ERC Consolidator Grant 2020

Part B2[[1]](#footnote-1)

*(not evaluated in Step 1)*

**Sections (a) and (b) of Part B2 together with section (c) Resources present in the online submission form should not exceed 15 pages. Budget table and References do not count towards the page limits.**

Highlighted in yellow are instructions from “Information for Applicants to the Starting and Consolidator Grant 2020 Calls”

*Text highlighted in grey should be deleted.*

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

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

Specify the proposal objectives in the context of the state of the art in the research field. It should be clear how and why the proposed work is important for the field, and what impact it will have if successful, such as how it may open up new horizons or opportunities for science, technology or scholarship. Specify any particularly challenging or unconventional aspects of the proposal, including multi- or inter-disciplinary aspects.

**Section b. Methodology**

Describe the proposed methodology in detail including any key intermediate goals. Explain and justify the methodology in relation to the state of the art, and particularly novel or unconventional aspects addressing the 'high-risk/high-gain' balance. Highlight any intermediate stages where results may require adjustments to the project planning. In case you ask that team members are engaged by another host institution their participation has to be fully justified by the scientific added value they bring to the project.

***Do NOT include any description of resources or budget table here (Part B2). The Resources section and the detailed budget table are now part of the online submission form (Part A, Section 3 - Budget). This section 3 will be extracted and provided to the peer reviewers.***

**Resources placeholder (limited to 8000 characters, including spaces. Not to include in the final version of B2 to be uploaded).**

PLEASE NOTE: The information on budget and resources is not anymore a part of the Part B2. **It is now a part of the online submission form (Section 3 – Budget). The description of resources, without the budget table, will count towards the page limit of 15 pages for the Scientific Proposal.**

The section C. Resources has a **maximum length of 8000 characters (including spaces).** **As 4000 characters will be considered corresponding to one text page, this section will count as maximum 2 pages.** Please adjust the length of your proposal in Part B2 considering the length of the text you put in the online submission form: Hence, if you use 4000 characters for the description of the resources, reduce the text in Part B2 to 14 pages. If you use 8000 characters to describe your resources, reduce the text in Part B2 to 13 pages. While the description of resources (Section C. Resources) counts towards the page limit of 15 pages for the Scientific Proposal (Part B2), the budget table itself will not count against this limit.

Without prejudice of detected cases of obvious clerical error, in case of inconsistency in the cost figures between the budget table and the description of resources, the information in the budget table prevails.

The costs are given in whole Euros (not kilo Euros). A description and justification of the resources should be provided in the text box (Section C. Resources) under the budget table. **The budget table and description of resources will be made available to the experts evaluating the proposal.**

The ERC funds up to 100% of the total eligible costs. The costs cover the full project duration. This includes the direct costs of the project plus a flat-rate financing of indirect costs calculated as 25% of the total eligible direct costs (excluding subcontracting and costs of in kind contributions not used on the beneficiary’s premises). The flat rate is automatically calculated by the systesm.

The budget is subdivided in personnel costs, travel, equipment, consumables, publications (including any costs related to Open Access), other additional direct costs, internally invoiced goods and services, costs of in kind contributions not used on the beneficiary’s premises, and any envisaged subcontracting costs.

Use only Euro integers when preparing the budget table.

If additional funding above the ceiling of 2.000.000 € for COG is requested for (a) covering eligible 'start-up' costs for a PI moving from another country to the EU or an AC as a consequence of receiving an ERC grant and/or (b) the purchase of major equipment and/or (c) access to large facilities and/or d) other major experimental and field work costs, excluding personnel costs, then you need to fully justify it in the description of resources. Please note that additional funding request under (a), (b) or (d) may be subject to 25% overhead. The request of additional funding under (c) to access large research facilities owned by a third party and not used on the premises of the beneficiaries should be listed in cost category 'C2. Other Direct Costs with no overheads'. Include the additional costs in the overall budget table as well.

In case the total estimated eligible costs differ from the requested EU contribution, specify in the proposal what exactly is funded from other sources. Please carefully check all values of the budget table. Please note that while the total estimated eligible costs in the budget table are calculated automatically, **the requested EU contribution has to be filled manually.**

To facilitate the assessment of resources by the panels:

**1.** State the amount of funding considered necessary to fulfil the research objectives. The project cost estimation should be as accurate as possible. The requested budget should be fully justified and in proportion to the actual needs. Describe all the cost categories considered necessary for the project. The evaluation panels assess the estimated costs carefully; **unjustified budgets will be reduced**.

**2.** Describe the size and nature of the team, indicating, where appropriate, the key team members and their roles. The participation of team members engaged by other host institutions should be justified and in relation to the additional financial cost this may impose. When estimating your personnel costs take into account the dedicated working time to run the project.

**3.** Include a short technical description of any requested equipment, why you need it and how much you plan to use it for the project.

**4.** Include a realistic estimation of the costs for Open Access to project outputs. Costs for providing immediate Open Access to publications (article processing charges/book processing charges) are eligible if they are incurred during the lifetime of the project.

**5.** Describe any additional requested funding requested for the project.

**6.** Describe any existing resources not requiring EU funding that will be used for the project, such as infrastructure and equipment.

1. Instructions for completing Part B2 can be found in the ‘*Information for Applicants to the Starting and Consolidator Grant 2020 Calls’*. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)