# Εμπειρίες από την προετοιμασία προτάσεων για χρηματοδότηση από το ERC





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# My experience with the ERC

### > Advanced grant

MacroAutophagy and Necrotic Neurodegeneration in Ageing (MANNA, 695190)

### Advanced grant

Molecular Basis of Neuronal Ageing (NEURONAGE, 233358)

### Proof of Concept grant

A Drug Discovery and Target Identification Screening Platform for Age-Associated Neurodegenerative Disorders (NeuronAgeScreen, 737599)

#### Panel Member & Remote Reviewer

- Member of the ERC Scientific Council
- Vice President of the ERC Scientific Council

### **ERC grant schemes**

#### **Starting Grants**

Starters (2-7 years after PhD) up to € 1.5 Mio for 5 years

#### **Consolidator Grants**

Consolidators (7-12 years after PhD) up to € 2 Mio for 5 years

#### **Advanced Grants**

Track-record of significant research achievements in the last **10** years up to € **2.5** Mio for **5** years

### **Proof-of-Concept**

Bridging gap between research - earliest stage of marketable innovation lump sum €150,000 for ERC grant holders

#### Synergy Grants (re-launched 2018)

2 – 4 Principal Investigators
up to € 10.0 Mio for 6 years
1 PI can be based outside EU/AC

## **Evaluation criteria**



# **Excellence** is the sole evaluation criterion

### Excellence of the Research Project

- Ground breaking nature
- Potential impact
- Scientific approach

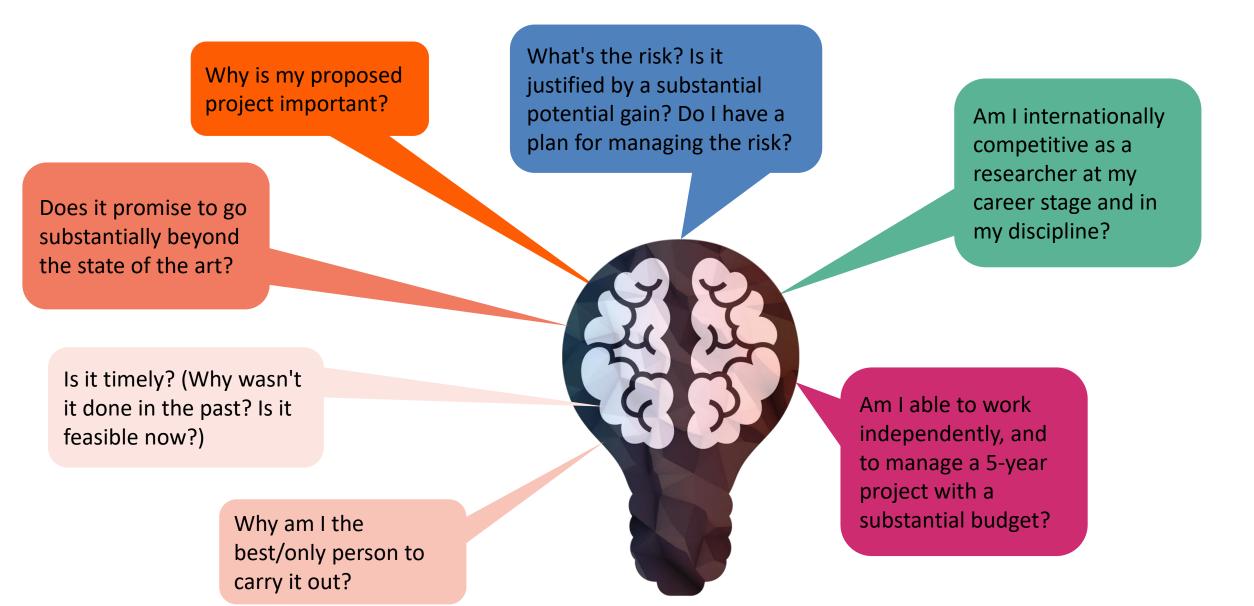
### Excellence of the Principal Investigator

- Intellectual capacity
- Creativity
- Commitment



- Have a bright, original and exciting idea
- Check that you are eligible
- ✓ Design a research project to implement the idea
- Get a letter of support from a Host Institution where the project is to be carried out (the HI must be located in the EU or any of the associated countries)
- Write your research proposal
- Fully electronic/web-based submission system
- ✓ **Submit** your research proposal **before the deadline**

# Preparing an application: Questions to ask yourself as an applicant



# Preparing an application: Hints and tips (generalities)

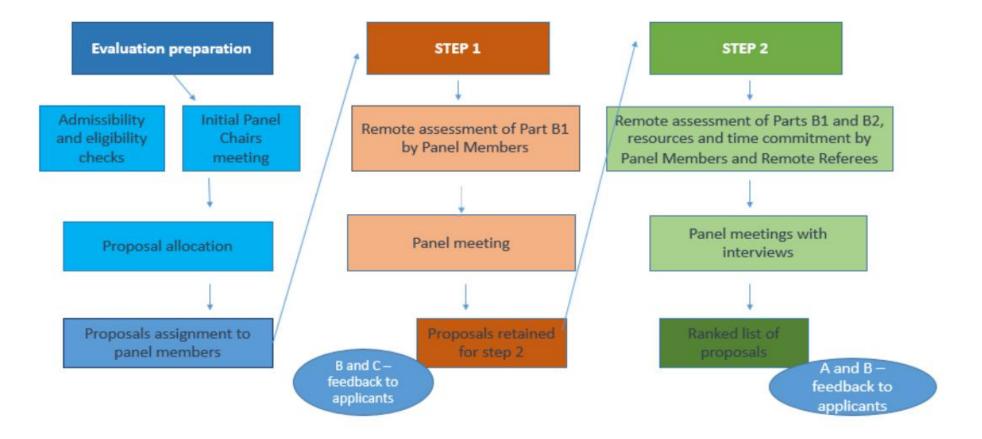
Use the **help tools and call documents** (Information for Applicants, Work Programme, Frequently asked questions)

Talk to the National Contact Points and your Institution's grant office

**Register early**, get familiar with the system and templates and start filling in the forms.

A submitted proposal can be **revised until the call deadline** by submitting a new version and overwriting the previous one.

### ERC evaluation process (StG/CoG/AdG)



# **Submission of proposals**

Part B1 vs. Part B2



Panel members see only Part B1 of your proposal

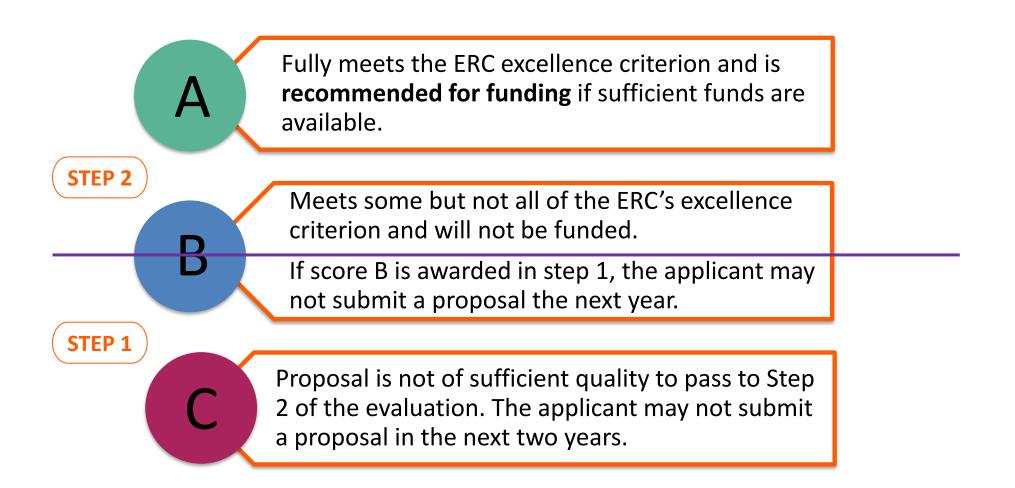
- Concise and clear presentation is crucial (evaluators are not necessarily all experts in the field)
- Pay particular attention to the ground-breaking nature of the research project.
- Know your competitors what is the state of play and why is your idea and scientific approach outstanding?
- > Outline of the **methodological approach** (feasibility)
- Show your scientific independence in your CV

STEP 2

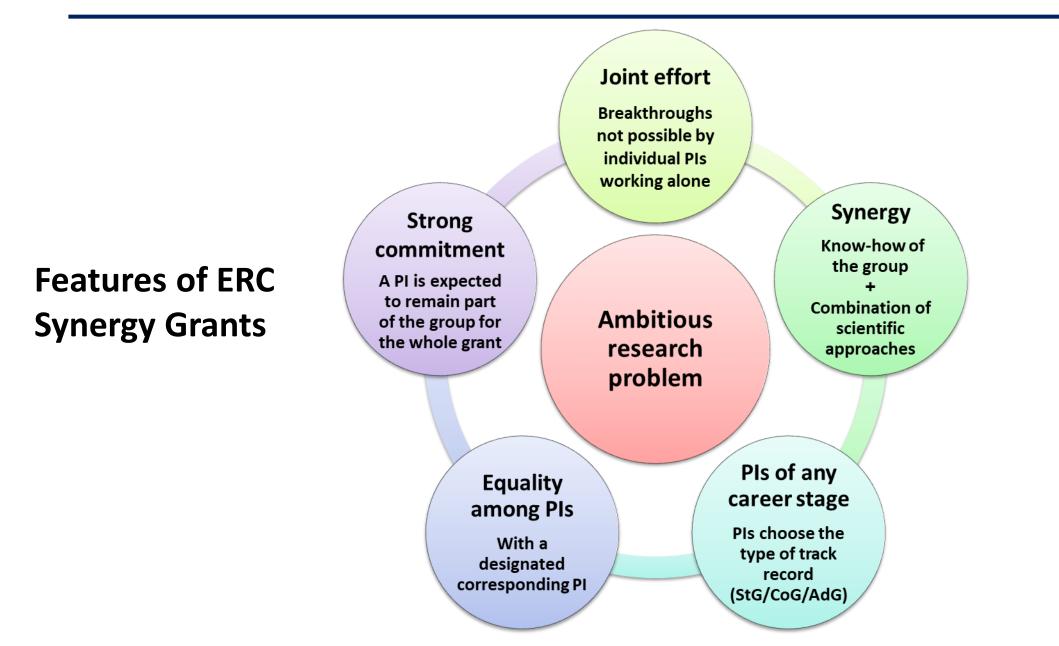
#### Assessment of Part B1 and B2

- Do not just repeat the synopsis
- Provide sufficient detail on methodology, work plan, selected case studies, etc.
- Check coherency of figures, justify requested resources
- > Explain **involvement of team members**
- Mitigate risk

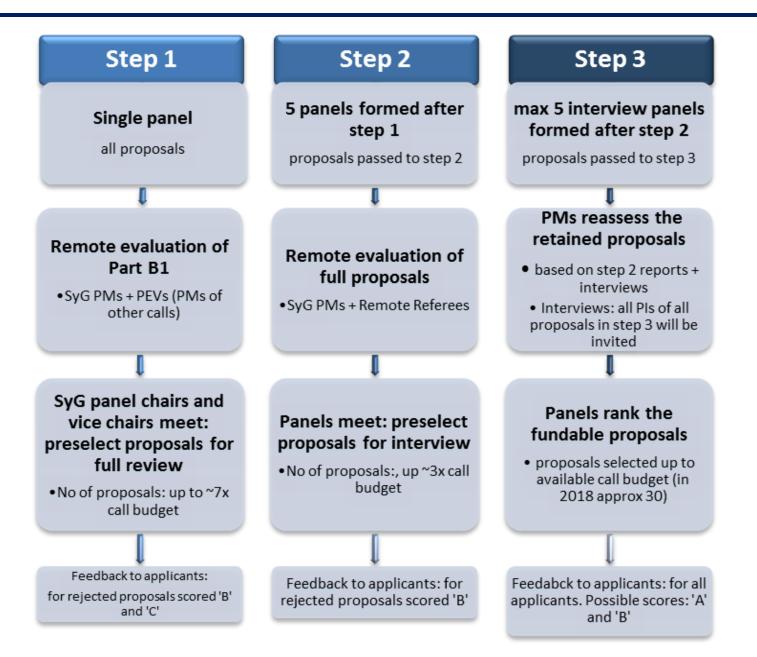
# **Scoring scheme**



# **ERC Synergy grants**



### **ERC Synergy grants**- Evaluation process



### **About the European Research Council**

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# Where to find more information



### **Videos - ERC Classes**

- What to consider before applying
- How to fill in the application (Part B1 and B2)
- The interview
- How the evaluation works

https://www.youtube.com/

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