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Statistics

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NB: In these graphs, 'grantee' refers to a candidate selected for ERC funding. 'Country of Host Institution' refers to the country of the host institution at the time of application to this ERC call. In a very few cases the institution may have changed in the meantime.



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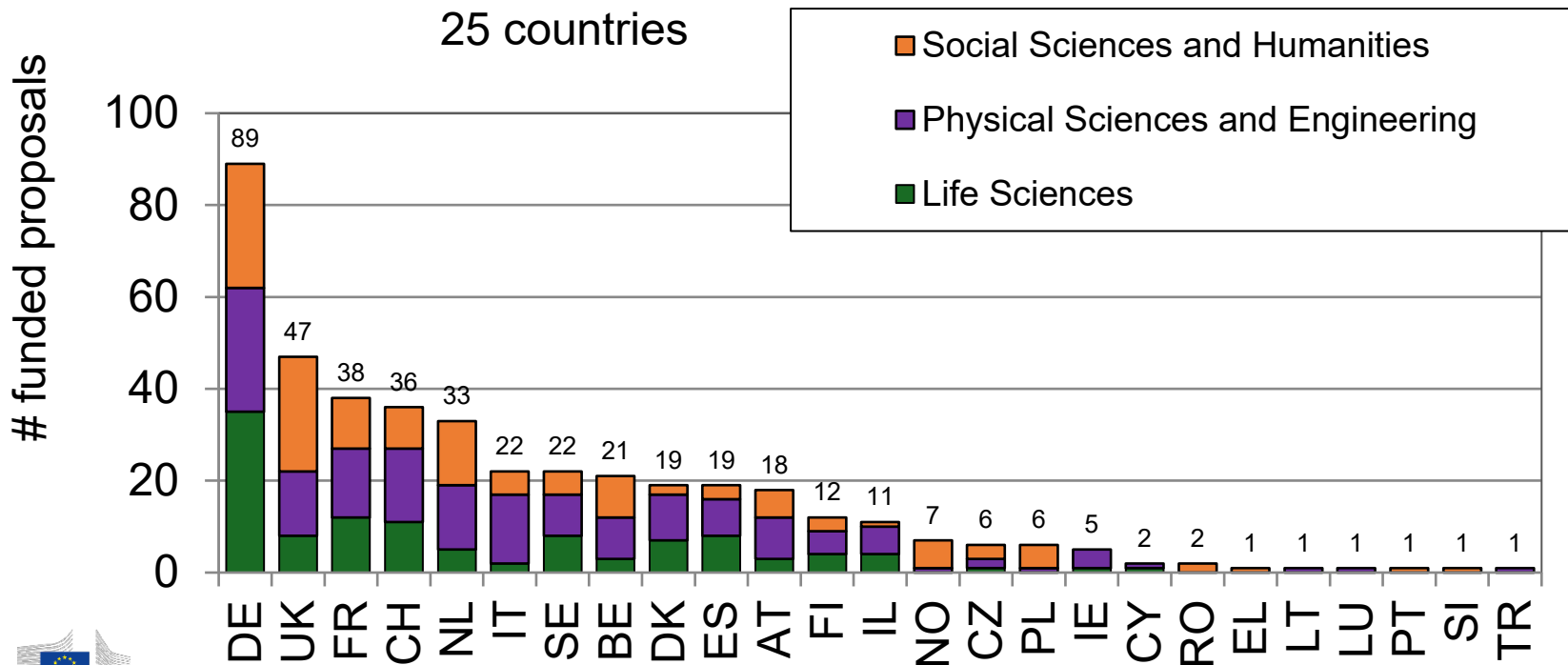
Submitted and selected Proposals by Domain

	Submitted Proposals	Selected Proposals
Life Sciences	1261	113
Physical Sciences and Engineering	1971	169
Social Sciences and Humanities	1575	139
Total	4807	421
Success rate ~ 8.8 %		

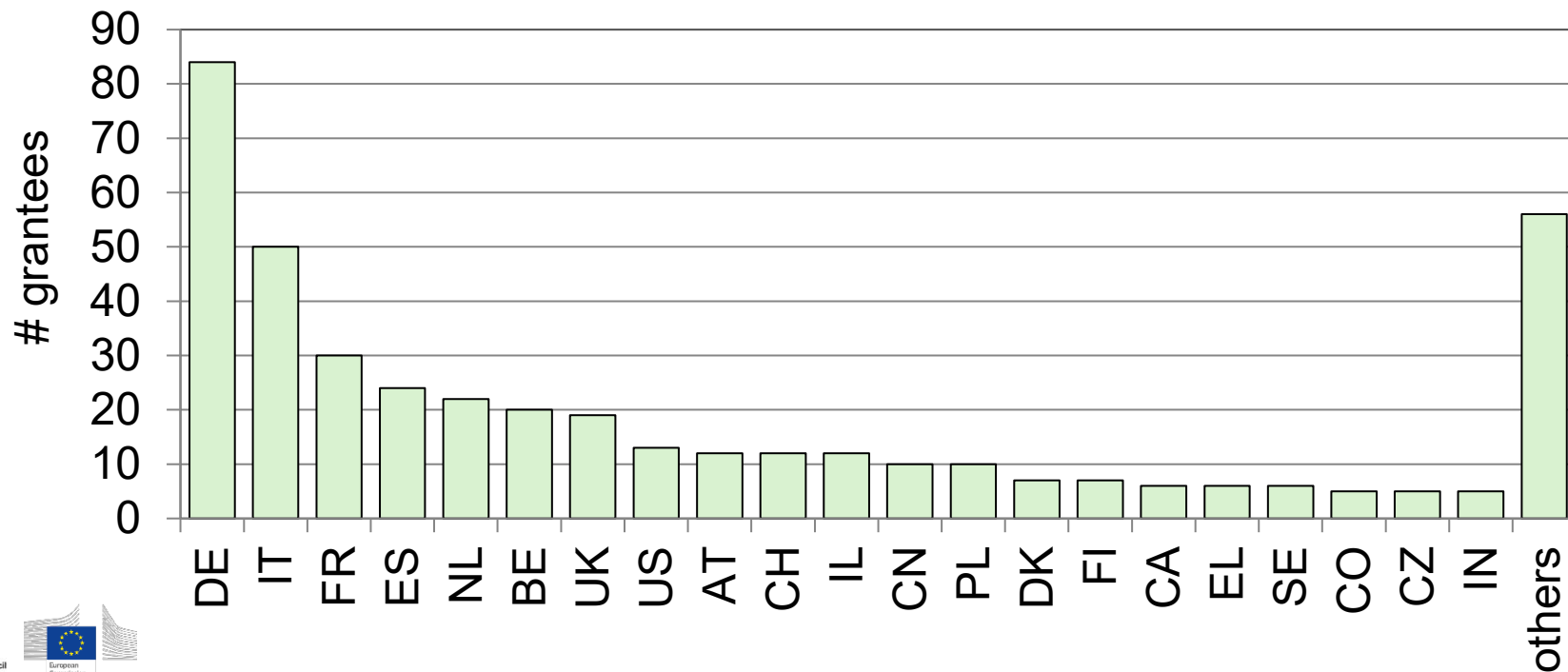
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Grantees by Country of Host Institution and Domain

Total 421 grants



52 nationalities

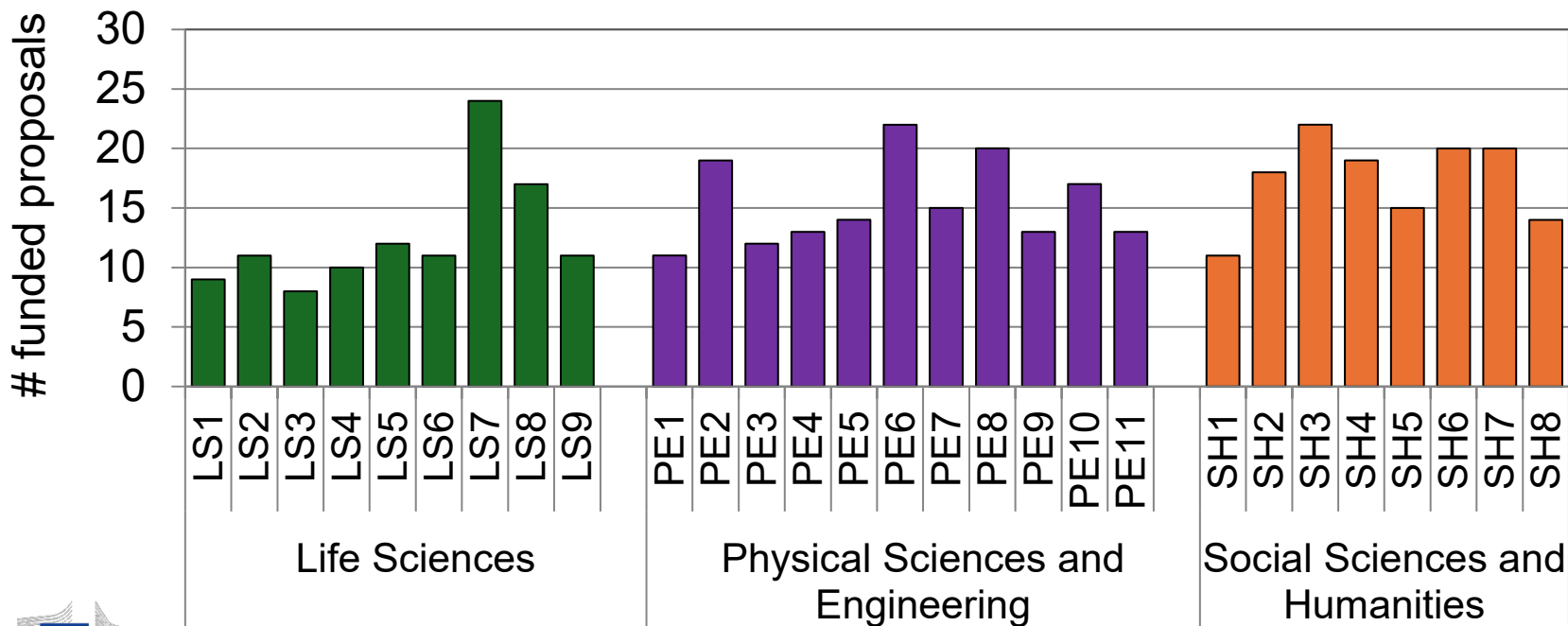


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Grantees by Panel

Total 421 grants

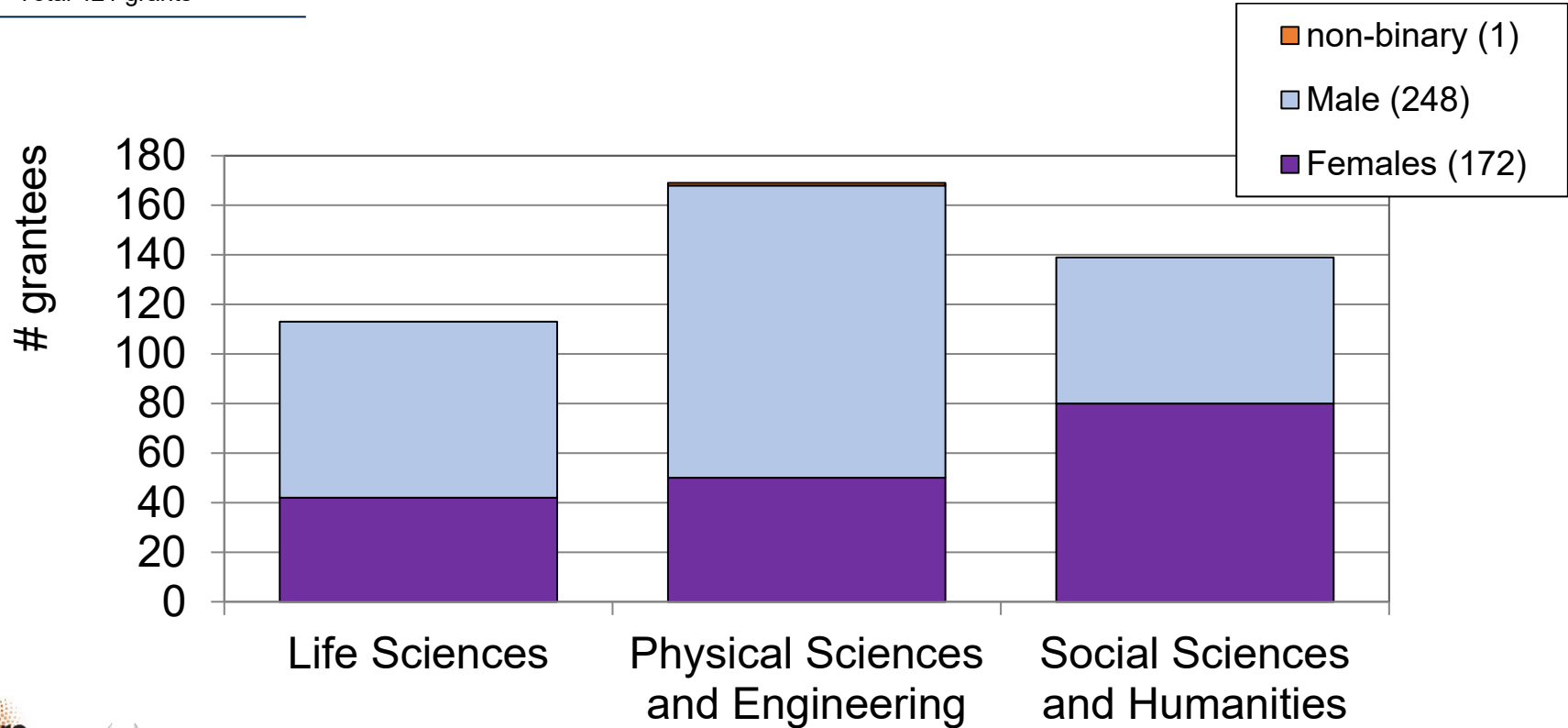
NB: The budget allocated to each Panel is in proportion to the requested budget of the proposals allocated to the Panel in order to **ensure similar success rate across all Panels**. The difference in the number of funded PIs per Panel reflects the difference in submitted proposals to the Panel.



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Grantees by Domain and Gender

Total 421 grants



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Annex I

ERC panel structure 2026

Life Sciences

- LS1 Molecules of Life: Biological Mechanisms, Structures and Functions
- LS2 Integrative Biology: From Genes and Genomes to Systems
- LS3 Cell Biology, Development, Stem Cells and Regeneration
- LS4 Physiology in Health, Disease and Ageing
- LS5 Neuroscience and Disorders of the Nervous System
- LS6 Immunity, Infection and Immunotherapy
- LS7 Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment of Human Diseases
- LS8 Environmental Biology, Ecology and Evolution
- LS9 Biotechnology and Biosystems Engineering

Social Sciences and Humanities

- SH1 Individuals, Markets and Organisations
- SH2 Institutions, Governance and Legal Systems
- SH3 The Social World and its Interactions
- SH4 The Human Mind and its Complexity
- SH5 Text and Concepts
- SH6 The Study of the Human Past
- SH7 Human Mobility, Environment, and Space
- SH8 Studies of Cultures and Arts

Physical Sciences and Engineering

- PE1 Mathematics
- PE2 Fundamental Constituents of Matter
- PE3 Condensed Matter Physics
- PE4 Physical and Analytical Chemical Sciences
- PE5 Synthetic Chemistry and Materials
- PE6 Computer Science and Informatics
- PE7 Systems and Communication Engineering
- PE8 Products and Processes Engineering
- PE9 Universe Sciences
- PE10 Earth System Science
- PE11 Materials Engineering

Annex II

Country codes

EU Member States

AT	Austria
BE	Belgium
BG	Bulgaria
CY	Cyprus
CZ	Czech Republic
DE	Germany
DK	Denmark
EE	Estonia
EL	Greece
ES	Spain
FI	Finland
FR	France
HR	Croatia
HU	Hungary
IE	Ireland
IT	Italy
LT	Lithuania
LU	Luxembourg
LV	Latvia
MT	Malta
NL	Netherlands
PL	Poland
PT	Portugal
RO	Romania
SE	Sweden
SI	Slovenia
SK	Slovakia

Other Countries and territories by Host or Nationality

AU	Australia
BD	Bangladesh
BR	Brazil
BY	Belarus
CA	Canada
CH	Switzerland
CN	China
CO	Colombia
DZ	Algeria
EG	Egypt
ID	Indonesia
IL	Israel
IN	India
IR	Iran
IS	Iceland
JP	Japan
KR	Republic of Korea
LK	Sri Lanka
MX	Mexico
NO	Norway
NG	Nigeria
RS	Serbia
RU	Russia
SG	Singapore
TR	Turkey
TW	Taiwan
UA	Ukraine
UK	United Kingdom
US	United States
ZA	South Africa