

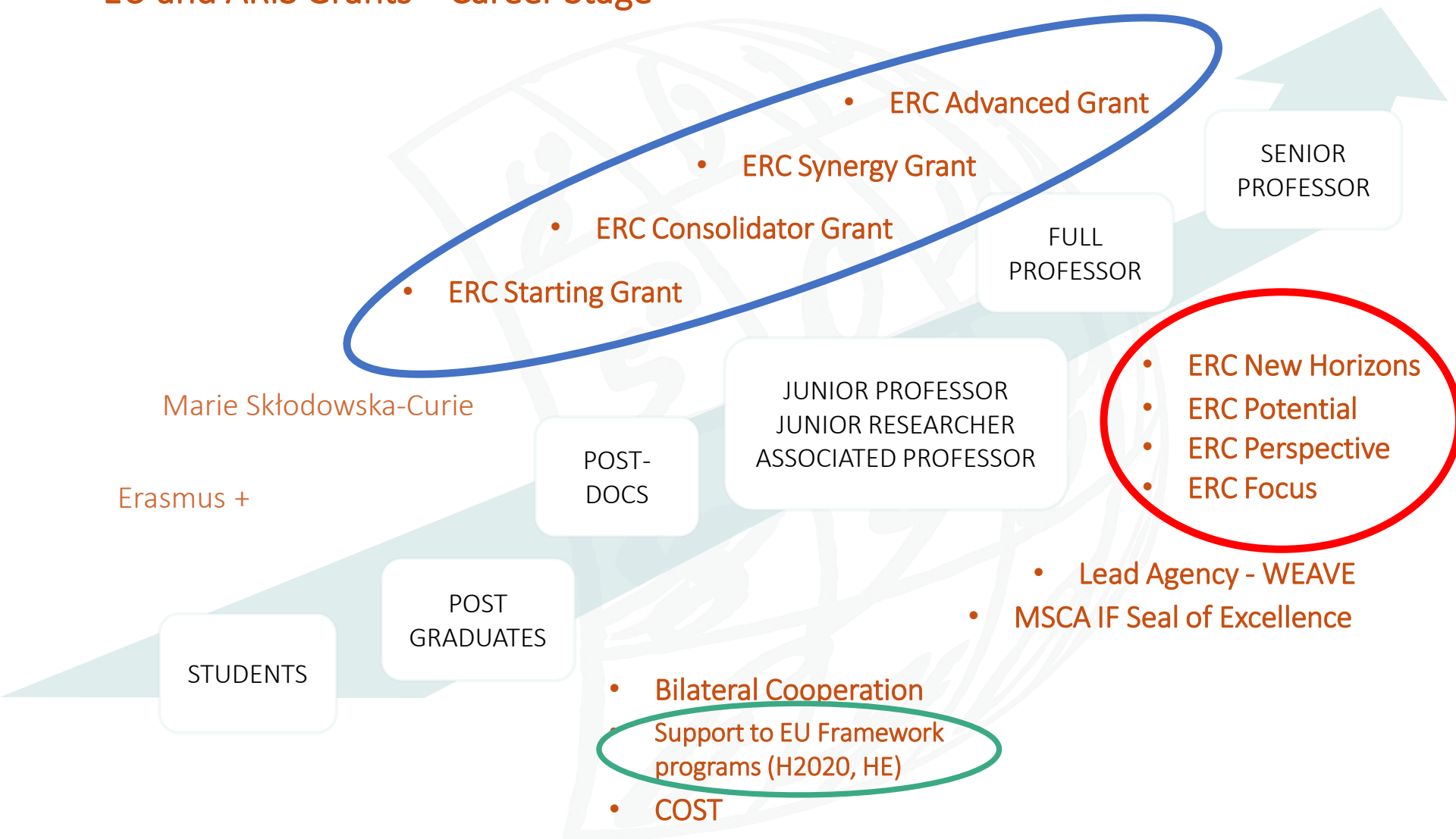


ERC Supporting Instruments

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EU and ARIS Grants – Career Stage



International Cooperation

BUILDING INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS - INCENTIVES

1. **Bilateral Co-operation** – mobility (19 countries in 2022)

Agreements with 37 countries around the world

2. **COST actions** – strengthening of international cooperation

3. **EU framework programs (Horizon Europe)**

Small grants for application process

4. **ERC Focus**

1-6 month visit to ERC Grantees



ERC Focus

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1. ERC Guidelines:

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

2. ARIS:

- Co-financing visiting researcher's visits
- 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. of co-financed Visiting Researchers	ERC Grantee
2020	3	
2019	2	
2018	5	
2017	7	Dr. Nejc Hodnik (StG) Dr. Matej Praprotnik (AdG)

Conditions required for Research Institution

The applicant (research institution):

- 1) may submit several applications, but no more than one application per researcher. Only one research institution is allowed to submit application for an individual researcher
- 2) is, in addition, the research institution 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 Principal Investigator 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.
- 4) the Visiting researcher, who has already visited an ERC Principal Investigator on the basis of this Call, cannot submit another application to the public Call for (co)financing potential ERC candidates to visit ERC grantees.



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. **Letter of support of the ERC Grante with the prescribed elements:**
 - ERC Principal Investigator and his/her research institution stating they are acquainted with the requirements of the ERC Fellowship initiative;
 - ERC Principal Investigator's acquaintance with the proposed research of the Visiting researcher;
 - expert opinion of the ERC Principal Investigator on the outlined research project of Visiting researcher;
 - description of the strategic plan for an active inclusion of the Visiting researcher into an ongoing project of the ERC Principal Investigator
4. **Statements:**
 - on meeting the tender conditions
 - declaring that the Visiting researcher shall apply for an ERC grant within the two consecutive calls of a kind after the visit's conclusion



Assessment criteria

Each criterion is assessed on a scale from 0 to 10, 15 points in total

Threshold: at least half of the points for each criterion and a total of 10 points

1. Scientific excellence (10 pt)



CV and project outline

2. Quality and efficiency of implementation (5 pt)



Letter of support



European Research Council
Established by the European Commission

Evaluation procedure

1. Expert Panel

- Draft priority list

2. Scientific Council of the Agency

- Discussion on a draft priority list of projects

3. ARIS Director

- Takes the final decision on (co)financing



INSTRUMENTS OF MEANINGFUL COOPERATION – (CO)FINANCING RESEARCH PROJECTS WITH AN INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION

1. ERC – incentive instruments

ERC Perspective

ERC Potential

ERC New Horizons

2. WEAVE – Lead Agency

FNR – FWF – FWO – GAČR - HRZZ – NCN – NKFIH - SNSF

3. ERA project

DUR – Driving Urban Transitions, PRIMA

4. MSCA Seal of Excellence

MSCA IF - 85% threshold and awarded Seal of Excellence

5. Bilateral research projects

CEA, Israel, China, Italy

ERC Potencial

ERC Potential

- StG, CoG, AdG, SyG
- The ERC project is approved for funding by the ERC
- Purpose of ARIS co-financing: **provision of initial support** for preparation for the implementation of the acquired ERC project
- Duration up to 6 months and up to 50,000 EUR
- Time frame of ARIS co-financing: from the acquisition of the ERC project to the start of its implementation



ERC Potential- Entry requirements

- Applicant: research organization
- The PI must be the same as the ERC PI
- Duration: up to six months.
- Application sum: up to 50.000 EUR
- The ERC project must be implemented at the host research organization in Slovenia
- Changing the PI is not allowed



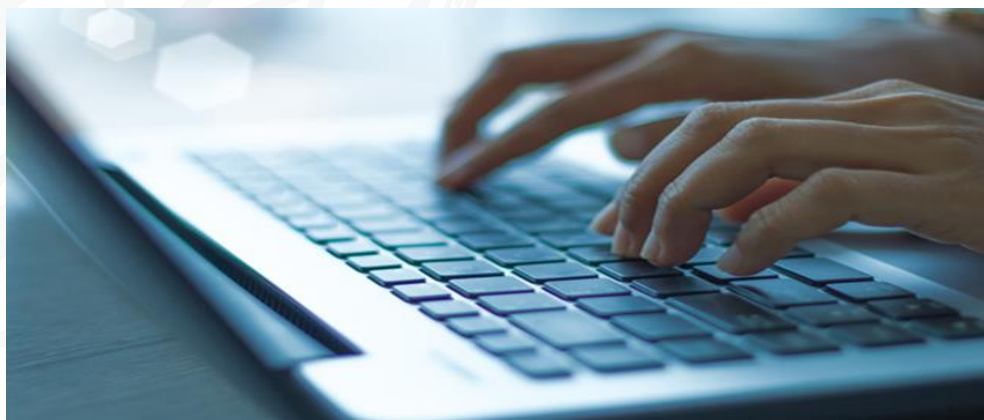
ERC Potential – Justified costs

- Regulation on the financing of scientific research activities from the budget of the Republic of Slovenia
- Determination of the price category
- The requested funds are converted into the equivalent of full employment



ERC Potential – Application

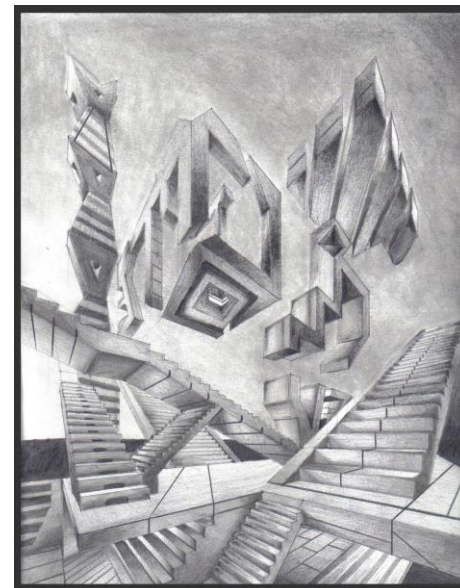
- Permanently open public call (until 31 December 2025 at the latest)
- Electronic form- Digital Forms
- Application documentation:
 - ARIS form
 - Letter from the European Commission showing that the project has been accepted for (co)financing
 - A copy of the completed review by the European Commission (ESR)
 - ARIS State Aid Form, if applicable



ERC Perspective

ERC Perspective

- StG, CoG, AdG
- The ERC review of the project at the ERC call reached the threshold defined in the ARIS call
- Not selected for ERC co-financing
- Adjusted research project
- Duration up to 3 years and up to 250.000 EUR per year
- ARIS co-finances up to 30 ERC Perspective research projects annually



Required conditions for Principal Investigator

1. Has to have a research number.
2. Has to be the same as PI in the original application submitted to the ERC.
3. Can have just one ERC Perspective research project at the same time.
4. The PI may under the same type of the ERC call (StG, CoG, AdG) submit an application twice, however the second application in the ERC assessment must to achieve at least a grade of B in the second stage.
5. After obtaining an ERC grant, PI may re-apply twice under the same conditions as those set out in the previous point.



ERC Perspective – cofinancing and duration

International call for proposals	Project duration and scope of funding - international call for proposals	Applicant's 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 score in Step 1	Up to 50,000 EUR/year (maximum of 2 years)
		B score in Step 2	Up to 150,000 EUR/year (maximum of 2 years)
		A score in Step 2, but no funding	Up to 200,000 EUR/year (maximum of 2 years)
ERC Consolidator Grant	Up to 400,000 EUR/year (up to 5 years)	B score in Step 1	Up to 50,000 EUR/year (maximum of 3 years)
		B score in Step 2	Up to 150,000 EUR/year (maximum of 3 years)
		A score in Step 2, but no funding	Up to 200,000 EUR/year (maximum of 3 years)
ERC Advanced Grant	Up to 500,000 EUR/year (up to 5 years)	B score in Step 1	Up to 50,000 EUR/year (maximum of 3 years)
		B score in Step 2	Up to 200,000 EUR/year (maximum of 3 years)
		A score in Step 2, but no funding	Up to 250,000 EUR/year (maximum of 3 years)

ERC Perspective - Submission of application form

1. Public Call:

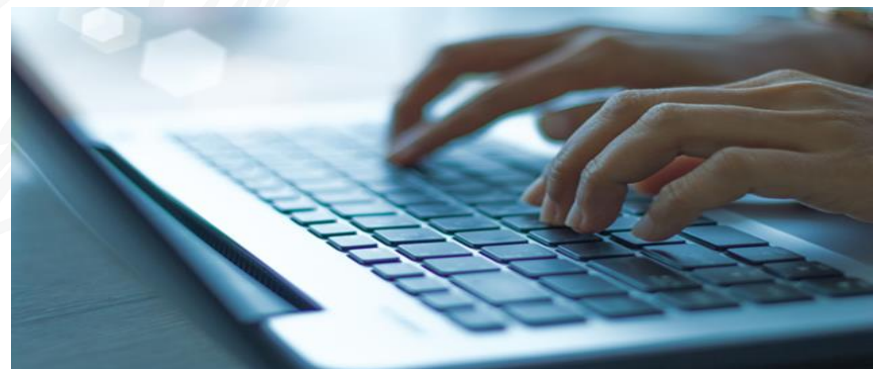
- Permanently open
- Deadline for submitting the application is 3 months after receiving the ERC Evaluation Report

2. Application:

- Electronic form- Digital Forms

3. Application documentation:

- Application form – Digital Forms
- ERC ESR
- Application for ERC Grant



ERC Perspective – Evaluation procedure

1. Expert Panel

- Conducts the evaluation procedure
- Makes the decision if the ERC Perspective research project enables the realization of research that will lead to the next ERC application being successful

2. Scientific Council of the Agency

- Discussion on a draft priority list of projects

3. ARIS Director

- Makes the final decision on (co)financing



ERC New Horizons

ERC New Horizons

- StG, CoG, AdG, SynG
- The implementation of the ERC project at the host RO in Slovenia has been completed
- Purpose of ARIS (co)financing: maintaining the core of the research group and preparing to re-apply to the ERC call or as a coordinator to other Horizon Europe calls
- The ERC New Horizons project must include at least one participating RO in addition to the parent RO
- ARIS (co)finances up to 7 ERC New Horizon research projects annually

ERC New Horizons- Entry requirements

- Applicant: research organization
- The PI must be the same as the ERC PI
- Duration: up to three years.
- Application sum: up to 110.000 EUR / year
- For an PI, it is possible to submit an application for the New Horizons project only once for an individual ERC project
- Application deadline: within one year before the end of the ERC project and no later than one year after the end of the ERC project
- Changing the PI is not allowed

ERC New Horizons – Application

- Permanently open public call (until 31 December 2025 at the latest)
- Application documentation: Electronic form- Digital Forms
- Deadline for submitting the application: 2 months before the proposed start of (co-)financing declared in the application form

ERC New Horizons- Evaluation procedure

1. Expert Panel

- Conducts the evaluation procedure
- Makes the decision if ERC New Horizons research project enables the realization of research that will lead to the next ERC or HE application being successful

2. Scientific Council of the Agency

- Discussion on a draft priority list of projects

3. ARIS Director

- Makes the final decision on (co)financing

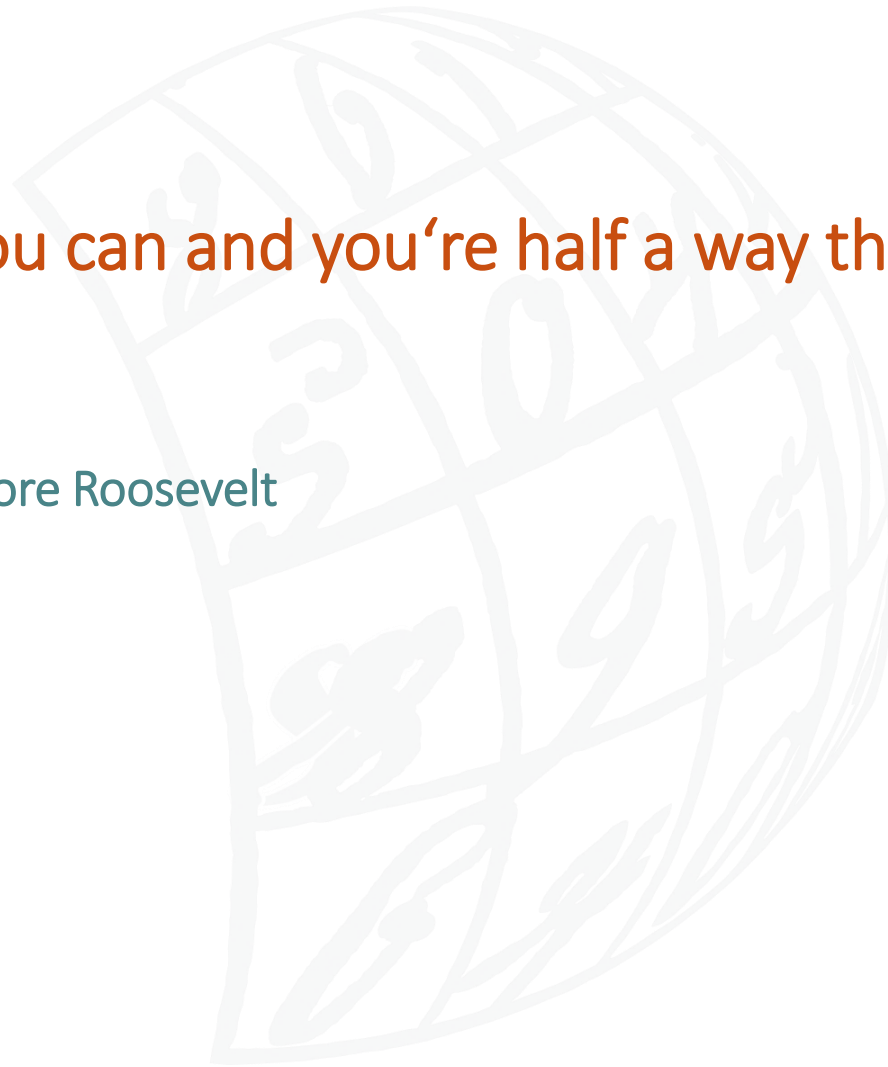


Summary – 4 ARIS instruments promoting ERC applications

1. **ERC Focus** – visits to ERC Grantees (mobility)
2. **ERC Perspective** – application submitted to ERC but not accepted for financing by ERC → adjusted research project at ARIS
3. **ERC Potential** – approved ERC Grant, which has not yet started to be (co)-financed → ARIS research project for the beginnings of initial support to prepare for 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 preparing for re-application to the ERC or HE call

Believe you can and you're half a way there

Theodore Roosevelt





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