

The importance of frontier SSH research for the EU agenda

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ERC Basics



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INDIVIDUAL RESEARCHERS
FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

LONG TERM GRANTS

TO HIGH-RISK/HIGH-GAIN PIONEERING PROJECTS
IN ANY FIELD OF FRONTIER RESEARCH



Life Sciences



Physical Sciences and Engineering

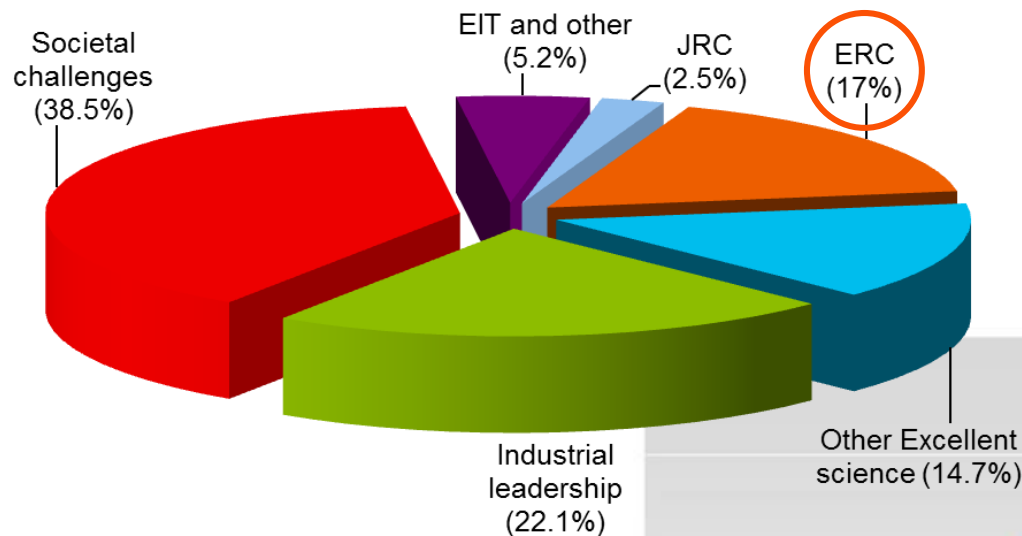


Social Sciences and Humanities

ERC funding: part of Horizon 2020



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**ERC Budget
€ 13 billion**

For 2018, the budget is more than 1.8 billion euros, the highest ever since the beginning of the ERC.

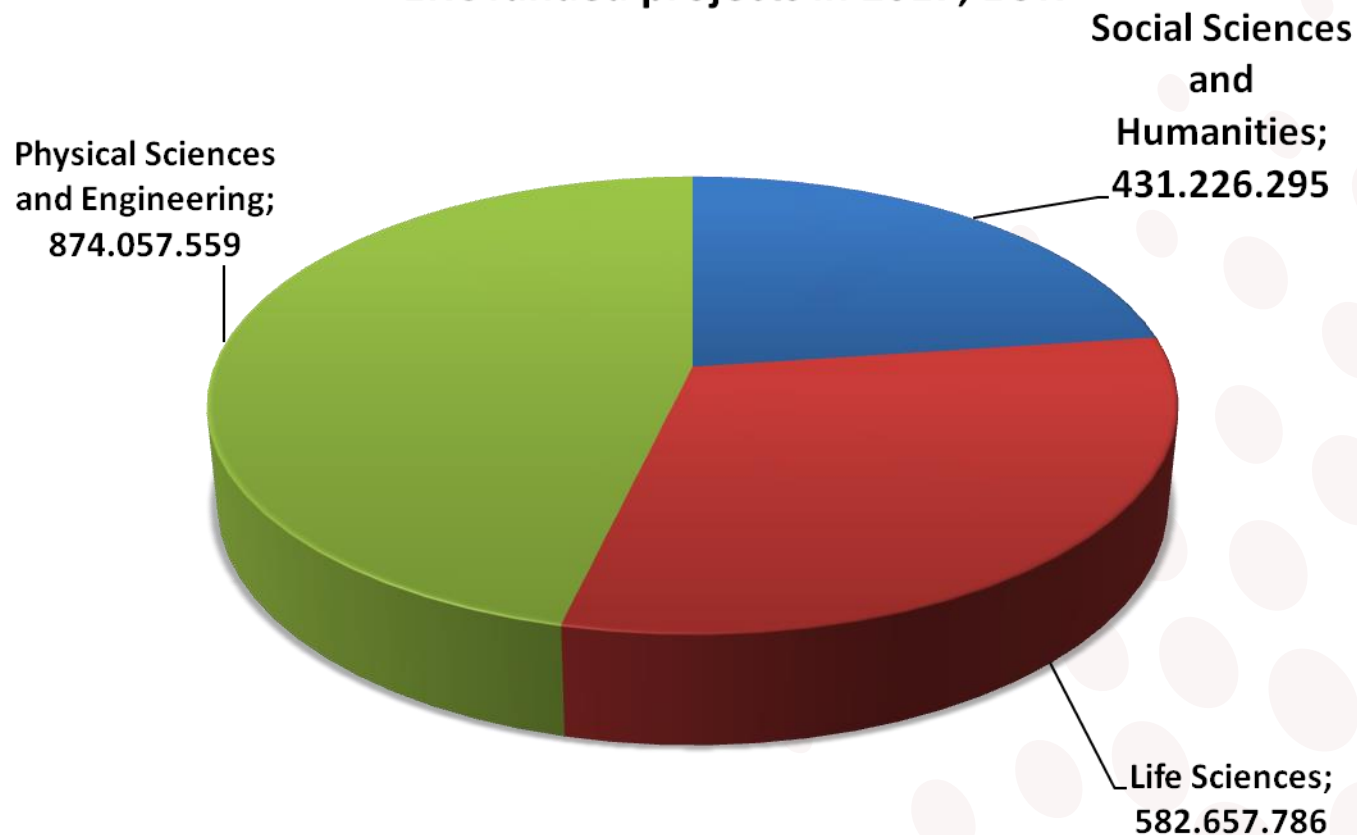


ERC funding: 2017 breakdown



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ERC funded projects in 2017, EUR



What does ERC offer?

ERC Grant Schemes



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Starting Grants

starters
2-7 years after PhD
(≥ 50% commitment)
up to €1.5 Million
for 5 years

Consolidator Grants

consolidators
7-12 years after PhD
(≥ 40% commitment)
up to €2 Million
for 5 years

Advanced Grants

track-record of
significant research
achievements in the
last 10 years
(≥ 30% commitment)
up to €2.5 Million
for 5 years

Proof-of-Concept

bridging gap between research - earliest stage
of marketable innovation
up to €150,000 for ERC grant holders only

Synergy Grants ^{New}

2-4 PIs up to €10 million for 6 years
to lead to breakthroughs that cannot be
achieved by a PI working alone

Creative Freedom to Individual Grantee



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ERC offers independence, recognition & visibility

- **Excellence** is the sole evaluation criterion
- Work on a research topic of **own choice**, with a team of **own choice** ('bottom-up')
- to attract **top team members** (EU and non-EU) **and collaborators**
- **to attract additional funding and gain recognition**; ERC is a quality label
- **Independence and freedom of research** is fundamental

Particular emphasis on.....

Frontier of science, scholarship and engineering, i.e.

- ✓ Multi- or interdisciplinary proposals which cross boundaries between different fields of research, **or**
- ✓ Pioneering proposals addressing new and emerging fields of research, **or**
- ✓ Proposals introducing unconventional, innovative approaches and scientific inventions.



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Today's frontier research is the knowledge foundation for tomorrow's innovation and policy-driven research

Fundamental breakthroughs in SH research are key to addressing societal challenges

Liberal democracy based on the rule of law requires evidence-based governance, with independent experts that can `speak truth to power`

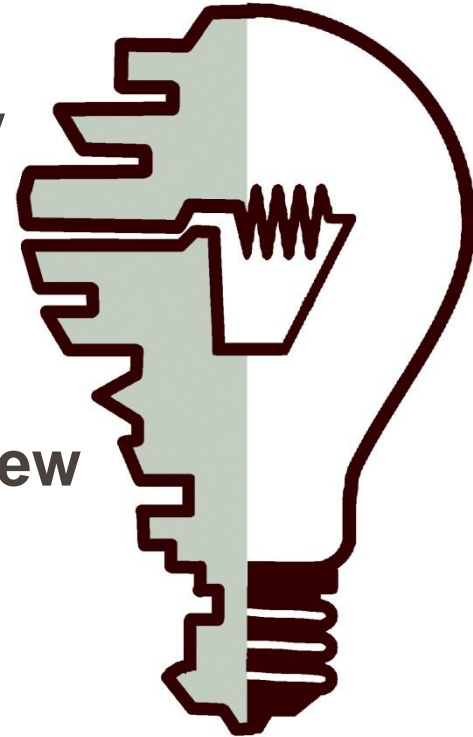
EVALUATE: Energy Vulnerability and Urban Transitions in Europe

Stefan Bouzarovski, University of Manchester



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- A novel conceptual framing – energy vulnerability – to explore how fuel poverty and domestic energy deprivation affect households and communities
- Project was key to the foundation of the new EU Energy Poverty Observatory and had policy impact globally
- influenced the framing of the H2020 calls; **EVALUATE** first European-level programme dedicating a specific funding topic to energy poverty



NorFish: North Atlantic Fisheries: An Environmental History, 1400-1700

Poul Holm, Trinity College Dublin



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- Restructuring of the North Atlantic fisheries, fish markets and fishery-dependent communities in the late medieval and early modern world
- Established a quantitative framework of extractions, supplies and prices, while charting qualitative preferences and politics that motivated actors of the fish revolution
- Vice-chairmanship of influential `Food from the Ocean` report, endorsed by the European Commissioner for Marine Affairs and Fisheries



Eirene- Post-war transitions in gendered perspective: The case of the North-Eastern Adriatic region

Marta Verginella, University of Ljubljana

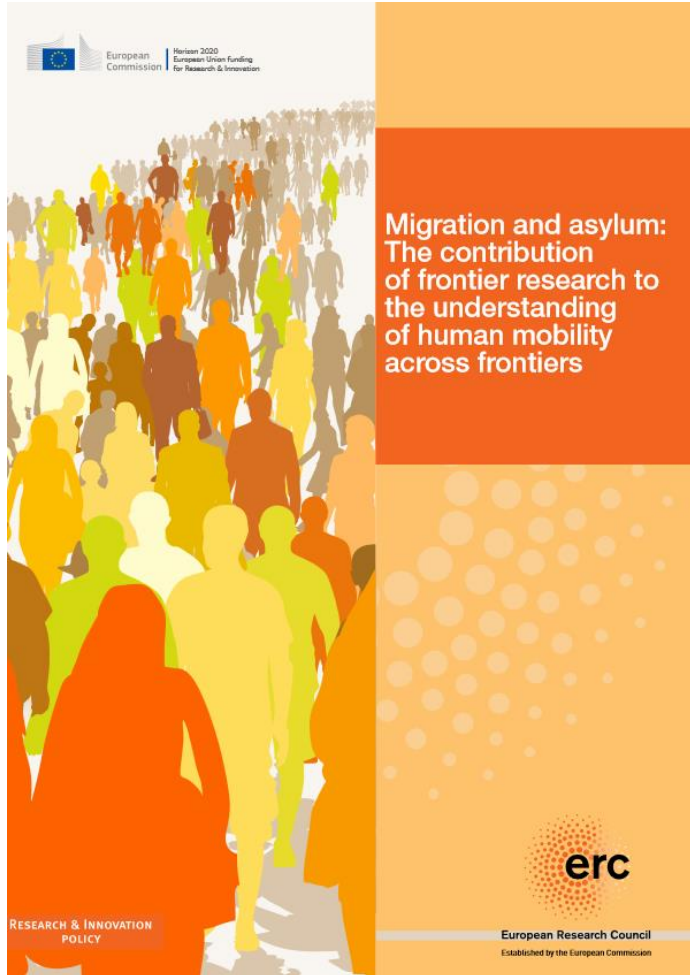


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- **Advanced Grant, Started in December 2017**
- **Introduces a novel analytical concept, defined as the ‘exclusion/inclusion paradox’ and argues its applicability to various aspects of women’s lives**
- **New insight on the long-lasting emancipatory effects of wars**



Migration and asylum: The contribution of frontier research to the understanding of human mobility across frontiers






- https://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/document/file/Migration_and_asylum_the_contribution_of_frontier_research.pdf

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