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ERC Starting Grant 2014

Administrative forms (Part A)

Research proposal (Part B1 and Part B2)

Letter of Commitment of the Host Institute

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Disclaimer

This document is aimed at informing potential applicants for Horizon 2020 funding. It serves only as an example. The actual Web forms and templates, provided in the online proposal submission system under the Participant Portal, might differ from this example. Proposals must be prepared and submitted via the online proposal submission system under the Participant Portal.

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History of changes

Version 1.1

27 January 2014

- Letter of commitment added
- Titles and references modified on pages 2, 8 and 9

Version 1.2

3 February 2014

- Part A added
- Letter of commitment modified

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Call:

Topic:

Type of action:

Proposal number:

Proposal acronym:

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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 previous steps in the submission wizard.

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1 - General information

Topic

Type of action

Call identifier

Acronym*

Proposal title*

The title should be no longer than 200 characters (with spaces) and should be understandable to the non-specialist in your field.

Duration in months*

Insert the estimated duration of the project in full months.

Primary ERC Review Panel

Secondary ERC Review Panel

ERC Keyword 1*

As first keyword please choose one which is linked to the Primary Review Panel.

Please select, if applicable, the ERC keyword(s) that best characterise the subject of your proposal in order of priority.

ERC Keyword 2

Not applicable

ERC Keyword 3

Not applicable

ERC Keyword 4

Not applicable

Free keywords

In addition, please enter free text keywords that you consider best characterise the scope of your research proposal. The choice of keywords should take into account any multi-disciplinary aspects of the proposal.

Abstract

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 the potential ERC experts reviewing the proposals and/or inform the Commission and/or the programme management committees and/or relevant national funding agencies[1] (provided you give permission to do so where requested below). 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).



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Remaining characters 2000

In order to best review your application, do you agree that the above non-confidential proposal title and abstract can be used, without disclosing your identity, when contacting potential reviewers?*

Yes

No

Has this proposal (or a very similar one) been submitted in the past 2 years in response to a call for proposals under the 7th Framework Programme, Horizon 2020 or any other EU programme(s)?

Yes

No

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Declarations

1) The Principal Investigator declares to have the explicit consent of all applicants on their participation and on the content of this proposal.*	<input type="checkbox"/>
2) The information contained in this proposal is correct and complete.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3) This proposal complies with ethical principles (including the highest standards of research integrity – as set out, for instance, in the European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity – and including, in particular, avoiding fabrication, falsification, plagiarism or other research misconduct).	<input type="checkbox"/>
4) The Principal Investigator hereby declares that:	
- in case of multiple participants in the proposal, the coordinator has carried out the self-check of the financial capacity of the organisation on http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/organisations/lfv.html . Where the result was “weak” or “insufficient”, the Principal Investigator confirms being aware of the measures that may be imposed in accordance with the H2020 Grants Manual (Chapter on Financial capacity check) .	<input type="checkbox"/>
- in case of multiple participants in the proposal, the Principal Investigator is exempt from the financial capacity check being a public body including international organisations, higher or secondary education establishment or a legal entity, whose viability is guaranteed by a Member State or associated country, as defined in the H2020 Grants Manual (Chapter on Financial capacity check) .	<input type="checkbox"/>
- in case of a sole participant in the proposal, the applicant is exempt from the financial capacity check.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5) The Principal Investigator hereby declares that each applicant has confirmed to have the financial and operational capacity to carry out the proposed action. Where the proposal is to be retained for EU funding, each beneficiary applicant will be required to present a formal declaration in this respect.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Principal Investigator is only responsible for the correctness of the information relating to his/her own organisation. Each applicant remains responsible for the correctness of the information related to him and declared above. Where the proposal to be retained for EU funding, the coordinator and each beneficiary applicant will be required to present a formal declaration in this respect.	

According to Article 131 of the Financial Regulation of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (Official Journal L 298 of 26.10.2012, p. 1) and Article 145 of its Rules of Application (Official Journal L 362, 31.12.2012, p.1) applicants found guilty of misrepresentation may be subject to administrative and financial penalties under certain conditions.

Personal data protection

Your reply to the grant application will involve the recording and processing of personal data (such as your name, address and CV), which will be processed pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data. Unless indicated otherwise, your replies to the questions in this form and any personal data requested are required to assess your grant application in accordance with the specifications of the call for proposals and will be processed solely for that purpose. Details concerning the processing of your personal data are available on the [privacy statement](#). Applicants may lodge a complaint about the processing of their personal data with the European Data Protection Supervisor at any time.

Your personal data may be registered in the Early Warning System (EWS) only or both in the EWS and Central Exclusion Database (CED) by the Accounting Officer of the Commission, should you be in one of the situations mentioned in:

- the Commission Decision 2008/969 of 16.12.2008 on the Early Warning System (for more information see the [Privacy Statement](#)), or
- the Commission Regulation 2008/1302 of 17.12.2008 on the Central Exclusion Database (for more information see the [Privacy Statement](#)).



<i>Proposal ID</i>	<i>Acronym</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Short Name</i>
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2 - Administrative data of participating organisations

Host Institution

PIC	Legal name
<i>Short name:</i>	
<i>Address of the organisation</i>	
Street	
Town	
Postcode	
Country	
Webpage	
<i>Legal Status of your organisation</i>	
Research and Innovation legal statuses	
Public body	no
Non-profit	no
International organisation	no
International organisation of European interest ...	no
Secondary or Higher education establishment	no
Research organisation	no
Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs)	no
Academic Sector	no
Nace code	
	Legal person
	no



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Participant

Short Name

Department(s) carrying out the proposed work

Department 1

Department name

Street

Same as organisation address

Town

Postcode

Country

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Participant

Short Name

Principal Investigator

The following information of the Principal Investigator is used to personalise the communications to applicants and the evaluation reports. 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:

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 go back to Step 4 of the submission wizard and save the changes.

Researcher ID

If you have a researcher identifier number (e.g. )

Last Name*

Last Name at Birth

First Name(s)*

Gender*

Male

Female

Title

Country of residence*

Nationality*

Country of Birth*

Date of Birth* (DD/MM/YYYY)

Place of Birth

Contact address

Same as organisation address

Current organisation name

Current Department/Faculty/Institute/
Laboratory name

Street*

Please enter street name and number.

Postcode/Cedex*

Town*

Phone*

 +XX XXX XXXXX

Country*

Phone2 / Mobile

 +XXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXX

E-mail

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Participant

Short Name

Contact address of the Host Institution and contact person

The name and e-mail of Host Institution contact persons are read-only in the administrative form, only additional details can be edited here. To give access rights and contact details of Host Institution, please go back to Step 4 of the submission wizard and save the changes. Please note that the submission is blocked without a contact person and e-mail address for the Host Institution.

Organisation Legal Name

First name*

Last name*

E-Mail*

Position in org.

Department

Street

Same as organisation address

Town

Postcode

Country

Phone*

Phone2/Mobile

Example, no

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3 - Budget

Participant Number in this proposal	Organisation Short Name	Organisation Country	Total estimated eligible costs/€	Requested EU contribution / €
1				
Total				

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Proposal ID	Acronym	Participant	Short Name
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4 - Ethics

1. HUMAN EMBRYOS/FOETUSES ⁱ		Page
Does your research involve Human Embryonic Stem Cells (hESCs) ?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Does your research involve the use of human embryos?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Does your research involve the use of human foetal tissues / cells?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
2. HUMANS		Page
Does your research involve human participants?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Does your research involve physical interventions on the study participants?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Does it involve invasive techniques?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
3. HUMAN CELLS / TISSUES		Page
Does your research involve human cells or tissues? If your research involves human embryos/foetuses, please also complete the section "Human Embryos/Foetuses" [Box 1].	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
4. PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA ⁱⁱ		Page
Does your research involve personal data collection and/or processing?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Does your research involve further processing of previously collected personal data (secondary use)?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
5. ANIMALS ⁱⁱⁱ		Page
Does your research involve animals?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	

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6. NON-EU COUNTRIES		Page
Does your research involve non-EU countries?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Do you plan 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, etc.)?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Do you plan to import any material - including personal data - from non-EU countries into the EU? If you consider importing data, please also complete the section "Protection of Personal Data" [Box 4].	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Do you plan to export any material - including personal data - from the EU to non-EU countries? If you consider exporting data, please also complete the section "Protection of Personal Data" [Box 4].	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
If your research involves low and/or lower middle income countries , are benefits-sharing measures foreseen?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Could the situation in the country put the individuals taking part in the research at risk?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
7. ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION <small>vi Directive 2001/18/EC - vii Directive 2009/41/EC - viii Regulation EC No 1946/2003 - ix Directive 2008/56/EC x Council Directive 92/43/EEC - xi Council Directive 79/409/EEC - xii Council Regulation EC No 338/97</small>		Page
Does your research involve the use of elements that may cause harm to the environment, to animals or plants?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Does your research deal with endangered fauna and/or flora and/or protected areas?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Does your research involve the use of elements that may cause harm to humans, including research staff?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
8. DUAL USE <small>xiii</small>		Page
Does your research have the potential for military applications?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
9. MISUSE		Page
Does your research have the potential for malevolent/criminal/terrorist abuse?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
10. OTHER ETHICS ISSUES		Page
Are there any other ethics issues that should be taken into consideration? Please specify	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	

I confirm that I have taken into account all ethics issues described above and if any ethics issues apply, I have attached the required documents.

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5 - Call specific questions

Academic Training	
Are you a medical doctor or do you hold a degree in medicine? Please note that if you have also been awarded a PhD, your medical degree may be your first eligible degree.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Date of earliest award (PhD or equivalent) - DD/MM/YYYY	<input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
With respect to the earliest award (PhD or equivalent), I request an extension of the eligibility window, (indicate number of days) [see the ERC 2014 Work Programme and the Information for Applicants to the Starting and Consolidator Grant 2014 Calls].	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Eligibility	
I acknowledge that I am aware of the eligibility requirements for applying for this ERC call as specified in the ERC Work Programme 2014, and certify that, to the best of my knowledge my application is in compliance with all these requirements. I understand that my 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.*	<input type="checkbox"/>
Data-Related Questions and Data Protection (These consents are entirely voluntary. Any refusal indicated below will not affect the evaluation of your proposal and will not be communicated to the reviewers)	
For communication purposes only, the ERC asks for your permission to publish your name, the proposal title, the proposal acronym, the panel, and host institution, should your proposal be retained for funding.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Some national and regional public research funding authorities run schemes to fund ERC applicants that score highly in the ERC's evaluation but which can not be funded by the ERC due to its limited budget. In case your proposal could not be selected for funding by the ERC do you consent to allow the ERC to disclose the results of your evaluation (score and ranking range) together with your name, non-confidential proposal title and abstract, proposal acronym, host institution and your contact details to such authorities?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
The ERC is sometimes contacted for lists of ERC funded researchers by institutions that are awarding prizes to excellent researchers. Do you consent to allow the ERC to disclose your name, non-confidential proposal title and abstract, proposal acronym, host institution and your contact details to such institutions?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
The Scientific Council of the ERC has developed a monitoring and evaluation strategy in order to help it fulfil its obligations to establish the ERC's overall strategy and to monitor and quality control the programme's implementation from the scientific perspective. As provided by section 3.10 of the ERC Rules for Submission, a range of projects and studies may be initiated for purposes related to monitoring, study and evaluating the implementation of ERC actions. Do you consent to allow the third parties carrying out these projects and studies to process the content of your proposal including your personal data and the respective evaluation data? The privacy statement on grants (http://erc.europa.eu/document-library) explains further how your personal data is secured.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
To support the overall ERC strategy, the Scientific Council of the ERC has to monitor and evaluate the quality of the implementation of the work programme by the ERC. To guarantee maximum gender equality in this context, a study will review possible gender bias in the processes and practices of ERC grant allocations and analyse its causes. For this study, the ERC and a team of external researchers nominated by the ERC would like to use data extracted from your application, your CV and data from the evaluation of your application. Do you consent to allow the ERC and the research team to use this personal data? The ERC and the nominated external researchers ensure the processing and protection of your data in accordance with Regulation (EC) 45/2001.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No



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Excluded Reviewers

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Validation result

Section	Description
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The form has not yet been validated, click "Validate Form" to do so!

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ERC Starting Grant 2014
Research proposal [Part B1]¹
(Part B1 is evaluated both in Step 1 and Step 2
Part B2 is evaluated in Step 2 only)

Proposal Full Title

PROPOSAL ACRONYM

Cover Page:

- Name of the Principal Investigator (PI)
- Name of the PI's host institution for the project
- Proposal duration in months

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 the potential remote referees and/or 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).

Explain and justify the cross-panel or cross domain nature of your proposal, if a secondary panel is indicated in the online proposal submission forms. There is a limit of 1000 characters, spaces and line breaks included.

¹ Instructions for completing Part B1 can be found in the 'Information for Applicants to the Starting and Consolidator Grant 2014 Calls'.

Section a: Extended Synopsis of the scientific proposal (max. 5 pages)

[The Extended Synopsis should give a concise presentation of the scientific proposal, with particular attention to the ground-breaking nature of the research project, which will allow evaluation panels to assess, in Step 1 of the evaluation, the feasibility of the outlined scientific approach. Describe the proposed work in the context of the state of the art of the field. References to literature should also be included.]

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

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Section b: Curriculum vitae (max. 2 pages)

[The template below is provided only for guidance. It may be modified as necessary and appropriate.]

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Family name, First name:

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

Date of birth:

URL for web site:

• EDUCATION

199? PhD
 Name of Faculty/ Department, Name of University/ Institution, Country

199? Master
 Name of Faculty/ Department, Name of University/ Institution, Country

• CURRENT POSITION(S)

201? – 201? Current Position
 Name of Faculty/ Department, Name of University/ Institution/ Country

200? – Current Position
 Name of Faculty/ Department, Name of University/ Institution/ Country

• PREVIOUS POSITIONS

200? – 200? Position held
 Name of Faculty/ Department, Name of University/ Institution/ Country

200? – 200? Position held
 Name of Faculty/ Department, Name of University/ Institution/ Country

• FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

200? – 200? Name of Faculty/ Department/Centre, Name of University/ Institution/ Country

200? Award received from Name of Institution/ Country

198? – 199? Scholarship, Name of Faculty/ Department/Centre, Name of University/ Institution/ Country

• SUPERVISION OF GRADUATE STUDENTS AND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

200? – 200? Number of Postdocs/ PhD/ Master Students
 Name of Faculty/ Department/ Centre, Name of University/ Institution/ Country

• TEACHING ACTIVITIES (if applicable)

200? – Teaching position – Topic, Name of University/ Institution/ Country

200? – 200? Teaching position – Topic, Name of University/ Institution/ Country

- **ORGANISATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS (if applicable)**

201? Please specify your role and the name of event / Country
200? Please specify type of event / number of participants / Country

- **INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES (if applicable)**

201? – Faculty member, Name of University/ Institution/ Country
201? – 201? Graduate Student Advisor, Name of University/ Institution/ Country
200? – 200? Member of the Faculty Committee, Name of University/ Institution/ Country
200? – 200? Organizer of the Internal Seminar, Name of University/ Institution/ Country
200? – 200? Member of a Committee; role, Name of University/ Institution/ Country

- **COMMISSIONS OF TRUST (if applicable)**

201? – Scientific Advisory Board, Name of University/ Institution/ Country
201? – Review Board, Name of University/ Institution/ Country
201? – Review panel member, Name of University/ Institution/ Country
201? – Editorial Board, Name of University/ Institution/ Country
200? – Scientific Advisory Board, Name of University/ Institution/ Country
200? – Reviewer, Name of University/ Institution/ Country
200? – Scientific Evaluation, Name of University/ Institution/ Country
200? – Evaluator, Name of University/ Institution/ Country

- **MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES (if applicable)**

201? – Member, Research Network “*Name of Research Network*”
200? – Associated Member, Name of Faculty/ Department/Centre, Name of University/
Institution/ Country
200? – Funding Member, Name of Faculty/ Department/Centre, Name of University/ Institution/
Country

- **MAJOR COLLABORATIONS (if applicable)**

Name of collaborators, Topic, Name of Faculty/ Department/Centre, Name of University/
Institution/ Country

- **CAREER BREAKS (if applicable)**

Exact dates Please indicate the reason and the duration in months.

Appendix: All ongoing and submitted grants and funding of the PI (Funding ID)
Mandatory information (does not count towards page limits)

On-going Grants

<i>Project Title</i>	<i>Funding source</i>	<i>Amount (Euros)</i>	<i>Period</i>	<i>Role of the PI</i>	<i>Relation to current ERC proposal</i>

Applications

<i>Project Title</i>	<i>Funding source</i>	<i>Amount (Euros)</i>	<i>Period</i>	<i>Role of the PI</i>	<i>Relation to current ERC proposal</i>

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Section c: Early achievements track-record (max. 2 pages)

(see 'Information for Applicants to the Starting and Consolidator Grant 2014 Calls'– instructions for completing 'Part B' of the proposal)

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**ERC Starting Grant 2014
Research proposal [Part B2]¹
(not evaluated in Step 1)**

Part B2: The scientific proposal (max. 15 pages)

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

Section a. State-of-the-art and objectives

Section b. Methodology

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¹ Instructions for completing Part B2 can be found in the 'Information for Applicants to the Starting and Consolidator Grant 2014 Calls'.

Section c. Resources (including project costs)

(Note: State and fully justify the amount of funding considered necessary to fulfil the objectives for the duration of the project. To facilitate the assessment of resources by the panels, the use of the following budget table is strongly suggested. All eligible costs requested, should be included in the budget. **Please use whole Euro values only.**)

Cost Category		Total in Euro
Direct Costs ²	Personnel	PI ³
		Senior Staff
		Postdocs
		Students
		Other
	<i>i. Total Direct costs for Personnel (in Euro)</i>	
	Travel	
	Equipment	
	Other goods and services	Consumables
		Publications (including Open Access fees), etc.
		Other (please specify)
	<i>ii. Total Other Direct Costs (in Euro)</i>	
A – Total Direct Costs (i + ii) (in Euro)		
B – Indirect Costs (overheads) 25% of Direct Costs⁴ (in Euro)		
C1 – Subcontracting Costs (no overheads) (in Euro)		
C2 – Other Direct Costs with no overheads⁵ (in Euro)		
Total Estimated Eligible Costs (A + B + C) (in Euro)⁶		
Total Requested EU Contribution (in Euro)⁶		

The project cost estimation should be as accurate as possible. Significant mathematical mistakes may reflect poorly on the credibility of the budget table and the proposal overall. The evaluation panels assess the estimated costs carefully; unjustified budgets will be consequently reduced.

The requested contribution should be in proportion to the actual needs to fulfil the objectives of the project.

For the above cost table, please indicate the % of working time the PI dedicates to the project over the period of the grant:	%
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Specify briefly your commitment to the project and how much time you are willing to devote to the proposed project in the resources section. Please note that you are expected to devote at least 50% of your total working time to the ERC-funded project and spend at least 50% of your total working time in an EU Member State or Associated Country.

² An additional cost category 'Direct costing for Large Research Infrastructures' applicable to H2020 can be added to this table (below 'Other Goods and services') for PIs who are hosted by institutions with Large Research Infrastructures of a value of at least EUR 20 million and **only** after having received a positive ex-ante assessment from the Commission's services (see 'Information for Applicants to the Starting and Consolidator Grant 2014 Calls' for more details).

³ When calculating the salary, please take into account the percentage of your dedicated working time to run the ERC funded project (i.e. minimum 50% of your total working time).

⁴ Please note that the overheads are fixed to a flat rate of exactly 25%.

⁵ Such as the costs of resources made available by third parties which are not used on the premises of the beneficiary (see 'Information for Applicants to the Starting and Consolidator Grant 2014 Calls' for details).

⁶ These figures MUST match those presented in the online proposal submission form, section 3 – Budget.

Print on paper bearing the official letterhead of the host institution

Commitment of the host institution for ERC Calls 2014^{1, 2, 3}

The <<please fill in here the name of the legal entity that is associated to the proposal and may host the principal investigator and the project in case the application is successful>>, which is the applicant legal entity,

confirms its intention to sign a supplementary agreement with <<please fill in here the name of the principal investigator>>

in which the obligations listed below will be addressed should the proposal entitled <<acronym>> : <<title of the proposal>>

be retained.

Performance obligations of the applicant legal entity that will become the beneficiary of the grant agreement, should the proposal be retained and the preparation of the grant agreement be successfully concluded:

The *applicant legal entity* commits itself to engage the *principal investigator* for the duration of the grant to:

- a) ensure that the work will be performed under the scientific guidance of the *principal investigator* who is expected to devote:
 - *in the case of a Starting or Consolidator Grant at least 50% of her/his total working time to the ERC-funded project and spend at least 50% of her/his total working time in an EU Member State or associated country;*
 - *in the case of an Advanced Grant at least 30% of her/his total working time to the ERC-funded project and spend at least 50% of her/his total working time in an EU Member State or associated country.*
- b) carry out the work to be performed, as it will be identified in Annex 1 of the ERC Grant Agreement, taking into consideration the specific role of the *principal investigator*;
- c) establish a *supplementary agreement* with the *principal investigator* which specifies that the *applicant legal entity* shall:

¹ A scanned copy of the signed statement should be uploaded electronically via the Participant Portal Submission Service in PDF format.

² The statement of commitment of the host institution refers to most obligations of the host institution, which are stated in the ERC grant agreement. The ERC model grant agreement is available on the ERC website at <http://erc.europa.eu> and via http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/funding/reference_docs.html.

³ This statement (on letterhead paper) shall be signed by the institution's legal representative and stating his/her name, function, email address and stamp of the institution.

- i) support the *principal investigator* in the management of the *team* and provide reasonable administrative assistance to the *principal investigator*, in particular as regards:
 - a.the timeliness and clarity of financial information,
 - b. the general management and reporting of finances,
 - c.the advice on internal *applicant legal entity* management practices,
 - d. the organisation of *project* meetings as well as the general logistics of the *project*.
- ii) provide research support to the *principal investigator* and his/her *team members* throughout the duration of the *project* in accordance with Annex 1 ERC Grant Agreement, in particular as regards infrastructure, equipment, products, access rights and other services as necessary for the conduct of the research;
- iii) ensure that the *principal investigator* and his/her *team members* enjoy, on a royalty-free basis, access rights to the *background* and the *results* needed for their activities under the *project* as specified in Annex 1 ERC Grant Agreement;
- iv) ensure that the *principal investigator* enjoy adequate contractual conditions, in particular as regards:
 - a.the provisions for annual, sickness and parental leave,
 - b. occupational health and safety standards,
 - c.the general social security scheme, such as pension rights.
- v) guarantee the necessary scientific independence of the *principal investigator*, in particular as regards:
 - a.the selection and supervision of other *team members*, hosted and engaged by the *applicant legal entity* or other legal entities, in line with profiles needed to conduct the research, including the appropriate advertisement, and in accordance with the beneficiary's usual management practices;
 - b. the use of the budget to achieve the scientific objectives;
 - c. the preparation of scientific reports to the *ERC Executive Agency*;
 - d. the authority to publish as senior author and invite as co-authors only those who have contributed substantially to the reported work.

- vi) inform the *principal investigator* of any circumstances affecting the implementation of the *project* or leading potentially to a suspension or termination of the ERC Grant Agreement;
- vii) subject to the observance of applicable national law and to the agreement of the *ERC Executive Agency*, the transfer of the grant agreement as well as any pre-financing of the grant not covered by an accepted cost claim to a new legal entity, should the *principal investigator* request to transfer the entire *project or part of it* to this new legal entity. The *applicant legal entity* shall submit a substantiated request for amendment or notify the *ERC Executive Agency* in case of its objection to the transfer.

For the host institution (applicant legal entity):

Name and Function

_____ ; _____

Email and Signature of legal representative

_____ ; _____

Stamp of the host institution (applicant legal entity)

IMPORTANT NOTE: All the above mentioned five items are mandatory and shall be included in the commitment of the host institution.