

## PILLAR 3: PRODUCTIVITY

The scientists interested can contact the FOSTERING team at any time with specific questions, or for help with their applications (proposal review, final proof-reading, etc.). The consultancy activities are scheduled in line with the proposal rounds. They typically consist of:

- training sessions, providing help on proposal writing and coaching for interviews;
- a specialist review of the applications before submission;
- personalised preparation sessions for the final interviews, including practice 'orals' with a mock-up (but professional) selection panel consisting of consultants, award-winners and scientific experts.



## ACCELERATING TOGETHER YOUR INNOVATIVE PROJECTS

Don't hesitate to get in touch!

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## ACCELERATING INNOVATIVE PROJECTS

FOSTERING is a support programme run by GIANT\*. Its mission is to provide information and assistance to researchers competing for European funding, enabling them to pursue innovative research in Grenoble-based institutions. FOSTERING provides a complement to the support already provided in the different institutions.



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GRENOBLE FIT INTO THE PROCESS?

*FOSTERING is a major initiative  
nurturing scientific excellence.*

**FOSTERING** was designed specifically to stimulate applications for European Research Council (ERC) grants. It has now been extended to other sources of competitive funding, such as the Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellowships or FET\* programmes. It aims to heighten researchers’ awareness of the potential that can be generated by these funding schemes. It can help candidates assess their eligibility and provide additional information and solid assistance in the preparation of their applications.

\*Future and Emerging Technologies



To ensure all-round support and maximise the chances of success, there are three different pillars to the FOSTERING scheme:

## PILLAR 1: INFORMATION

Scientists do not always have all the information, or at least the most relevant information, on the opportunities available for funding, in particular from European programmes. FOSTERING provides:

- heightened awareness as to the existence of these programmes and their potential;
- the information they need to assess their eligibility;
- documentation pack and practical assistance with the preparation of their applications, to ensure they have every chance of succeeding.

General information days are held whenever calls for proposals are launched, in liaison with the National Contact Points. These events are announced to all the GIANT partners. A dedicated website - [www.fostering-science.com](http://www.fostering-science.com) - provides the latest information, a collection of resources, and details on the different support activities.



## PILLAR 2: CREATIVITY AND INTERACTIVITY

FOSTERING runs a programme of special sessions, in which thesis students, post-docs, staff scientists and managers can contribute their ideas and proposals to this accelerator for science projects. The aim is to generate discussion and ideas by both scientists and host institutions on project design, the grant award process, project management, etc. Personal or institutional success stories are also presented for analysis and discussion.

