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# **Workshop on ERC Opportunities: Starting, Consolidator and Advanced Grants**

## Fitxa Tècnica

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### Adreçat a:

The workshop will be of value for applicants (Starting, Consolidator and Advanced Grant) who want to submit a proposal under the first call of H2O2O as well as those in support.

### Codi:

CERCEG-A1-2014-1

### Títol al que dóna dret:

Certificat d'aprofitament

### Objectius:

INTRODUCTION

The first ERC calls were published 11th December 2013 with deadlines for ERC Starting Grants on 25th March 2014, for Consolidator Grants on 20th May 2014, and for Advanced Grants on 21st October 2014.

In this one-day course we dig into the details of writing an ERC grant. We discuss the Guide for Applicants and the evaluation criteria in great detail. Since the evaluation criteria are identical for all domains and panels, we take a closer look what these may imply per panel. We discuss the expectations of the panel for the scientific proposal and the track record of the Principal Investigator and how this influences the meaning of High-risk/High-gain in the project as well as for the expected track record of the Principal Investigator. We elaborate on the actions that participants have to undertake, to bring their CV in line with the expectations of the panel that has their potential interest.

### WRITING APPROACH

To address the selection criteria, the applicant should define an ambitious overall aim with a clear set of objectives and - if applicable research questions - and explain how and why the approach proposed is suited to address the objectives.

Depending on scientific scope of each panel the panels have different focuses. Most panels are selecting projects validating a novel hypothesis or generating fundamental insight and thereby contributing significantly to knowledge. Other panels are selecting projects leading to a new theory, device or methodology valuable for different applications. In this workshop we will examine how to address novelty, groundbreaking and impact in the project proposal, taking into account the panel specifics and the type of research. We will also discuss what high-gain/high risk and feasibility mean per panel. We will look at different approaches to address high risk and feasibility in the project, varying from identifying key steps of failure, alternative plans or avenues, and how to convince the reviewer of the feasibility. Subsequently we address, the methodological approach and in particular how to address novel, new or unconventional methodologies and structure your proposal.

### TRAINING OBJECTIVES

Provide reserchers with a good understanding of:

- evaluation criteria and how to analyse them;

- an excellent PI within the light of reviewers of hte different domains, taking into account the type of grant;

- how to write a high-risk/high-gain research proposal with distinctions between fundamental and more applied projects.

TEACHER

Mette Skraastad from Yellow Research (<http://www.yellowresearch.nl/>)

**Coordinació acadèmica:**

Ignasi Salvadó Estivill

**Durada:**

7 h

**Impartició:**

presencial

**Dates:**

del 14/O1/2014 al 14/O1/2014

**Horari:**

9:00 h. a 18:00 h\*. (\*Depending on the number of proposals to check)

**Ubicació:**

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**Preu:**

240

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**Més informació:**

Enrollment fee:

- Free for candidates from CEICS Institutions

(see <http://www.ceics.eu/participants> for more information).

- 240 Euros for candidates from other institutions.

## Programa

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**Mòdul:** Workshop on ERC Opportunities: Starting, Consolidator and Advanced Grants

**Durada:** 7 h.

**Contingut:**

9:00 h. ERC objectives and Nature of the panels.

Part I. Scientific Proposal and Synopsis.

High Gain: The Big Research Question versus Project Objectives and substantial progress beyond the State-of-the-Art. High-gain/high-risk balance. 1) novel, new, unconventional concept and/or methodology related to the feasibility of work packages as well as appropriate timelines and risk analysis. In details we will address 2) the envisioned impact on future research 3) planning of the project with intermediate goals and 4) matching the evaluation criterion on research with the project template.

11:30 h. Coffee Break

Part II. Continuation plus Principal Investigator profile

Group work: Assess what would be an excellent profile for ERC applicants considering the research field and the selection criteria using the ERC template for CVs.

14:00 h. Lunch and time for personal Advanced Grant questions

15:00h. Discussion hour for potential Starting and Consolidator Applicants

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