CONSOLIDATOR GRANT 2027



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Agenda

10:00–10:35 | CoG 2027: lo que necesitas saber para preparar la propuesta
10:35–11:00 | Preguntas a los NCPs
11:00–11:15 | Descanso
11:15–12:10 | Desde el lado del candidato
12:10–13:00 | Desde el lado del panel

European Research Council (ERC)

novedades, proceso de evaluación y aspectos clave

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Housekeeping rules

1. Microphones will remain off until the end of presentations
2. You can use the Q&A section to ask questions
3. We will answer questions at the end of each part.

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You already know the basics. mERCury



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ERC in one sentence



Bottom-up

Any field

PI-led

Frontier research

Scientific excellence

Your idea. Your team. Your scientific vision

Eligibility ≠ Readiness

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ELIGIBILITY

- PhD window
- Formal requirements
- Administrative criteria
- Time commitment

READINESS

- **Compelling scientific question**
- **Independent scientific vision**
- **Scientific maturity**
- **Credibility to pursue the proposed research**

Everything starts with a big question

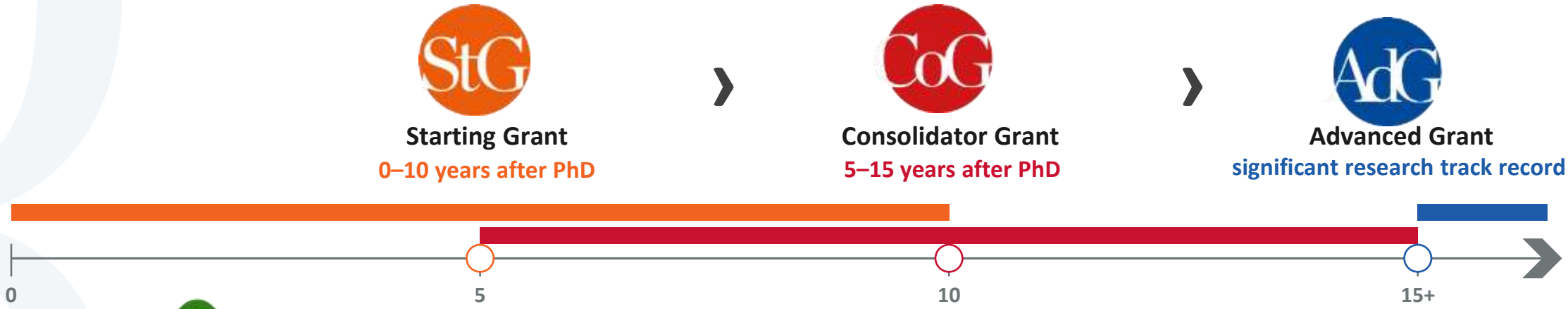
- Starts from a **conceptual gap**, not a technical limitation.
- Formulate a **clear and ambitious research question**
- A question **simple to state, difficult to answer**
- The question must **matter for knowledge**, not just for an application.
- If solved, it changes **how we understand** a phenomenon.



ERC MAIN grant schemes

YEARS AFTER PhD DEFENCE

CAREER PROGRESSION →



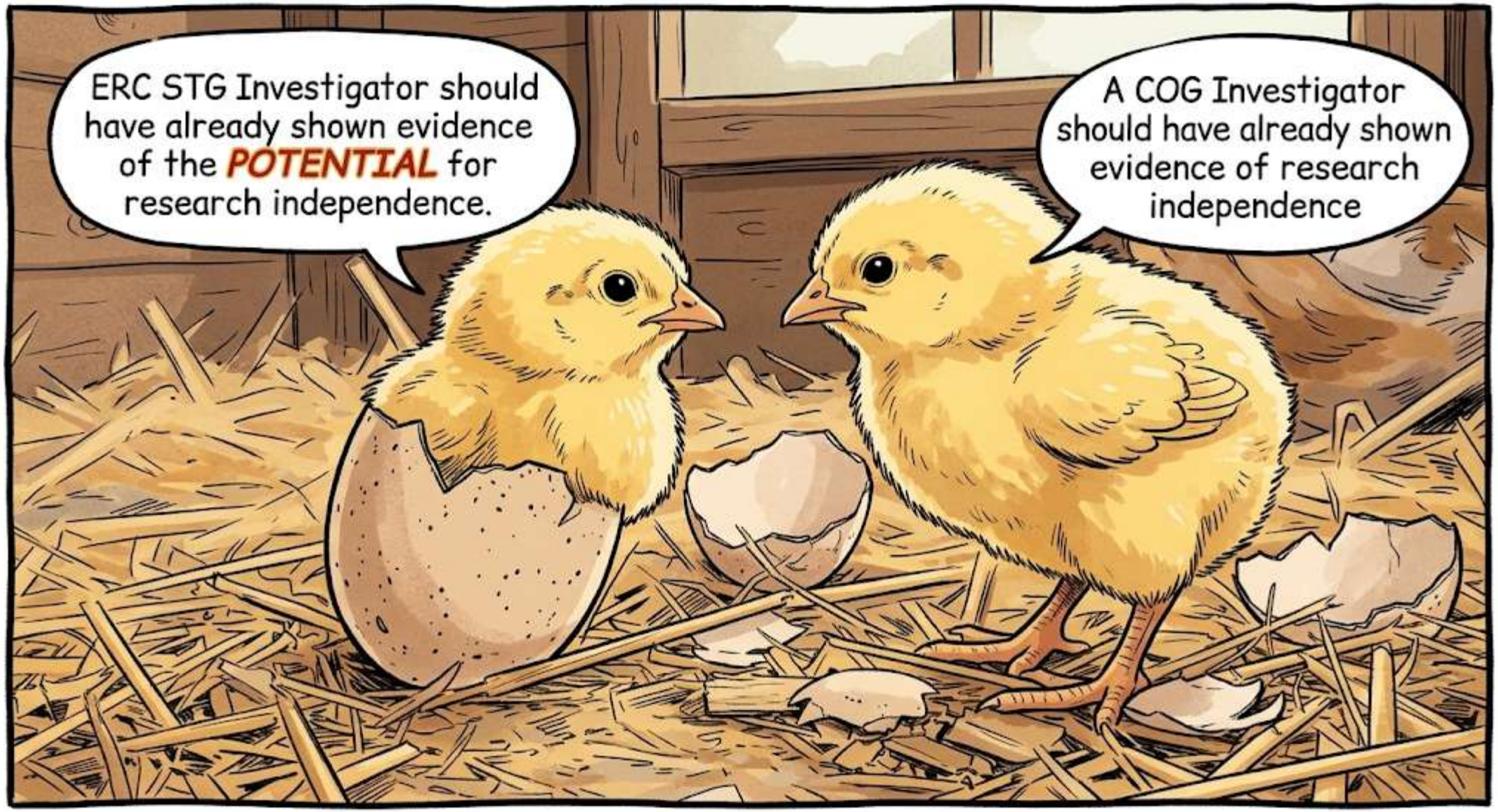
NEW For CoG 2027: *Successful defence of PhD between 1 January 2012 and 31 December 2021 (inclusive)*

PoC **Proof of Concept**

SyG **Synergy Grants**

PlusS **Plus Grants**

ERC Starting Grant vs ERC Consolidator grant



ERC Consolidator Grant

WHAT IT OFFERS

up to 5 years

up to €2M*

- Independence, recognition, and visibility

WHAT IT REQUIRES

- eligibility window
- Commitment: min 40%+ min 50% MS/AC
- **Independence evidence**

NEW **NO more than 1 Starting Grant and 1 Consolidator Grant per researcher in a lifetime (more restrictions in WP2027)**

***Possible +€ 1M,+2M if outside EU/AC**

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Excellence is the sole evaluation criterion



Excellence of the Research Project

- Important scientific question
- Ambitious objectives
- Ground-breaking potential
- Scientifically convincing approach

Excellence of the P. Investigator

- Ability to conduct ground-breaking research
- Creative and original thinking
- Scientific expertise
- Capacity to carry out the project

*Changes in evaluation WP2024



What does an ERC Starting Grant proposal look like?

	Part I (5 pages)	CV + Track Record	Part II (7 pages)
Objective	To convince the evaluation panel that the proposal presents an **original and creative idea** addressing an **important scientific question**, with the potential to **advance the frontiers of knowledge**	Why this PI? The PI should show: **Understanding** of the field, **independent** thinking, relevant **expertise and capacity**	Explain **how** the project will be implemented in detail
Content	• State of the knowledge • Scientific question and objectives • Overall approach or research strategy • *Expected contribution to the field*	• Personal and professional information • Up to 10 selected research achievements • Significance and personal contribution • Selected peer recognition • Relevant career context	• Detailed methodology • Work plan and timeline • Risk assessment and mitigation • Additional background (if needed)
Tone	• Visionary, conceptual, persuasive: focused on scientific ambition, without technical detail.		• Precise, technical, and implementation-focused — aimed at experts in the field.

** Assumed by the Spanish NCPs*

Evaluation panels

28 panels divided into 3 domains. Each panel covers a number of research topics, detailed with their descriptors.

Physical Sciences and Engineering (PE)	Life Sciences (LS)	Social Sciences and Humanities (SH)
11 panels	*9 panels*	*8 panels*

When you submit, you need to indicate:

Primary ERC Review Panel : which will in principle evaluate the proposal

Secondary ERC Review Panel: *if applicable*

Please select, if applicable, the ERC keyword(s) that best characterise the subject of your proposal in order of priority.

ERC Keyword 1: As first keyword, choose one which is linked to the Primary Review Panel.

ERC Keyword 2-4: *if applicable, from any panel*

Free keywords: FREE text, they guide (but do not determine) the allocation of proposals to reviewers

Evaluation: Panel Structure

Life Sciences

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

NEW

In 2028: new panel on Fundamentals of AI (PE12)

Physical Sciences and Engineering

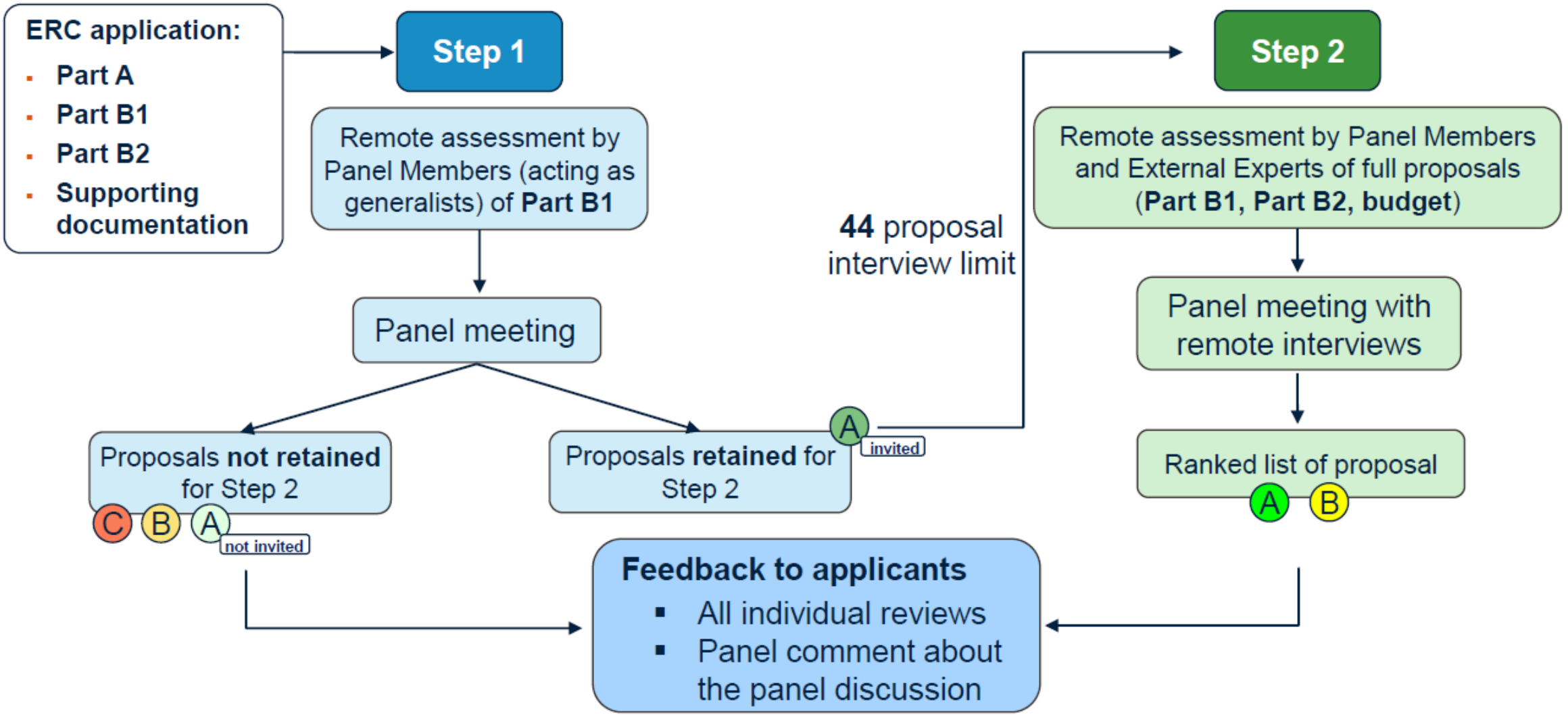
PE1 Mathematics
PE2 Fundamental Constituents of Matter
PE3 Condensed Matter Physics
PE4 Physical and Analytical Chemical Sciences
PE5 Synthetic Chemistry and Materials
PE6 Computer Science and Informatics
PE7 Systems and Communication Engineering
PE8 Products and Processes Engineering
PE9 Universe Sciences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

Social Sciences and Humanities

SH1 Individuals, Markets and Organisations
SH2 Institutions, Governance and Legal Systems
SH3 The Social World and Its Diversity
SH4 The Human Mind and Its Complexity
SH5 Cultures and Cultural Production
SH6 The Study of the Human Past
SH7 Human Mobility, Environment, and Space
SH8 Studies of Cultures and Arts

Evaluation process (StG, CoG and AdG)

For individuals calls: a single submission but a two-step evaluation



One proposal. Two parts. Two audiences.



PART I **STEP 1 & 2**

Panel members

A clear story the full panel can support



PART II **STEP 2**

Panel + remote reviewers

The depth needed for full scientific scrutiny

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Put the five principles into action tomorrow

FOUR FIRST STEPS

01 **Write the question.**

02 Identify the conceptual gap.

03 Explain what would change.

04 Test the fit with your trajectory.

FIVE THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Start with a question.
- Seek conceptual advance.
- Build an independent direction.
- Connect PI and project.
- Think like a panel.

Resources

Work Programme 2027 (link)

It is established by the ERC Scientific Council and subsequently adopted by the European Commission.


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ANNEX

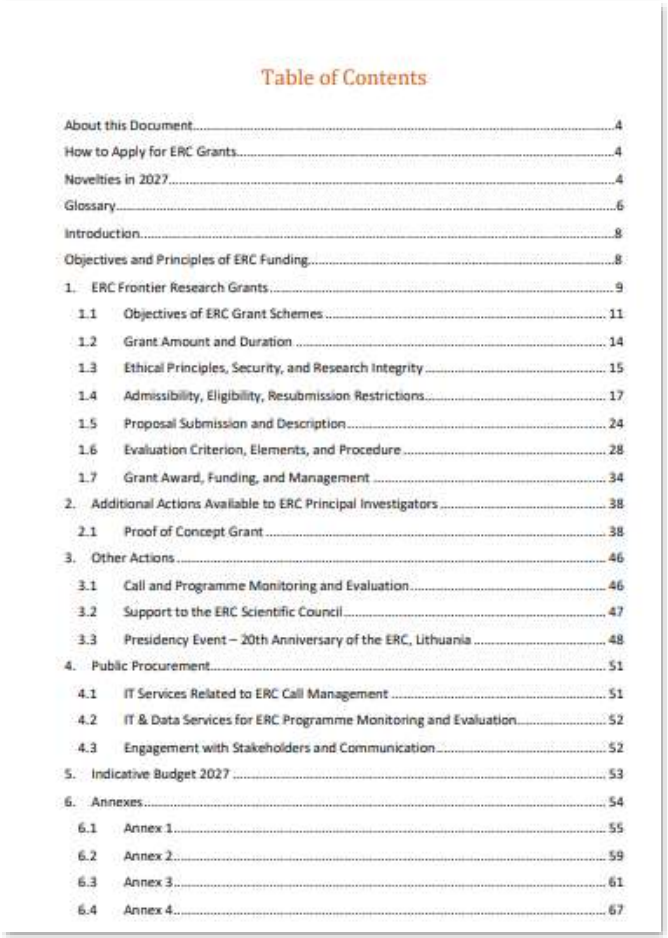
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ERC Work Programme 2027

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Established by the European Commission


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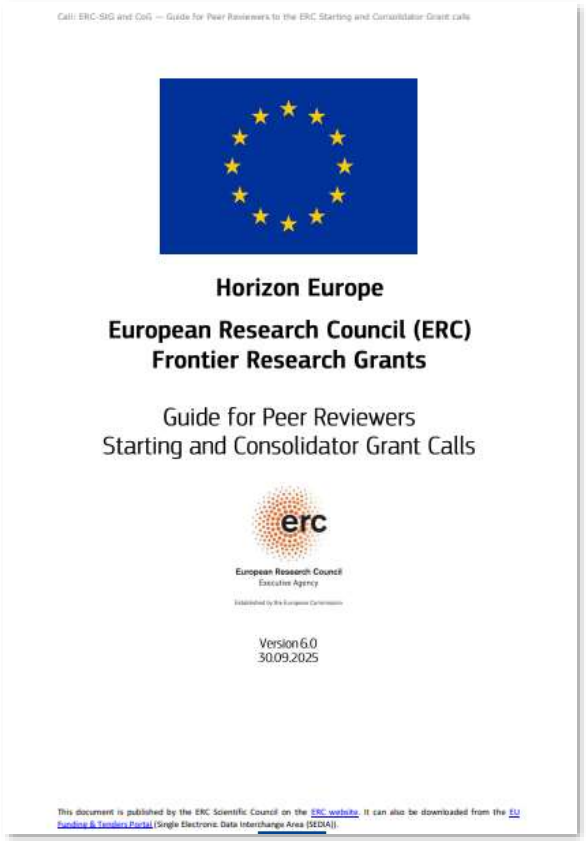
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Documentos Esenciales



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- IfA to AdG
- IfA to SyG
- IfA to PoC

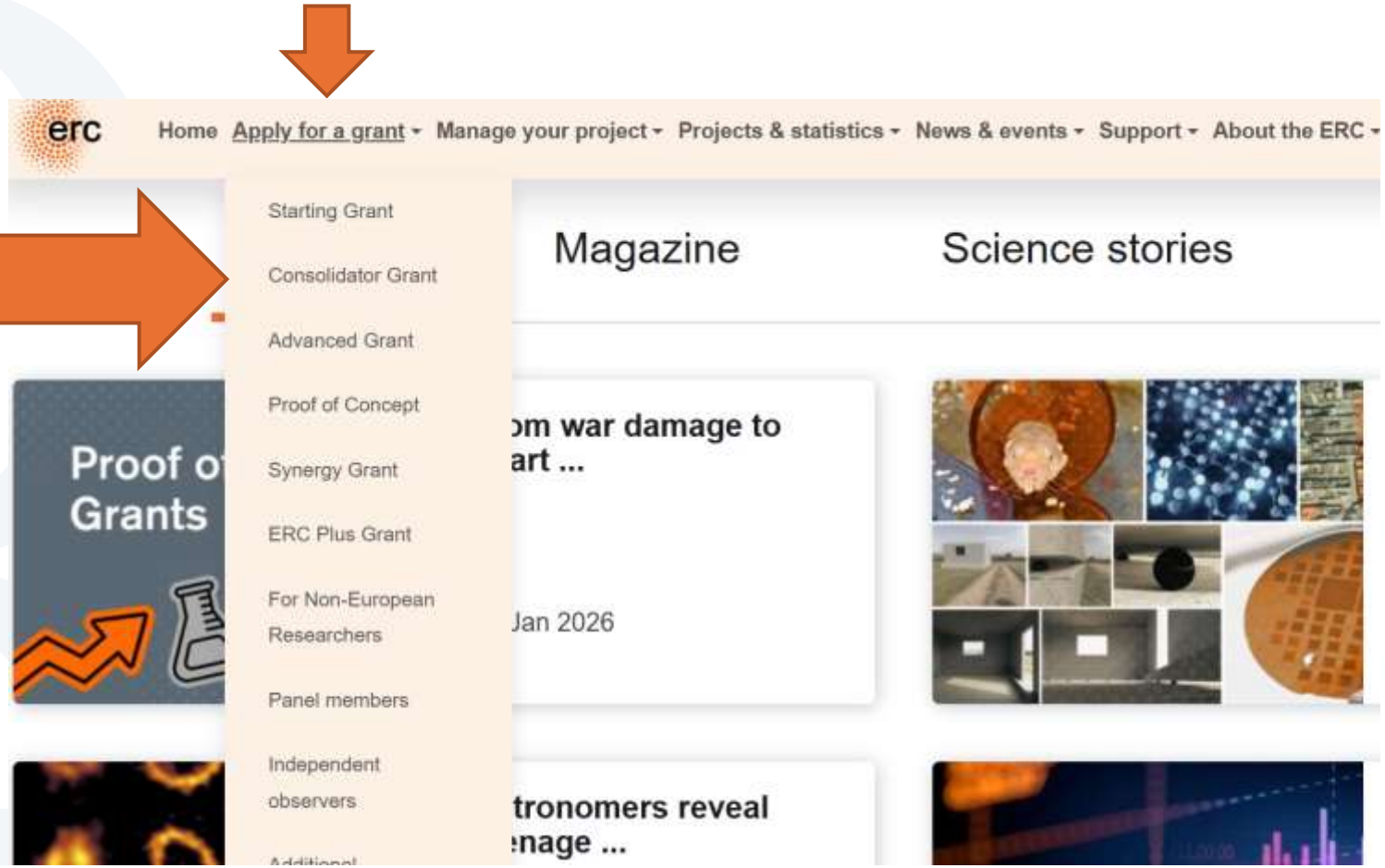
Information for Applicants



- GfPR StG & CoG calls
- GfPR AdG call
- GfPR SyG call
- GfPR PoC call

Guide for Peer Reviewers

ERC webpage



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2 How can you write your ERC proposal?
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3 How do we evaluate your ERC proposal?
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4 What do you need to know about the ERC Synergy Grants?
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How we can help you?

NCP SUPPORT

FROM FIRST DRAFT TO FINAL DECISION

On-demand consulting throughout the journey

01 **PREPARE THE PROPOSAL**

Infodays · Workshops · Reading Days

Bibliometric analysis ERC grantee profiles · 2018–2020

02 **REACH STEP 2**

Mock interviews Interview preparation focused on panel discussion

03 **AFTER THE DECISION**

Portability to a Spanish institution

Europa Excelencia (AEI) For individual ERC proposals with A— not funded

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Useful links

- Horizon Europe Website: https://www.horizonteeuropa.es/
- HE useful links: https://www.horizonteeuropa.es/enlaces-de-interes-programa?id_programa=1
- Bibliometric profiles StG, CoG y AdG
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