

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

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<b>Aim</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exploring the commercial or societal potential of an ERC project</li> </ul>
<b>Target group</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dedicated to researchers (Principal Investigators) already holding an ERC grant (ongoing or has ended less than 12 months before 1 January of call year)</li> </ul>
<b>Host institution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Located in EU-Member States or Associated Countries to Horizon Europe</li> </ul>
<b>Funding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding for a period of up to 18 months</li> <li>Lump sum of 150.000 EUR</li> </ul>
<b>Budget</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2022 not yet fixed</li> </ul>
<b>Conditions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A maximum of 3 PoC Grants may be awarded per ERC funded Starting, Consolidator or Advanced Grant</li> <li>A maximum of 6 PoC Grants may be awarded per ERC funded Synergy Grant</li> </ul>
<b>Application</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual call for proposals with three evaluation rounds</li> <li>Principal Investigators may submit only one proposal per call</li> <li>Electronically via the Funding and Tenders Portal</li> </ul>
<b>Evaluation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Single-step evaluation process (peer review)</li> </ul>
<b>Next cut-off dates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Next call foreseen under Work Programme 2022</li> </ul>
<b>Success rates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2020: 1. cut-off 37.2%; 2. cut-off 36.4%; 3. cut-off not yet known</li> <li>2019: 1. cut-off 39.4%; 2. cut-off 46.2%; 3. cut-off 31.9%</li> <li>2018: 1. cut-off 43.8%; 2. cut-off 37.9%; 3. cut-off 34.7%</li> </ul>