



Funding Excellent IDEAS

EU approach

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FP7 IDEAS programme (2007-2013)

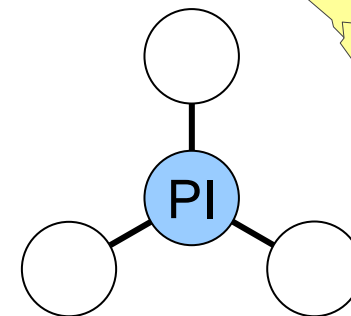
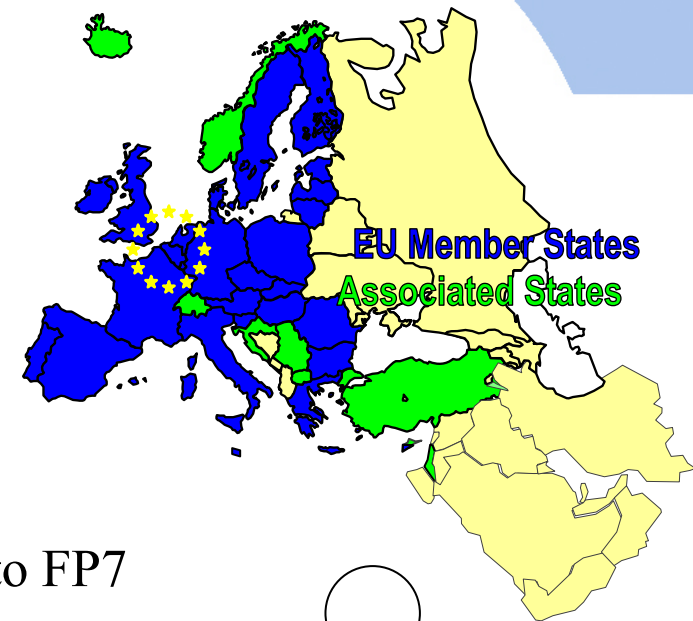
- EU funding for excellent '*frontier research*'
- ERCEA(European Research Council Executive Agency) funding agency
 - Scientific Council
 - Implementation Structure
- 2 funding schemes:
 - **STARTING RESEARCHER GRANT** (summer)
 - **ADVANCED INVESTIGATOR GRANT** (autumn)
 - call expected 19 Nov 2008



ERC Grant schemes

“Individual Research Team” Concept

- **Individual Research Teams:**
 - “Principal Investigator” (PI) -team leader
 - Any nationality or age
 - additional team members
- **PI’s host institution:**
 - EU Member State or Associated Country to FP7
- **Research discipline**
 - Any (bottom-up approach)



ERC Advanced Grant

(ERC Advanced Investigator Researcher Grant)

- Support excellent investigator-initiated research projects by **established independent research leaders**
- researchers - already established their independence as team leaders and are **exceptional leaders in terms of significance of their research achievements** (in the last 10 years)
- 2,5 M€/5 yrs

ERC Starting Grant

(ERC Starting Independent Researcher Grant)

- Support excellent researchers to **set up or consolidate their independent research team/activity**
 - Transition from working under supervision to independent work
- 3-8 years after PhD
- 2,0 M€/5 yrs

Who is a Starting Grant PI?

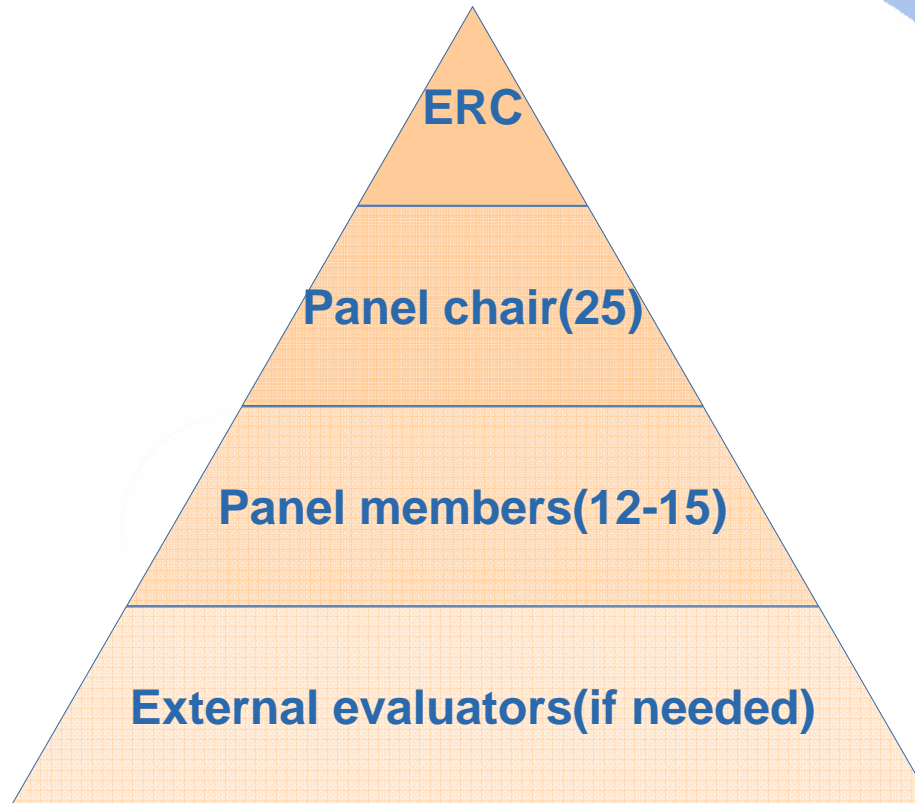
- the potential for research independence and evidence of maturity
 - independently produced **at least one important publication without the participation of their PhD supervisor**
 - promising **track-record of early achievements** appropriate to the field and career stage
 - international peer-reviewed
 - publications
 - invited presentations
 - granted patents, awards, prizes etc.

Only frontier research projects are funded.....

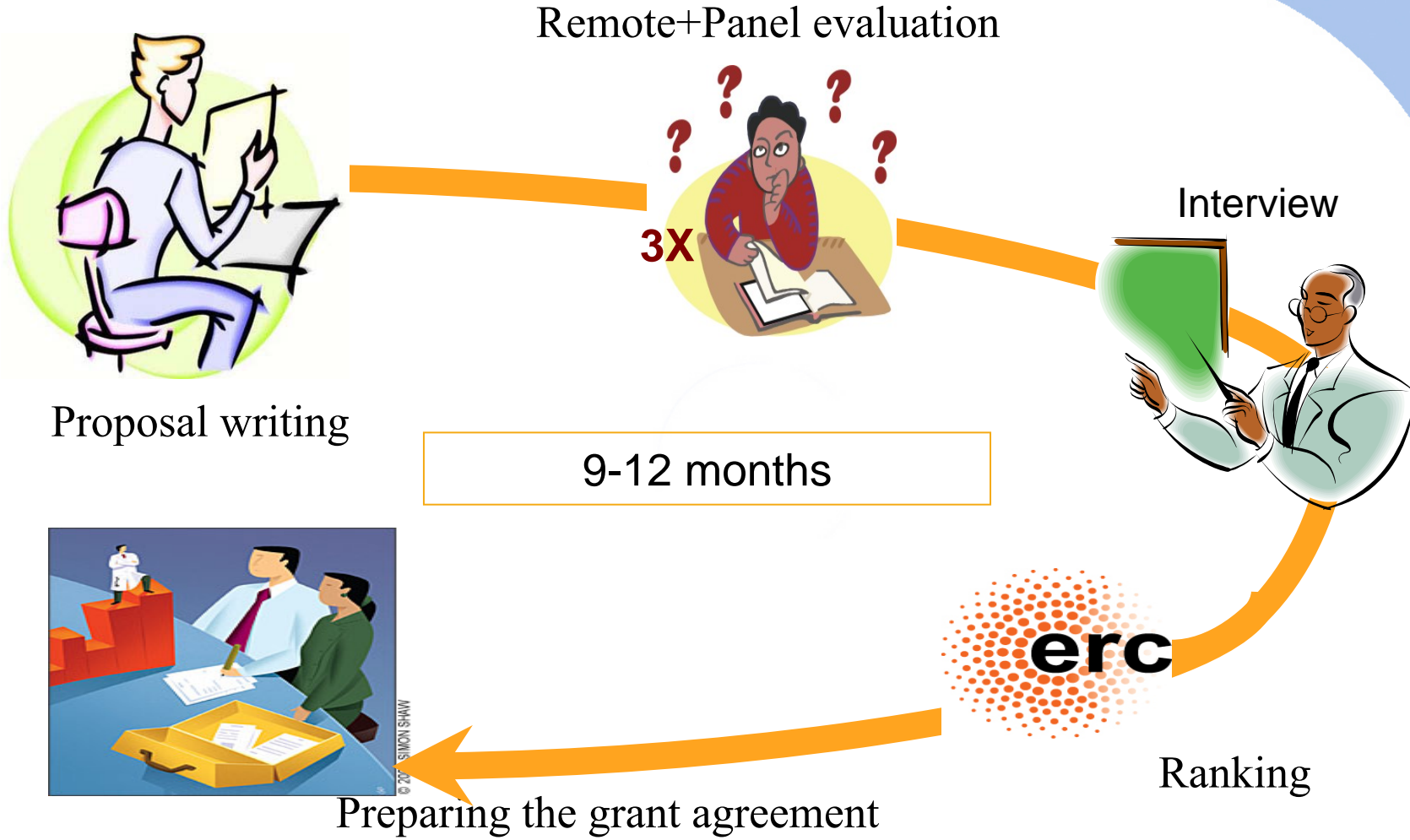
- going beyond the category of basic research;
- going beyond the frontiers of knowledge;
- absence of already established disciplinary boundaries;
- intrinsically risky character of ground-breaking research (high-risk/high-gain research)
- opening new opportunities and directions in research including those of a multi- and inter-disciplinary nature

Evaluation

- Based ONLY on excellence
 - Excellent researcher
 - Excellent research proposal
- Peer review
- 2 step evaluation



Proposal → project



More information..

- **ERC website:** <http://erc.europa.eu>
- **ERC National Contact Point**
 - **EG-Liaison**
 - Information
 - Advice (technical, legal, financial)
 - Training session and courses (standard, tailor-made)
 - website, phone, meetings, info days
 - **NWO**
 - Specific help to VVVi (Vernieuwingsimpuls) grantees
 - Similarities, differences, other formalities
 - NOT giving advice on proposals

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DO NOT FORGET!

- **WHO:** excellent researchers (StG- 3-8 yrs after PhD at the date of call publication)
- **WHAT:** FRONTIER RESEARCH (any field);
- **WHERE:** EU or AC to FP7;
- **HOW:** 1 step electronic submission (2 step evaluation);
- **HOW MUCH:** max. StG- 2,0 (AdG- 2,5) M€ per project (5yr);
- **WHEN:** Annual calls (summer/autumn);
- **SUPPORT:** ERC (Brussels) and NCPs (Netherlands)