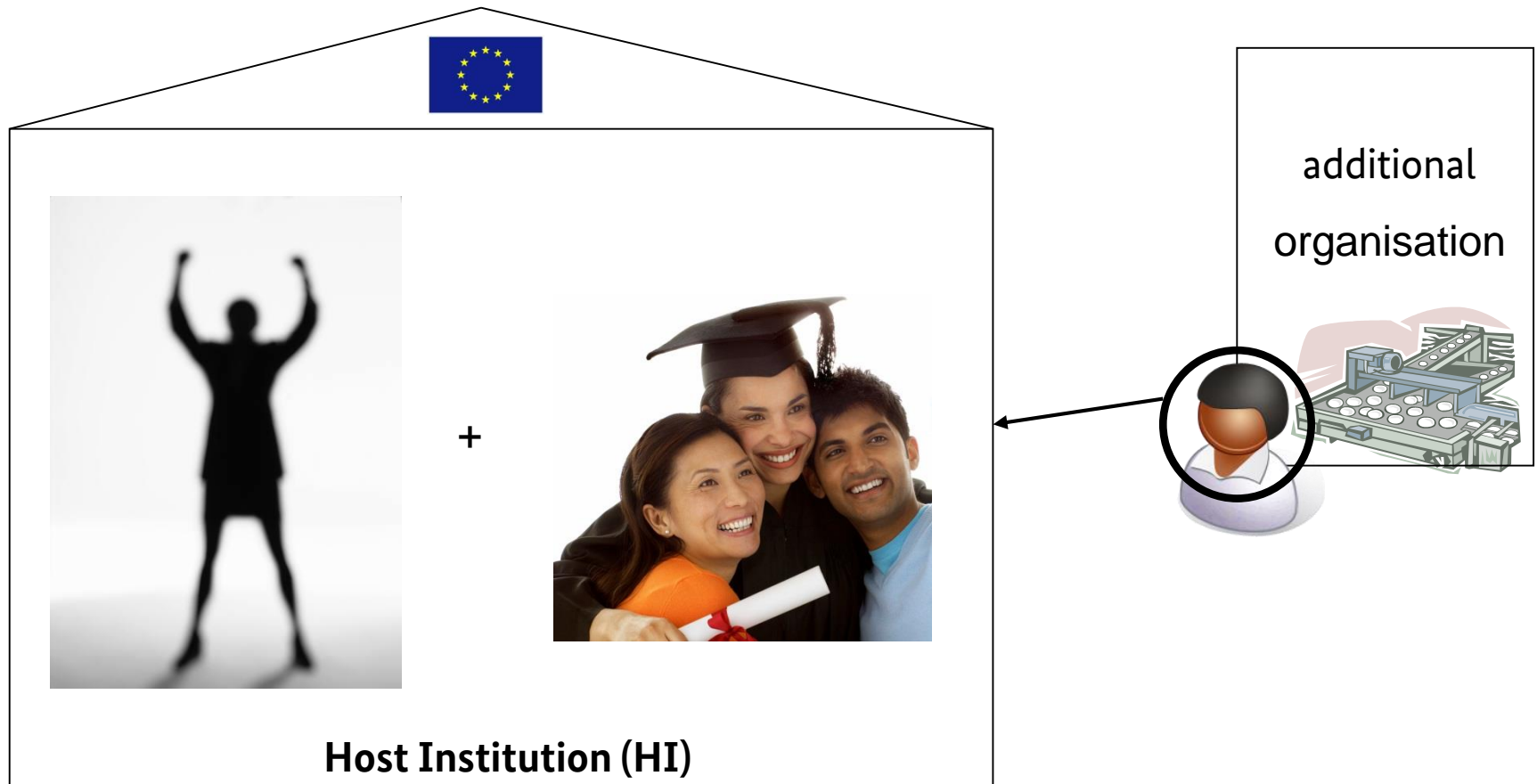
Funding lines

ERC Grant Schemes

	Starting Grants StG	Consolidator Grants CoG	Advanced Grants AdG	Synergy Grants SyG	Proof of Concept
Target group	Scientists 2-7 years after PhD	Scientists 7-12 years after PhD	Established scientists, 10 years track record	2-4 scientists	Successful ERC Grantees
Max. duration	5 years	5 years	5 years	6 years	18 months
Max. budget	1.5 Mio. € (2.5 Mio.€)*	2 Mio. € (3 Mio.€)*	2.5 Mio. € (3.5 Mio.€)*	10 Mio. € (14 Mio. €)*	150 000 €

* exception possible in case of high equipment costs or PI from Third Country, other major experimental and field work costs, excluding personnel costs

StG, CoG, AdG: Principal Investigator (PI) + Team



Eligibility

Eligibility

- Excellent researchers **regardless of their nationality**, age and place of work at the time of the application
- Host institution based in the **EU or a country associated** to Horizon Europe (association negotiations will start after the launch of Horizon Europe)
- **PI time commitment:**
 - On the project: 50% (Starting Grant), 40% (Consolidator Grant), 30% (Advanced and Synergy Grant)
 - In the EU/associated country: 50%

Eligibility Period Work Programme 2021

	Starting Grant	Consolidator Grant
Eligibility Period: Date of the first PhD	<p>> 2 and ≤ 7 years</p> <p>prior to 1 January 2021</p> <p>Cut-off dates: PhD awarded from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2018 (inclusive)</p>	<p>> 7 and ≤ 12 years</p> <p>prior to 1 January 2021</p> <p>Cut-off dates: PhD awarded from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2013 (inclusive)</p>

Different Rules for
Medical Doctors

Extensions of the eligibility period

- Maternity before/after PhD: 18 months per child
- Extension by the documented time:
 - Maternity before/after PhD leave > 18 months
 - Paternity before/after PhD
 - Military/civil service after PhD
 - Long-term illness of the PI or a close family member (>90 days) after PhD
 - Clinical training after the award of the first eligible degree (up to 4 years)

Profile of Principle Investigator

- Starting Grant: *potential* for research independence
 - e.g. at least *one important* publication without PhD supervisor
- Consolidator Grant: research independence
 - e.g. *several important* publications without PhD supervisor
- StG & CoG: Promising Track Record
- StG & CoG: Principal Investigators must demonstrate the ground-breaking nature, ambition and feasibility of their scientific proposal.

Advanced Grants – profile of the PI

- Established researchers with an outstanding 10-year-track-record:
 - 10 publications in major international journals
 - 3 major research monographs and/or
 - 5 patents, 10 invitations as a speaker at int. conferences, 3 research expeditions lead by the PI, 3 well-established int. Conferences where the PI was a member of the steering/organising committee
 - Recognised innovation leadership and/or major contributions to launching the careers of outstanding researchers

Synergy Grant: 2-4 PI and their teams

No call in 2021!

- Usually interdisciplinary, complementary expertise, know-how and resources
- No restrictions on location of PIs
 - Can come from the same group within one HI, different HIs within one country or from different countries (within EU or AS)
 - In 2020 call: possible to have even 1 of the PIs outside EU/AS
- Early stage researcher or experienced researcher with proven track record – each person is evaluated on his/her specific career stage

Application procedure and evaluation process

Calls 2021- PRELIMIMINARY DATA

Please check
for updates!

Funding Line	Call opening	Deadline
Starting Grant	tbc	24.03.2021
Consolidator Grant	tbc	20.04.2021
Advanced Grant	tbc	31.08.2021

Main Documents to be used

- ERC work programme 2021
- Proposal template for StG-2021 & CoG-2021
- Information for Applicants StG-2021 & CoG-2021

2021 documents
(pre-publication beginning of
February)
Check out documents from
2020

Funding & Tenders Portal: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>

Check with 2021
proposal template

The proposal

Administrative Forms (Part A)

- 1 General information including abstract
- 2 Participants & contacts
- 3 Budget table including c. resources
- 4 Ethics
- 5 Call specific questions including excluded reviewers

Research Proposal (Part B)

- B1**
Proposal Summary
- A** Extended Synopsis of the project (5 pages)
- B** Curriculum vitae (2 pages)
- C** Early achievements track-record (2 pages)
- Appendix:** ongoing grants/grant applications

- B2 Scientific Proposal**
(15 pages*)
- A** State-of-the-art and objectives
- B** Methodology

- Annexes**
- Host Institution Binding
Statement of Support
PhD record
Ethics documents (if applicable)

*15 pages including the section c. resources in part A

One Evaluation Criteria: Excellence

1. Research Project

Ground-breaking nature , ambition and feasibility

- Address important challenges
- Ambitious objectives & beyond the state of the art
- High risk / high gain

Scientific Approach

- Feasibility
- Appropriateness of research methodology to achieve goals
- Development of novel methodology
- Timescales, resources & time commitment

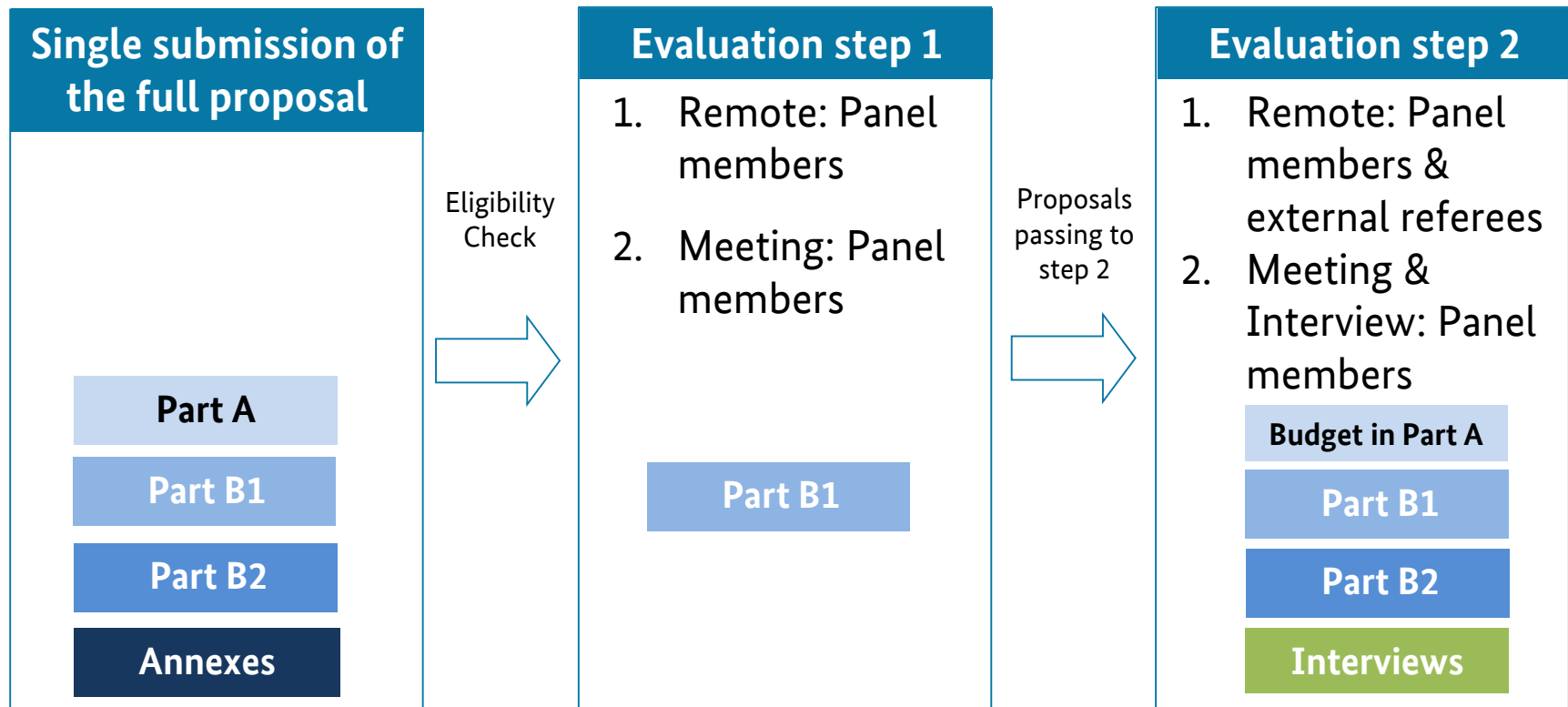
2. Principal Investigator

- Ability to conduct ground-breaking research
- Evidence of creative independent thinking
- Scientific expertise & capacity to execute the project

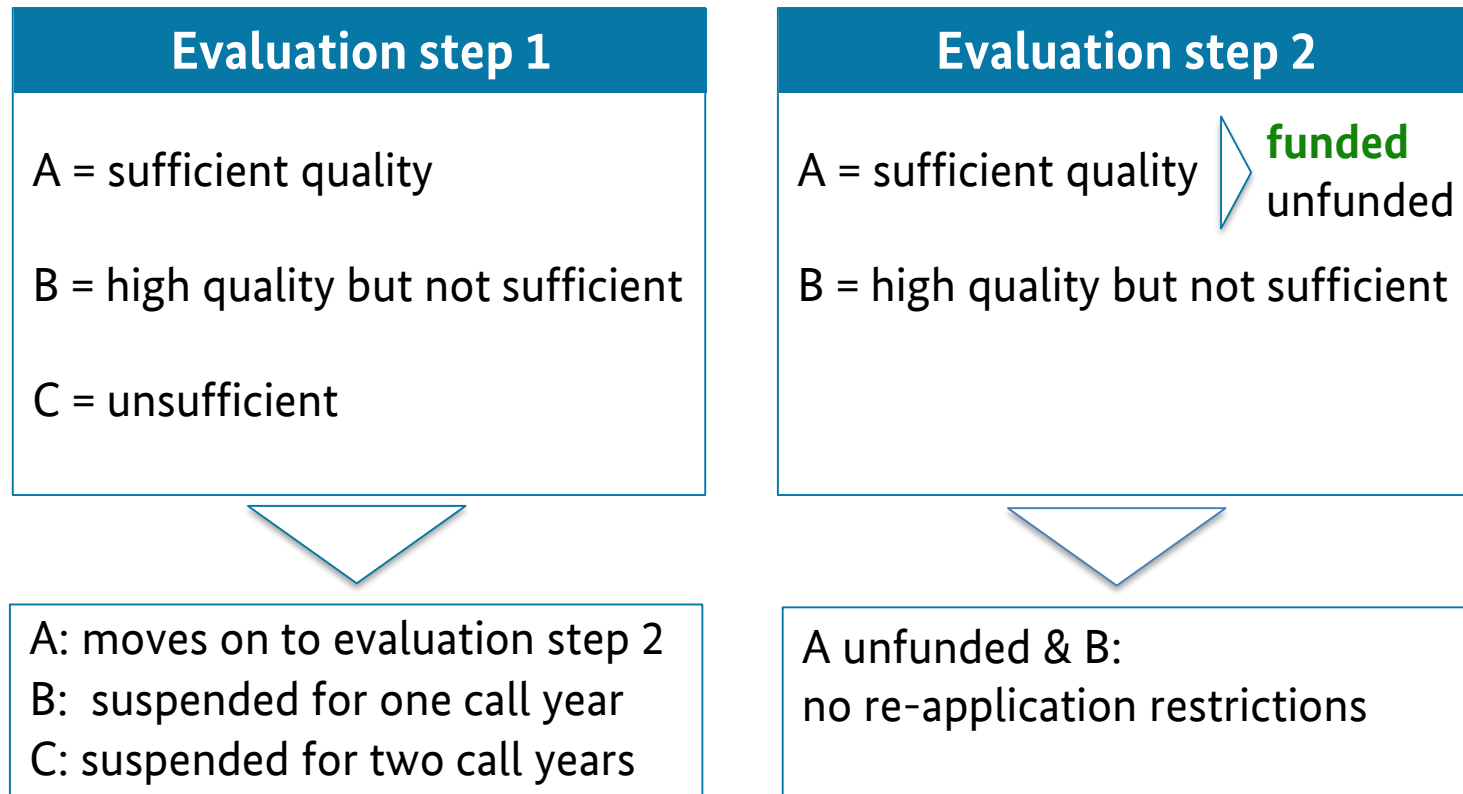
Evaluation Process

- **Peer review evaluation** handled by 27 panels covering all fields of science
 - Physical Sciences and Engineering (PE): 11 panels
 - Life Sciences (LS): 9 panels
 - Social Sciences and Humanities (SH): 7 panels
- Applicants choose most relevant panel, indicate one or more keywords
- Panels consist of a panel chair & 10-15 members
 - Names of panel chairs published on ERC website before call deadline, names of panel members published after evaluation
- At least 3 reviews from panel members
 - Keep in mind: generalists evaluate B1!

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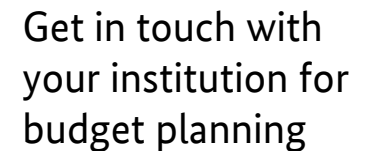


Scores & Re-application rules



Funding Modalities

- Direct eligible costs – 100%
 - PI salary & salary of ERC project team (Postdocs, PhD Students, Technicians etc.) (partly/full)
 - Consumables
 - Equipment Costs (depreciation rates apply)
 - Travel Costs
 - Publications Costs (including open access)
 - Subcontracts
 - Other
- Indirect costs – 25% of direct costs



Get in touch with
your institution for
budget planning

Further Information

- NCP ERC www.nks-erc.de (DEU) & www.erc-germany.de (EN)
- ERC <https://erc.europa.eu/>
- Funding & Tenders Portal (Calls, Documents, proposal preparation and submission) <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>
- Successful projects <https://erc.europa.eu/projects-figures/erc-funded-projects>

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