

The European Research Council

Starting Grant 2026

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ERC in figures



Over **15,000**
top researchers funded since
the ERC creation in 2007



Over **100,000**
researchers and other professionals
employed in ERC research teams



Over **2,400**
patents and other IPR applications
generated by ERC funding



Over **400**
start-ups identified as founded
or co-founded by ERC grantees



Over **220,000**
articles from ERC projects published
in scientific journals



Over **1,000** research institutions
hosting ERC grantees – universities, public
or private research centres in the EU or
Associated Countries



97
nationalities of
grant holders



14 Nobel Prizes, **6** Fields Medals, **11** Wolf Prizes
and other prizes awarded to ERC grantees

ERC grant schemes



Starting Grants

starters (2-7 years after PhD) up to € 1.5 Million
for 5 years



Consolidator Grants

Consolidators (7-12 years after PhD) up to € 2 Million
for 5 years



Advanced Grants

track-record of significant research achievements
up to € 2.5 Million
for 5 years



Synergy Grants

2 – 4 Principal Investigators up to € 10.0 Million for 6
years
1 PI can be based outside EU/Associated
Countries



Proof-of-Concept

bridging gap between research - earliest stage of marketable innovation
lump sum €150,000 for ERC grant holders

WP 2026

	Starting Grant Call	Consolidator Grant Call	Advanced Grant Call	Synergy Grant Call
Identifier	ERC-2026-StG	ERC-2026-CoG	ERC-2026-AdG	ERC-2026-SyG
Opening Date	9 July 2025	25 September 2025	28 May 2026	10 July 2025
Deadline	14 October 2025	13 January 2026	27 August 2026	5 November 2025
Budget (EUR, m)	705	673	747	500
Estimated Number of Grants	450	328	294	49

Why to apply for ERC grant?

ERC offers independence, recognition & visibility to:

- work on a research topic of own choice - no predetermined subjects (*“bottom-up”*)
- gain financial autonomy for five years
- negotiate the best conditions of work with the host institution
- attract excellent team members and collaborators from anywhere in the world
- move with the grant to any place in Europe if desired (*“portability of grants”*)
- win additional funding
- **Scientific excellence as the sole criterion!!!**

Excellence

is the sole evaluation criterion

Excellence of the Research Project

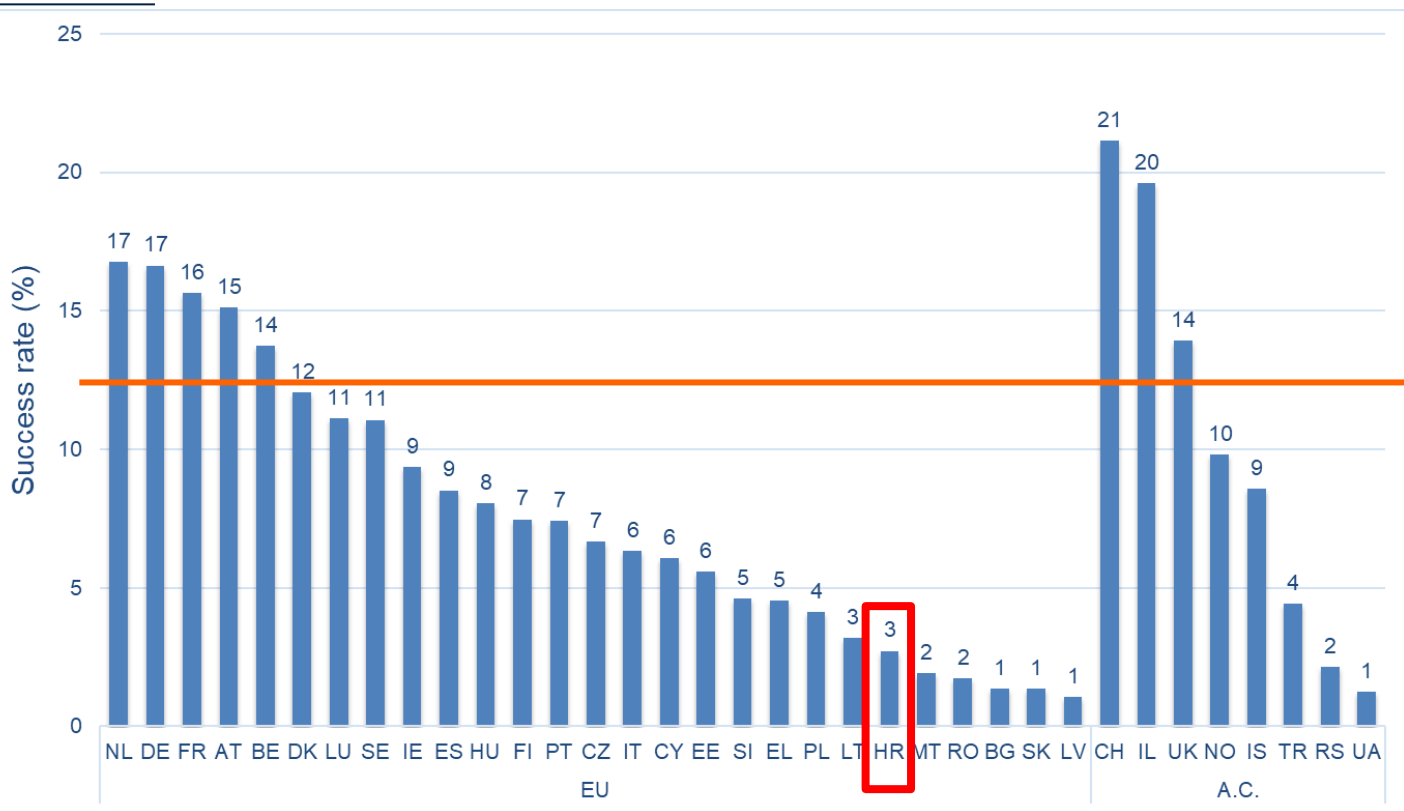
- Ground-breaking nature
- Ambition
- Feasibility of the research project

Excellence of the Principal Investigator

- Intellectual capacity
- Creativity
- Commitment

- The success rate is **not linked** to academic age
- Publication record is **not decisive** in selection decisions
- The Host Institution is **not an evaluation criterion**

Success rate by country of Host Institution



ERC i Hrvatska

Dashboard of ERC funded projects and evaluated proposals

Funded Projects

Evaluated Proposals

Grant Type

Country

Region

Domain

Panel

Year

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EU contribution

€22M

Funding received for the projects

Projects

10

Number of funded projects

Countries

1

Host institution countries

Host institutions

7

Number of host institutions

Nationalities

2

Number of principal investigator nationalities

List of funded projects

Programme	Q	Acronym	Q	Project Title	Q	Researcher(s)	Q	Host Institution(s)	Q	Call	Q	EU con...	Q	Domain
FP7		StAdvInn		Strengthening adaptive immunity via innate immunity: enhancing the CD8 T cell response by usi...		Stipan Jonjic		University of Rijeka - School of Medicine [999862130,HR]		ERC-2012-ADG		€1,754,897		Life Sciences (LS)
FP7		CoSMass		Constraining Stellar Mass and Supermassive Black Hole Growth through Cosmic Times: Paving th...		Vernesa Smolicic		University of Zagreb - Faculty of Science [999558617,HR]		ERC-2013-STG		€1,500,000		Physical sciences & engineering (PE)
Horizon 2020		ANEUPLOIDY		Molecular origins of aneuploidies in healthy and diseased human tissues		Geert Kops, Iva Tolic, Nenad Pavin		Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences [999518362,NL], Ruder ...		ERC-2019-SYG		€9,999,750		(unspecified)
Horizon 2020		NewSpindleForce		A new class of microtubules in the spindle exerting forces on kinetochores		Iva Marija Tolic		Ruder Boskovic Institute [999875031,HR]		ERC-2014-COG		€2,150,000		Life Sciences (LS)
Horizon 2020		GLIOVACC		Augmenting and broadening T-cell responses to glioblastoma - therapeutic vaccine platform bas...		Stipan Jonjic		University of Rijeka - School of Medicine [999862130,HR]		ERC-2018-POC		€149,968		Life Sciences (LS)
Horizon 2020		SHExtreme		Estimating contribution of sub-hourly sea level oscillations to overall sea level extremes in changi...		Jadranka Sepic		University of Split - Faculty of Natural Sciences [988690058,HR]		ERC-2019-STG		€806,250		Physical sciences & engineering (PE)
Horizon 2020		REVENANT		Revivals of Empire - Nostalgia, Amnesia, Tribulation		Jeremy Francis Walton		University of Rijeka - Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences [9985420...		ERC-2020-COG		€1,936,185		Social sciences & humanities (SH)
Horizon Europe		IGNITE		Islands as natural laboratories of global warming: discovering insects' ability to survive thermal e...		Jelena Bujan		Ruder Boskovic Institute [999875031,HR]		ERC-2024-STG		€1,500,000		Life Sciences (LS)
Horizon Europe		Housing_Yu		Right to Housing: The Production of Spaces of Everyday Life in Yugoslavia (1945-1991)		Tamara Bjažić Klarin		Unknown Name [939602626,HR]		ERC-2024-COG		€2,370,438		Social sciences & humanities (SH)

StG i Hrvatska

	Prijave		Dobiveni		
	Ukupno	Ukupno HR	Ukupno	Stopa uspješnosti	Ukupno HR
Starting Grant	60.514	132	6.871	11,35%	3
StG-2025	3.889	12	<i>TBC</i>		<i>TBC</i>
StG-2024	3.454	10	487	14,1%	1
StG-2023	2.667	8	400	15%	0
StG-2022	2.906	12	411	14,14%	0
StG-2021	4.027	9	470	11,67%	0

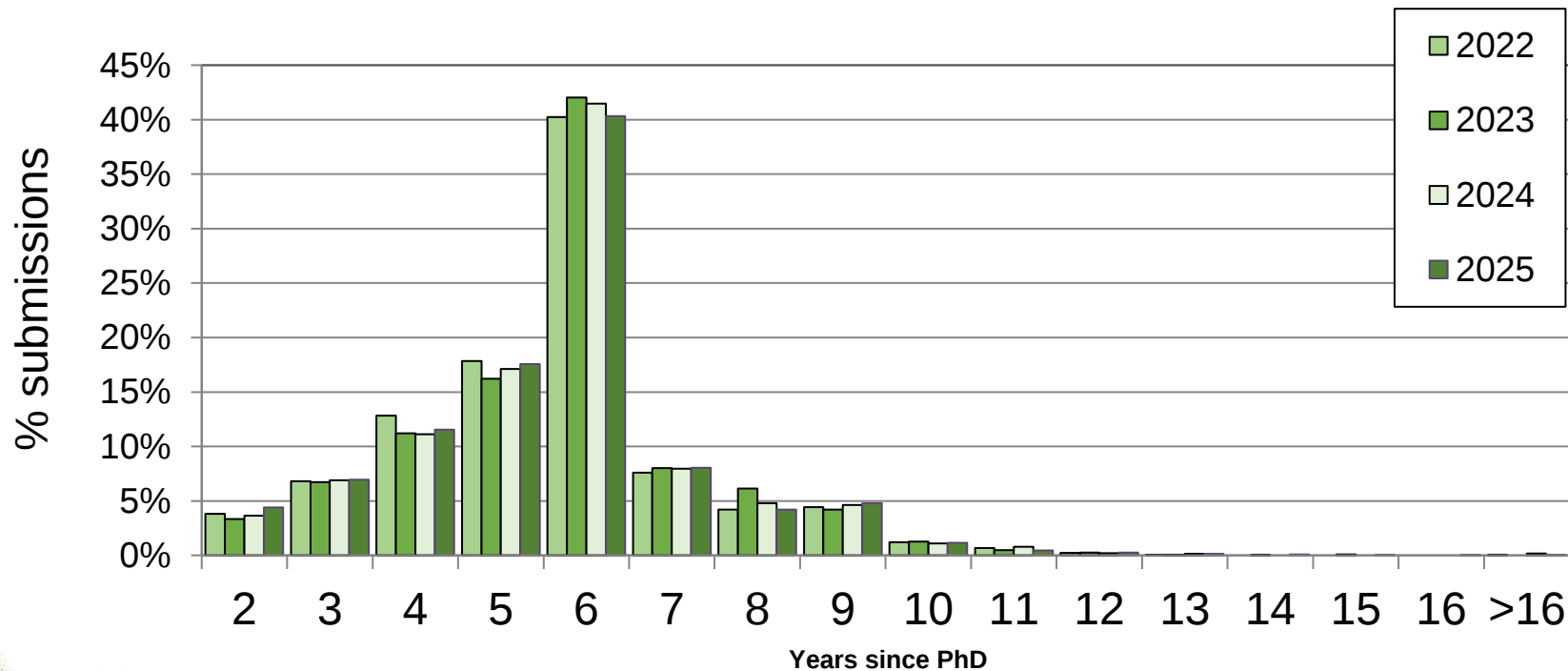
StG-2026 – Principal Investigator

The Starting Grant supports excellent Principal Investigators starting or having recently started their own independent research team or programme. A Starting Grant Principal Investigator should have already shown evidence of the potential for research independence, for example, by having produced at least one important publication as its main author or a publication without the participation of their PhD supervisor.

PhD: > 2 i ≤ 7 godina* od 1.1.2026. (tj. 1.1.2019 - 31.12.2023.)

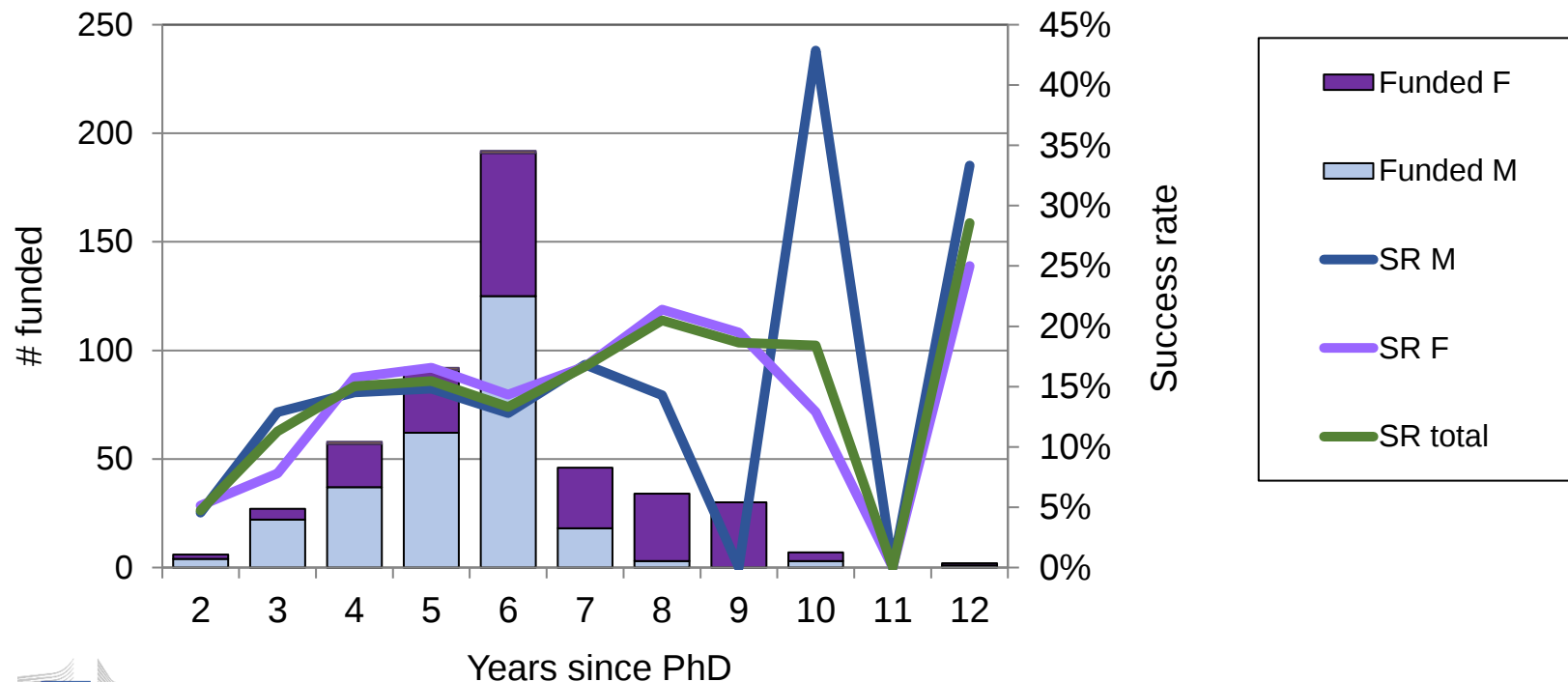
* Moguće produljenje 7+: majčinski dopust (18 mjeseci za svako dijete), očinski dopust (broj dana naveden u službenoj dokumentaciji), dugotrajno bolovanje (točan broj dana), invaliditet, specijalizacija, elementarne nepogode, rodno uvjetovano nasilje

STG 2022-2025: Submissions by years since PhD



STG 2024 - Results of step 2

Funded proposals by gender and years since PhD



Stg-2026 – Projekt

- Maksimalni iznos: 1,5 milijuna EUR
- Moguće dodatno financiranje:
 - + 1 milijun EUR (start-up costs, nabava velike opreme, pristup velikoj opremi, troškovi dugotrajnog terenskog istraživanja itd.)
 - + 1 milijun EUR u slučaju preseljenja izvan EU
- Maksimalno trajanje: 60 mjeseci
- % radnog vremena PI: 50%

Podnošenje prijave

EU Funding & Tenders Portal: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>

The screenshot shows the EU Funding & Tenders Portal interface. At the top, there's a header with the European Commission logo and the text 'EU Funding & Tenders Portal'. Below this is a navigation bar with links: Home, Funding, Procurement, Projects & results, News & events, Work as an expert, and Guidance & documents. A search bar is also present. The main content area is titled 'ERC-2026-STG' and features a 'Topic: Call for proposal' button. On the left, there's an 'Internal navigation' sidebar with links: General information, Topic description, Topic updates, Conditions and documents, Budget overview, Start submission, Topic Q&As, and Get support. The main content area displays 'General information' for the 'ERC-2026-STG' call. It includes the following details:

Programme HORIZON		
Call Call for Proposals for ERC Starting Grant (ERC-2026-STG)		
Type of action HORIZON-ERC HORIZON ERC Grants	Type of MGA HORIZON Action Grant Budget-Based (HORIZON-AG)	Open For Submission
Deadline model single-stage	Opening date 09 July 2025	Deadline date 14 October 2025 17:00:00 Brussels time

Below this, there's a section for 'Topic description'.

Obveze Organizacije:

- PIC broj i LEAR
- Gender Equality Plan (u trenutku ugovaranja)

Prijavna dokumentacija

- **Dio A (Application form):** Opće informacije, Podaci o organizaciji, Podaci o voditelju, Budžet, Etička i druga pitanja
- **Dio B (Technical description)** podijeljen u dva dijela (**novost WP 2026**):
 - B1 – opis state-of-the-art u disciplini, ideja projekta (novelty i ground-breaking) i ciljevi (max. 5 stranica) → evaluira se u Step 1
 - B2 – metodologija, provedba projekta, radni plan, rizici (max. 7 stranica) - evaluira se u Step 2
 - **!!! B1 nije sažetak B2, nastrojte ne ponavljati dijelove iz B1 u B2**
- **CV i Track Record voditelja** (max. 4 stranice)
- **Pismo podrške organizacije-domaćina**
- Dodatna dokumentacija

RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENTS AND PEER RECOGNITION

Research achievements

[Provide a list of up to ten research outputs that demonstrate how you have advanced knowledge in your field with an emphasis on more recent achievements, such as publications, articles deposited in a publicly available preprint server, books, book chapters, conference proceedings, data sets, software, patents, licenses, standards, start-up businesses or any other research outputs you deem relevant in relation to your research field and your project.]

You may include a short, factual explanation of the significance of the selected outputs, your role in producing each of them, and how they demonstrate your capacity to successfully carry out your proposed project.]

Peer recognition

[Provide a list of selected examples of significant recognition by your peers if applicable, such as prizes, awards, fellowships, elected academy memberships, invited presentations to major conferences or any other examples of significant recognition you deem relevant in relation to your research field and project.]

You may include a short explanation of the significance of the listed examples.]

3 - Budget

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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

Postupak vrednovanja

Step 1: Panel - B1 + CV > ocjene A, B, C (2/3 prijava dobije B ili C!!!)*

Step 2 (A u Step 1): peer review → poziv na intervju (max. 44 projekta po panelu) → panel završno (ocjene A i B)

* Ograničenja za buduće prijave:

- C at Step 1 – zabrana prijave na sljedeća 2 natječaja
- B at Step 1 – zabrana prijave na sljedeći natječaj

Evaluation panel structure (2025)

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

Physical Sciences & 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

Social Sciences and Humanities

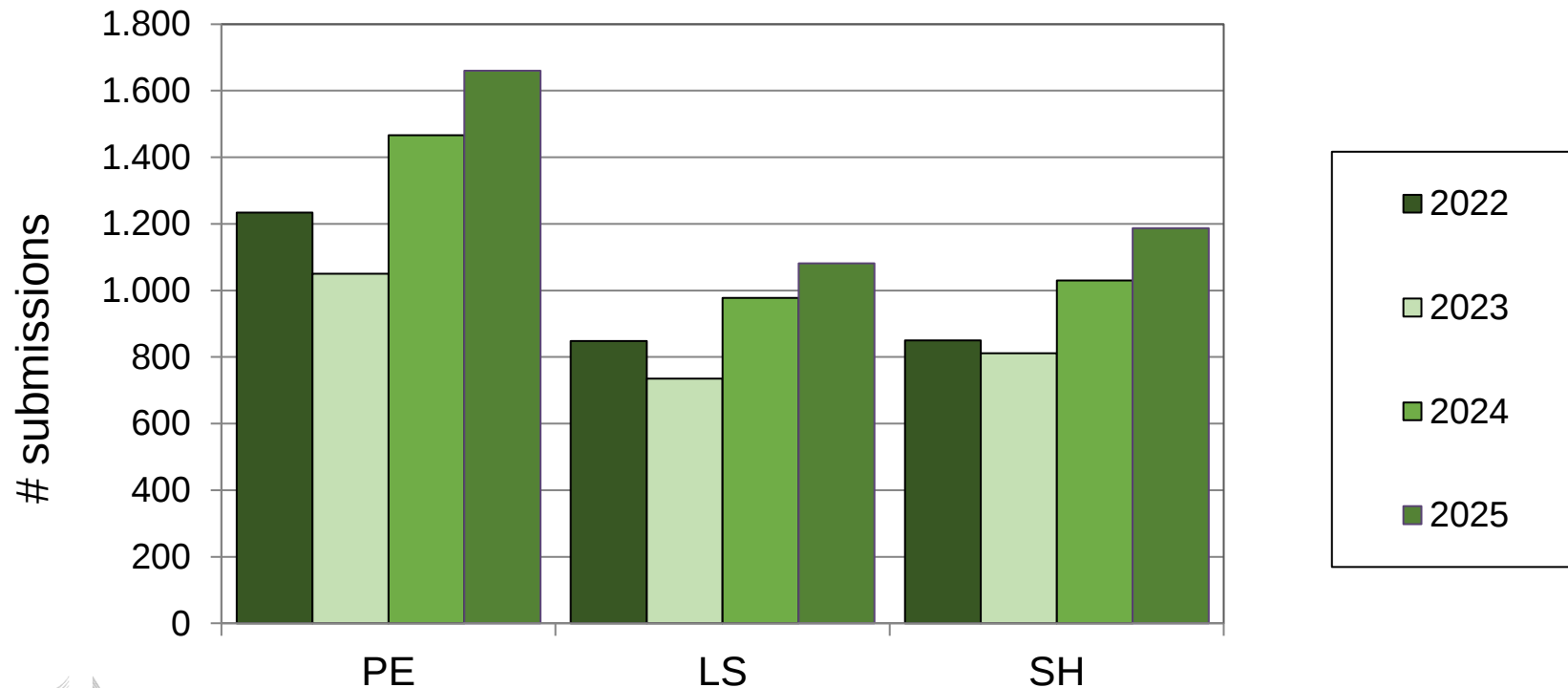
- SH1 Individuals, Markets and Organisations
- SH2 Institutions, Governance and Legal Systems
- SH3 The Social World and Its Interactions
- SH4 The Human Mind and Its Complexity
- SH5 Texts and Concepts
- SH6 The Study of the Human Past
- SH7 Human Mobility, Environment, and Space
- SH8 Studies of Cultures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



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STG 2022-2025: Submissions by domain



Novosti u 2027.

- Promjena razdoblja prihvatljivosti za StG i CoG:
 - Za StG-2027: 0-10 godina od doktorata
 - Za CoG-2027: 5-15 godina od doktorata
- Super grant (ERC+): 7 milijuna EUR za 7 godina (TBC)

Mjere za jačanje nacionalnog sudjelovanja u programima Europske unije

- Mjera 1: Podrška prijavama na pozive:
Maksimalni iznos: do **2.500 EUR** za pojedinu aktivnost
 - Aktivnosti: sudjelovanje na radionicama, sastancima, seminarima u svrhu pripreme prijave na natječaj; savjetodavne usluge u svrhu izrade prijavne dokumentacije
- Mjera 2: Podrška prijavama koje su prešle evaluacijski prag, ali nisu ostvarile financiranje:
Maksimalni iznos: od **3.500 EUR** (partner)
do **6.000 EUR** (koordinator)

Get support

Please read carefully all provisions below before the preparation of your application.

Call documents:

[ERC Work Programme 2026](#) 

[Standard application form \(HE ERC STG\)](#) 

[Information for Applicants to the Starting and Consolidator Grant Calls](#) 

[Guide for Peer Reviewers - Starting and Consolidator Grant Calls](#) 

[ERC Rules of Submission and Evaluation under Horizon Europe](#) 

[HE MGA](#) 

Additional documents:

[EU Financial Regulation](#) 

[Rules for Legal Entity Validation, LEAR Appointment and Financial Capacity Assessment](#) 

[EU Grants AGA — Annotated Model Grant Agreement](#) 

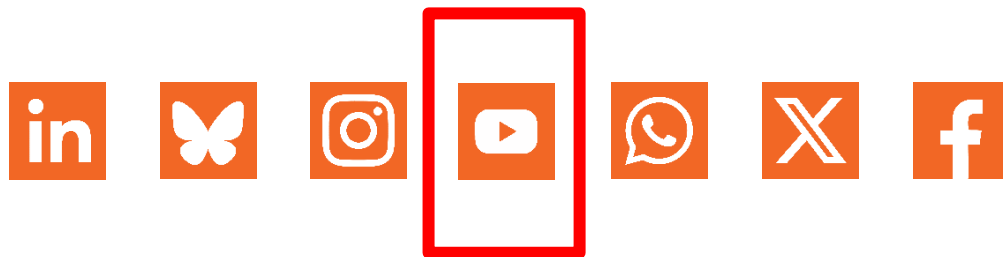
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Hvala!

Znanstveni "Oskar" za ruđerovku Jelenu Bujan: Istraživat ću kako mravi preživljavaju ekstremne temperature

5.9.2024.



Europsko istraživačko vijeće (ERC) danas je objavilo dobitnike prestižnih [Starting Grantova](#), jednog od najkonkurentnijih programa financiranja u Europi. Zahvaljujući potpori ERC-a od 1,5 milijuna eura, dr. sc. Jelena Bujan iz Zavoda za istraživanje mora i okoliša, Instituta Ruđer Bošković (IRB), sljedećih pet godina, istraživat će otpornost mrava na ekstremne temperature uzrokovane globalnim zagrijavanjem. Razumijevanje odgovora kukaca na toplinske valove i druge klimatske izazove ključno je za predviđanje mogućih posljedica klimatskih promjena na bioraznolikost i stabilnost ekosustava.

Ovaj program potpore ERC-a izuzetno je kompetitivan i dodjeljuje se znanstvenicima na temelju izvrsnosti i inovativnosti njihovog istraživanja. Cilj ERC-a je ovim programom promicati istraživanja na rubu dosadašnjih spoznaja u određenom području te potaknuti rad novih generacija vrhunskih znanstvenika.

Projekt IGNITE, punog naziva: "Otoci kao prirodni laboratoriji globalnog zagrijavanja: otkrivanje sposobnosti kukaca da prežive temperaturne ekstreme," kojeg vodi dr. sc. Jelena Bujan izabran je među 3.474 prijavljenih. S prolaznošću od samo 14,2%, ovaj uspjeh dodatno naglašava iznimnu konkurenciju i kvalitetu rada dr. Bujan.

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