

## Horizon Europe: ERC Consolidator Grant - call 2025

*How to develop an excellent ERC project and write a competitive proposal*

### 1. The Training

Next deadline for the upcoming Horizon Europa ERC CoG is expected mid-January 2025. This training is focused on the ERC 2025 call and incorporates the ERC revisions for PI profiles and weighing and will supply you with the necessary knowledge to better understand what kind of projects ERC is selecting for funding and how to write a convincing proposal.

The ERC selection criteria applied by the panels use terms which have become familiar jargon, such as important challenge, novel concept, scientific approach, and feasibility. Most of these terms are also used by other funding agencies but they are interpreted and applied differently. We will explain in detail not only what these terms mean and imply in the context of ERC, but also how the various ERC panel members use these terms to discuss, assess and select project proposals. We will also discuss finding the balance between ambitious objectives / new concepts and feasibility and the panel specifics concerning the quality of the CVs and track-record of ERC grantees.

### 2. Programme Outline

You are invited to watch our on-line animated tutorials “Introduction to ERC Grants” before the training. These tutorials address the main principles of ERC, including eligibility criteria, panels, and evaluation criteria.

The main topic of the morning programme is how to develop an excellent ERC project which addresses all the evaluation criteria related to the scientific project as well as the ERC objectives. We will focus on creating the right mindset for submitting a proposal, covering the ERC objectives and evaluation criteria, what the panels expect, how to strategically approach the design of the project, and how to generate the convincing scientific argumentation that will allow the reviewers to understand the feasibility of your ambitious project;

In the afternoon, we are going to focus on how to actually *write* a competitive proposal. We will start with the CV-part of the proposal, including the integrated 4-page CV keeping in mind the different scientific backgrounds of the candidates. Next, we will address the writing of the Extended Synopsis, using our concept of the “logic tree”. We will finish addressing the full Scientific proposal (B2) and the resources part (Form A3).

### 3. Who should attend

This workshop is primarily intended for researchers who have the ambition to submit and ERC Consolidator grant proposal in the near future.

### 4. Methodology



In-house 1-day workshop at the premises of the university.



4 animated video tutorials in mp4 format providing a brief introduction to ERC grants, to be watched before the workshop.



Access to the slides



Access to our “Yellow Research Guide on ERC proposals”

The complete training is offered in English with no translation. All the training material will be made available via our E-learning environment.

### 5. Trainer

Aya van den Kroonenberg, PhD. Aya joined Yellow Research in 2013. She has more than 20 years of experience with writing and reviewing European research grants with a particular focus on individual research projects.

Our knowledge and experience in pre-submission review of individual research grants is an important aspect of our success with this training. We have been running workshops on individual grants at numerous universities in Europe as well as assisted in the pre-submission review of grant numerous proposals.

### 6. Date and location

Dates	October 15 2024 (9:30 – 16:00)
Location	Wageningen University