

European Research Council (ERC) Proof of Concept 2025(PoC)

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Aim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring the commercial or societal potential of an ERC project
Target group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dedicated to researchers (Principal Investigators) already holding an ERC grant (ongoing or has ended less than 12 months before 1 January of call year)
Host institution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Located in EU-Member States or Associated Countries to Horizon Europe
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding for a period of up to 18 months Lump sum of 150.000 EUR
Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30 million EUR (estimated number of grants: 200)
Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A maximum of 3 PoC Grants may be awarded per ERC funded Starting, Consolidator or Advanced Grant A maximum of 6 PoC Grants may be awarded per ERC funded Synergy Grant
Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual call for proposals with three evaluation rounds Principal Investigators may submit only one proposal per call Electronically via the Funding and Tenders Portal
Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single-step evaluation process (peer review)
Next cut-off dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening: 13 November 2024 Cut-off dates: 13 March 2025, 18 September 2025
Success rates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2022: 1. Call: 48%; 2. Call: 1. cut-off 57.3% 2020: 1. cut-off 37.2%; 2. cut-off 36.4%; 3. cut-off 28.2% 2019: 1. cut-off 39.4%; 2. cut-off 46.2%; 3. cut-off 31.9%