

# FOSTERING DAYS

## PROGRAMME

**ERC Workshop & Clinics for SyG 2019 and 2020 call preparation  
25th-27th June 2018**

**For ERC-2019-SyG, foreseen deadline is mid-nov 2018**

**This ERC Synergy workshop is an extension of the ERC Advanced Grant workshop organized in the morning of June, 25th in Grenoble.**

In this interactive session of 2 to 2,5 hours we will focus on the ERC specifics for a Synergy Grant proposal and how panels assess ERC Synergy Proposals based on the Synergy evaluation criteria. Please note that Synergy has a specific meaning in the context of ERC.

The Synergy specific evaluation criteria are guiding the panel members to select projects at the interface between established disciplines. The focus is not on a merely multidisciplinary approach of a challenge but on proposed research truly crossing the boundaries of disciplines. The ambition is to enable 2 to 4 PI's to tackle important challenges, by 1) bringing together complementary knowledge, expertise and skills of active and innovative researchers, and 2) enabling novel investigations, innovative strategies, and/or development of novel methods and techniques forcing an important breakthrough in research. This ambition is reflected in the ERC Synergy specific evaluation criteria, assessing whether the proposed research:

- 1) goes beyond what the individual Principal Investigators could achieve alone;
- 2) demonstrates significant synergies, complementarities and scientific added-value; and
- 3) has appropriate working arrangements for spending time together in order to achieve the goals.

The maximum budget is up to 10 million EUR for a project lasting 6 years, excluding investment in equipment or use of large facilities.

Using the ERC guide "*Instructions for Applicants*" we will explain how you can address the ERC Synergy evaluation criteria and draft a competitive project proposal. For example, we will examine keywords used in the ERC documentation and explain how to present a competitive proposal by focusing on high quality research and synergetic effect. During this session we will discuss what are the panels looking for and what kind of project proposals have been selected in the past two Synergy calls.

We will also discuss the evaluation procedure involving 3 steps, including an interview session of all project PI's in Brussels.

### **1. Training objectives**

To provide researchers with a good understanding of:

- the Synergy specific evaluation criteria and how to analyse them in view of the general ERC evaluation criteria;
- what makes a project a Synergy project; and
- how to write a competitive Synergy proposal.

### **2. Who should attend?**

The workshop will be of value for applicants who want to submit an ERC Synergy proposal as well as support staff. Depending on the scientific backgrounds of the participants we will highlight domain specific issues.

### **3. Methodology**

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The seminar will be in English, with no translation. The trainer will provide practical information and discuss the requested information, the evaluation criteria and the best strategy for drafting the proposal with the participants.

This short workshop is highly interactive and includes discussions to promote an exchange of views between participants and trainer(s). Each participant receives a guide with the information on the topics listed in the programme, besides the extensive ERC Advanced Grant guide.

## 4. Trainer

The trainer has extensive experience in running ERC workshops and in pre-submission review of ERC Starting, Consolidator and Advanced grants. She has successfully trained candidates for writing ERC proposals since the 2008 call. Her knowledge and experience in pre-submission review of ERC proposals is an important aspect of our success in this training.

## 5. Programme

<b>08:45-12:30</b>	<b>ERC AdG Workshop</b> <i>please referred to the dedicated program on the website</i>
<b>12:30</b>	<b>Buffet</b>
<b>14:00</b>	<b>Opening of the workshop</b>
<b>Part I</b>	<b>ERC Synergy Grants in a nutshell</b> ERC Synergy objectives, selection criteria and evaluation procedure.
<b>Part II</b>	<b>What are the panels looking for?</b> The type of Synergy proposals selected in the past and discussions.
<b>15:00</b>	<b>Short Break</b>
<b>Part III</b>	<b>How to address the evaluation criteria</b> In this section we will discuss how to present the the Synergy specific evaluation criteria and working arrangements and what should be the focus of the Extended Synopsis and Scientific Proposals. Including discussions.
<b>16:30</b>	<b>End of course.</b>

CLINICS: we are offering the registered participants, the opportunity to book an hour RDV with the trainers to discuss the project concept for the ERC grant and CV (26 or 27 of June)

## 6. Date, location, contact...

<b>Time</b>	<b>June 25<sup>th</sup> - 08.45 – 16.30</b>
<b>Language</b>	<b>English</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Campus Universitaire/IM2AG (Amphi F022) – 60 rue de la chimie – Saint Martin d’Hères – tram B Gabriel Fauré.</b>
<b>Booking</b>	<b><a href="http://www.fostering-science.com">www.fostering-science.com</a></b>
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<b>Fee</b>	<b>covered by the Fostering Science program</b>