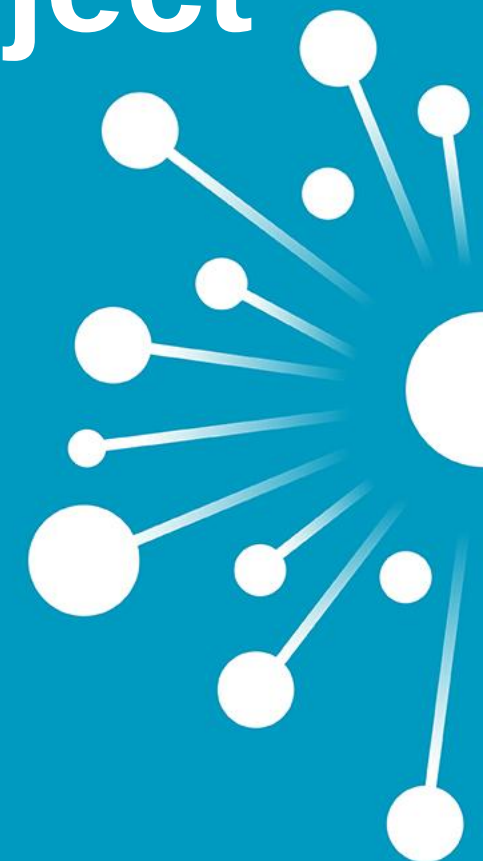


How do we get to an ERC project together?

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The banner features the text "HORIZON EUROPE" in large, 3D block letters on the left. To the right, it says "EUROPEAN UNION" next to the EU flag and "#HorizonEU" in an orange box. Below this, it reads "THE EU RESEARCH & INNOVATION PROGRAMME 2021 - 2027". The background of the banner shows a group of diverse people, including a person in a wheelchair, standing on a green field with a tree and a sun.

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Obzorje Evropa (Horizon Europe) je okvirni program EU za raziskave in inovacije, ki poteka od leta 2021 do konca leta 2027. Usmerjen je v reševanje globalnih izzivov in krepitev konkurenčnosti evropske industrije. Vključuje tudi ukrepe za širitev udeležbe in razvoj evropskega raziskovalnega prostora. Program razpolaga z rekordnimi sredstvi v višini 95,5 milijarde evrov.

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National ERC Support Environment



- National Contact Point - MVZI
- ARIS
- Research institution



National ERC Support Environment



Preparation of the application

- Information events
- Consultations
- ERC Reading Day / čitalnica
- **ERC fokus**

Preparation for an interview

- Consultations
- Mock ERC interview

Good rating without ERC funding

- Consultations
- **ERC perspektiva**

Getting the ERC project

- Consultations
- **ERC potencial**

Running the ERC project

- Consultations
- **In case of ERC PoC application – ERC PoC pečat odličnosti**

Completion of the ERC project

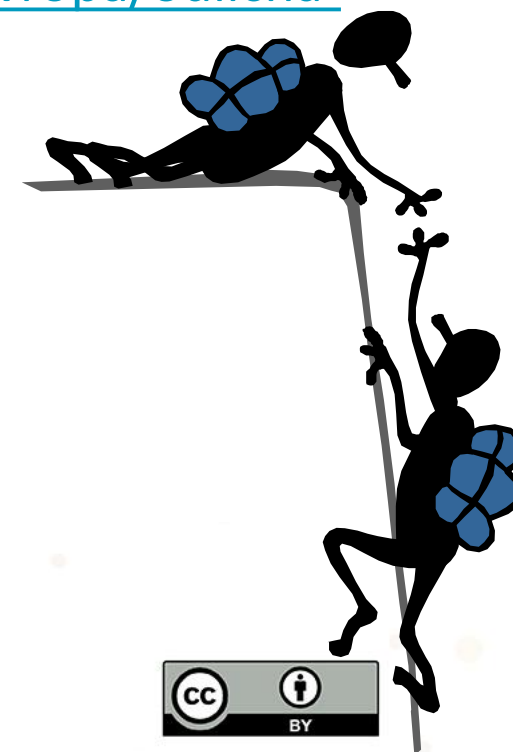
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ERC National Contact Point



- Focused or general information events
- Consultations for researchers or institutions
- E-news (contact addresses of research institutions)
- Renovated website: <https://www.gov.si/zbirke/projekti-in-programi/obzorje-evropa/odlicna-znanost/evropski-raziskovalni-svet/>
- Linkage with other Horizon Europe National Contact Points
- Linkage with ERC National Contact Points - mERCury project
- **ERC Reading Day**
- **Mock ERC Interview**



- Library of successful ERC project applications with Slovenian institutions + presentations for interview (currently 36 applications)
- Open twice in autumn and twice in spring
- Invitation with registration form in the e-news
- Opportunity to see how to present a scientific idea and your career path to date
- The opportunity to discuss the material you have read



Mock ERC interview



- The Mock ERC Interview takes place in the final stage of the preparation, is online and closely follows the ERC interview process
- The mock panel is composed of ERC grantees and ERC panelists in Slovenia close to your field (no conflict of interest)
 - Interview on the project proposal
 - Advice on performance and presentation
- Candidates share their project proposal in advance
 - At least the first part
 - Treated as confidential material



ERC Fokus

1. ERC Guidelines:

- Objective: To ensure a more even distribution of ERC grantees.

2. ARIS:

- Funding visiting fellowships for researchers.

- Aim: to develop skills for preparing own project and to increase the chances of a successful ERC project submission.**

- Duration of the visit: 1 to 6 months.

- Reimbursement in total lump sum: EUR 2 710 per month, multiplied by the country correction coefficient taken from MSCA.

- Mandatory application to the ERC call after the end of the visit.

ERC Perspektiva

- StG, CoG, AdG.
- Positively evaluated in the ERC evaluation process, but not approved for funding.
- Adapted ERC Perspective research project.
- **Aim: to provide applicants with the conditions to fulfill their own scientific excellence and original idea + expected successful re-application to the ERC call.**

ERC Potencial

- StG, CoG, AdG, SyG.
- Positively evaluated in the ERC evaluation process and approved for funding.
- **Aim of the ARIS co-financing: to provide initial support for the preparation of the implementation of the ERC project awarded.**
- Timeframe for ARIS co-funding: from the approval of the ERC project until the start of its implementation.

ERC PoC - Pečat odličnosti

- ERC PoC → Seal of Excellence
- Aim: to increase support for cutting-edge research and to help researchers bridge the gap between frontier research and the early stage of its commercialisation or societal application, and to develop an idea that will contribute to the progression of ground-breaking research towards innovation and that has been recognised as excellent in an international evaluation process.

ERC Nova obzorja

- StG, CoG, AdG, SyG.
- Aim: to ensure the sustainability of the core of the established research group, to prepare for the resubmission to ERC calls or for the submission to other FP calls and to promote cooperation and knowledge transfer between ROs.
- A completed ERC project funded by the EC/ERC.
- ERC project in the final phase of implementation.



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- Identifying potentially successful ERC applicants and supporting their career development
 - Competitive CV
- Supporting applicants through all steps of the application process
 - Involving experienced researchers
 - Involving external support
- Support for intensive interview preparation
 - Involving experienced researchers
 - Involving external assistance
- ERC project - instrument for internationalisation and reintegration

If you are unsuccessful, study the evaluation report carefully ...
and try again!

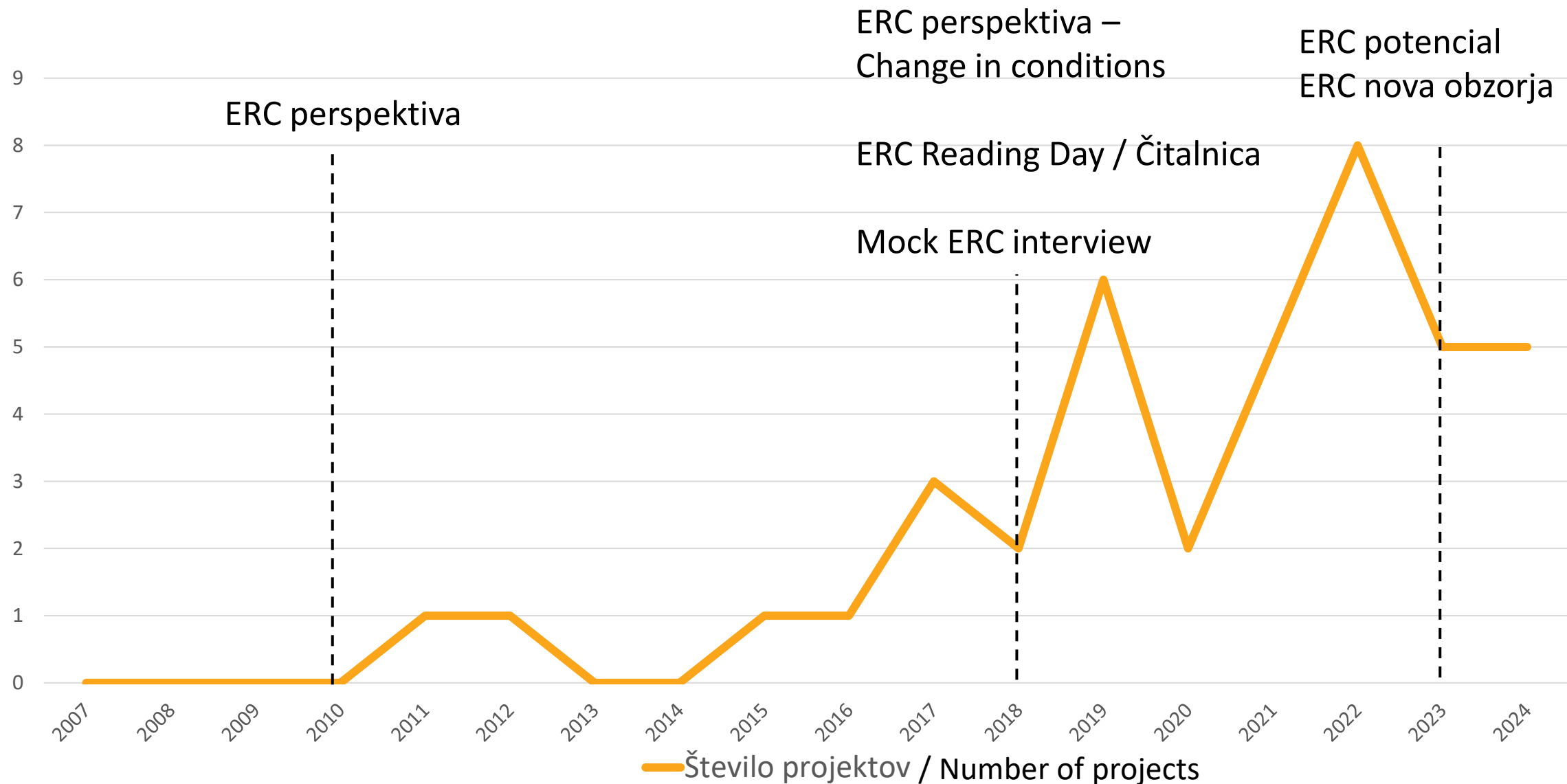
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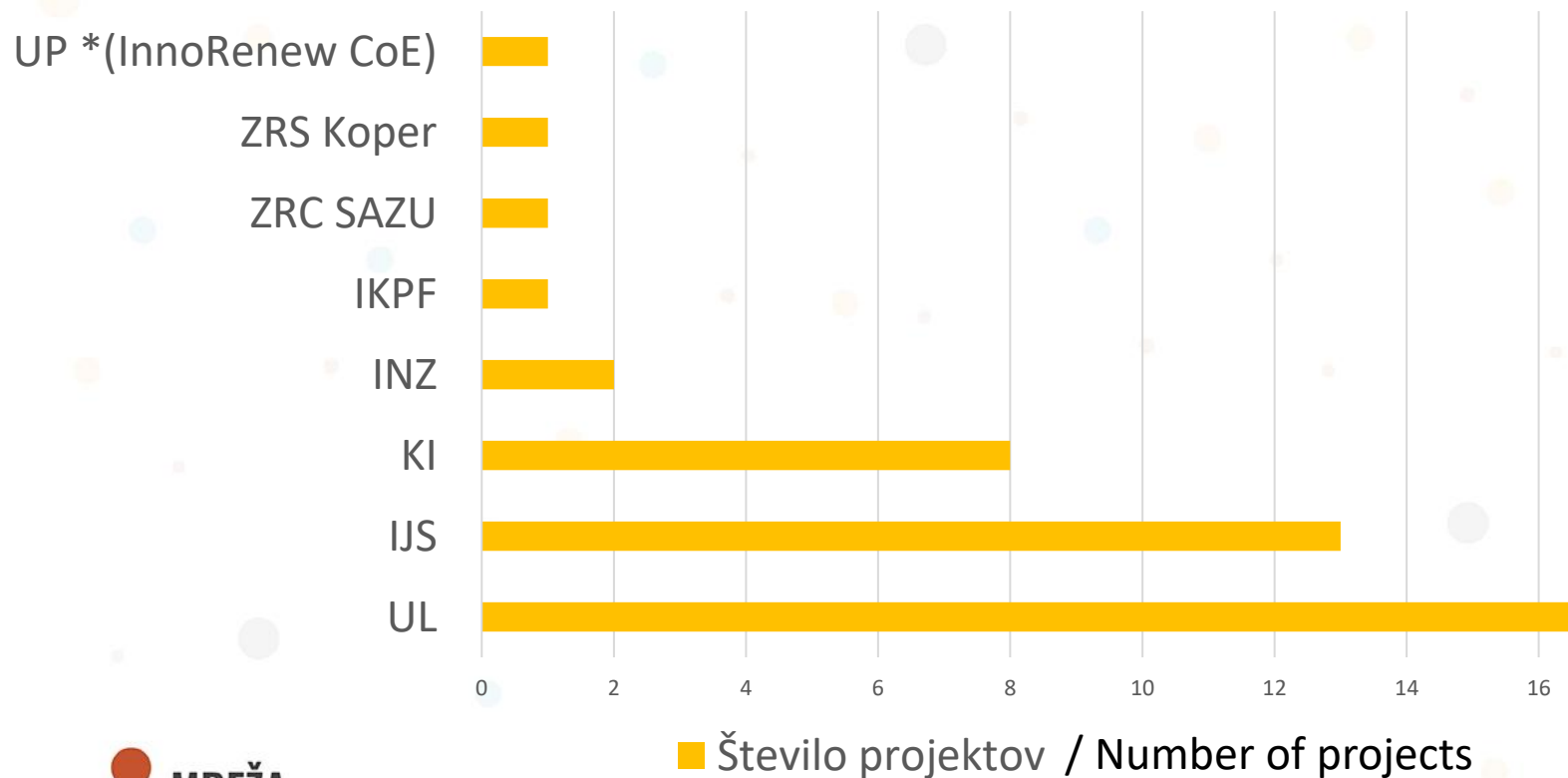
Increasing the success of ERC applications through support measures



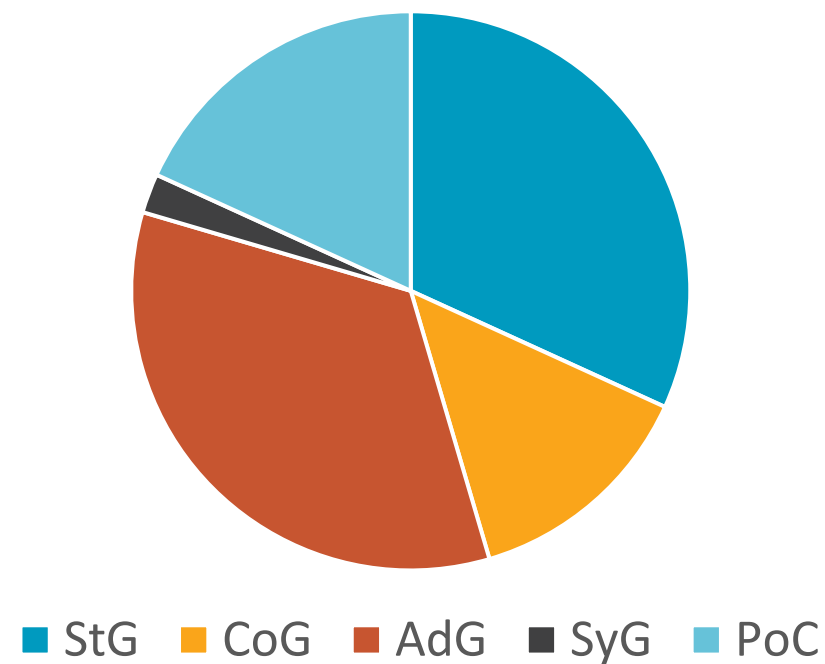
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Number of ERC projects by Host Institutions



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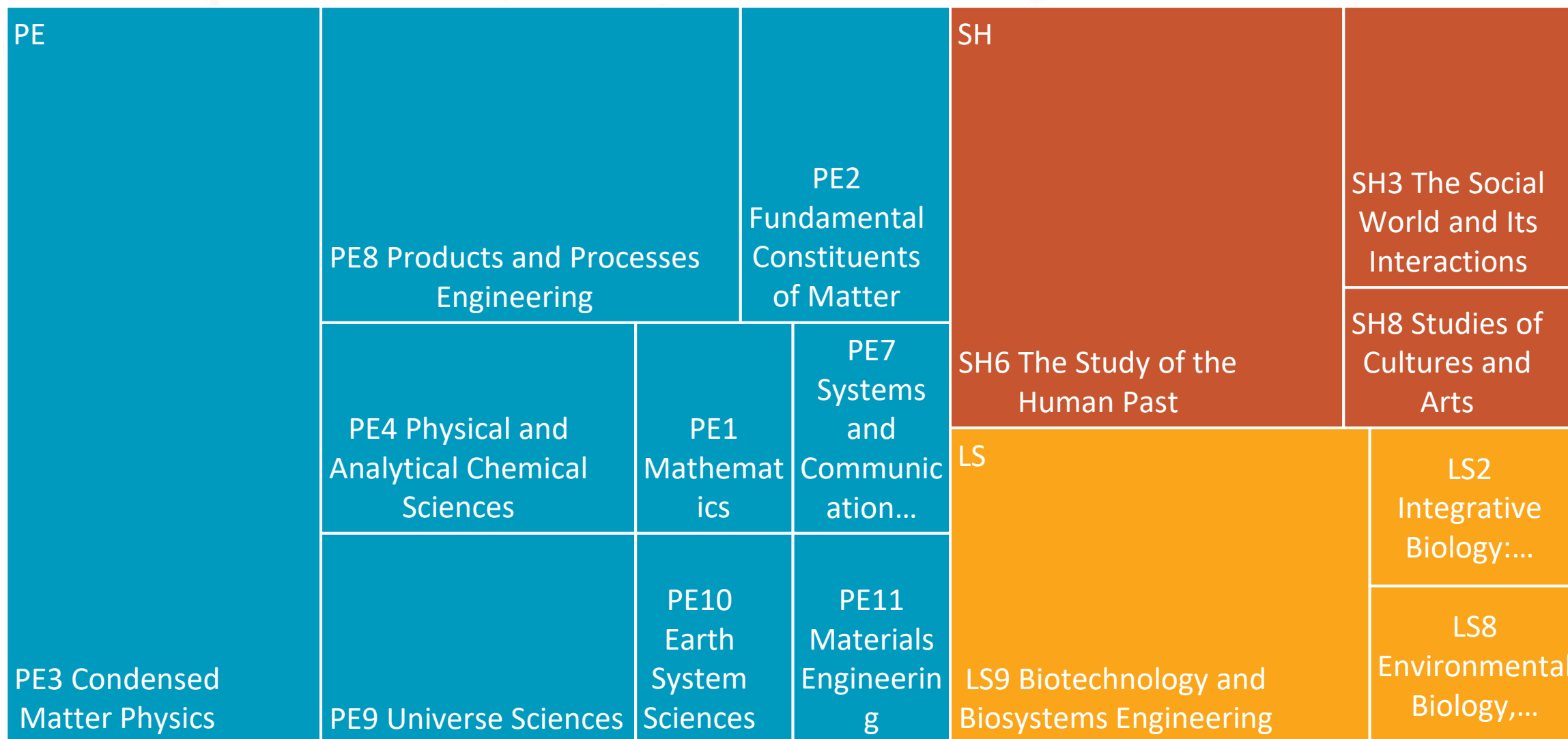


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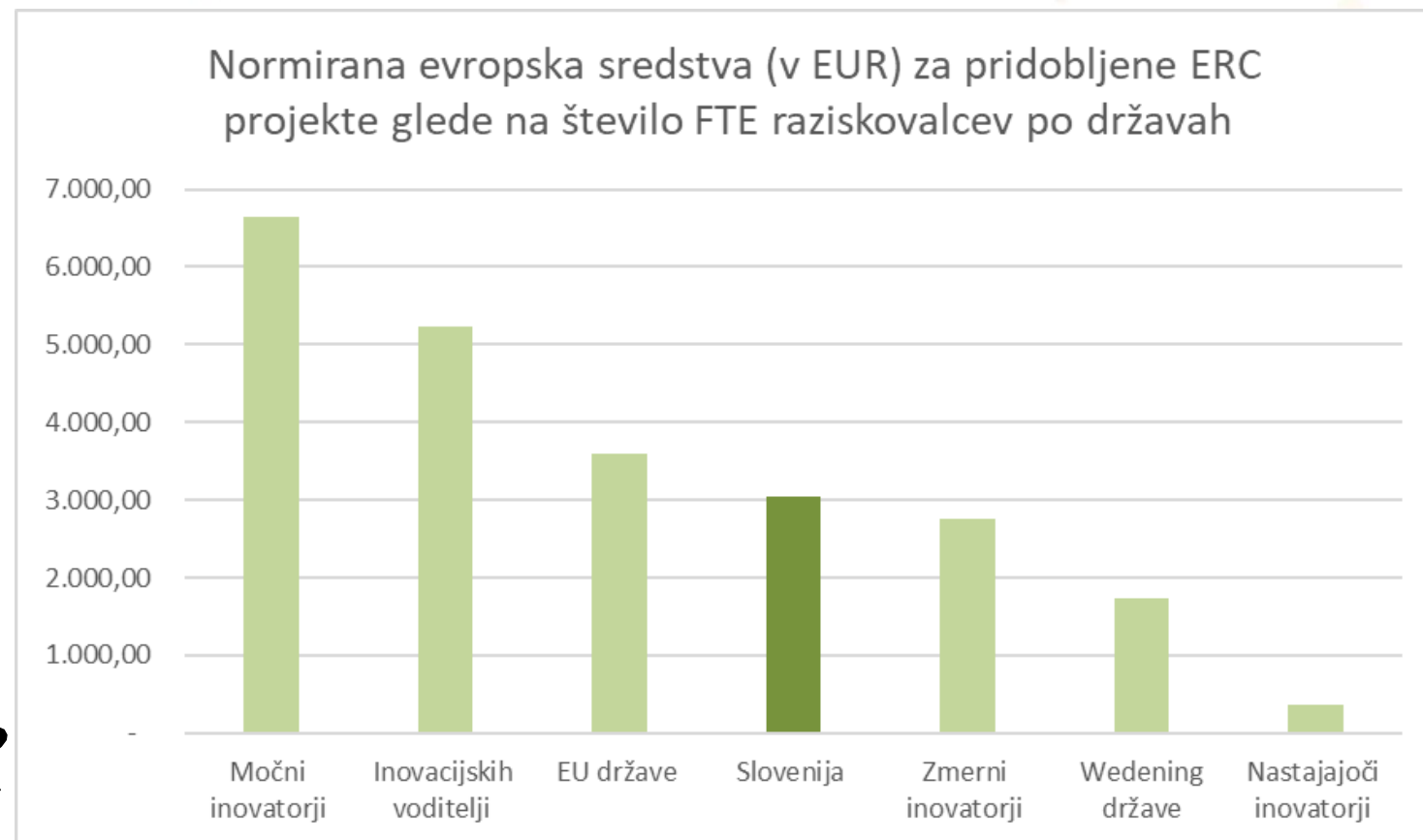
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Why ERC projects?



- ✓ enhance scientific excellence
- ✓ encourage career development
- ✓ promote internationalisation
- ✓ support reintegration



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KORISTNE POVEZAVE

- MVZI in Obzorje Evropa: www.obzorje-evropa.si
- Portal za sodelujoče v Obzorju Evropa (Funding & Tenders Portal):
<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/programmes/horizon>
- Vprašanja? Research Enquiry Service: <http://ec.europa.eu/research/enquiries>



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