

# The European Research Council

## How to prepare the project budget

**ERC Grants: what to expect in 2026 calls**

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# Budget & Resources section

## 3 - Budget

Beneficiary Short Name	PI	Senior Staff	Postdocs	Students	Other Personnel costs	A. Total personnel costs/€	B. Subcontracting Costs/€ (No indirect costs)	C.1 Travel and subsistence	C.2 Equipment - including major equipment	Consumables incl. fieldwork and animal costs	Publications (incl. Open Access fees) and dissemination	Other additional direct costs	C.3 Total other goods, works and services	Total Purchase costs/€	D. Internally invoiced goods and services/€ (No indirect costs)	E. Indirect Cost/€	Total eligible Costs	Requested EU contribution /€
	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00

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# Budget & resources section

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## Form of grants:

- Actual costs grants: StG; CoG; SyG
- Lump sum grants: AdG; PoC

## Estimated budget & Max EU contribution:

- Budget calculated on the best estimation of actual eligible costs **for all form of grants**
- Max EU contribution: defines the max amount available for the grant.

## Encode:

- Direct costs – overheads automatically calculated
- Requested EU contribution in full amounts

**Describe** resources. Resources and costs must be plausible and in line with the work proposed and respecting the HI rules and HE ones.

# Personnel costs

## - Actual costs (StG, CoG) -

- **Principal Investigator**
- **Senior staff:** tenured professors at the HI
- **Postdocs:** Researchers with PhD
- **Students:** Undergraduate students and/or PhD candidates
- **Other:** Laboratory technicians and/or administrative personnel

PI	Senior Staff	Postdocs	Students	Other personnel costs	A Total personnel costs/€
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0

- Describe the size and nature of the team, indicating, where appropriate, the key team members and their roles
- Get monthly average gross costs per type of category from the HI's administration
- Make hypothesis by person/months and by years

# Personnel costs

## - Lump sums (AdG) -

Beneficiary Short Name	PI			Senior staff			Post docs			Students			Other staff			A. Total personnel costs/€
	Person Months	Cost/€	Average Monthly Cost	Person Months	Cost/€	Average Monthly Cost	Person Months	Cost/€	Average Monthly Cost	Person Months	Cost/€	Average Monthly Cost	Person Months	Cost/€	Average Monthly Cost	
Participant X																
Participant Y																
Affiliated entity X																
Affiliated entity Y																
Total																

- For AdG call, person-months and total amount must be encoded
- The system will calculate automatically the average monthly costs
- ERC historical data personnel costs available for consultation

# Purchase costs

C1 Travel and subsistence	C2 Equipment - including major equipment	Consumables incl. fieldwork and animal costs	Publications (incl. Open Access fees) and dissemination	Other additional direct costs	C3 Total other goods, works and services
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0

- **Travel and subsistence:** both for your team and for invited/guests researchers
- **Equipment vs Consumables:** depends on the beneficiary's accounting practice
- **Publications:** fees eligible only for publishing in full open access publishing venues
- **Other additional direct costs**
- **Equipment:** charged according to depreciation and percentage of usage
  - **Principle:** only depreciation costs of equipment must be budgeted
  - **Exception:** purchased specifically for the action (or developed as part of the action tasks) may, exceptionally, be included as full capitalised costs. These items must be clearly listed and justified in the proposal. E.g., prototype developed specifically during the project

**AdG call:** equipment depreciation table to be uploaded

# Internally invoiced goods and services

These are costs invoiced by one department/unit of the beneficiary to another

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Internally invoiced goods and services/ € (No indirect costs)	
	0
	0

- Examples
  - **Self-produced consumables** (e.g. electronic wafers, electronic circuits, chemicals)
  - **Use of devices or facilities** (e.g. clean room, supercomputer, microscope )
  - **Specialised premises** (e.g. animal house, aquarium)
  - **Standardised processes** (e.g. genomic tests, mass spectrometry analysis)
  - **Hosting services for researchers** (e.g. housing, canteen costs for visiting researchers)
- Must be **Unit costs**
- Do **not** generate indirect costs

# Additional funding

Grant	Standard Amount (max)	Additional funding (max)
Starting (StG)	€1.500.000	€1.000.000 + 1.000.000*
Consolidator (CoG)	€2.000.000	€1.000.000 + 1.000.000*
Advanced (AdG)	€2.500.000	€1.000.000 + 1.000.000*
Synergy (SyG)	€10.000.000	€4.000.000
Proof of Concept (PoC)	€150.000	-

## Additional funding:

- \* StG; CoG; AdG: **additional €1.000.000** for PIs relocating to EU/AC to take up the ERC grant
- covers further eligible costs not limited to: start-up costs, major equipment, access to large facilities, major experimental and fieldwork etc.
- Personnel costs: eligible
- Explain in the resources section the need for additional funding. Request it in your proposal – no extra funding will be possible once the grant is awarded

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# Thank you!

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