

Horizon Europe - European Research Council (ERC)

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Scheme	Starting Grants (StG)	Consolidator Grants (CoG)	Advanced Grants (AdG)	Synergy Grants (SyG)	ERC Plus Grants (Plus)
Aim	Support for promising researchers and the establishment of their research team	Support for promising researchers and the consolidation of their research team	Support for excellent, experienced researchers and their research team	Promoting substantial advances at the interface between established disciplines	Addressing a major scientific challenge, cannot be carried out with a regular ERC grant
Target group	Researchers 0 - 10 years after PhD defence	Researchers 5 - 15 years after PhD defence	Established researchers with a track-record of significant achievements in the last 10 years	2 - 4 researchers and their teams bringing together complementary skills	Outstanding Principal Investigators with a vision to transform their current field or to open new avenues in research
	Date of the certified successful defence (not awarding date) of the first PhD degree until 1 January of call year; Extensions possible in documented cases such as maternity, paternity, long-term illness, national service, clinical training, natural disaster, seeking asylum, victims of gender-based violence or any other form of violence; special rules for medical doctors				
Time commitment	≥ 50% of the total work time, ≥ 50% in Europe	≥ 40% of the total work time, ≥ 50% in Europe	≥ 30% of the total work time, ≥ 50% in Europe	≥ 30% of the total work time, ≥ 50% in Europe	≥ 30% of the total work time, ≥ 50% in Europe
Host institution(s) (HI)	Located in EU-Member States (MS) or Associated Countries (AC) to Horizon Europe			2 - 4 HIs; one HI allowed in Third Country	Located in EU-Member States (MS) or Associated Countries (AC) to Horizon Europe
Funding	Up to 1.5 million EUR (Actual Cost)	Up to 2 million EUR (Actual Cost)	Up to 2.5 million EUR (Lump sum)	Up to 10 million EUR (Actual Cost)	Up to 7 million EUR (Lump sum)
	Additional funding (requests for additional funding shall be duly justified in the proposal): + max. 1 million EUR can be requested to cover further eligible costs (e.g. start-up costs, major equipment, access to large facilities, major experimental and field work costs) when these are necessary to carry out the proposed work + max. 2 million EUR can be awarded to Starting, Consolidator and Advanced Grant applicants moving (“re-locating”) to the EU or an Associated Country to take up their ERC grant Maximum project duration: 60 months / 5 years			Additional funding: + max. 4 million EUR for major equipment, researchers moving from Third Countries to Europe or major experimental or field work costs Max. project duration: 72 months / 6 years	No additional funding Min. project duration: 48 months / 4 years Max. project duration: 84 months / 7 years
Procedure	One-stage electronic proposal submission and two-stage (or three-stage for SyG) evaluation, including an interview; Statement of Vision needed for ERC PLUS				
Next call for proposals	Opening: 22 July 2026 Deadline: 14 October 2026 Budget: 594 million EUR (estimated number of grants: 373)	Opening: 24 September 2026 Deadline: 12 January 2027 Budget: 618 million EUR (estimated number of grants: 296)	Opening: 27 May 2027 Deadline: 26 August 2027 Budget: 798 million EUR (estimated number of grants: 311)	Opening: 17 February 2027 Deadline: 11 May 2027 Budget: 500 million EUR (estimated number of grants: 48)	Opening: 1 June 2027 Deadline: 1 September 2027 Budget: 210 million EUR (estimated no. of grants: 30)