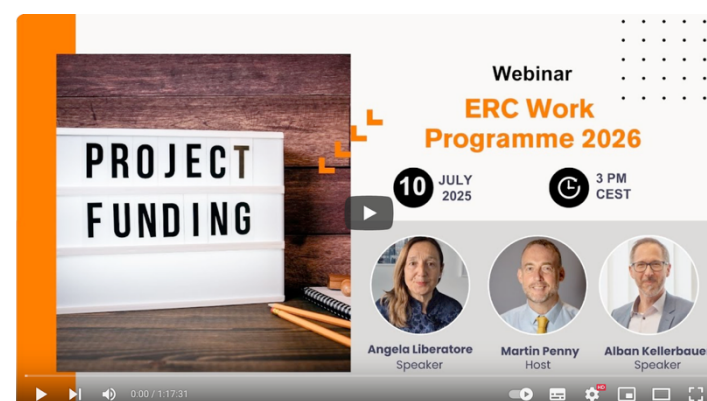




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1. Sources:

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- <https://www.researchprofessionalnews.com/rr-news-europe-horizon-2020-2025-7-erc-2026-work-programme-shifts-towards-advanced-grants/>
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2. New proposal structure

Part I	5 pages outlining groundbreaking idea + vision + strategy
Part II	7 pages for StG/CoG/AdG; 10 pages for SyG to describe methodology & implementation
CV / track record	4 pages

3. Evaluation

1st Stage: assesses only **ambition and vision** presented in Part I

2nd Stage: judges **methodology and feasibility** (budget, timeline, collaborations)

New category "**A - not invited**" >>> you can apply directly to the following year's call

4. Additional Funding & Relocation Support

Applicants from **outside Europe** can request up to **€2 millions** (instead of €1 million so far): €1 million special field work or research infrastructure + €1 million for relocation of lab equipment and personnel

5. Eligibility from 2027 onwards

- Starting grants: 0 -10 (so far 2-7) years after PhD
- Consolidator: 5 -15 (so far 7-12) years after PhD¹
- SyG applicants with evaluation vote "B" are not allowed to apply again
- not more than 1 starting and 1 consolidator grant can be awarded per person

6. New Funding Scheme: ERC+/ Super Grant

- by amendment to the ERC work programme announced for autumn 2025
- Aim: Attract high level scientists from all around the globe
- Call: to open in May 2026, Deadline in September (like AdG)
- €7 millions for up to 7 years
- Eligible for applicants from any academic advancement level and all fields of science

¹ Starting Grantees not requested to have own lab, may apply for first project/ team set up; Consolidator already with team and lab

7. FAQ from the Webinar on ERC Work Programme 2026: July 10, 2025

AI-supported grant writing / proposals

→ you can use whatever AI-support you want, but you are responsible for the final output and contents

Collaborations in single grants

- don't take your supervisor in the team >>> independence is questionable
- if genuine and useful (novel methodology or access to infrastructure) it's a plus >>> it needs to enhance the work, not complement it
- make a clear case, why you are the applicant, if you as PI are "*pars inter pares*" in your team
- international collaborations are only a PLUS, if they are truly enhancing the work
- collaborators can get funding, but this needs to be enhancing the proposal
- Field work in non-European countries possible, even third-party beneficiaries

Necessary track record

- no minimum h-index for applicants
- no project is not a deal-breaker for applicants, but previous projects are a plus
- show publications independent from supervisor
- outline your contribution to scientific community

References

- Should you cite preliminary results? If it helps to make the case/ to explain about the idea and strategy, then YES refer to it in Part I
- Don't repeat refs from Part I for II
- balanced referencing, not overloading with own publications
- Be clear about what's your idea or methodology to show independence

Common mistakes

- Not being clear what
 - is the new and groundbreaking aspect of your proposal
 - What is the research question and why does it need to be addressed
- Be as concrete as possible
- If the proposal is not directly related to previous work, explain what qualifications you have to implement it anyways
- Get panel members excited and want to read more
- Clean formatting / spelling and grammar check: simple structure, not too much underlining / highlighting

Apply if you have developed your groundbreaking idea, don't wait for seniority !

8. More Information and Guidance

- **11. September:** next ERC webinar to the new programme, to be **announced: <https://erc.europa.eu/news-events/events>**
- **ERC CLASSES** (YouTube Tutorials) will become extended, e.g., on the Synergy Grants, Ethics, Proposal Writing