

Role of National Contact Points for ERC grants and the support offered by the Czech NCP

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ERC National Contact Points (NCPs)

- Raise awareness, inform and advise on ERC funding opportunities at national level (do not represent the ERC)
- Are located in the organisations of different nature (ministries, academies of science, research agencies, etc.) that act as information providers to ERC applicants in their native language
- Are based in all EU countries and Associated States, as well as in some non-European countries

List of National Contact Points: erc.europa.eu/national-contact-points

In Czechia: **Technology Centre of the Czech Academy of Sciences (TC CAS)** www.tc.cz

= **National Information Centre for European Research (NICER)**

→ National H2020 Portal h2020.cz



National support to ERC applicants in Czechia

- National Information Days about the ERC
- Applicants' workshops on How to write a competitive proposal?
- Mock interviews for ERC Starting and Consolidator Grant applicants
- Ad hoc events or on demand
- Individual consultations and proposal pre-screening (non-scientific issues)

→ Collaboration with key stakeholders: prof. Zdeněk Strakoš (former ERC Advanced Grant Panel Chair), prof. Tomáš Jungwirth (ERC Scientific Council), ERC grantees and evaluators ...



ERC events organised in 2020

| Date | Venue | Event |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 4 August | Videoconference | ERC Information Session – ICHEP 2020 |
| 10 September | TC CAS | Mock interview for ERC Consolidator Grant Applicants |
| 23 September | Charles University | ERC National Information Day |
| November/ December | TC CAS | Applicants' workshop on How to write a competitive proposal? (1st part) |

Additional Opportunities: Visiting Research Fellowships

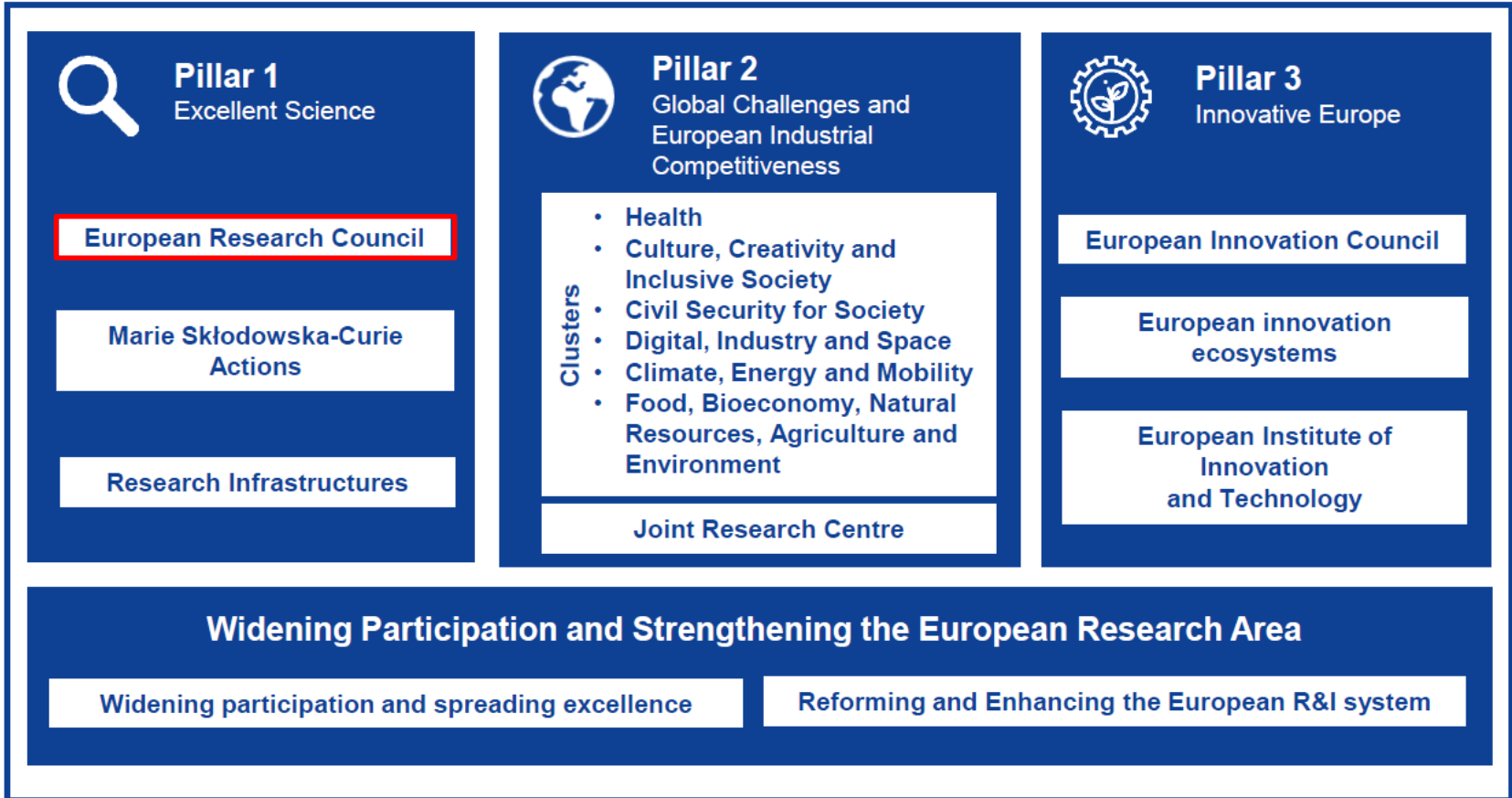
- Placements available **via national or regional funding agencies**
- Funding covers all costs of the research visit including salary, travel and reasonable subsistence costs
- **Fellow must apply for an ERC grant after the visit** within a time specified in the funding agreement
- Currently in place:
 - Romania** – Politehnica University of Bucharest (UPB)
 - Croatia** – Croatian Science Foundation (HRZZ)
 - Czech Republic** – Czech Science Foundation (GA CR) [more information](#)
 - Estonia** – Estonia Research Council (ETag)
 - Flanders (Belgium)** – Research Foundation Flanders (FWO)
 - Georgia** – Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation (SRNSFG)
 - Republic of Serbia** – Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia (MoESTD)
 - Slovak Republic** – Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS) & Pavol Jozef Safarik University in Kosice (UPJS)
 - Slovenia** – Slovenian Research Agency (ARRS)

Website: <https://erc.europa.eu/funding/additional-opportunities>

- National funding scheme (1,109 mld CZK ~ 44,4 mil EUR for 2012-2026)
- Programme is aimed at **ERC applicants who obtained A or B in step 2 of the ERC Starting, Consolidator or Advanced grant evaluation** but were not funded under that call due to budgetary constraints (the results of the evaluation within the ERC are taken into account)
- The **researcher of any nationality** can choose any host institution in the Czech Republic
- The proposal with the evaluation A is entitled to receive a 5-year grant, the proposal with the evaluation B will be funded for 2 years
- **ERC CZ holders are obliged to submit again an ERC proposal within 2 years** after starting their ERC CZ project

Website: <https://www.msmt.cz/vyzkum-a-vyvoj-2/erc-cz> (in CZ)

Horizon Europe (2021-2027)



ERC in Horizon Europe

ERC Calls 2021: expected openings&deadlines



| | Starting Grant | Consolidator Grant | Advanced Grant | Proof of Concept Grant |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------|
| Call Opens | 12/01/2021 | 21/01/2021 | 20/05/2021 | 14/01/2021 |
| Submission deadline (cut-off dates for PoC) | 09/03/2021 | 20/04/2021 | 31/08/2021 | 16/03/2021 17/06/2021 20/10/2021 |

No Synergy Grant call in 2021

Thank you for your attention!
Good luck with your proposals 😊

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