SECOND EDITION!

Turning breakthrough R&I to the market: Horizon Europe ERC Proof of Concept & EIC Transition

7 JULY 2025

ONLINE EVENT
h. 10:00 - 13:00 CEST

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ORGANISED BY:
APRE – Agency for the Promotion of European Research & Access2EIC

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CONCEPT:
The second edition of the event (the first in 2023) will be held the 7th of July from 10:00 to 13:00 and will be an opportunity to present the ERC Proof of Concept and the EIC Transition scheme. The ERC PoC Grants aim at facilitating exploration of the commercial and social innovation potential of ERC funded research and are therefore available only to PIs whose proposals draw substantially on their ERC funded research.

EIC Transition aim to validate and demonstrate technology and develop is market readiness supporting maturation and validation in lab and real environment. Proposals must build on the results from EIC Pathfinder, FET Flagship, Horizon 2020, Horizon Europe calls or ERC Proof of Concept projects.

The webinar, organized by APRE with the collaboration of Access2EIC, the network of the EIC/EIE National Contact Point, will be held by representative from ERCEA (ERC Executive Agency) and EISMEA (Eurpean Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency).

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PROGRAMME

10:00 **Introduction and welcome speech**
Valentina Fioroni, *Head of Innovation Unit - Horizon Europe NCP L&F, Cluster 4, EIC/EIE - APRE*

10:10 **The ERC Proof of Concept scheme in Horizon Europe**
Laura Pontiggia, *Policy Adviser ERCEA – European Research Council Executive Agency*

10:40 **ERC PoC success case**
(tbc)

11:00 **Q&A session**

11:30 **EIC Transition**
Viorel Peca*, Head of Unit of EIC Transition, European Innovation Council & SMEs Executive Agency (EISMEA)*

12:00 **EIC Transition Success case**
Paolo Fiorini, *UNIVR*

12:20 **Q&A session**

12:40 **Access2EIC, the EIC/EIE NCP network**
Alessia Rotolo*, Access2EIC coordinator, APRE*

13:00 **End of the event**