

Call Title: Call for proposals for ERC Advanced Grant

Call identifier: ERC-2013-AdG

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Electronic proposal submission deadline¹ (single submission of full proposal)²: 22 November 2012, 17.00.00 (Brussels local time)

Indicative budget: EUR 662m from 2013 budget³. The ERC Scientific Council has established the following indicative percentage budgets for each of the three main research domains:

Physical Sciences & Engineering: 44%

Life Sciences: 39%

Social Sciences & Humanities: 17%

An indicative budget is then allocated to each panel within each domain, in proportion to the budgetary demand of its assigned proposals.

The final budget awarded to this call, following the evaluation of projects, may vary by up to 10% of the total value of the call.

Union contribution: The Union financial contribution will take the form of the reimbursement of up to 100% of the total eligible and approved direct costs and of flat-rate financing of indirect costs on the basis of 20% of the total eligible direct costs⁴. The level of the awarded grant represents a maximum overall figure – the final amount to be paid must be justified on the basis of the costs actually incurred for the project⁵.

Objective: ERC Advanced Grants encourage substantial advances at the frontier of knowledge by supporting excellent, leading advanced investigators to pursue ground-breaking, high-risk/high gain research.

Minimum number of participants: At least one legal entity established in a Member State or in an Associated Country (in the case of the participation of more than one legal entity the participants are not obliged to establish a consortium agreement).

Eligibility criteria: See eligibility criteria in the work programme section 3.3.

¹ The Director-General responsible may delay this deadline by up to two months.

² Please consult Annex 1 of the Ideas Work Programme for the panel description.

³ Under the condition that the draft budget for 2013 is adopted without modifications by the budgetary authority

⁴ Excluding the direct costs for subcontracting and the costs of resources made available by third parties which are not used on the premises of the host institution.

⁵ Commission Decision C(2009)1942 of 23 March 2009 on the use of flat rates to cover subsistence costs incurred by beneficiaries during travel carried out within grants for indirect actions shall apply to grants awarded under this work programme.

Evaluation criteria: Excellence is the sole criterion of evaluation. It will be applied to the evaluation of both the Principal Investigator and the research project in conjunction. For the detailed elements applying to the two Sections of the proposal see section 8.4 of the work programme.

Evaluation procedure: The evaluation will be conducted by means of a structure of high level peer review panels⁶ as listed in Annex 1. The panels may be assisted by remote referees. See section 8.2 and Annex 10 of the work programme.

Grant starting date: Due to the ground-breaking nature of frontier research projects, it is expected that all projects start within 6 months from the award of the grant. ERC reserves the right to cancel a grant if the proposed start date goes beyond this limit.

Information on the modalities of the call and guidance to applicants on how to submit projects is available on:

<http://erc.europa.eu>

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/>

⁶ Panel members will be compensated on the evaluation tasks they perform. Additional reimbursement of travel and subsistence will be made for assignments involving travel. Referees who may assist the evaluation panels will not be compensated.