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ERC national support measures

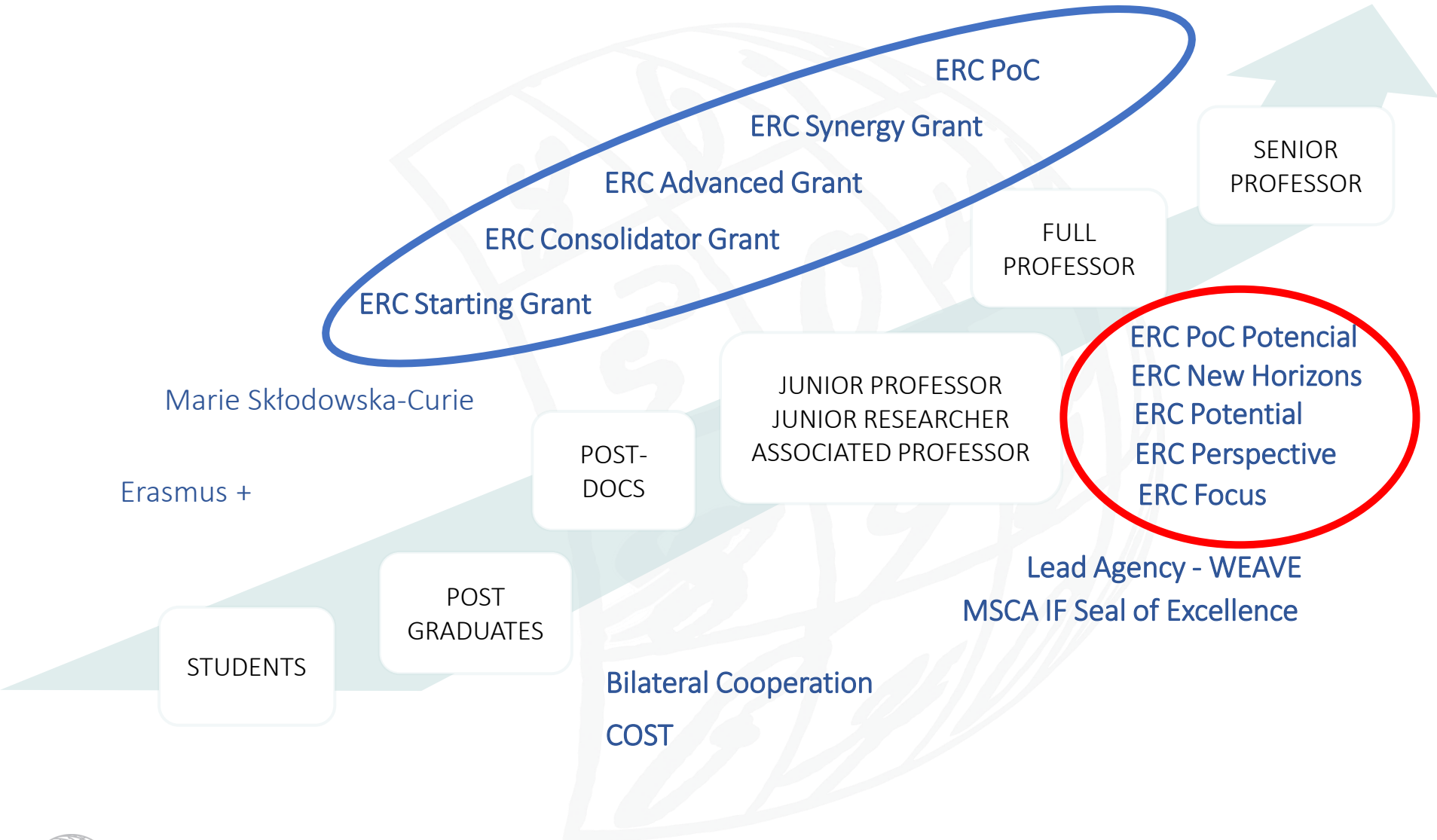
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ERC Focus



ERC Focus

1. ERC Guidelines:

- Aim: To ensure a more uniform distribution of grantees of the ERC funding

2. ARRS:

- Co-financing visiting researcher's visits.
- Aim: Cooperation between Visiting researcher and ERC Grantee with the aim of developing and preparing a project of his/ her own.
- The duration of visit: from 1 and up to 6 month.
- Reimbursement in total lump sum: 1.800 EUR per month, multiplied by the Country correction coefficient for living allowance within MSCA.
- Compulsory application for ERC call after visit is completed.

Year	No. Applications ERC Focus	ERC Grantee
2017	7	dr. Nejc Hodnik (StG) dr. Matej Praprotnik (AdG)
2018	4	
2019	2	
2020	2	
2023	2	

Conditions required for applicant / Research Organization

The applicant (RO):

- 1) May submit several applications, but no more than one application per researcher. Only one RO is allowed to submit application for an individual researcher.
- 2) Is, in addition, the research organization through which the Visiting researcher shall apply for an ERC grant.
- 3) Has to submit a signed statement declaring that the Visiting researcher shall apply for an ERC grant within the two consecutive calls of a kind after the visit's conclusion.



Conditions required for Visiting Researcher

The Visiting Researcher has to:

- 1) Fulfil the conditions required for PI for research projects.
- 2) Have a research number.
- 3) Submit a signed statement declaring that he/she shall apply for an appropriate ERC grant within the two consecutive ERC calls of a kind after the visit's conclusion.

Researchers can only apply for this call just once during their entire academic career.



Application - Mandatory documents

1. Outline of the project proposal in Slovene and English
2. Curriculum vitae – showing compliance with the conditions for assessing scientific excellence of the researcher
3. ERC Grantee - Letter of support with the required elements:
 - Awareness of the ERC Fellowship initiative.
 - Awareness of the outline of the project proposal and his expert opinion on it
 - the Visiting Researcher's engagement plan
4. Statements





Evaluation criteria

1. Scientific excellence (10 points) ← CV and Outline Project Proposal
2. Quality and efficiency of implementation (5 points) ← Letter of support

*Each criterion has a rating scale from 0 to 5 / 10
Threshold: three points for each criterion and a total of 10 points*



Evaluation procedure

1. **External Expert Panel (ZEP)**
 - Evaluation.
 - Priority list of applications.
2. **The Scientific Council of the Agency (ZSA)**
 - Considers the priority list of applications.
3. **ARIS Director**
 - Adopts the final decision on (co)financing.





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ERC Potential

ERC Potential

- Approved ERC project.
- Aim: to provide initial support for the preparation of the implementation of the ERC project.
- ARIS Timeframe for co-financing: from the approval of the ERC project until the start of its implementation.

ERC Potential – requirements

1. StG, CoG, AdG in SyG.
2. PI ERC potential = PI ERC → Change of PI is not allowed.
3. The ERC project must be implemented at the host RO in Slovenia.
4. The application must be submitted at least 2 months before the start of the ERC Potential research project.
5. Max duration is 6 months.
6. The PI has an research number.
7. Free capacities.



ERC Potential – Eligible costs

- Regulation on the financing of scientific research activities from the Budget of the Republic of Slovenia.
- Choice of price category.
- The agency calculates the requested funds into the equivalent of full-time employment at the valid price of the equivalent of full-time employment.
- Up to EUR 50.000 for 6 months or proportional part.
- ARIS will (co)finance approximately 15 ERC Potential projects annually.





ERC Potential - Application

1. Public call

- Permanently open - deadline: 31. December 2025.
- The application deadline is 2 months before the start of (co)financing proposed in the application form.

2. Application:

- Digital Forms.

3. Application documentation:

- Application form ARRS-ERC-POTENTIAL-20xx
- Content of the ERC potential research project (Appendix 1).
- CV PI (Appendix 2).
- Evidence (Letter from the ERC - showing that the ERC project has been accepted for financing or that the applicant has been invited to conclude a contract with the EC and the ERC evaluation report (Appendix 3).
- State aid form (Appendix 4).





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ERC Perspective



ERC Perspective

- Positively assessed in the ERC evaluation process and not selected for funding (ARIS threshold) → ERC Perspective research project at ARIS.
- Aim: to provide applicants with the conditions to improve their own scientific excellence and original idea + successful re-application to the ERC call is desired.
- Duration: up to 3 years.

ERC Perspective – conditions

1. StG, CoG, AdG.
2. PI ERC Perspective = PI ERC → Change of PI is not allowed.
3. The application must be submitted within 3 months from the date in the ERC letter.
4. PI can only have one ERC Perspective research project at a time.
5. It is possible to submit an application twice under the same type of ERC call (StG, CoG, AdG), but the second application must achieve at least a B grade in the ERC second stage of evaluation procedure.
6. After obtaining the ERC Grant, it can be re-applied twice under the same conditions as stated in the previous point.
7. The PI has a research number.
8. Free capacities.





ERC Perspective – duration and co-financing

International call	Project duration and scope of funding - international call	Evaluation result in international call (threshold for potential co-funding)	Duration and scope of funding for ERC Perspective project, co-funded by ARIS
ERC Starting Grant	Up to 300.000 EUR/year (up to 5 years)	B in Step 1	Up to 50.000 EUR/year (max 2 years)
		»A not invited« in Step 1	Up to 130.000 EUR/year (max 2 years)
		B in Step 2	Up to 150.000 EUR/year (max 2 years)
		A in Step 2, but not financed	Up to 200.000 EUR/year (max 2 years)
ERC Consolidator Grant	Up to 400.000 EUR/year (up to 5 years)	B in Step 1	Up to 50.000 EUR/year (max 3 years)
		»A not invited« in Step 1	Up to 130.000 EUR/year (max 3 years)
		B in Step 2	Up to 150.000 EUR/year (max 3 years)
		A in Step 2, but not financed	Up to 200.000 EUR/year (max 3 years)
ERC Advanced Grant	Up to 500.000 EUR/year (up to 5 years)	B in Step 1	Up to 50.000 EUR/year (max 3 year)
		»A not invited« in Step 1	Up to 130.000 EUR/year (max 3 years)
		B in Step 2	Up to 200.000 EUR/year (max 3 years)
		A in Step 2, but not financed	Up to 250.000 EUR/year (max 3 years)

ERC Perspective – eligible costs

- Regulation on the financing of scientific research activities from the Budget of the Republic of Slovenia.
- Choice of price category.
- The agency calculates the requested funds into the equivalent of full-time employment at the valid price of the equivalent of full-time employment.
- Amount of (co)financing: from EUR 50,000 / year to EUR 250,000 / year.
- ARIS is (co)funding approx. 21 ERC Perspective research projects.





ERC Perspective - Application

1. Public call

- Open from 01/01/2024 to 09/30/2024.
- 2 application openings: 31/03/2024 and 30/09/2024.

2. Application:

- Digital Forms.

3. Application documentation:

- Application Form ARRS-ERC-PER-20xx
- ERC application (Appendix 1).
- ERC letter (Appendix 2).
- ERC evaluation report (ESR - Appendix 3).
- State aid form (Appendix 4).



ERC Perspective – Evaluation Procedure

1. External Expert Panel (ZEP)

- Takes the decision if the ERC Perspective research project enables the realization of research that will lead to the next ERC application being successful.
- Priority list of applications.

2. The Scientific Council of the Agency (ZSA)

- Considers the priority list of applications.

1. ARIS Director

- Adopts the final decision on (co)financing.





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ERC New Horizons



ERC New Horizons

- ERC project in the final phase of implementation.
- Aim: **maintaining the core of the research group and preparation for re-application to the ERC call or as a coordinator to other Horizon Europe calls.**
- Time frame: one year before or one year after the completion of the ERC project.
- Duration: maximum 3 years.

ERC New Horizons – requirements

1. StG, CoG, AdG in SyG.
2. Applicant is host RO in Slovenia.
3. PI ERC New Horizons = PI ERC → Change of PI is not allowed.
4. Host RO + Participating RO (in the range of 10-50% of the approved FTE).
5. The application must be submitted one year before or no later than one year after the completion of the ERC project.
6. Written commitment to apply for the ERC call or the EU FP call as a coordinator within two consecutive EC calls.
7. Only one application can be submitted for each PI.
8. The PI has an research number.
9. Free capacities.



ERC New Horizons – eligible costs

- Regulation on the financing of scientific research activities from the Budget of the Republic of Slovenia.
- Choice of price category.
- The agency calculates the requested funds into the equivalent of full-time employment at the valid price of the equivalent of full-time employment.
- Amount of (co)financing: 110.000 EUR / year.
- ARRS is (co)financing approx. 5 ERC New Horizons research projects.



ERC New Horizons- Application

1. Public call

- Open from 01/01/2024 to 09/30/2024.
- 2 application openings: 31/03/2024 and 30/09/2024.

2. Application:

- Digital Forms.

3. Application documentation:

- Application Form ARRS-ERCNO-2024
- Research project data(Appendix 1).
- CV (Appendix 2).
- Research project ERC NO description (Appendix 3).
- RO and PI statement on re-application (Appendix 4).
- Grant Agreement signed with EC (Appendix 5).
- State aid Form (Appendix 6).



ERC New Horizons – Evaluation procedure

1. External Expert Panel (ZEP)

- Takes a decision if the research project demonstrates the potential of maintaining the research group and has the potential for a new application to the ERC or application to FP EC in the role of coordinator being successful.
- Priority list of applications.

2. The Scientific Council of the Agency (ZSA)

- Considers the priority list of applications.

1. ARIS Director

- Adopts the final decision on (co)financing.






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ERC PoC - Potential

ERC PoC Potential

- ERC PoC  Seal of Excellence
- PI ERC PoC Potential= PI ERC → Change of PI is not allowed.
- The ERC PoC has to be submitted with RO in Slovenia as host institution.
- Duration: maximum 18 month.
- (Co)financing: 150.000EUR for 18 month or proportional part.

Summary – 5 ARIS instruments promoting ERC applications

1. **ERC Focus** – visits to ERC Grantees (mobility)
2. **ERC Perspective** – application submitted to ERC but not selected for financing → adjusted research project at ARIS
3. **ERC Potential** – approved ERC Grant, which has not yet started → ARIS research project for the initial support for preparation on the implementation of the acquired ERC project
4. **ERC New Horizon** – ERC Grant has ended → ARIS research project with the aim of maintaining the research group and preparation for re-application to the ERC or HE call
5. **ERC PoC Potencial** – Application for ERC PoC but not selected for funding (Seal of Excellence) → ARIS research project ERC PoC Potential



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