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# **Proposal template for ERC Starting Grant 2019**

**Administrative forms (Part A)**  
**Research proposal (Part B1 and Part B2)**  
**Letter of commitment of the host institution**

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## **Disclaimer**

This document is aimed at informing potential applicants for Horizon 2020 funding. It serves only as an example. The actual Web forms and templates, provided in the online proposal submission system under the Participant Portal, might differ from this example. Proposals must be prepared and submitted via the online proposal submission system under the Participant Portal.

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## 1 - General information

Topic	Type of Action
Call Identifier	Deadline Id
Acronym	<i>Acronym is mandatory</i>
Proposal title	<p><i>The title should be no longer than 200 characters (with spaces) and should be understandable to the non-specialist in your field.</i></p> <p><i>Note that for technical reasons, the following characters are not accepted in the Proposal Title and will be removed: &lt; &gt; " &amp;</i></p>
Duration in months	
Primary ERC Review Panel*	
Secondary ERC Review Panel	(if applicable)
ERC Keyword 1*	<p>As first keyword please choose one which is linked to the Primary Review Panel.</p> <p><i>Please select, if applicable, the ERC keyword(s) that best characterise the subject of your proposal in order of priority.</i></p>
ERC Keyword 2	<i>Not applicable</i>
ERC Keyword 3	<i>Not applicable</i>
ERC Keyword 4	<i>Not applicable</i>
Free keywords	<p><i>In addition, please enter free text keywords that you consider best characterise the scope of your proposal. The choice of keywords should take into account any multi-disciplinary aspects of the proposal.</i></p>

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## Abstract

Abstract content area

Remaining characters

2000

In order to best review your application, do you agree that the above non-confidential proposal title and abstract can be used, without disclosing your identity, when contacting potential reviewers?\*

☐ Yes

☐ No

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## Declarations

In case of a Synergy grant application 'Principal Investigator' means 'corresponding Principal Investigator on behalf of all Principal Investigators', and 'Host Institution' means 'corresponding Host Institution'.

1) The Principal Investigator declares to have the written consent of all participants on their participation and on the content of this proposal, as well as of any researcher mentioned in the proposal as participating in the project (either as other PI, team member or collaborator).*	<input type="checkbox"/>
2) The Principal Investigator declares that the information contained in this proposal is correct and complete.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3) The Principal Investigator declares that all parts of this proposal comply with ethical principles (including the highest standards of research integrity — as set out, for instance, in the <a href="#">European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity</a> — and including, in particular, avoiding fabrication, falsification, plagiarism or other research misconduct).	<input type="checkbox"/>
4) The Principal Investigator hereby declares that <i>(please select one of the three options below)</i> :	
- in case of multiple participants in the proposal, the Host Institution has carried out the self-check of the financial capacity of the organisation on <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/organisations/lfv.html">http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/organisations/lfv.html</a> or to be covered by a financial viability check in an EU project for the last closed financial year. Where the result was “weak” or “insufficient”, the Host Institution confirms being aware of the measures that may be imposed in accordance with the <a href="#">H2020 Grants Manual (Chapter on Financial capacity check)</a> .	<input type="radio"/>
- in case of multiple participants in the proposal, the Host Institution is exempt from the financial capacity check being a public body including international organisations, higher or secondary education establishment or a legal entity, whose viability is guaranteed by a Member State or associated country, as defined in the <a href="#">H2020 Grants Manual (Chapter on Financial capacity check)</a> .	<input type="radio"/>
- in case of a sole participant in the proposal, the applicant is exempt from the financial capacity check.	<input type="radio"/>
5) The Principal Investigator hereby declares that each applicant has confirmed to have the financial and operational capacity to carry out the proposed action. Where the proposal is to be retained for EU funding, each beneficiary applicant will be required to present a formal declaration in this respect.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Principal Investigator is only responsible for the correctness of the information relating to his/her own organisation. Each applicant remains responsible for the correctness of the information related to him and declared above. Where the proposal to be retained for EU funding, the Host Institution and each beneficiary applicant will be required to present a formal declaration in this respect.	

According to Article 131 of the Financial Regulation of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (Official Journal L 298 of 26.10.2012, p. 1) and Article 145 of its Rules of Application (Official Journal L 362, 31.12.2012, p.1) applicants found guilty of misrepresentation may be subject to administrative and financial penalties under certain conditions.

### Personal data protection

The assessment of your grant application will involve the collection and processing of personal data (such as your name, address and CV), which will be performed pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data. Unless indicated otherwise, your replies to the questions in this form and any personal data requested are required to assess your grant application in accordance with the specifications of the call for proposals and will be processed solely for that purpose. Details concerning the purposes and means of the processing of your personal data as well as information on how to exercise your rights are available in the [privacy statement](#). Applicants may lodge a complaint about the processing of their personal data with the European Data Protection Supervisor at any time.

Your personal data may be registered in the Early Detection and Exclusion system of the European Commission (EDES), the new system established by the Commission to reinforce the protection of the Union's financial interests and to ensure sound financial management, in accordance with the provisions of articles 105a and 108 of the revised EU Financial Regulation (FR) (Regulation (EU, EURATOM) 2015/1292 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 October 2015 amending Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 966/2012) and articles 143 - 144 of the corresponding Rules of Application (RAP) (COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2015/2462 of 30 October 2015 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012) for more information see the [Privacy statement for the EDES Database](#).

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## 2 - Participants & contacts

#	Participant Legal Name	Country	Action
1			

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Short name

## 2 - Administrative data of participating organisations

### Host Institution

PIC	Legal name
<i>Short name:</i>	
<i>Address of the organisation</i>	
Street	
Town	
Postcode	
Country	
Webpage	
<i>Legal Status of your organisation</i>	
<b>Research and Innovation legal statuses</b>	
Public body .....unknown	Legal person .....unknown
Non-profit .....unknown	
International organisation .....unknown	
International organisation of European interest .....unknown	
Secondary or Higher education establishment .....unknown	Industry (private for profit).....unknown
Research organisation .....unknown	
<b>Enterprise Data</b>	
SME self-declared status..... unknown	
SME self-assessment ..... unknown	
SME validation sme..... unknown	
Based on the above details of the Beneficiary Registry the organisation is not an SME (small- and medium-sized enterprise) for the call.	



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Short name

## Department(s) carrying out the proposed work

### Department 1

Department name

*Name of the department/institute carrying out the work.*

☐ not applicable

☐ Same as proposing organisation's address

Street

*Please enter street name and number.*

Town

*Please enter the name of the town.*

Postcode

*Area code.*

Country

*Please select a country*

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Short name

## Principal Investigator

The following information of the Principal Investigator is used to personalise the communications to applicants and the evaluation reports. Please make sure that your personal information is accurate and please inform the ERC in case your e-mail address changes by using the call specific e-mail address:

**The name and e-mail of contact persons including the Principal Investigator, Host Institution contact are read-only in the administrative form, only additional details can be edited here. To give access rights and contact details of contact persons, please save and close this form, then go back to Step 4 of the submission wizard and save the changes.**

ORCID ID

If you have a ORCID number please enter it here (e.g. 9999-9999-9999-999X. where 9 represents numbers and X represents number)

Researcher ID




The maximum length of the identifier is 11 characters (ZZZ-9999-2010) and the minimum length is 9 characters (A-1001-2010).

Other ID

Please enter the type of ID here

Please enter the identifier number here

Last Name\*

Last Name at Birth

First Name(s)\*

Gender\*

☐ Male

☐ Female

Title

Country of residence

Nationality\*

Country of Birth\*

Date of Birth\* (DD/MM/YYYY)

Place of Birth\*

### Contact address

Current organisation name

Current Department/Faculty/Institute/  
Laboratory name

☐ Same as organisation address

Street

Please enter street name and number.

Postcode/Cedex

Town\*

Phone\*

+xxx xxxxxxxxx

Country\*

Phone2 / Mobile

+xxx xxxxxxxxx

E-mail\*

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Acronym is mandatory

Short name

## Contact address of the Host Institution and contact person

The name and e-mail of Host Institution contact persons are read-only in the administrative form, only additional details can be edited here. To give access rights and contact details of Host Institution, please save and close this form, then go back to Step 4 of the submission wizard and save the changes. Please note that the submission is blocked without a contact person and e-mail address for the Host Institution.

Organisation Legal Name

First name\*

Last name\*

E-Mail\*

Position in org.

Please indicate the position of the Contact Point above in the organi

Department

Name of the department/institute carrying out the work.

☐ Same as organisation

☐ Same as organisation address

Street

Please enter street name and number.

Town

Postcode

Area code.

Country

Phone

+xxx xxxxxxxxx

Phone2/Mobile

+xxx xxxxxxxxx

Proposal ID

Acronym **Acronym is mandatory**

## 3 - Budget

Participant Number in this proposal	Organisation Short Name	Organisation Country	Total eligible costs/€ (including 25% indirect costs) ?	Requested grant/€
1			0,00	0,00
Total			0	0

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## 4 - Ethics

<b>1. HUMAN EMBRYOS/FOETUSES</b>		Page
Does your research involve <a href="#">Human Embryonic Stem Cells (hESCs)</a> ?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Does your research involve the use of human embryos?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Does your research involve the use of human foetal tissues / cells?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
<b>2. HUMANS</b>		Page
Does your research involve human participants?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Does your research involve physical interventions on the study participants?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
<b>3. HUMAN CELLS / TISSUES</b>		Page
Does your research involve human cells or tissues (other than from Human Embryos/Foetuses, i.e. section 1)?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
<b>4. PERSONAL DATA</b>		Page
Does your research involve personal data collection and/or processing?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Does your research involve further processing of previously collected personal data (secondary use)?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
<b>5. ANIMALS</b>		Page
Does your research involve animals?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
<b>6. THIRD COUNTRIES</b>		Page
In case non-EU countries are involved, do the research related activities undertaken in these countries raise potential ethics issues?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Do you plan to use local resources (e.g. animal and/or human tissue samples, genetic material, live animals, human remains, materials of historical value, endangered fauna or flora samples, etc.)?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Do you plan to import any material - including personal data - from non-EU countries into the EU?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Do you plan to export any material - including personal data - from the EU to non-EU countries?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
In case your research involves <a href="#">low and/or lower middle income countries</a> , are any benefits-sharing actions planned?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Could the situation in the country put the individuals taking part in the research at risk?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	

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<b>7. ENVIRONMENT &amp; HEALTH and SAFETY</b>		Page
Does your research involve the use of elements that may cause harm to the environment, to animals or plants?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Does your research deal with endangered fauna and/or flora and/or protected areas?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Does your research involve the use of elements that may cause harm to humans, including research staff?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
<b>8. DUAL USE</b>		Page
Does your research involve dual-use items in the sense of Regulation 428/2009, or other items for which an authorisation is required?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
<b>9. EXCLUSIVE FOCUS ON CIVIL APPLICATIONS</b>		Page
Could your research raise concerns regarding the exclusive focus on civil applications?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
<b>10. MISUSE</b>		Page
Does your research have the potential for misuse of research results?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
<b>11. OTHER ETHICS ISSUES</b>		Page
Are there any other ethics issues that should be taken into consideration? Please specify	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	

I confirm that I have taken into account all ethics issues described above and that, if any ethics issues apply, I will complete the ethics self-assessment and attach the required documents. ☐

[How to Complete your Ethics Self-Assessment](#)

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## 5 - Call specific questions

Academic Training	
Are you a medical doctor or do you hold a degree in medicine? Please note that if you have also been awarded a PhD, your medical degree may be your first eligible degree.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Date of earliest award (PhD or equivalent)* - DD/MM/YYYY	<input type="text"/>
With respect to the earliest award (PhD or equivalent), I request an extension of the eligibility window, (indicate number of days) [see the ERC 2019 Work Programme and the Information for Applicants to the Starting and Consolidator Grant 2019 Calls].	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Eligibility	
Please indicate your percentage of working time in an EU Member State or Associated Country over the period of the grant:	<input type="text"/>
Please note that you are expected to spend a minimum of 50% of your total working time in an EU Member State or Associated Country.	
I acknowledge that I am aware of the eligibility requirements for applying for this ERC call as specified in the ERC Annual Work Programme, and certify that, to the best of my knowledge my application is in compliance with all these requirements. I understand that my proposal may be declared ineligible at any point during the evaluation or granting process if it is found not to be compliant with these eligibility criteria.*	<input type="checkbox"/>
Data-Related Questions and Data Protection (Consent to any question below is entirely voluntary. A positive or negative answer will not affect the evaluation of your project proposal in any form and will not be communicated to the evaluators of your project.)	
For communication purposes only, the ERC asks for your permission to publish, in whatever form and medium, your name, the proposal title, the proposal acronym, the panel, and host institution, should your proposal be retained for funding.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Some national and regional public research funding authorities run schemes to fund ERC applicants that score highly in the ERC's evaluation but which can not be funded by the ERC due to its limited budget. In case your proposal could not be selected for funding by the ERC do you consent to allow the ERC to disclose the results of your evaluation (score and ranking range) together with your name, non-confidential proposal title and abstract, proposal acronym, host institution and your contact details to such authorities?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
The ERC is sometimes contacted for lists of ERC funded researchers by institutions that are awarding prizes to excellent researchers. Do you consent to allow the ERC to disclose your name, non-confidential proposal title and abstract, proposal acronym, host institution and your contact details to such institutions?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
For purposes related to monitoring, study and evaluating implementation of ERC actions, the ERC may need that submitted proposals and their respective evaluation data be processed by external parties. Any processing will be conducted in compliance with the requirements of Regulation 45/2001.	
Have you previously submitted a proposal to the ERC? If known, please specify your most recent ERC application details.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

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## Excluded Reviewers

*You can provide up to three names of persons that should not act as an evaluator in the evaluation of the proposal for potential competitive reasons.*

First Name

Last Name

Institution

Town

Country

Webpage

Example, not to complete



# Validation result

## Show Error

The red 'Show Error' button indicates an error due to a missing or incorrect value related to the call eligibility criteria. The submission of the proposal **will be blocked** unless that specific field is corrected!

## Show Warning

The yellow 'Show Warning' button indicates a warning due to a missing or incorrect value related to the call eligibility criteria. The submission of the proposal **will not be blocked** (proposal will be submitted with the missing or incorrect value).

## Section

## Description

The form has not yet been validated, click "Validate Form" to do so!

Example, not to complete

**ERC Synergy Grant 2019**  
**Research proposal [Part B1]<sup>1</sup>**  
*(Part B1 is evaluated in Step 1, Step 2 and Step 3,*  
*Part B2 is only evaluated in Step 2 and Step 3)*

Proposal Full Title

PROPOSAL ACRONYM

**Cover Page:**

- Name of the corresponding Principal Investigator (cPI) and corresponding Host Institution (cHI)
- List the other PIs, indicating the Host Institution of each PI
- Proposal duration in months

Text highlighted in grey should be deleted.

Proposal summary (identical to the abstract from the online proposal submission forms, section 1).

The abstract (summary) should, at a glance, provide the reader with a clear understanding of the objectives of the research proposal and how they will be achieved. The abstract will be used as the short description of your research proposal in the evaluation process and in communications to potential remote referees and/or to inform the Commission and/or the programme management committees and/or relevant national funding agencies (provided you give permission to do so where requested in the online proposal submission forms, section 1). It must therefore be short and precise and should not contain confidential information.

Please use plain typed text, avoiding formulae and other special characters. The abstract must be written in English. There is a limit of 2000 characters (spaces and line breaks included).

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<sup>1</sup> Instructions for completing Part B1 can be found in the 'Information for Applicants to the Synergy Grant 2019 Call'.

**Section a: Extended Synopsis of the scientific proposal (max. 5 pages)**

*[The Extended Synopsis should give a concise presentation of the scientific proposal, with particular attention to the ground-breaking nature of the research project, which will allow evaluation panels to assess, in Step 1 of the evaluation, the feasibility of the outlined scientific approach. Describe the proposed work in the context of the state of the art of the field. It is important that the extended synopsis contains minimum information relevant to the evaluation criteria, since the **step 1 panel will have access only to part B1**. Describe the synergy, the complementarity and the working arrangement aspects of the group. References to literature should also be included. Please use a reference style that is commonly used in your discipline such as American Chemical Society (ACS) style, American Medical Association (AMA) style, Modern Language Association (MLA) style, etc. and that allows the evaluators to easily retrieve each reference. **References do not count towards the page limits.**]*

***Please respect the following formatting constraints: Times New Roman, Arial or similar, at least font size 11, margin sizes (2.0 cm side and 1.5 cm top and bottom), single line spacing.***

**Section b: Curriculum vitae** (max. 2 pages for each PI)

*[Please follow the template below as closely as possible; it may be adapted if necessary.]*

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Family name, First name:

Researcher unique identifier(s) (such as ORCID, Research ID, etc. ...):

Date of birth:

Nationality:

URL for web site:

**• EDUCATION**

199?            PhD  
                  Name of Faculty/ Department, Name of University/ Institution, Country  
199?            Master  
                  Name of Faculty/ Department, Name of University/ Institution, Country

**• CURRENT POSITION(S)**

201? – 201?    Current Position  
                  Name of Faculty/ Department, Name of University/ Institution/ Country  
200? –            Current Position  
                  Name of Faculty/ Department, Name of University/ Institution/ Country

**• PREVIOUS POSITIONS**

200? – 200?    Position held  
                  Name of Faculty/ Department, Name of University/ Institution/ Country  
200? – 200?    Position held  
                  Name of Faculty/ Department, Name of University/ Institution/ Country

**• FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

200? – 200?    Name of Faculty/ Department/Centre, Name of University/ Institution/ Country  
200?            Award received from Name of Institution/ Country  
198? – 199?    Scholarship, Name of Faculty/ Department/Centre, Name of University/ Institution/ Country

**• SUPERVISION OF GRADUATE STUDENTS AND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS**

200? – 200?    Number of Postdocs/ PhD/ Master Students  
                  Name of Faculty/ Department/ Centre, Name of University/ Institution/ Country

**• TEACHING ACTIVITIES (if applicable)**

200? –            Teaching position – Topic, Name of University/ Institution/ Country  
200? – 200?    Teaching position – Topic, Name of University/ Institution/ Country

- **ORGANISATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS (if applicable)**

201? Please specify your role and the name of event / Country  
200? Please specify type of event / number of participants / Country

- **INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES (if applicable)**

201? – Faculty member, Name of University/ Institution/ Country  
201? – 201? Graduate Student Advisor, Name of University/ Institution/ Country  
200? – 200? Member of the Faculty Committee, Name of University/ Institution/ Country  
200? – 200? Organizer of the Internal Seminar, Name of University/ Institution/ Country  
200? – 200? Member of a Committee; role, Name of University/ Institution/ Country

- **REVIEWING ACTIVITIES (if applicable)**

201? – Scientific Advisory Board, Name of University/ Institution/ Country  
201? – Review Board, Name of University/ Institution/ Country  
201? – Review panel member, Name of University/ Institution/ Country  
201? – Editorial Board, Name of University/ Institution/ Country  
200? – Scientific Advisory Board, Name of University/ Institution/ Country  
200? – Reviewer, Name of University/ Institution/ Country  
200? – Scientific Evaluation, Name of University/ Institution/ Country  
200? – Evaluator, Name of University/ Institution/ Country

- **MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES (if applicable)**

201? – Member, Research Network “*Name of Research Network*”  
200? – Associated Member, Name of Faculty/ Department/Centre, Name of University/  
Institution/ Country  
200? – Founding Member, Name of Faculty/ Department/Centre, Name of University/ Institution/  
Country

- **MAJOR COLLABORATIONS (if applicable)**

Name of collaborators, Topic, Name of Faculty/ Department/Centre, Name of University/  
Institution/ Country

- **CAREER BREAKS (if applicable)**

Exact dates Please indicate the reason and the duration in months.

**Appendix****All ongoing and submitted grants and funding of each of the PIs (Funding ID)****Mandatory information** (does not count towards page limits)

Please include as many tables as participating Principal Investigators in the group.

**On-going Grants** (Please indicate 'No funding' when applicable):

<i>Project Title</i>	<i>Funding source</i>	<i>Amount (Euros)</i>	<i>Period</i>	<i>Role of the PI</i>	<i>Relation to current ERC proposal<sup>2</sup></i>

**Grant applications** (Please indicate 'None' when applicable):

<i>Project Title</i>	<i>Funding source</i>	<i>Amount (Euros)</i>	<i>Period</i>	<i>Role of the PI</i>	<i>Relation to current ERC proposal<sup>2</sup></i>

<sup>2</sup> Describe clearly any scientific overlap between your ERC application and any current research grant or on-going grant application.

**Section c: Early achievement track-record / Ten years track-record** (max. 2 pages for each PI)

***(see 'Information for Applicants to the Synergy Grant 2019 Call' – section 2.3 The research proposal)***

Example, not to complete

**ERC Synergy Grant 2019**  
**Research proposal [Part B2]<sup>1</sup>**  
**(not evaluated in Step 1)**

- Name of the corresponding Principal Investigator (cPI) and corresponding Host Institution (cHI)
- List the other PIs, indicating the Host Institution of each PI

**Part B2: The scientific proposal (max. 15 pages, excluding the Resources section and References)**

*Text highlighted in grey should be deleted.*

***Please respect the following formatting constraints: Times New Roman, Arial or similar, at least font size 11, margin sizes (2.0 cm side and 1.5 cm top and bottom), single line spacing. References and Resources section do not count towards the page limit.***

**Section a. State-of-the-art and objectives**

**Section b. Methodology**

**Section c. Resources (including project costs)**

(Note: Describe the resources needed according to the indications in the *Information for Applicants to the Synergy Grant 2019 call, section 2.3 The research proposal.*

**Each PI is required to fill in their budget breakdown using the following budget table and the declaration of their level of commitment to the project.** Depending on the number of PIs you may delete unneeded columns. All eligible costs requested should be included in the budget. **Please use whole euro values only.** In case you are requesting additional funding (up to EUR 4 million) above the normal EUR 10 million, include these top-up costs in the budget table as well and justify your request in the second table at the end. In addition to the budget table, please describe and **fully justify** the amount of funding considered necessary to fulfil the objectives throughout the duration of the project.

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<sup>1</sup> Instructions for completing Part B2 can be found in the 'Information for Applicants to the Synergy Grant 2019 Call'.



Cost category		Corresponding PI	2 <sup>nd</sup> PI	3 <sup>rd</sup> PI	4 <sup>th</sup> PI	Total in euro
PI name						
Host Institution						
Direct Costs <sup>2</sup>	Personnel	PI <sup>3</sup>				
		Senior Staff				
		Postdocs				
		Students				
		Other				
	i. Total Direct costs for Personnel (in euro)					
	Travel					
	Equipment					
	Other goods and services	Consumables				
		Publications <sup>4</sup>				
		Other (please specify)				
ii. Total Other Direct Costs (in euro)						
A – Total Direct Costs (i + ii) (in euro)						
B – Indirect Costs (overheads) 25% of Direct Costs <sup>5</sup> (in euro)						
C1 – Subcontracting Costs (no overheads) (in euro)						
C2 – Other Direct Costs with no overheads <sup>6</sup> (in euro)						
Total Estimated Eligible Costs (A + B + C) (in euro)						
Total Requested Grant (in euro)						

The project cost estimation should be as accurate as possible. Significant mathematical mistakes may reflect poorly on the credibility of the budget table and the proposal overall. The evaluation panels assess the estimated costs carefully; unjustified budgets will be consequently reduced. The Total Estimated Eligible Costs and the Total Requested Grant amounts in the table **MUST** match those presented in the online proposal submission form, section 3 – Budget.

<sup>2</sup> An additional cost category 'Direct costing for Large Research Infrastructures' applicable to H2020 can be added to this table (below 'Other Goods and services') for PIs who are hosted by institutions with Large Research Infrastructures of a value of at least EUR 20 million and **only** after having received a positive ex-ante assessment from the Commission's services.

<sup>3</sup> When calculating the salary, please take into account the percentage of each PI's dedicated working time to run the ERC funded project (i.e. minimum 30% of the working time).

<sup>4</sup> **Include** in the Publications costs **Open Access fees**, dissemination activities, etc.

<sup>5</sup> Please note that the overheads are fixed to a flat rate of exactly 25%.

<sup>6</sup> Such as the costs of resources made available by third parties which are not used on the premises of the beneficiary

In case you are requesting additional funding (up to EUR 4 million) above the normal EUR 10 million, fully justify your request by filling in the table below (please delete the table if not applicable). **Include these costs in the above budget table.**

Request for additional funding above EUR 10 000 000 for	Justification
<p>Keep only the category(ies) that apply to the project.</p> <p>(a) covering eligible 'start-up' costs for a PI moving from another country to the EU or an Associated Country as a consequence of receiving an ERC grant and/or,  (b) the purchase of major equipment and/or,  (c) access to large facilities.</p>	

Please indicate the duration of the project in months <sup>7</sup> :	
Please indicate the % of working time each PI dedicates to the project over the period of the grant:	%
Corresponding PI name:	
2 <sup>nd</sup> PI name:	
3 <sup>rd</sup> PI name:	
4 <sup>th</sup> PI name:	

Each PI must specify briefly their commitment to the project and how much time each one of them is willing to devote to the proposed project. Please note that each PI is expected to devote at least 30% of their working time to the ERC project.

<sup>7</sup> The maximum award is reduced pro rata temporis for projects of a shorter duration than 72 months (e.g. for a project of 60 months duration the maximum requested EU contribution allowed is EUR 8 333 333). Additional funding to cover major one-off costs is not subject to pro-rata temporis reduction for projects of shorter duration (e.g. with additional funding it is possible to request a maximum EU contribution of EUR 12 333 333 million for a project of 60 months duration).

**Print on paper bearing the official letterhead of the institution**

## **Commitment of the corresponding Host Institution for the ERC Synergy Call 2019<sup>1, 2, 3</sup>**

The <<please fill in here the name of the legal entity that is associated to the proposal and may host the corresponding Principal Investigator and the project in case the application is successful>>, which is the corresponding applicant legal entity, confirms its intention to sign a supplementary agreement with

<< please fill in here the name of the corresponding Principal Investigator and, where applicable, of the Principal Investigator(s) that will be engaged by the corresponding Host Institution >><sup>4,5</sup>

in which the obligations listed below will be addressed should the proposal entitled

<< short name of the proposal: title of the proposal>>

be retained.

The corresponding applicant legal entity confirms also its association with and support to the Synergy project which involves the following Principal Investigators (PIs):

<<Please enter below the name of the corresponding Principal Investigator and of all Principal Investigators participating in the project.>>

Corresponding PI:

PI 2:

PI 3 (if applicable):

PI 4 (if applicable):

The fact that the corresponding applicant legal entity confirms its association with and support to the group's Synergy project does not imply an obligation to contractually engage all of the Principal Investigators.

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<sup>1</sup> A scanned copy of the signed statement should be uploaded electronically via the Participant Portal Submission Service in PDF format.

<sup>2</sup> The statement of commitment of the host institution refers to most obligations of the host institution, which are stated in the (MGA). The H2020 ERC MGA is available on the ERC website at <https://erc.europa.eu> & [http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/funding/reference\\_docs.html](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/funding/reference_docs.html). The reference to the time commitment of the Principal Investigator is stated in the ERC Work Programme 2019.

<sup>3</sup> This statement (on letterhead paper) shall be dated, stamped and signed by the corresponding institution's legal representative, stating their name, function, email address.

<sup>4</sup> Please insert the names only of those Principal Investigators that will be engaged by the corresponding host institution.

<sup>5</sup> In case of more than one beneficiary, the other host institution(s) will be requested to sign a supplementary agreement with their respective Principal Investigators and undertake the same obligations with their respective Principal Investigators at the moment of granting.

Performance obligations of the corresponding applicant legal entity that will become the beneficiary of the H2020 ERC Grant Agreement (hereafter referred to as the Agreement), should the proposal be retained and the preparation of the Agreement be successfully concluded:

*The following obligations apply only to the Principal Investigators, hereinafter referred as the PI(s), who will be engaged by the corresponding applicant legal entity.*

The corresponding applicant legal entity commits itself to hosting and engaging the *PI(s)* for the duration of the grant to:

- a) ensure that the work will be performed under the scientific guidance of the *PI(s)* who are expected to devote *at least 30% of their working time* to the ERC-funded project (action);
- b) spend at least 50% of their working time in an EU Member State or Associated Country (except for a PI hosted or engaged by an institution outside of the EU or Associated Country);
- c) carry out the work to be performed, as it will be identified in Annex 1 of the Agreement, taking into consideration the specific role of the *PI(s)*;
- d) enter — before signature of the Agreement — into a '*supplementary agreement*' with the *PI(s)*, that specifies the obligation of the corresponding *applicant legal entity* to meet its obligations under the Agreement;
- e) provide *the PI(s)* with a copy of the signed Agreement;
- f) guarantee the *PI(s)* scientific independence, in particular for the:
  - i) use of the budget to achieve the scientific objectives;
  - ii) authority to publish as senior author and invite as co-authors those who have contributed substantially to the work;
  - iii) preparation of scientific reports for the project (action);
  - iv) selection and supervision of the other *team members* (hosted *and engaged* by the corresponding *applicant legal entity* or other legal entities), in line with the profiles needed to conduct the research and in accordance with the corresponding *applicant legal entity's* usual management practices;
  - v) possibility to apply independently for funding;
  - vi) access to appropriate space and facilities for conducting the research;
- g) provide — during the implementation of the project (action) — research support to the *PI(s)* and the team members (regarding infrastructure, equipment, access rights, products and other services necessary for conducting the research);
- h) support the *PI(s)* and provide administrative assistance, in particular for the:
  - i) general management of the work and their team;
  - ii) scientific reporting, especially ensuring that the team members send their scientific results to the *PI(s)*;

- iii) financial reporting, especially providing timely and clear financial information;
- iv) application of the corresponding applicant legal entity's usual management practices;
- v) general logistics of the project (action);
- vi) access to the electronic exchange system (see Article 52 of the Agreement);
- i) inform the *PI(s)* immediately in writing of any events or circumstances likely to affect the Agreement (see Article 17 of the Agreement);
- j) ensure that the *PI(s)* enjoys adequate:
  - i) conditions for annual, sickness and parental leave;
  - ii) occupational health and safety standards;
  - iii) insurance under the general social security scheme, such as pension rights;
- k) allow the transfer of the Agreement to a new beneficiary ('portability'; see Article 56a of the Agreement);
- l) take all measures to implement the principles set out in the Commission Recommendation on the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers<sup>6</sup> - in particular regarding working conditions, transparent recruitment processes based on merit and career development – and ensure that the *PI(s)*, researchers and third parties involved in the project (action) are aware of them.

**For the host institution (corresponding applicant legal entity)**

Date

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Name and Function

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E-mail and Signature of legal representative

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Stamp of the corresponding host institution (applicant legal entity)

**IMPORTANT NOTE: In order to be complete all the above mentioned points are mandatory and shall be included in the commitment of the corresponding host institution. The highlighted fields should be filled in.**

<sup>6</sup> Commission Recommendation 2005/251/EC of 11 March 2005 on the European Charter for Researchers and on a Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers (OJ L 75, 22.3.2005, p. 67).