NKS ERC
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European Research Council (ERC)
ERC Plus Grants 2027 (Plus)

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Aim	• Funding of frontier research in any field of research that cannot be realised with a regular ERC grant
Target group	• Researchers who demonstrate exceptional scientific excellence at the forefront of their field • Researchers of any nationality, career stage and age
Time commitment	• Minimum 30% on the ERC project and minimum 50% in Europe
Host institution	• Located in EU-Member States or Associated Countries to Horizon Europe
Funding	• Funding for a minimum of 4 years and up to 7 years • Max. 7 million EUR (no additional funding, no pro rata reduction) • Lump sum funding model
Budget	• 210 million EUR for an estimated number of 30 grants
Application	• Annual call for proposals • One-stage proposal submission via the Funding and Tenders Portal • New part of application: “Statement of Vision” (about one half page) to be evaluated in step 1
Evaluation	• Two-stage evaluation process • Evaluation by peer review panels, no overlap between Step 1 and Step 2, assisted by remote external experts (in 2026: Advanced Grant Panels in Step 1) • Interview at the second step of evaluation
Next call for proposals	• Opening: 1st June 2027 • Submission deadline: 1st September 2027
Success rates	• success rates not yet available