

The European Research Council

ERC Work Programme 2024 and 2025 Novelties

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ERC Work Programme 2024 Amendment – 17.05.2024

Additional budget from the UK Association to Horizon Europe

EUR 568 million for main frontier research grants, of which EUR 125 million for Advanced Grant 2024

	Original Budget	Current Budget
StG	601.3	779.8
CoG	583.9	678.4
AdG	578.5	703.5
SyG	400.0	570.0
Total	2,163.7	2,731.7



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Intellectual Property Rights

The granting authority may, up to four years after the end of the action, object to a transfer of ownership or the exclusive licensing of results, as set out in the Model Grant Agreement.

Under the ERC Work Programme 2024 this will apply to the Advanced Grant call only; however as of Work Programme 2025, this will apply to all calls.

New Public Procurement Action

Support to communication activities: EUR 1 million



ERC Work Programme 2025

- ERC Work Programme 2025 **approved by the Scientific Council** in February 2024
- **European Commission to adopt** the ERC Work Programme 2025 in June 2024
- The current budget appropriations – **EUR 2.3bn** – include the amount originally agreed in the Multiannual Financial Framework + fines + EFTA country contributions
- Additional funding from Associated Countries of some **EUR 439m** is expected and has already been included in the provisional total budget

Provisional Total Budget = 2.7bn

ERC Work Programme 2025: Provisional Call Calendar

	<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>	10/07/2024	26/09/2024	22/05/2025	11/07/2024	13/11/2024
<i>Call deadline (cut-off date)</i>	15/10/2024	14/01/2025	28/08/2025	06/11/2024	13/03/2025 18/09/2025
<i>Budget (m EUR)</i>	751	719	683	500	30
<i>Estimated nr. of grants</i>	483	354	276	48	200



Association Agreements

Signed and Ratified:

Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, Georgia, Iceland, Israel, Kosovo*, Moldova, Montenegro, New Zealand (Pillar II only), North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Tunisia, Türkiye, Ukraine, and the United Kingdom (except EIC Fund)

Transitional Arrangements:

Canada (Pillar II only), Morocco, Switzerland (ERC WP 2024 calls opening after 18/03/2024 only)

Under Negotiation:

Republic of Korea

Special Cases:

Lichtenstein: not associated to Horizon Europe

Russia, Belarus: Cooperation with public entities or related bodies halted



ERC Work Programme 2025: Novelties I – Eligibility and Submission Restrictions

Eligibility Extensions (changes):

- Extension on the grounds of disability
- Major disasters – definition elaborated to include disasters caused by humans

Evaluation of Synergy Grants:

- Flexibility in the number of panels in Step 2: between five and seven
- At Step 2, the budgetary cut-off to pass to Step 3, reverts to three times the panel budget (instead of four)



ERC Work Programme 2025: Novelties II – Additional Clarifications

Evaluation of Proposals by Panels:

ERC evaluation panels are instructed to approve or reject proposals in their entirety, and they may not select parts of a proposal for funding.

Change in Panel Descriptors:

PE6 - Computer Science and Informatics: Theoretical and experimental computer science, information processing, intelligent systems



ERC Work Programme 2025: Novelties III – Use of ERDF Funds

Member States can transfer funds allocated to them as part of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) to the ERC budget. However, those resources can only be used for the benefit of the Member States concerned, thus limiting the portability of the respective grants.

For those proposals where ERCEA makes use of funds transferred from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) to the ERC budget, the right to exercise portability will be limited to legal entities established within the territory of the concerned Member State which has requested the transfer of such funds, in accordance with Article 15(5) and (6) of Regulation (EU) 2021/695.



ERC Work Programme 2025: Novelties IV – Other Actions and Public Procurement

Other Actions:

- Support to programme monitoring and evaluation (thematic analyses and impact studies)
- Support to open science (Coordination and Support Action)
- Support to National Contact Points (Coordination and Support Action)

Public Procurement:

- Support and technical assistance for proposal evaluation, the establishment of ERC Archives, and data management for programme evaluation and monitoring
- Support to communication activities
- Assessment of the scientific impact of ERC-funded research



Where can you find more information?



Videos - ERC Classes

- What to consider before applying
- How to fill in the application
- The interview
- How the evaluation works.

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