

Horizon Europe European Research Council (ERC) Frontier Research Grants

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Synergy Grant Call (HE ERC SyG)



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Call: $\mathsf{ERC}\text{-}\mathsf{SyG}$ — Application Forms to the ERC Synergy Grant call

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2.0	24.09.2021	■ The administrative form A is now included
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How to fill in the forms

The administrative forms must be filled in for each proposal using the templates available in the submission system. Some data fields in the administrative forms are pre-filled based on the steps in the submission wizard.

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1 - General information

	Fields marked * are mandatory to fill
Topic	Type of Action
Call	Type of Model Grant Agreement
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Proposal title	The title should be no longer than 200 characters (with spaces) and should be understandable to the non-specialist in your field.
	Note that for technical reasons, the following characters are not accepted in the Proposal Title and will be removed: < > " &
Duration in months	
	Please select minimum 4 ERC keywords that best characterise the subject of your proposal.
ERC Keyword 1*	Please choose one from the list.
ERC Keyword 2*	Please choose one from the list.
ERC Keyword 3*	Please choose one from the list.
ERC Keyword 4*	Please choose one from the list.
ERC Keyword 5	Not applicable
ERC Keyword 6	Not applicable
Free keywords	In addition, please enter free text keywords that you consider best characterise the scope of your proposal. The choice of keywords should take into account any multi-disciplinary aspects of the proposal.

Application forms
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Abstract *
Sign.
Remaining characters 2000
Has this proposal (or a very similar one) been submitted in the past 2 years in response to a call for proposals under any EU programme, including the current call?
Please give the proposal reference or contract number.
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Declarations

Field(s) marked * are mand	latory to fill.
1) We declare to have the explicit consent of all applicants on their participation and on the content of this proposal. *	
2) We confirm that the information contained in this proposal is correct and complete and that none of the project activities have started before the proposal was submitted (unless explicitly authorised in the call conditions).	
3) We declare: - to be fully compliant with the eligibility criteria set out in the call - not to be subject to any exclusion grounds under the EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046 - to have the financial and operational capacity to carry out the proposed project.	
4) We acknowledge that all communication will be made through the Funding & Tenders Portal electronic exchange system and that access and use of this system is subject to the <u>Funding & Tenders Portal Terms</u> and <u>Conditions</u> .	
b) We have read, understood and accepted the <u>Funding & Tenders Portal Terms & Conditions</u> and <u>Privacy Statement</u> that set out the conditions of use of the Portal and the scope, purposes, retention periods, etc. for the processing of personal data of all data subjects whose data we communicate for the purpose of the application, evaluation, award and subsequent management of our grant, prizes and contracts (including financial transactions and audits).	
b) We declare that the proposal complies with ethical principles (including the highest standards of research integrity as set out in the ALLEA European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity, as well as applicable international and national law, including the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and the European Convention on Human Rights and its Supplementary Protocols. Appropriate procedures, policies and structures are in place to foster responsible research practices, to prevent questionable research practices and research misconduct, and to handle allegations of breaches of the principles and standards in the Code of Conduct.	
When the declare that the proposal has an exclusive focus on civil applications (activities intended to be used in military application or aiming to serve military purposes cannot be funded). If the project involves dual-use items in the sense of Regulation 428/2009, or other items for which authorisation is required, we confirm that we will comply with the applicable regulatory framework (e.g. obtain export/import licences before these items are used).	
 3) We confirm that the activities proposed do not aim at human cloning for reproductive purposes; intend to modify the genetic heritage of human beings which could make such changes heritable (with the exception of research relating to cancer treatment of the gonads, which may be financed), or intend to create human embryos solely for the purpose of research or for the purpose of stem cell procurement, including by means of somatic cell nuclear transfer. lead to the destruction of human embryos (for example, for obtaining stem cells) These activities are excluded from funding. 	
9) We confirm that for activities carried out outside the Union, the same activities would have been allowed in at least one EU Member State.	

The coordinator is only responsible for the information relating to their own organisation. Each applicant remains responsible for the information declared for their organisation. If the proposal is retained for EU funding, they will all be required to sign a declaration of honour.

False statements or incorrect information may lead to administrative sanctions under the EU Financial Regulation.

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2 - Participants

List of participating organisations

#	Participating Organisation Legal Name	Country	Role	Action
1				

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Organisation data

PIC Le	gai name		
Short name:		A	
Address			
Street			
Town			
Postcode			
Country			
Webpage		$C_{\mathcal{O}}$	
Specific Legal Statuses			
Legal person		unknown	
Public body		unknown	
Non-profit		unknown	
International organisation		unknown	
Secondary or Higher educatio	n establishment	unknown	
Research organisation		unknown	
SME Data			
Based on the below details from	the Participant Registry	the organisation is unknown (small- and medium-sized enterprise) for the call.	
SME self-declared status		unknown	
SME self-assessment		unknown	
SMF validation		unknown	

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Gender Equality Plan

Does the organization have a Gender Equality Plan (GEP) covering the elements listed below?

No

Minimum requirements (building blocks) for a GEP

Public GEP: formal document published on the institution's website and signed by the top management, addressing the following issues:

- **Dedicated resources:** commitment of human resources and gender expertise to implement it.
- Data collection and monitoring: sex/gender disaggregated data on personnel and students and annual reporting based on indicators.
- **Training:** Awareness raising/trainings on gender equality and unconscious gender biases for staff and decision-makers.
- Minimum areas to be covered and addressed via concrete measures and targets:
 - o work-life balance and organisational culture;
 - o gender balance in leadership and decision-making;
 - o gender equality in recruitment and career progression;
 - o integration of the gender dimension into research and teaching content;
 - o measures against gender-based violence including sexual harassment.

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Departments carrying out the proposed work

Department 1		
Department name	Name of the department/institute carrying out the work.	not applicable
	☐ Same as proposing organisation's address	
Street	Please enter street name and number.	
Town	Please enter the name of the town.	
Postcode	Area code.	
Country	Please select a country	

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The following information of the Principal Investigator (PI) is used to personalise the communications. The EU services will contact the PI together with the HI contact person concerning this proposal (e.g. for additional information, invitation to interviews, sending of evaluation results, convocation to start grant preparation). Please make sure that your personal information is accurate and please inform the ERC in case your e-mail address changes by using the call specific e-mail address indicated in the below webpage. Please also provide your mobile phone number as we may need to urgently contact you regarding your submitted proposal and/or potential interview.

https://erc.europa.eu/about-erc/contact-us

The name and e-mail of contact persons including the Principal Investigator, Host Institution contact are read-only in the administrative form, only additional details can be edited here. To give access rights and contact details of contact persons, please save and close this form, then go back to Participants Step of the submission wizard and save the changes.

ORCID	If you have a ORCID number please enter it here (e.g	. 9999-9999-9999. where 9 rep	presents numbers and X represents numbers up to 10)
Researcher ID		The maximum length of the ide length is 9 characters (A-1001-2	ntifier is 11 characters (ZZZ-9999-2010) and the minimum 010).
Other ID	Please enter the type of ID here	Please enter the ider	ntifier number here
Career Stage			
Last Name*		Last Name at Birth	
First Name(s)*		Gender*	○ Male ○ Female ○ Non Binary
Title		Country of residence	
Nationality*		Country of Birth*	
Date of Birth* (DD/N	MM/YYYY)	Place of Birth*	
Contact address			
Current organisati	on name		
Current Departme Laboratory name	nt/Faculty/Institute/		
	10		Same as organisation address
Street	Please enter street name and numbe	r.	
Postcode/Cedex		Country*	
Town*			
Phone*	+XXX XXXXXXXXX	Phone2 / Mobile	+XXX XXXXXXXXX
E-mail*			

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Short name

This will be the person the EU services will contact concerning this proposal (e.g. for additional information, invitation to hearings, sending of evaluation results, convocation to start grant preparation). The data in blue is read-only. Details (name, first name and e-mail) of Main Contact persons should be edited in the step "Participants" of the submission wizard.

ritie		Gender	○Male		Non Binary
First name*		Last name*			9
E-Mail*				X	0
Position in org.	Please indicate the position of the person.			70	
Department	Name of the department/institute carrying out the work.				Same as organisation name
	☐ Same as proposing organisation's address			•	
Street	Please enter street name and number.			_	
Town	Please enter the name of the town.	Post code A	rea code.	_	
Country	Please select a country	5			
Website	Please enter website			_	
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3 - Budget



This simplified budget table summarises the total estimated eligible cost and the requested EU contribution, as they are also presented in the proposal (Part B2, Section c, Resources and time commitment). Please ensure the table contains the correct total eligible cost and requested grant in whole Euro integers.

Participant Number in this proposal	Organisation Short Name	Organisation Country	Total eligible costs/€ (including 25% indirect costs)	Requested grant/€
1			0	0
	0	0		

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4 - Ethics & security

Ethics Issues Table

1. Human Embryonic Stem Cells and Human Embryos			Page
Does this activity involve Human Embryonic Stem Cells (hESCs)?	○ Yes	No	
Will they be directly derived from embryos within this project?	○ Yes	No	
Are they previously established cells lines?	○ Yes	● No	
Are the cell lines registered in the European registry for human embryonic stem cell line	es (Yes	No	0
Does this activity involve the use of human embryos?	○ Yes	No	
Will the activity lead to their destruction?	○ Yes	No	
2. Humans			Page
Does this activity involve human participants?	○ Yes	No	
Are they volunteers for non medical studies (e.g. social or human sciences research)?	○ Yes	No	
Are they healthy volunteers for medical studies?	○ Yes	No	
Are they patients for medical studies?	○ Yes	No	
Are they potentially vulnerable individuals or groups?	○ Yes	No	
Are they children/minors?	○ Yes	No	
Are they other persons unable to give informed consent?	○ Yes	No	
Does this activity involve interventions (physical also including imaging technology, behavioural treatments, etc.) on the study participants?	○ Yes	No	
Does it involve invasive techniques?	○ Yes	No	
Does it involve collection of biological samples?	○ Yes	No	
Does this activity involve conducting a clinical study as defined by the Clinical Trial Regulation (EU 536/2014)? (using pharmaceuticals, biologicals, radiopharmaceuticals, or advanced therapy medicinal products)	○ Yes	No	
Is it a clinical trial?	○ Yes	No	
Is it a low-intervention clinical trial?	○ Yes	No	
3. Human Cells / Tissues (not covered by section 1)			Page
Does this activity involve the use of human cells or tissues?		No	
Are they human embryonic or foetal cells or tissues?		No	
Are they available commercially?	○ Yes	No	
Are they obtained within this project?	○ Yes	No	
Are they obtained from another project, laboratory or institution?	○ Yes	No	
Are they obtained from biobank?	○ Yes	No	
4 Personal Data			Page

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Does this activity involve processing of personal data?		No	
Does it involve the processing of special categories of personal data (e.g.: genetic, biometric and health data, sexual lifestyle, ethnicity, political opinion, religious or philosophical beliefs)?	○ Yes	No	
Does it involve processing of genetic, biometric or health data?		No	
Does it involve profiling, systematic monitoring of individuals, or processing of large scale of special categories of data or intrusive methods of data processing (such as, surveillance, geolocation tracking etc.)?	○ Yes	No	\
Does this activity involve further processing of previously collected personal data (including use of preexisting data sets or sources, merging existing data sets)?	○ Yes	No	20
Is it planned to export personal data from the EU to non-EU countries? Specify the type of personal data and countries involved	○ Yes	No	
Specify the countries involved:(Maximum number of characters allowed: 1000)	U		
Is it planned to import personal data from non-EU countries into the EU or from a non-EU country to another non-EU country? Specify the type of personal data and countries involved	○ Yes	No	
Specify the countries involved:(Maximum number of characters allowed: 1000)			
Does this activity involve the processing of personal data related to criminal convictions or offences?	○ Yes	No	
5. Animals			Page
Does this activity involve animals?		No	
Are they vertebrates?	○ Yes	No	
Are they non-human primates? (NHP)	○ Yes	No	
Are they genetically modified?	○ Yes	No	
Are they cloned farm animals?	○ Yes	No	
Are they endangered species?	○ Yes	No	
6. Non-EU Countries			Page
Will some of the activities be carried out in non-EU countries?	Yes	No	
Specify the countries involved:(Maximum number of characters allowed: 1000)			
In case non-EU countries are involved, do the activities undertaken in these countries raise potential ethics issues?	Yes	No	
Specify the countries involved:(Maximum number of characters allowed: 1000)			

Proposal ID Acronym It is planned to use local resources (e.g. animal and/or human tissue samples, genetic material, live animals, human remains, materials of historical value, endangered fauna or flora samples, \bigcirc Yes \bigcirc No etc.)? Is it planned to import any material (other than data) from non-EU countries into the EU or Yes No from a non-EU country to another non-EU country? For data imports, see section 4. Specify material and countries involved: (Maximum number of characters allowed: 1000) Is it planned to export any material (other than data) from the EU to non-EU countries? For Yes data exports, see section 4. Specify material and countries involved: (Maximum number of characters allowed: 1000) Does this activity involve low and/or lower middle income countries, (if yes, detail the benefit- Yes No sharing actions planned in the self-assessment) Could the situation in the country put the individuals taking part in the activity at risk? Yes No 7. Environment, Health and Safety Page Does this activity involve the use of substances or processes that may cause harm to the No environment, to animals or plants.(during the implementation of the activity or further to the O Yes use of the results, as a possible impact)? Does this activity deal with endangered fauna and/or flora / protected areas? Yes No Does this activity involve the use of substances or processes that may cause harm to humans, including those performing the activity (during the implementation of the activity or further O Yes to the use of the results, as a possible impact)? 8. Artificial Intelligence **Page** Does this activity involve the development, deployment and/or use of Artificial Intelligence? (if yes, detail in the self-assessment whether that could raise ethical concerns related to human O Yes

No rights and values and detail how this will be addressed). 9. Other Ethics Issues Page Are there any other ethics issues that should be taken into consideration? Please specify: (Maximum number of characters allowed: 1000) I confirm that I have taken into account all ethics issues above and that, if any ethics issues apply, I will complete the ethics self-assessment as described in the guidelines How to Complete your Ethics Self-Assessment

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Ethics Self-Assessment

Ethical dimension of the objectives, methodology and like	ely impact,
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Explain in detail the identified issues in relation to:

- objectives of the activities (e.g. study of vulnerable populations, etc.)
- methodology (e.g. clinical trials, involvement of children, protection of personal data, etc.)
- the potential impact of the activities (e.g. environmental damage, stigmatisation of particular social

groups, political or financial adverse consequences, misuse, etc.)

Remaining characters

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Compliance with ethical principles and relevant legislations

Describe how the issue(s) identified in the ethics issues table above will be addressed in order to adhere to the ethical principles and what will be done to ensure that the activities are compliant with the EU/national legal and ethical requirements of the country or countries where the tasks are to be carried out. It is reminded that for activities performed in a non-EU countries, they should also be allowed in at least one EU Member State.

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Security issues table

1. EU Classified Information (EUCI) ²			Page
Does this activity involve information and/or materials requiring protection against unauthorised disclosure (EUCI)?	○ Yes	No	
Is the activity going to use classified information as background 3 information?	○ Yes	No	
Is the activity going to generate EU classified foreground ⁴ information as result?	○ Yes	No	
Does this activity involve non-EU countries?	○ Yes	No	O
Do participants from non-EU countries need to have access to EUCI?	○ Yes	⊙ No	Ø
Do the non-EU countries concerned have a security of information agreement with the EU?	○ Yes	No	
2. Misuse	1		Page
Does this activity have the potential for misuse of results?	○ Yes	No	
Does the activity provide knowledge, materials and technologies that could be channeled into crime and/or terrorism?	○ Yes	No	
Could the activity result in the development of chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear (CBRN) weapons and the means for their delivery?	○ Yes	No	
3. Other Security Issues			Page
Does this activity involve information and/or materials subject to national security restrictions? If yes, please specify: (Maximum number of characters allowed: 1000)	○ Yes	No	
Please specify: (Maximum number of characters allowed: 1000)			
Are there any other security issues that should be taken into consideration? If yes, please specify: (Maximum number of characters allowed: 1000)	○ Yes	No	
Please specify: (Maximum number of characters allowed: 1000)			

²According to the Commission Decision (EU, Euratom) 2015/444 of 13 March 2015 on the security rules for protecting EU classified information, "European Union classified information (EUCI) means any information or material designated by an EU security classification, the unauthorised disclosure of which could cause varying degrees of prejudice to the interests of the European Union or of one or more of the Member States".

³Classified background information is information that is already classified by a country and/or international organisation and/or the EU and is going to be used by the project. In this case, the project must have in advance the authorisation from the originator of the classified information, which is the entity (EU institution, EU Member State, third state or international organisation) under whose authority the classified information has been generated.

⁴EU classified foreground information is information (documents/deliverables/materials) planned to be generated by the project and that needs to be protected from unauthorised disclosure. The originator of the EUCI generated by the project is the European Commission.

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5 - Other questions

Academic data			
PhD reference date			
	Surname	Name	Date of award
Corresponding Principle Investigator 1			~O
Principle Investigator 2		X	O
Principle Investigator 3		76	
Principle Investigator 4			
Working time commitment			
As the corresponding Principal Investigator, 50% of their total working time in an EU Me hosted outside of the EU or Associated Coul	mber State or Associated Country, ex		• Yes O No
ERC eligibility requirements			
As the corresponding Principal Investigator I acknowledge that all PIs are aware of the eligibility requirements for applying for this ERC call as specified in the ERC Work Programme, and certify that, to the best of my knowledge this application is in compliance with all these requirements. I understand that this proposal may be declared ineligible at any point during the evaluation or granting process if it is found not to be compliant with these eligibility criteria.*			
Consent obtained from participants and res	earchers		
Please confirm that you (as corresponding PI) have the written consent of all participants on their involvement and the content of this proposal, as well as of any researcher mentioned in the proposal on their participation in the project (either as team member, collaborator, other PI or member of the advisory board). We may request you to provide proof of the written consent obtained at any time during the evaluation.*			
Sharing evaluation data			
If your proposal is not funded (due to budge your evaluation (score and ranking range), t acronym, abstract and your/your host institu funding authorities that run funding scheme evaluation?	ogether with all Pls' names, non-conf utions' contact details to national or r	idential proposal title, egional public research	○ Yes ○ No
If your proposal is funded, do you consent to acronym, abstract and your/your host institute excellent researchers?			○ Yes ○ No

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Excluded Reviewers

You can provide up to four names of persons that should not act as an evaluator in the evaluation of the proposal for potential competitive reasons.

First Name		
Last Name		6
Institution		Sign
Town		
Country		
Webpage	G	

Validation result



The red 'Show Error' button indicates an error due to a missing or incorrect value related to the call eligibility criteria. The submission of the proposal will be blocked unless that specific field is corrected!



The yellow 'Show Warning' button indicates a warning due to a missing or incorrect value related to the call eligibility criteria. The submission of the proposal **will not be blocked** (proposal will be submitted with the missing or incorrect value).

Section

Description

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ERC Synergy Grant 2026 Part B1¹

(Part B1 is evaluated in Step 1, Step 2 and Step 3, Part B2 is only evaluated in Step 2 and Step 3)

Proposal Full Title PROPOSAL ACRONYM

Cover Page:

- Name of the corresponding Principal Investigator (cPI) and corresponding Host Institution (cHI)
- List the other PIs, indicating the Host Institution of each PI
- Proposal duration in months

Please delete all text highlighted in grey in this template.

Proposal summary (identical to the abstract from the online proposal submission forms, section 1).

The abstract (summary) should, at a glance, provide the reader with a clear understanding of the objectives of the research proposal and how they will be achieved. The abstract will be used as the short description of your research proposal in the evaluation process and in communications to contact in particular potential independent external experts and/or to inform the Commission and/or the programme management committees and/or relevant national funding agencies (provided you give permission to do so where requested in the online proposal submission forms, section 1). It must therefore be short and precise and should not contain confidential information.

Please use plain typed text, avoiding formulae and other special characters. The abstract must be written in English. There is a limit of 2000 characters (spaces and line breaks included).

Do NOT split the sections and/or references in Part I and do NOT upload them as separate documents. The peer reviewers will only receive one single document for evaluation at Step 1. Hence, Part I should contain all elements as explained in this template. If some parts of Part I are uploaded in the submission system as separate attachments, the peer reviewers will not have access to them.

¹ Instructions for completing Part I can be found in the 'Information for Applicants to the Synergy Grant 2026 Call'.

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Part I of the scientific proposal (max. 5 pages, references do not count towards the page limit)

Part I of the Scientific Proposal should present the envisaged research and it should:

- lay out the current state of knowledge,
- explain the scientific question and the objectives of the project, and
- present the overall approach or research strategy to reach the goals of the project.

Part I should convince the evaluation Panel that it presents an original and creative idea addressing an important question in the respective research field(s). Furthermore, it should substantiate how the project will advance the frontier of knowledge, and what contribution it will make to the research field(s) i.e. what may be changed, opened, challenged or how the results of the work will alter the current understanding of the field. At Step 1, only Part I and the Curriculum Vitae (CV) and Track Record is assessed by the evaluation panel. It forms the basis for the Panel's decision whether it wants to evaluate the proposal in the next step. Therefore, all essential information must be covered in this section

References to literature should also be included. Please use a reference style that is commonly used in your discipline such as American Chemical Society (ACS) style, American Medical Association (AMA) style, Modern Language Association (MLA) style, etc. and that allows the evaluators to easily retrieve each reference.

Please note the changes as from 2026 calls regarding Part I and II of the Scientific Proposal and read carefully the "ERC Work Programme 2026" and the "Information for Applicants to the Synergy Grant 2026 Call".

Please respect the following formatting constraints: Times New Roman, Arial or similar, at least font size 11, margin sizes (2.0 cm side and 1.5 cm top and bottom), single line spacing.]

<u>Curriculum vitae and Track Record</u> (max. 4 pages per each Principal Investigator)

[You may modify the below template if necessary.]

PERSONAL DETAILS (max. 1 page per each Principal Investigator)

[Provide your personal details, your education and key qualifications, current position(s) and relevant previous positions you have held.]

Family name, First name:

Researcher unique identifier(s) (such as ORCID, Research ID, etc. ...):

URL for web site:

• Education and key qualifications

DD/MM/YYYY PhD

Name of Faculty/ Department, Name of University/ Institution, Country

YYYY Master

Name of Faculty/ Department, Name of University/ Institution, Country

• Current position(s)

YYYY - YYYY Current Position

Name of Faculty/ Department, Name of University/ Institution/ Country

YYYY - YYYY Current Position

Name of Faculty/ Department, Name of University/ Institution/ Country

• Previous position(s)

YYYY-YYYY Position held

Name of Faculty/ Department, Name of University/ Institution/ Country

YYYY-YYYY Position held

Name of Faculty/ Department, Name of University/ Institution/ Country

RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENTS AND PEER RECOGNITION

Research achievements

[Provide a list of up to ten research outputs that demonstrate how you have advanced knowledge in your field with an emphasis on more recent achievements, such as publications, articles deposited in a publicly available preprint server, books, book chapters, conference proceedings, data sets, software, patents, licenses, standards, start-up businesses or any other research outputs you deem relevant in relation to your research field and your project.

You may include a short, factual explanation of the significance of the selected outputs, your role in producing each of them, and how they demonstrate your capacity to successfully carry out your proposed project.]

Peer recognition

[Provide a list of selected examples of significant recognition by your peers if applicable, such as prizes, awards, fellowships, elected academy memberships, invited presentations to major conferences or any other examples of significant recognition you deem relevant in relation to your research field and project.

You may include a short explanation of the significance of the listed examples.]

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In this section you may provide relevant additional information on your research career to provide context to the evaluation panels when assessing your research achievements and peer recognition as described above.

Career breaks, unconventional career paths and major life events

[You may include a short, factual explanation of career breaks or diversity in your career paths such as secondments, volunteering, part-time work, time spent in different sectors or the effects of major life events such as long term illness as well as the effects of pandemic restrictions on research productivity.]

Other contributions to the research community

[You may include a list of particularly noteworthy contributions to the research community you have made other than research achievements and peer recognition and a short explanation of these contributions. The purpose of this section is to allow the panels to take a more rounded view of your career and achievements and to ensure that any additional responsibilities, commitments and leadership roles that you have taken on beyond your individual research activities are recognised and taken into account.]

(for more information see 'Information for Applicants to the Synergy Grant 2026 Call')]

ERC Synergy Grant 2026 Part B2¹

(not evaluated in Step 1)

- Name of the corresponding Principal Investigator (cPI) and corresponding Host Institution (cHI)
- List the other PIs, indicating the Host Institution of each PI

Please note the changes as from 2026 calls regarding Part I and II of the Scientific Proposal and read carefully the "ERC Work Programme 2026" and the "Information for Applicants to the Synergy Grant 2026 Call".

Part II: (max. 10 pages, excluding the Resources and time commitment section and References)

Please delete all text highlighted in grey in this template.

Please respect the following formatting constraints: Times New Roman, Arial or similar, at least font size 11, margin sizes (2.0 cm side and 1.5 cm top and bottom), single line spacing. The Resources section, the Budget table and References do not count towards the page limit.

Resources and time commitment (including project costs)

(Note: Describe the resources needed according to the indications in the *Information for Applicants to the Synergy Grant 2026 call, section 2.3 The research proposal.*

Please complete the separate file downloaded from the submission system according to the indications in the template 'Annex_Budget_table_B2_SyG2026.xlsx'. You should fill in the time commitment and, if applicable, the justification of additional funding above the normal EUR 10 million in the file. Save this annex as an excel file and upload it in the submission system together with the rest of the proposal (Part B1, Part B2, host support letter(s)). The annex containing the budget table, the time commitment and the additional funding justification will be made available to reviewers in step 2 and step 3).

Here, in this Section c, describe and fully justify the amount of funding requested for each PI that is considered necessary to fulfil the objectives throughout the duration of the project. Justify the estimated costs for each cost category and for each beneficiary/affiliated entity. Ensure that the narrative description is consistent with the financial information in the budget table.

Take into consideration the following:

- In case you have team members belonging to partner organisations (i.e. not Host Institutions), include their amounts under a PI's budget.
- Specify if you will use third parties giving in-kind contributions to the action.
- Specify the cost items covered by the 'Other personnel costs' category if applicable. Also specify the cost items covered by the 'Other additional direct costs' category if applicable.
- Include a justification in case you request equipment, or other assets needed specifically for the
 action (or developed as part of the action tasks) to be declared in the Grant Agreement as full
 capitalised costs.
- Specify as well if you will have funding from other sources.

The evaluation panels assess the estimated costs and the justification carefully; unjustified budgets will be consequently reduced.)

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¹ Instructions for completing Part B2 can be found in the 'Information for Applicants to the Synergy Grant 2026 Call'.

Appendix

All ongoing grants and submitted grant applications of each of the PIs (Funding ID)

<u>Mandatory information</u> (not counted towards page limits)

Please include as many tables as participating Principal Investigators in the group.

Ongoing grants (Please indicate 'No funding' as applicable):

Project Title	Funding source	Amount (Euros)	Period	Role of the PI	Relation to current ERC proposal ²

Ongoing/submitted grant applications – still in evaluation at the time of this application (Please indicate

'None' as applicable):

Project Title	Funding source	Amount (Euros)	Period	Role of the PI	Relation to current ERC proposal ²
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 $^{^2}$ Clearly describe any scientific overlap between your ERC application and any ongoing grant or grant application.

			сРI	PI2	PI3	PI4	
P	rincipal Inve	estigator names					
	Host In	stitutions					
		(Cost category	!			Total
		PI (take into account the % of each PI's dedicated working time on the ERC project)					-
		Senior Staff					_
A. Direct	Personnel	Postdocs					<u> </u>
prsonnel Costs		Students					7
		Other Personnel costs					-
	Total Personn	el Costs	-	-	-		-
3 – Subcontracting Costs (no indirect costs)						-	
	C.1 Travel and subsistence				₂ (0)		-
		ent (including major der additional funding)			0		-
		Consumables (incl. fieldwork and animal costs))		-
C. Purchase Costs	goods,	Publications (including Open Access fees) and dissemination		0			-
	works and services	Other additional costs	×				-
		C.3 Total other goods, works and services		-	-	-	-
	Total Purcha	ase costs (C.1 + C.2 + C.3)	-	-	-	-	-
ndirect cost	ts) ices generated by	ds and services (No laboratories and/or services ted as Unit costs should be	1				-
E. Indirect Costs (overheads) e=25%*(A+C1+C2+C3)		-	-	-	-	-	
Total Estimated Eligible Costs (A + B + C + D + E)		-	-	-	-	-	
Requested EU contribution*						_	

Please indicate the duration of the project in months*:	
Please indicate the % of working time each PI dedicates to the project over the period of the grant (min.	%
30%).	/•
Corresponding PI name:	
2 nd PI name:	
3 rd PI name:	
4 th PI name:	

In case you are requesting additional funding (up to EUR 4 million) above the normal EUR 10 million, fully justify your request by filling in the table below mentioning the amounts requested. Include these additional costs in the above budget breakdown table, otherwise they will not be considered as part of the budget evaluated.

	table, otherwise they will not be considered as part of the budget evaluated.
Request for additional	
funding above	Justification
EUR 10 000 000 for	
Additional funding is	
Additional funding is	
requested to cover further	
eligible costs	
(e.g. 'start-up' costs for a PI	
moving from another country	
to an EU Member State or an	
Associated	
Country as a consequence of	
receiving an ERC grant,	
purchase of major equipment,	
access to large	
facilities and major	
experimental and field work	
costs, including personnel	
costs, then it also needs to	
be fully justified in the	
description of resources	(/ ₁)
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<u>Print on paper bearing the official letterhead of the institution.</u> Each host institution is required to provide a separate support letter listing the PI(s) who will be engaged by them.

Commitment of the Host Institution for the ERC Synergy Call 2026^{1, 2, 3}

The <<pre>cyplease fill in here the name of the legal entity that is associated to the proposal and may
host the Principal Investigator(s) and the project (action) in case the application is
successful>>, which is the applicant legal entity (Host Institution), confirms its intention to sign a
supplementary agreement with

in which the obligations listed below will be addressed should the proposal submitted by the Principal Investigators listed below be retained.

The applicant legal entity (Host Institution) confirms that it is aware that the Synergy project will involve the following Principal Investigators (PIs):

<< Please enter be	low the names of all Principal Investigators participating in	the project.>>
Corresponding PI:		
D. 0		
PI 3 (if applicable):		
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The fact that the applicant legal entity confirms its awareness of the group's Synergy project does not imply an obligation to contractually engage all of the Principal Investigators.

Performance obligations of the applicant legal entity (Host Institution) that will become the beneficiary of the HE ERC Grant Agreement (hereafter referred to as the Agreement), should the proposal be retained and the preparation of the Agreement be successfully concluded:

The following obligations apply <u>only</u> to the Principal Investigators, hereinafter referred as the PI(s), who will be engaged by the applicant legal entity (Host Institution) signing this letter.

The applicant legal entity (Host Institution) commits itself to ensure that the action tasks described in Annex 1 of the Agreement are performed under the guidance of the PI(s) who is/are expected to:

devote at least 30% of their working time to the ERC funded project (action);

¹A scanned copy of the signed statement should be uploaded electronically via the <u>Funding & Tenders Portal</u> Submission Service in PDF format.

² The statement of commitment of the Host Institution refers to most of the Host Institution obligations, stated in the <u>Model Grant Agreement (MGA)</u> used for ERC actions. The MGA is available on the <u>Funding & Tenders Portal</u>. The reference to the time commitment of the Principal Investigator(s) is stated in the ERC Work Programme 2026.

³ This statement (on letterhead paper) shall be signed with a legally binding signature (e.g. blue ink or digitally) by the institution's legal representative indicating their name, function, email address, address and, in case of blue ink signature, along with the stamp of the institution.

⁴ Please insert the names only of those Principal Investigators that will be engaged by the Host Institution.

- spend at least 50% of their working time in an EU Member State or Associated Country (except for a PI hosted or engaged by an institution outside of the EU or Associated Country).

The applicant legal entity (Host Institution) commits itself to respect the following conditions for the PI(s) and their team:

- a) host and engage the PI(s) for the whole duration of the action;
- b) take all measures to implement the principles set out in the Commission recommendation on the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers⁵ in particular regarding working conditions, transparent recruitment processes based on merit and career development and ensure that the PI(s), researchers and third parties involved in the project (action) are aware of them.
- c) enter before grant signature into a *Supplementary Agreement* with the PI(s), that specifies the obligation of the *applicant legal entity* to meet its obligations under the Agreement;
- d) provide the PI(s) with a copy of the signed Agreement;
- e) guarantee the PI(s) scientific independence, in particular for the:
 - i) use of the budget to achieve the scientific objectives;
 - ii) authority to publish as senior author and invite as co-authors those who have contributed substantially to the work;
 - iii) preparation of scientific reports for the project (action);
 - iv) selection and supervision of the other *team members*, in line with the profiles needed to conduct the research and in accordance with the *beneficiary's* usual management practices;
 - v) possibility to apply independently for funding;
 - vi) access to appropriate space and facilities for conducting the research;
- f) provide during the implementation of the project (action) research support to the PI(s) and the team members (regarding infrastructure, equipment, access rights, products and other services necessary for conducting the research);
- g) support the PI(s) and provide administrative assistance, in particular for the:
 - i) general management of the work and their team;
 - ii) scientific reporting, especially ensuring that the team members send their scientific results to the PI(s);
 - iii) financial reporting, especially providing timely and clear financial information;
 - iv) application of the beneficiary's usual management practices;
 - v) general logistics of the project (action);
 - vi) access to the electronic exchange system;
- h) inform the PI(s) immediately (in writing) of any events or circumstances likely to affect the Agreement;
- i) ensure that the PI(s) enjoys adequate:
 - i) conditions for annual, sickness and parental leave;
 - ii) occupational health and safety standards;
 - iii) insurance under the general social security scheme, such as pension rights;
- j) allow the transfer of the Agreement to a new beneficiary, if requested by the P(s) and provided that the objectives of the action remain achievable (portability; see Article 41 of the Agreement);

⁵ <u>Commission Recommendation 2005/251/EC</u> of 11 March 2005 on the <u>European Charter for Researchers</u> and on a <u>Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers</u> (OJ L 75, 22.3.2005, p. 67).

k) respect the fundamental principle of research integrity and ensure that persons carrying out research tasks under the action follow the good research practices and refrain from the research integrity violations described in the European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity⁶. If any such violations or allegations occur, verify and pursue them and bring them to the attention of the Agency.

For the applicant legal entity (Host Institution)
Date
Name and Function
<u>[</u>
Email and legally binding signature of legal representative
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Stamp of the applicant legal entity (Host Institution) ⁷

IMPORTANT NOTE: In order to be complete all the above mentioned points are mandatory and shall be included in the commitment of the applicant legal entity (Host Institution). The highlighted fields should be filled in.

If the letter is digitally signed, please do NOT lock it. In case it is locked, after the submission of your proposal, you may not be able to download the digitally signed proposal from your Funding & Tenders Portal account.

⁶ The European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity of ALLEA (All European Academies, Berlin 2023)

⁷ No need to stamp this letter of support when it is digitally signed.