

ERC and national support measures for researchers in Bulgaria (6 November 2025):

Follow-up Slido Q&A

How frequently are ERC individual grant calls launched during the year, and are they announced as specific calls with deadlines?

Each call type (Starting Grant, Consolidator Grant, Advanced Grant, Synergy Grant) is typically launched once per year. The details and deadlines can be found in the relevant ERC Work Programme, see for example [Work Programme 2026](#)

Commissioner Zaharieva favours the simplifications of procedures. The reporting is indeed very cumbersome. What simplification do you plan in ERC?

The ERC strives to keep the reporting requirements for our Principal Investigators minimal while ensuring compliance with EU laws and regulations. Suggestions for improvement are welcome.

If a PhD thesis is written in a language other than English, is it acceptable to submit only the extended abstract in English?

Only a copy of the PhD certificate is required for the submission. The certificate can be submitted in any of the official languages of the EU. If the language of the PhD certificate is not one of the official EU languages, a copy of an official translation must be submitted along with a copy of the PhD certificate.

If an application is rejected, would we be eligible to resubmit immediately? Are there any specific criteria regarding resubmission?

The resubmission restrictions depend on the score of the evaluation. The resubmission restrictions for the 2026-calls can be found on page 23 of the [Work Programme 2026](#). There are no further specific instructions regarding resubmissions. Reusing parts of a previously submitted proposal is not prohibited, but applicants must demonstrate originality and scientific ambition.

Regarding the overlap between Starting and Consolidator Grant: it seems you can get only one, but can you apply for both (since it takes some time for evaluations, signing the agreement, etc)?

Each Principal Investigator may submit only one application per ERC project for the Work Programme 2026. If multiple applications are submitted, only the first eligible proposal will be evaluated. If resubmission restrictions allow, applicants can submit proposals to calls of subsequent Work Programmes, e.g. Starting Grant 2026 and Consolidator Grant 2027. Upon invitation to granting, the applicant should inform the Agency of the proposal under evaluation and must decide on whether to withdraw from granting of the previous proposal or whether to withdraw from the evaluation of the new proposal.

How is intellectual property organised within ERC projects?

Intellectual property rights are regulated in article 16 (and the according specific rules) of the Model Grant Agreement. The ERC does not obtain ownership of the results produced in a project.

The public procurement procedures for buying equipment are very cumbersome. Can they be simplified for scientific equipment?

The ERC has no influence on procurement procedures. ERC grantees must abide by the national public procurement laws and the rules and procedures of their Host Institution(s).