

# HOW TO ENSURE THE FAVOUR OF THE GODS OF GRANTS



**AIN'T GOING TO BE A PEP TALK**





## TO APPLY OR NOT TO APPLY?

- **Never hesitate**
- **Do no self-doubt**
- **Apply early in the program time frame**



## A SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE PROFILE ?

- 1999 MA
- 2010 PhD
- 2012-13 FNP scholarship, University of Chicago
- 2014 First grant
- 2015 First job in academia
- A book & several articles in marginal journals

# WHAT REALLY MATTERS?



**SCIENTIFIC EXCELLENCE**

**Creativity**

**Ground-breaking nature**

**Balance between ambition and feasibility**

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**IS THIS A PROPER PI?**

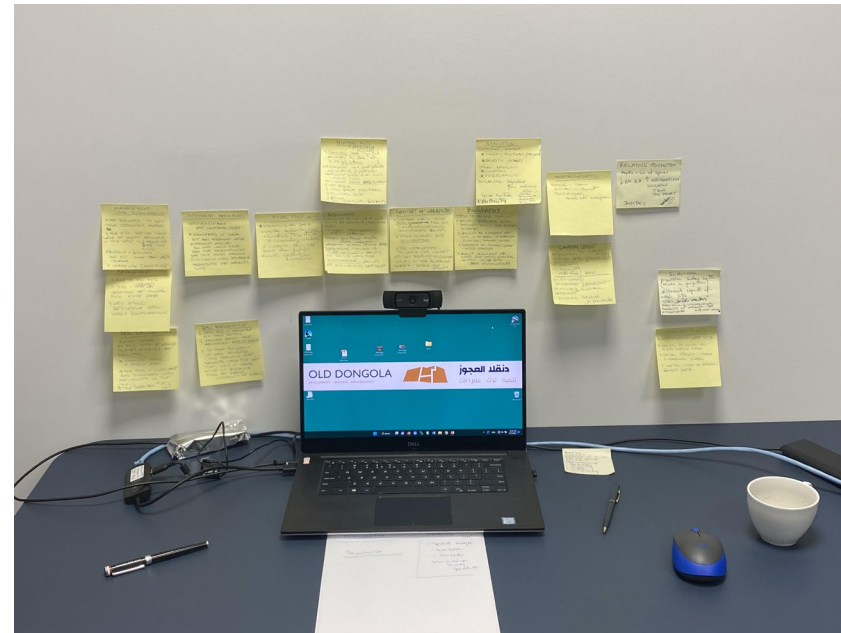
**Required scientific expertise**

**Publication track**

**Management experience**

**(Big) grant implementation experience**

# OUT OF THE FRYING PAN INTO THE FIRE **THE INTERVIEW STAGE**

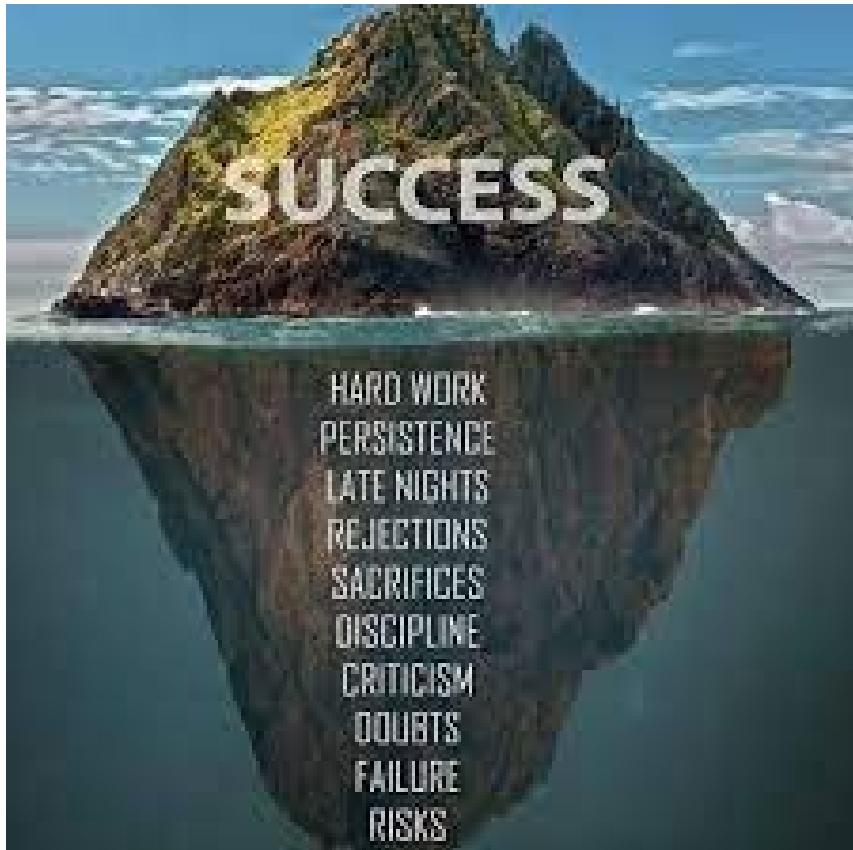


## WHEN YOU GET IT....



- People love or hate you
- Working with the ERCEA administration is smooth and flawless
- What is the next program?
- Secure rector's support

# CLUTCH THINGS



1. The idea
2. Networking
3. Ability to prove you can deliver/have delivered





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4. Stay vigilant on the changes at national and ERC level
5. Check the history of composition of your panel
6. Make grant application a team work: writing and assessing
7. Be aware on what is trending in your discipline
8. Be aware on what is trending in public debate and EU policies
9. Language & buzzwords

Sometimes it is better to be lucky than good