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ABSTRACT

“European Research Council Advanced and Starting Grants”

The ERC was set up in 2007 to fill a gap in EU research funding, addressing bottom-up, high-risk, frontier research in any area of research or scholarly activity. The evaluation procedure has been designed with this objective in mind, and adapted over the intervening time based on experience. Twenty five panels grouped in three domains cover all areas of science, with a particular concern for interdisciplinary research, with several thousand panel members and remote evaluators participating in each evaluation.

In addition, the ERC also has as ambition to have a structuring and transformation of funding such type of research at the European level. With a budget of ~€2 billion per year, the ERC is becoming a reference point for many national evaluation systems, with several national funding agencies providing funding to ERC runners-up. Details of the ERC evaluation procedure will be presented as well as the modifications it has undergone, together with some examples of relevant projects whose funding is underway.

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