

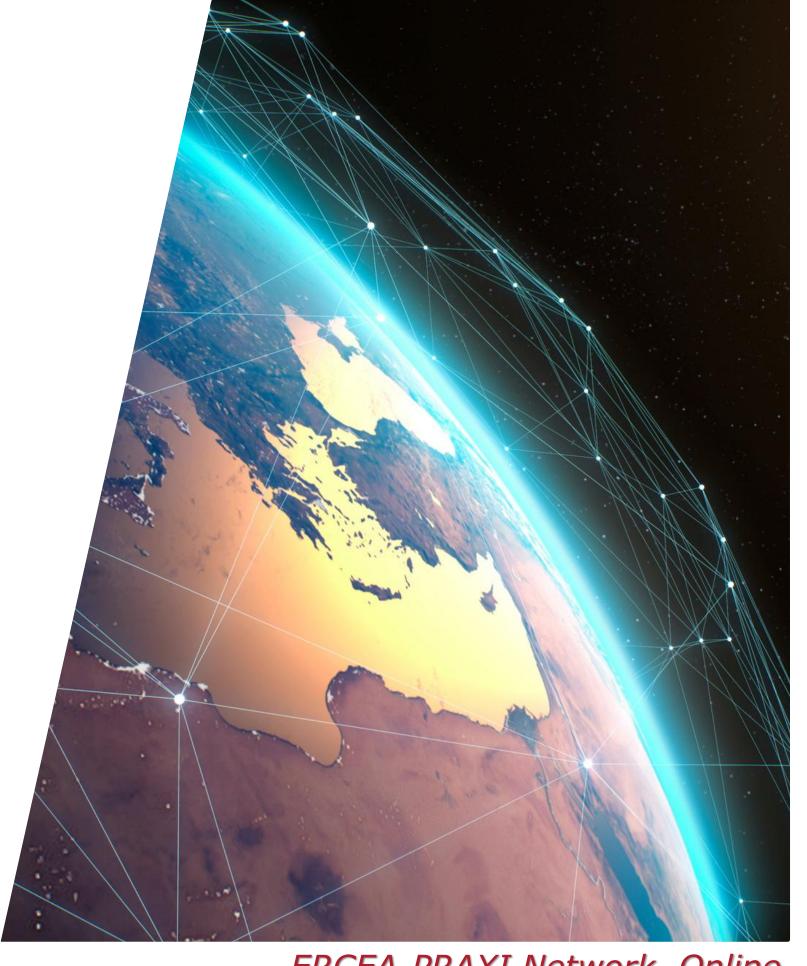
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ERC National Contact Point Support (NCP):

PRAXI Network Services and the contribution of NCPs to the Innovation Ecosystem

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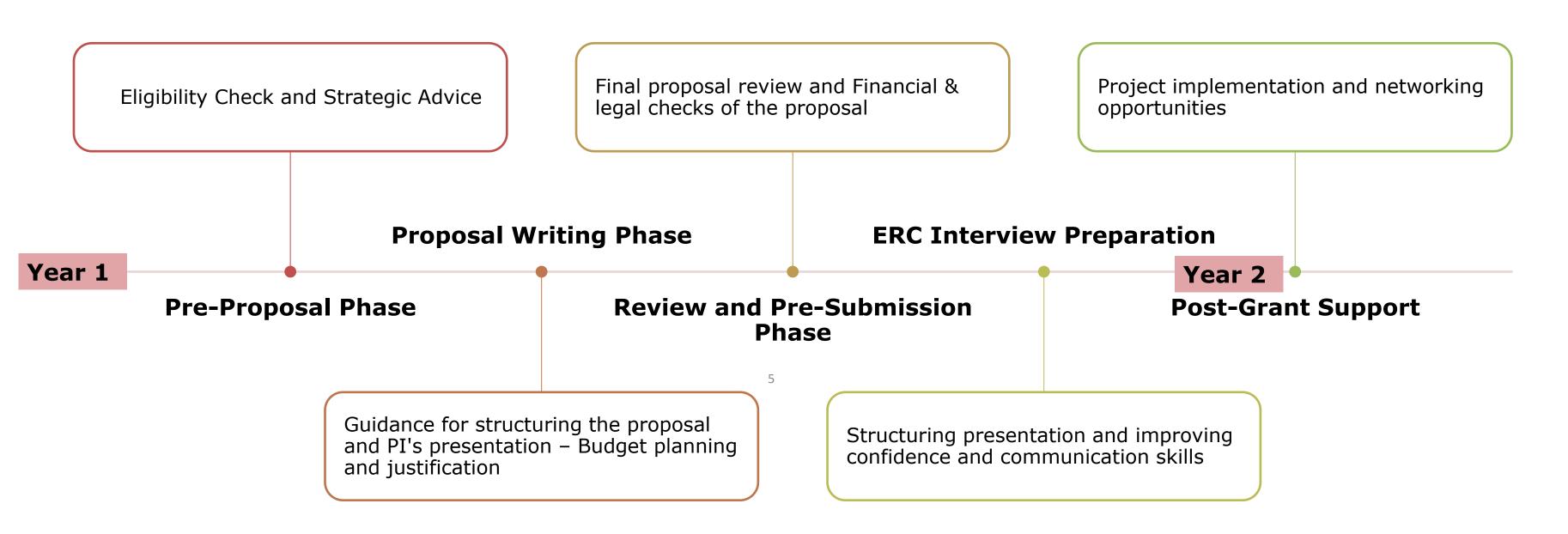
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What we do?



Which service would be most valuable for you?



First come-first serve: get in touch with us ~1 year before your application **Ask us:** about our 1-to-1 consultations!



Why NCPs matter: beyond asking administrative questions



Can you imagine an ecosystem without connectors – what would be missing?

Proposal pre-screening/review: 57 Interview preparation: 7 Total questions/guidance requests: 421 1-1 meetings: 68 **Greek ERC NCP Support December 2022- September 2025**

 $(\sim 2,5 \text{ years})$



What will the NCPs of tomorrow look like?



Evolving NCPs to meet tomorrows challenges

Workshops presenting follow-up opportunities for ERC grantees mERCury project

NCP's toolbox: guidelines for applicants

Activities for applicants

ERC NCPs

Domain-specific
Workshops for ERC
Individual Grant
Applicants (StG, CoG & AdG):

Network
Workshops for ERC

Synergy Grant (SyG)
Applicants



What is the impact beyond the numbers?



Success stories

- 1. Advanced Grant 2024, **Olga Karagiorgou** "Agents of Cohesion in the Governance of an Empire: the Anthropogeography of Byzantium, 7th to 12th centuries" (Byz-GOVAG)
- 2. Starting Grant 2024, Kostantina Kalfa "How the middle class housed itself in the Eastern Mediterranean" (MCH-EsMed)



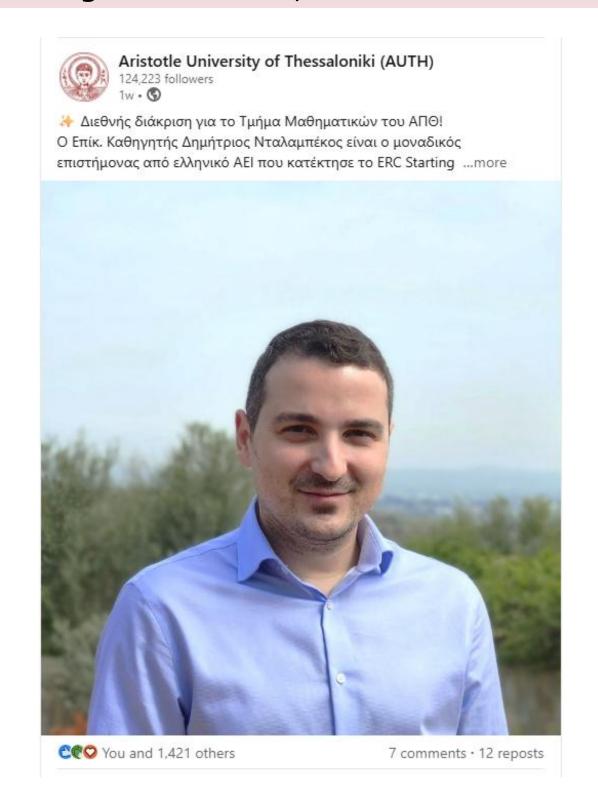


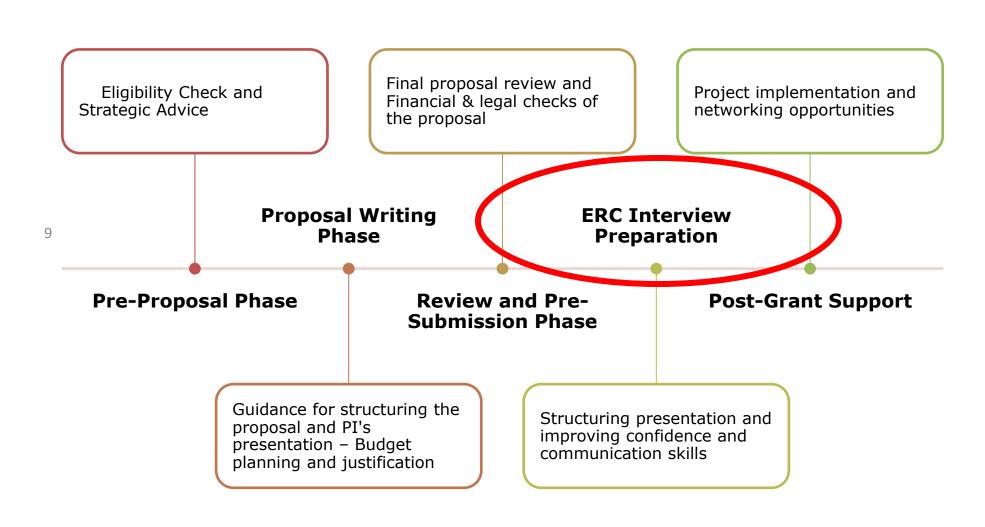
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Success stories

3. Starting Grant 2025, **Dimitris Ntalbekos** "Geometry and Rigidity in the Complex Plane and in Surfaces" (GRComPaS)







Thank you...

What is the one thing you will take away from today?

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How are the NCPs of tomorrow?



Evolving NCPs to meet tomorrows challenges

facilitate the transnational co-operation & capacity building among ERC NCPs

mERCury project

ERC NCPs Network strengthen national & local support to potential ERC applicants

identify & sharing good NCP practices

enhance the competence of ERC NCPs

reach a higher quality and quantity of applications



Why NCPs matter: beyond asking administrative questions



Can you imagine an ecosystem without connectors – what would be missing?

NCPs as connectors:

link research to policy, and innovation to funding

lower barriers to ERC participation

Make easier access to opportunities

NCPs as multipliers:

spreading EU research culture and best 12 practices

Help raise the overall quality of proposals

Build stronger research communities

Ecosystem growth

Not just technical advisors

Enablers of collaboration across academia, industry, and society

Facilitators of knowledge & innovation flow