

ERC Grants

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Presentation overview

- ERC general
- Starting and Consolidator Grant

Application & evaluation

- Advanced Grant

Application & evaluation

- Statistics
- Links and documents

General characteristics

- Overall aim: stimulate excellence in frontier research in Europe
- Support for excellent individual researchers
- All fields of science
- Excellence (of Principle Investigator and project) only evaluation criterion

Characteristics of ERC projects

- Novel, creative, innovative
- Mature “out of the box” idea
- Substantial advances at the frontiers of knowledge foreseen
- Often high-risk high-gain
- Yet need to demonstrate feasibility
- Needs to be clear that PI is the right person to perform the project

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Large, prestigious grants

Maximum funding for projects of 5 years

- Starting Grant: €1.5 mio
- Consolidator Grant: € 2 mio
- Additional funding requests possible in certain circumstances

Eligibility criteria

- Host institution in **EU member state or associated country**
- Research age
- Minimum time commitment to ERC project
- Restrictions on resubmission
- Formal support from host institution

Research age

- Starting Grant (2-7 years post PhD)
- Consolidator Grant (7-12 years post PhD)

- Enforced very strictly
- Reference date: 1 January of call year
- Reasons for extension
 - Maternity, paternity
 - Clinical training
 - Military service
 - Long illness
- Special conditions for Medical Doctors

Self-assessment of competitiveness

- Cf Work Programme:
 - Starting Grant: At least 1 important publication without the contribution of the PhD supervisor
 - Consolidator Grant: several important publication without the contribution of the PhD supervisor
- Are you among the best researchers in Europe in your domain and at your career step (research age)?
- Are your achievements comparable with those of past grant winners in your field?
<http://erc.europa.eu/erc-funded-projects>
http://cordis.europa.eu/projects/home_en.html

Next opportunities

	Starting Grant 2017	Consolidator Grant 2017
Expected opening date	19 July 2016	20 October 2016
Expected deadline	18 October 2016	9 February 2017
Expected call budget (mio €)	605	575
Approx. number of projects funded	415	320

Preliminary, confidential information – please do not spread widely and confirm in July upon publication of the Work Programme

Application parts

PART A – online forms To complete in RPP

- A1 General info
- A2 Administrative Data
- A3 Budget
- A4 Ethics
- A5 Call specific questions

Annexes – submitted as pdf

- Letter of HI
- PhD certificate (incl. supporting documents if applicable)
- Ethics self-assessment (if applicable)
- Supporting documents related to ethics (if applicable)

PART B1 - submitted as pdf

- a) Extended synopsis 5 p.
- b) CV 2 p.
- c) Track record 2 p.

PART B2 – submitted as pdf

- Scientific proposal 15 p.
- a) State of the Art + objectives
- b) Methodology
- c) Resources

Evaluation

- 25 evaluation panels
- Panel descriptions: Annex I of «Information for applicants»
- Panels chairs [published](#) before call deadline; panel members after call deadline
- Two sets of evaluation panels alternate
- Two-step evaluation

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+ Interviews with panel

Characteristics of ERC AdG projects

- Novel, creative, innovative
- Mature “out of the box” idea
- Substantial advances at the frontiers of knowledge
- For exceptional research leaders with groundbreaking project ideas
- High-risk, high-gain research

Large, prestigious grants

- Funding for projects of up to 5 years for a maximum of € 2 500 000
- Additional funding requests possible in certain circumstances
- Strong commitment to project needed: $\geq 30\%$ of working time on project, $\geq 50\%$ of working time in Europe

Eligibility criteria

- Significant research achievements in the last 10 years
- Demonstrate a record of achievements appropriate to the field
- Demonstrate the ground breaking nature, ambition and feasibility of the project
- Applications can be made in any field of research.
- Formal support from host institution
- Host institutions must be established in an EU Member State or Associated Country
- PI can have any nationality

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	Advanced Grant 2016
Expected opening date	24 May 2016
Expected deadline	1 September 2016
Expected call budget (mio €)	540
Approx. number of projects funded	235
Planned dates to inform applicants	16 January 2017 16 March 2017
Indicative date for signature of grant agreements	16 July 2017

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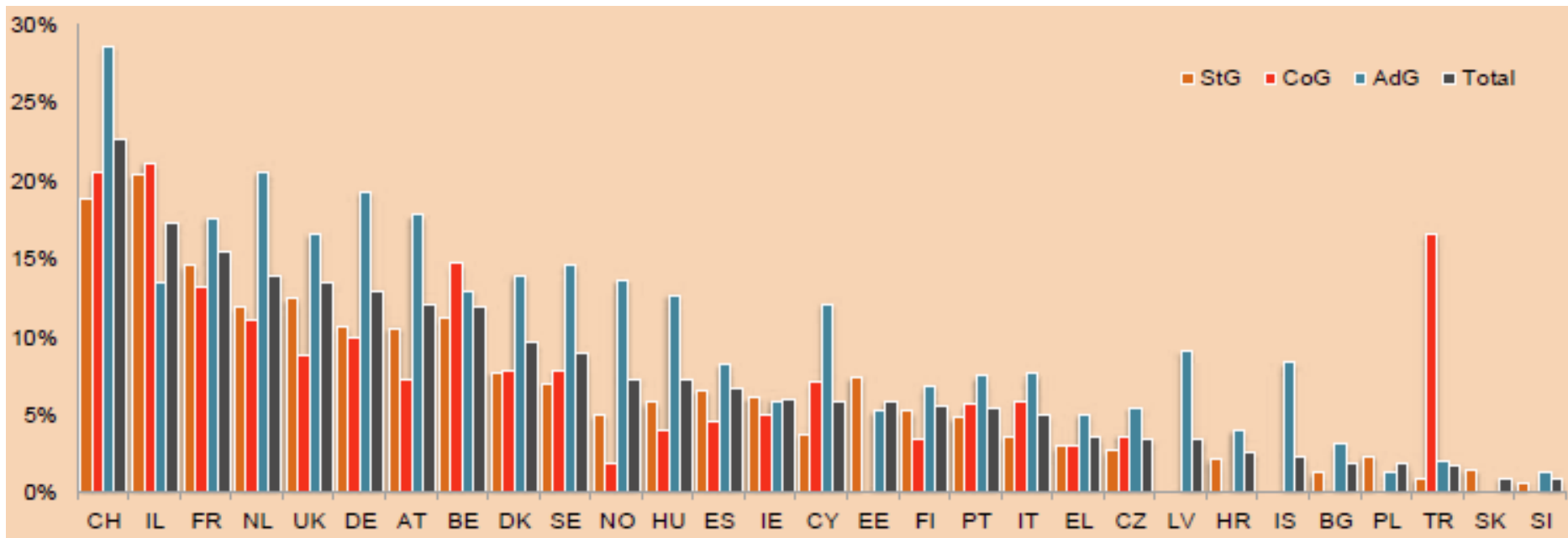
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Success rates

Calls 2007–2013

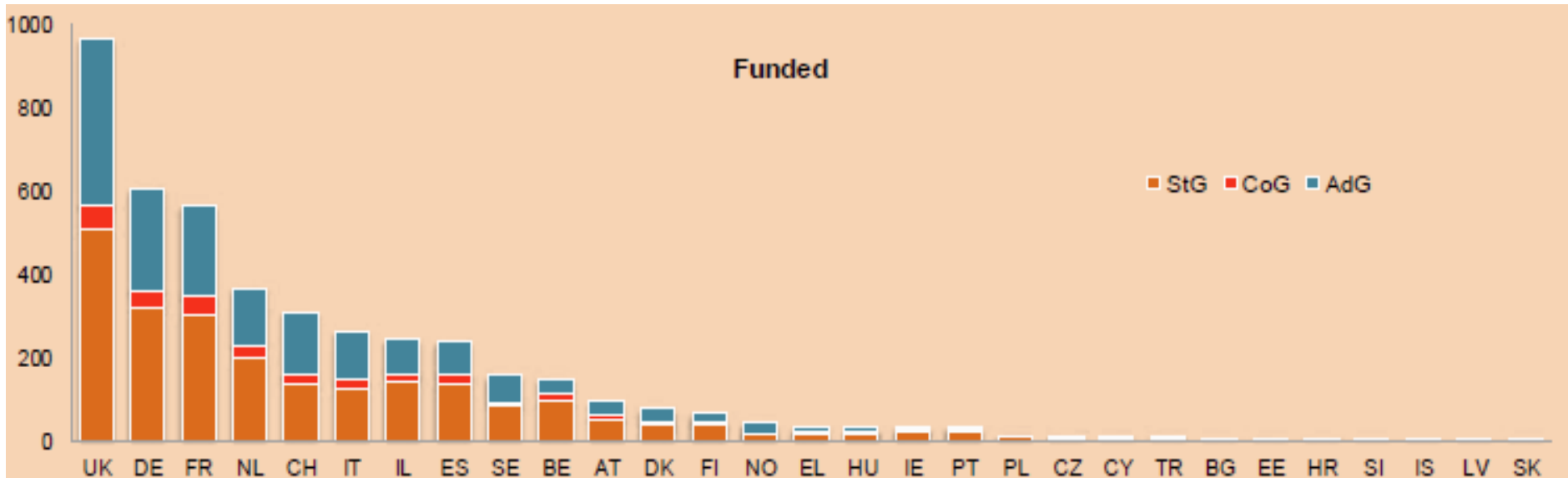


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Funded projects

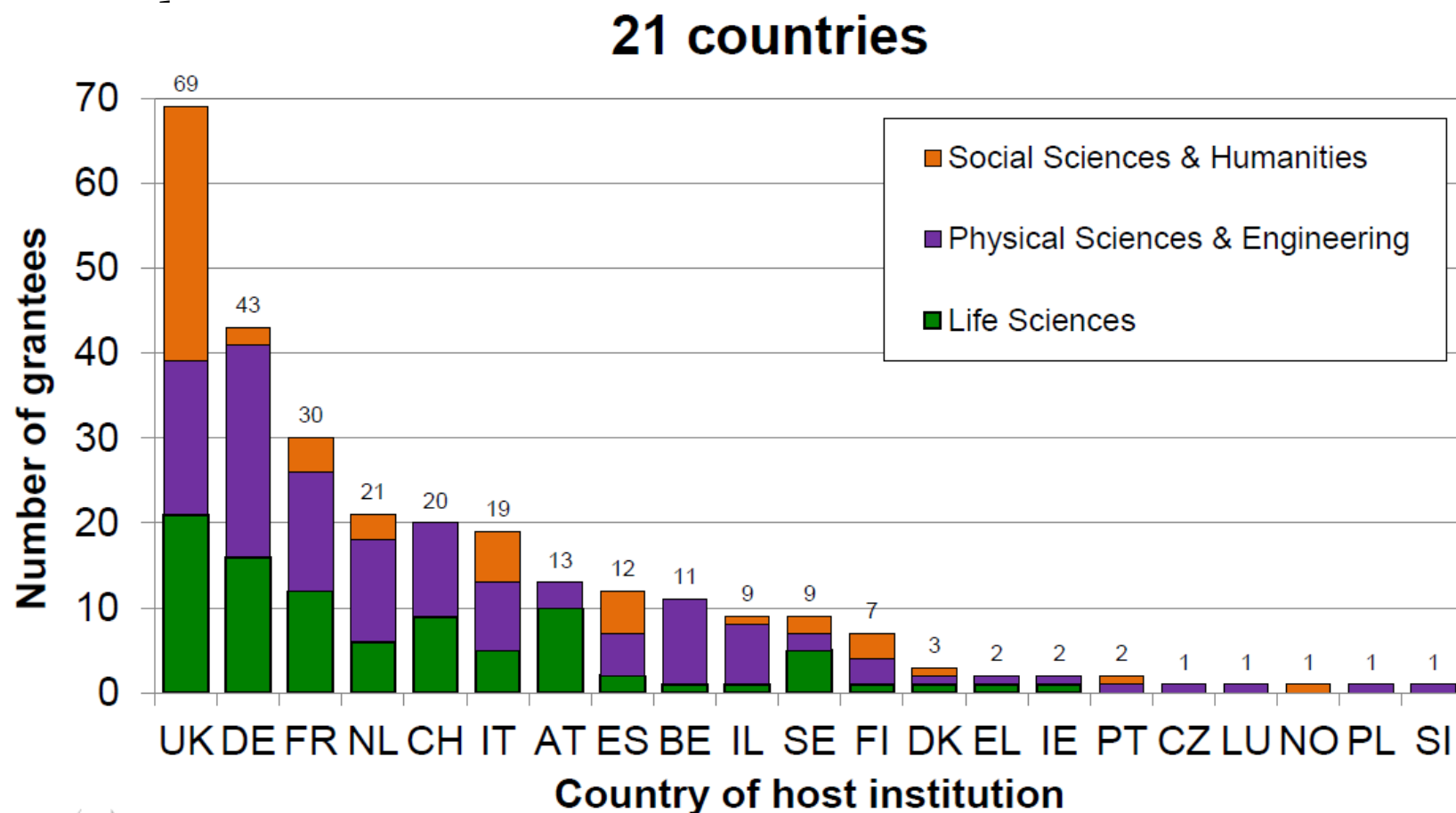
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ERC Advanced Grant 2015 Call Grantees by Country of Host Institution & domain



Source: ERC NCP Meeting, Brussels, 24 May 2016

Documents and links

- [Work Programme 2016](#)
- [Information for Applicants 2016](#)
- [ERC website](#)
- [Panel Chairs ERC AdG 2016](#)
- [Panel Members ERC AdG 2014](#)
- [ERC AdG projects](#)
- [ERC AdG projects on CORDIS](#)

Documents and links

- [Work Programme 2016](#) – Work Programme 2017 expected for July 2016
- [Information for Applicants 2016](#) – Information for Applicants StG & CoG 2017 expected for July 2016
- [ERC website](#)


Recommendations

- Contact your future Host Institution! They need to formally agree to their commitment
- Contact the NCP of your future Host Country.
- Prepare your application early on, ideally before a call is open.

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Call for Proposals
Information for applicants
FAQs
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