ERC – Consolidator Grant (CoG)

ERC Consolidator Grants are designed to support excellent Principal Investigators at the career stage at which they may still be **consolidating their own independent research team or programme**. Applicant Principal Investigators must demonstrate the **ground-breaking** nature, **ambition** and **feasibility** of their scientific proposal.
This action is open to researchers of any nationality who intend to conduct their research activity in any Member State or Associated Country.
The ERC's frontier research grants operate on a **'bottom-up'** basis without predetermined priorities.

Type of research	Research and innovation
Research topics	***Bottom-up approach***
Grant description	ERC Consolidator Grant Principal Investigators are expected to be active researchers (7-12 years since PhD diploma) and to have shown research independence and evidence of maturity (at least by having **several important publications as main author or without the participation of their PhD supervisor).**
Duration	Max. 5 years (60 months)
Budget	Budget : Max. 2 000 000 EUR (750 000 additional budget in particular cases, see Work Programme) for the project
Documents	- official website for the call - Guide for applicants - ERC Work Programme 2017
Calendar	Deadline for the submission of the project : **9th of February 2017 (17:00:00 Brussels local time)** Information to applicants: - 13th of July 2017 (step 1) - 3rd of December 2017 (step 2)
Support from the FNRS	Up to **3 500 EUR** for consultancy, meeting, travel, hosting… **only for applicants selected for the step 2 of the evaluation** Information here (in French)
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