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Call info	The ERC Proof of Concept Grants aim to maximise the value of the excellent research that the ERC funds, by funding further work to verify the innovation potential of ideas arising from ERC funded projects. The objective is to provide funds to enable ERC-funded ideas to be brought to a pre-demonstration stage where potential commercialisation or societal opportunities have been identified. Innovations can be commercialised through licenses to a new or existing company or through a venture funded start-up, depending on the nature of the invention/idea, its potential markets, and the inventor's plans for future involvement in the commercialisation. Innovations can also feed into ventures aimed at addressing social and environmental goals including by social entrepreneurs and the voluntary and not-for-profit sectors.
Conditions / Restrictions	The PI has to be ERC Grant holder of project that is ongoing or has ended less than 12 months before 01 Jan 2022. The PI has to demonstrate the relation between the idea to be taken to proof of concept and the ERC frontier research project (Starting, Consolidator, Advanced or Synergy) in question. The PI may submit only one proposal under each call of WP2022. The PI can submit the PoC proposal with a different HI than the one where the ERC Frontier Research Grant is being currently implemented. The PI whose proposal was rejected on the grounds of a breach of research integrity in the calls for proposals under WP 2020 or 2021 (i.e. ERC 2022 PoC1) may not submit a proposal to the calls under the ERC 2022 PoC 2 call. A maximum of three Proof of Concept Grants may be awarded per StG, CoG, AdG call and a maximum of six Proof of Concept Grants per Synergy Grant, PoC projects for the same ERC main frontier research project can run in parallel. There is no minimum commitment percentage of the working time required to the PI. The cumulative % commitment that the PI spends on the ERC PoC action and on the main ERC StG/CoG/AdG/SyG Grant does not exceed 100%. The host institution support letter needs to be printed on the paper with the official letterhead of the Host Institution, originally signed, stamped and dated by the institution's legal representative. Document(s) in any other language must be provided together with a certified translation into English or into any other anguage must be provided together with a certified translation into English or into any other official EU language. Provide only the documents requested in the call. Unless specified in the call, any hyperlinks to other documents, embedded material, and any other documents (company brochures, CVs of team members, reports, audio, video, multimedia etc.) will be disregarded.
Proposal consists of	On-line application in the EU Funding and Tenders Portal: https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/cas/login 1) Administrative form (Part A, on-line on the Participant Portal): (i) General information: Data related to the ERC project, Abstract & objectives (will be publicly available), Declarations; (ii) Participants & contacts: PI & HI, Gender Equality Plan (whether HI has one is not yet a prerequisite for ERC 2022-PoC1 call); (iii) Budget; (iv) Ethics and security; (v) Call specific questions (applicant & Project Office) 2) Research proposal (Part B, use template, upload in PDF, max 10 pages + references): (1a) The idea – breakthrough innovation potential (max 3 pages): (a) Brief description of the idea to be taken to PoC, the problem, the solution, the origin; (b) Demonstration of breakthrough innovation potential, demonstration of the high-risk/high-gain idea, including risk and contingency measures; (1b) Approach and methodology (max 6 pages): (a) approach and methodology to explore the innovation of your ERC-funded research; (b) activities exploring pathway from ground-breaking research towards innovation; (c) plan of the PoC, including description of the Action and timescale, description of the resources, description of the team; (2) Capacity and commitment of the PI (max 1 page): the PI, the strategic management (applicant & Project Office) 3) Commitment of the Host Institution (use template) (Project Office & Director) 4) Other documentation needed on eligibility and ethics issues, i.e. ethical and security self-applicant tables letters of intent from etalescaled and ethics issues, i.e. ethical and security self-applicant tables letters of intent from etalescaled and ethics issues, i.e. ethical and security self-applicant tables letters of intent from etalescaled are if relevant (applicant & Project Office)
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	2. Principal Investigator - Capacity and commitment Experts will evaluate independently each admissible and eligible proposal and mark it as "very good", "good" or "fail" for each of the three evaluation elements. In order to be considered for funding, proposals will have to be awarded a pass mark ("very good" or "good") by a majority of
	independent experts on each of the three evaluation elements.
Research areas	Life Sciences (9 panels): (LS1) Molecules of Life: Biological Mechanisms, Structures and Functions; (LS2) Integrative Biology: from Genes and Genomes to Systems; (LS3) Cellular, Developmental and Regenerative Biology; (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 (11 panels): (PE1) Mathematics; (PE2) Fundamental Constituents of Matter; (PE3) Condensed Matter Physics; (PE4) Physical & Analytical Chemical Sciences; (PE5) Synthetic Chemistry & Materials; (PE6) Computer Science & Informatics; (PE7) Systems & Communication Engineering; (PE8) Products & Processes Engineering; (PE9) Universe Sciences; (PE10) Earth System Science; (PE11) Materials Engineering Social Sciences & Humanities (7 panels): (SH1) Individuals, Markets & Organisations; (SH2) Institutions, Governance and Legal Systems; (SH3) The Social World and its Diversity; (SH4) The Human Mind and its Complexity; (SH5) Cultures & Cultural Production; (SH6) The Study of the Human Past; (SH7) Human Mobility, Environment and Space
Call workshop	FAQs: https://erc.europa.eu/funding/frequently-asked-questions/
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