



Horizon Europe ERC CoG call 2026

The deadline for ERC CoG proposal call 2026 submission is scheduled for 13 January 2026. Yellow Research continues to offer its ERC training courses through live Webinars.

The ERC selection criteria applied by the panels use terms which have become familiar jargon, such as important challenge, novel concept, scientific approach, and feasibility. Most of these terms are also used by other funding agencies but they are interpreted and applied differently. We will explain in detail not only what these terms mean and imply in the context of ERC, but also how the various ERC panel members use these terms to discuss, assess and select project proposals. We will also discuss finding the balance between ambitious objectives / innovative concepts and feasibility of the scientific approach and the panel specifics concerning the quality of the CVs and track-record of ERC grantees.

Our two-part webinar provides a roadmap to submission tackling various hurdles PIs may encounter in writing their ERC grant proposals: the first webinar will focus on creating the right mindset for submitting a proposal, covering the ERC objectives and evaluation criteria, what the panels expect, how to strategically approach the design of the project, and how to generate the convincing scientific argumentation that will allow the reviewers to understand the feasibility of your ambitious project; the second webinar will guide the participants systematically through the different parts of the proposal template, addressing the key elements for writing the grant proposal. We will also discuss profiles of competitive Principal Investigators and the new ERC strategy to weigh the proposed research more than the PI track record as well as the announced changes for the ERC 2026 call.

Training objectives and additional benefits

This webinar programme will provide the necessary information to write a competitive ERC proposal taking into account the major revisions proposed for the project template for the 2026 call and will be an invaluable aid in meeting the ERC standards, getting one step closer to an ERC award.

Additional benefits include:

- An ERC prism to allow you to take critical stock of the key questions that are important for the future research directions in your field;
- Our training material, on all aspects of writing an ERC proposal, will allow you to sharpen your thinking and strategize your actions;
- The Webinars will be recorded, allowing you exclusive remote access till the end of January 2026.

Topics / Programme

Webinar 1:

- **ERC Grant Introduction:** overview, ERC objectives, ERC Work Programme;
- **ERC Evaluation:** Evaluation criteria and evaluation procedure and criteria, including changes in criteria for Step 1 as of ERC call 2026.
- **Scientific Proposal Part I:** Explanations on how to develop the proposed research and strategy, including topics such as groundbreaking and innovative aspects, ambition and proposed research underpinned by preliminary findings.
- Q&A

Webinar 2:

- **Scientific Proposal Part II:** How to write the proposed research and methodologies focusing on the potential to turn the proposed research into robust and representative results, including contingency plans.
- **B1: CV and Track Record of Principal Investigator:** key elements for Track Record on past research achievements and scientific expertise (new ERC Template since ERC call 2024).
- Q&A

Our trainers

Lotte Jaspers, Mette Skraastad, Aya van den Kroonenberg. Yellow Research has extensive experience in running ERC workshops and in pre-submission reviews of ERC Starting, Consolidator and Advanced grants. At Yellow Research we have successfully trained candidates for writing ERC proposals since the 2008 call. Our solid knowledge and experience in pre-submission reviewing of ERC proposals is an important aspect of the success of this training.

Our online training

Live webinars with the trainer:

The webinars offer the opportunity to reflect on what it takes to write a successful proposal. The webinars will be in English, with no translation. The webinars allow for sufficient time for the trainer to address questions of the Webinar delegates.

Course materials

- A copy of the slides of the 2 Webinars;
- A recording of the webinar sessions. The recordings will only cover the presentation of the trainer and do not include the Q&A session (for privacy reasons);
- Our Yellow Research ERC Guide: this electronic guide comprises our collective knowledge gathered over the past 15 years by Yellow Research. It captures our latest insights and understanding as to what panels are looking for in an ERC proposal.

The fee for this training including the course material is € 835 (VAT exempted). Since we have a Dutch CRKBO quality registration, we can offer our training VAT exempted. See also: <https://www.crkbo.nl/Register/Instellingen>

This training is subject to:

- Our booking terms & conditions
<https://www.yellowresearch.nl/terms-conditions>
- NRTO code of conduct
<https://www.nrto.nl/wp-content/uploads/Code-of-conduct-NRTO.pdf>

2 Live Webinars



Full Lecture Slides



YR ERC Guide



Join our Live Webinars on:

11 September 2025

Yellow Research trainer Mette Skraastad

Webinar 1: 11 September 2025 10:00 - 12:30 (CET)

Webinar 2: 11 September 2025 13:30 - 15:30 (CET)

OR:

16 + 17 October 2025

Trainer: Aya van den Kroonenberg

Webinar 1: 16 October 2025 13:00 - 15:30 (CET)

Webinar 2: 17 October 2025 13:00 - 15:30 (CET)

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