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## ERC Work Programme 2024 Novelties

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# Call Calendar 2024

	<i>Starting Grant</i>	<i>Consolidator Grant</i>	<i>Advanced Grant</i>	<i>Synergy Grant</i>	<i>Proof of Concept Grant</i>
<i>Call opens</i>	11/07/2023	12/09/2023	29/05/2024	12/07/2023	16/11/2023
<i>Call deadline</i>	24/10/2023	12/12/2023	29/08/2024	08/11/2023	14/03/2024 17/09/2024
<i>Budget (m EUR)</i>	601	584	578	400	30



# Novelties – Work Programme 2024

- **Proposal assessment**
  - focus on research project
  - PI profile
- **Proposal evaluation**
  - new panel, changes in descriptors
  - new score in step 1
  - proposals passed to step 2
- **Proposal budget**
  - lump sum for AdG 2024



# Novelties 2024 – Project assessment

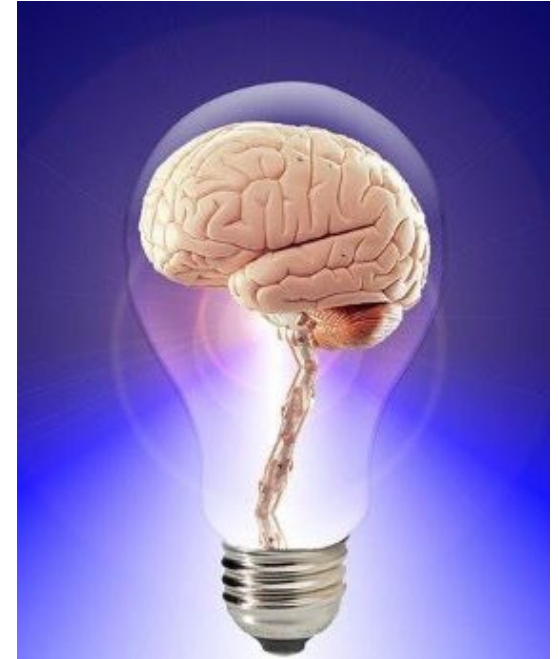
Assessment primarily focused on the project

## - the proposed research project

- + ground-breaking nature, ambition, potential impact
- + feasibility of the scientific approach

## - the PI

- + intellectual capacity, creativity
- + commitment



# Novelties 2024 – PI assessment

New **CV & Track Record** template (4p): > no prescriptive profile

- **personal details** (education, employment)

- **research achievements** (up to 10)

  - + **demonstrating advancement in the field**

    - (e.g., publications, preprints, books (chapters), proceedings, data sets, software, patents, start-up...)*

  - + **emphasis on more recent achievements**

  - + **short & factual narrative on significance of selected outputs**

- **peer recognition** with short explanation of significance

  - (e.g., prizes, fellowships, academy membership, invited presentations to conferences...)*

- **additional information**

  - + **career breaks, diverse career paths, life events**

  - + **other contributions to research community**



# Novelties 2024 – Proposal evaluation

- **new panel (SH8 *Studies of Cultures & Arts*)**
- **changes in descriptors (LS3, LS5, SH5...)**
- **new A-score at Step 1 (StG, CoG, AdG, SyG):**
  - ‘**A invited**’ – *high quality proposals to pass to Step 2*
  - ‘**A not invited**’ – *high quality proposals exceeding the threshold for Step 2, but not subject to resubmission restrictions*
- **no budget multiplier in StG, CoG, AdG: up to 44 proposals per panel in Step 2**
- **new resubmission restriction:** applicants selected for funding and preparing a grant agreement in a 2023 ERC call, may not apply to StG, CoG, AdG in 2024 ERC calls

# Novelties 2024 – Lump Sum Funding (AdG)

- a **lump sum contribution** for the entirety of the project defined upfront
- size of lump sum defined by proposed activities and resources needed
- ERC panels still assess requested budget
- **additional funding** and **portability** still available
- payment: 80% at the start, and 20% upon completion
- payment based on **completion of activities** (work done) and not on successful outcome
- **budget flexibility** permitted as long as serve scientific goal
- no financial audits but still technical audits
- no cost claim submission, but report on implementation & scientific progress



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## ERC outreach strategies

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# ERC Additional opportunities

Anybody can develop their career through **funding linked to ERC projects**, even **without being in Europe**



- anybody in the world can apply
- working time in EU  $\geq 50\%$  (grantee can keep affiliation in HI outside EU)
- move to EU as PI (extra start-up budget up to 1 M€)
- team member(s) in an ERC-funded team can be based outside EU
- one PI in a SyG grant within a non-EU HI
- portability within EU

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- Jobs in ERC teams
- Visiting Research Fellowships
- International Arrangement funding
- Mentoring Initiative



# ERC Additional opportunities



- **Jobs in ERC teams**

ERC PIs can recruit team members as they wish with ERC funding positions are published on EURAXESS...



- **Visiting Research Fellowships**

placements available via national/regional funding agencies or universities available in 11 agencies in 9 countries recipient must apply for an ERC grant in a delay after the visit



- **International Arrangement funding**

for early-career scientists supported by national non-European funding agencies 17 agencies in 13 countries



- **Mentoring Initiative**

for PIs preparing an ERC proposal via mentoring by ERC grantees and former PMs available in 11 agencies in 9 countries

# ERC Additional opportunities

## Some figures

- **non-EU applicants**  
over 18 350 > 1100 grantees (8% of grantees)
- **team members in ERC-funded team based outside EU**  
around 18 000
- **PI in a SyG grant within a non-EU HI**  
46 PIs (on 160 projects)
- **Jobs in ERC teams**  
around 100 000
- **Visiting Research Fellowships**  
80 fellow researchers visited an ERC project
- **International Arrangement funding**  
600 scientists have benefited from these agreements
- **Mentoring Initiative**  
around 90 mentors > 110 mentees



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# Part B1: section b (4 pages)

## Curriculum Vitae & Track Record



- **personal details** (template for education, employment)
- **research achievements** (up to 10)
  - + **demonstrating advancement in the field & capacity to successfully carry out proposed project**  
*(publications, preprints, books (chapters), conference proceedings, data sets, software, patents, licenses, standards, start-up businesses...)*
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*(prizes, fellowships, academy membership, invited presentations, position...)*
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# Evaluation Panel Structure (2024)

## Life Sciences

- LS1 Molecules of Life: Biological Mechanisms, Structures & Functions
- LS2 Integrative Biology: From Genes & Genomes to Systems
- LS3 Cellular, Developmental & Regenerative Biology
- LS4 Physiology in Health, Disease & Ageing
- LS5 Neuroscience & Disorders of the Nervous System
- LS6 Immunity, Infection & Immunotherapy
- LS7 Prevention, Diagnosis & Treatment of Human Diseases
- LS8 Environmental Biology, Ecology & Evolution
- LS9 Biotechnology & Biosystems Engineering

## Physical Sciences & Engineering

- PE1 Mathematics
- PE2 Fundamental Constituents of Matter
- PE3 Condensed Matter Physics
- PE4 Physical & Analytical Chemical Sciences
- PE5 Synthetic Chemistry & Materials
- PE6 Computer Science & Informatics
- PE7 Systems & Communication Engineering
- PE8 Products & Process Engineering
- PE9 Universe Sciences
- PE10 Earth System Science
- PE11 Materials Engineering

## Social Sciences and Humanities

- SH1 Individuals, Markets & Organisations
- SH2 Institutions, Governance & Legal Systems
- SH3 The Social World & Its Interactions
- SH4 The Human Mind & Its Complexity
- SH5 Texts & Concepts
- SH6 The Study of the Human Past
- SH7 Human Mobility, Environment, & Space
- SH8 Studies of Cultures & Arts

