

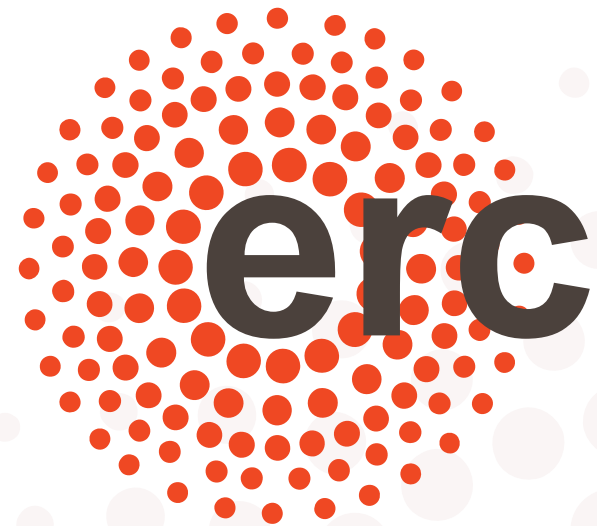
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Opportunities for third countries in the European Research Council

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ERC offers independence, recognition & visibility

- to work on a research topic of **own choice**, with a team of **own choice**
- to gain true **financial autonomy** for 5 years
- to attract **top team members** (EU and non-EU) **and collaborators**
- to move with the grant to any place in Europe if necessary (**portability of grants**)
- open to researchers from **anywhere** in the world (50% of the time in EU or Associated States)
- so far 439 applications from nationals of CELAC countries and **36** researchers granted

ERC funding schemes



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Starting Grants

1 Principal Investigator
(2-7 years after PhD)
up to € 2.0 Mio
for 5 years

Consolidator Grants

1 Principal Investigator
(7-12 years after PhD)
up to € 2.75 Mio
for 5 years

Advanced Grants

1 Principal Investigator
up to € 3.5 Mio
for 5 years

Synergy Grants

2 – 4 Principal Investigators
up to € 14.0 Mio for 6 years

ERC funding schemes



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ERC calls and evaluation

- annual calls published in the annual ERC Work Program
- simple submission forms: Part B1 (synopsis 5p., CV 2p., track record 5p.); Part B2 (full proposal 15p.)
- support from a host institution in EU or Associate States needed
- two-step evaluation, interviews in StG, CoG and SyG
- international panel members
- excellence is the only evaluation criterion

Implementing arrangements – to promote international research collaboration



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Opportunity for non-European researchers supported by foreign agencies to visit ERC research teams

- **USA**, National Science Foundation
- **Republic of Korea**, National Research Foundation
- **Argentina**, Ministry of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation
- **China**, National Natural Science Foundation of China
- **Japan**, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
- **South Africa**, National Science Foundation
- **Mexico**, National Council of Science and Tech. of the United Mexican States
- **Brazil**, Brazilian National Council of the State funding agencies (CONFAP)
- **Canada**, Canadian Tri-Agency Institutional Programmes Secretariat (TIPS)
- **India**, Scientific Engineering Research Board (SERB)

<https://erc.europa.eu/managing-your-project/set-and-develop-your-team>

Implementing arrangements

Key Facts



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- Opportunity for **non-European researchers** supported by foreign agencies to visit ERC research teams
 - The foreign researchers are selected by the foreign funding agencies from a pre-defined **pool** of researchers
 - The **foreign scientist** is the one taking the **initiative** in the "matchmaking" (it is not the ERC/the ERC PI/the foreign agency...)
 - The **ERC does not intervene** in the selection of the foreign visitors
- USA (2012)
 - Republic of Korea (2013)
 - Argentina (2015)
 - China (2015)
 - Japan (2015)
 - South Africa (2015)
 - Mexico (2015)
 - Brazil (2016)
 - Canada (2016)
 - India (2017)

Implementing arrangements – how they work: procedure (repeated annually)



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Implementing arrangements – conditions



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Common to all agreements:

- It is expected that collaborations will occur in similar areas of scientific pursuit or on topics of mutual interest
- Selection of the non-European scientists is done by each non-EU funding agency without any ERC intervention
- ERC does not intervene in the communication between the ERC PIs and potential visitors
- The visit should take place within the lifetime of the ERC project
- No additional funding is provided by the ERC, but any relevant expenses can be claimed under the ERC grant, provided they are eligible within the terms of the grant
- Visiting researchers may be incorporated into the research teams of the ERC-funded PI-s for the duration of the visit

Implementing arrangements – 2012-2017



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Calls for expressions of interest to ERC PIs:

- 2012, pilot exercise (**USA**)
- 2013 (**USA, Korea**)
- 2014 (**USA, Korea**)
- 2015 (**USA, Korea, Japan, South Africa, Argentina, China**)
- 2016 (**USA, Korea, Japan, South Africa, Argentina, China, Brazil, Mexico, Canada**)
- 2017 (**USA, Korea, Japan, South Africa, Argentina, China, Brazil, Mexico, Canada, India**)

Implementing arrangements – 2012-2016*



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ERC PI-s in 2012:

789 USA

ERC PI-s in 2013:

676 USA

492 Republic of Korea

ERC PI-s in 2014:

372 USA

351 Republic of Korea

ERC PI-s in 2015:

507 USA

453 Japan

402 China

378 Argentina

358 South-Africa

298 Republic of Korea

ERC PI-s in 2016:

380 USA

319 Republic of Korea

296 Argentina

345 Japan

293 China

279 South-Africa

294 Mexico

303 Brazil

353 Canada

* 2017 IA Call is
currently open

Implementing arrangements – number of non-EU research visitors by year and by country



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Year	Country	No of visiting researchers
2012	USA	12
2013	USA	23
	Korea	31
2014	Korea	28
2015	USA	11
	Korea	20
	South Africa	5
	Japan	3
	China	11
	Argentina	5
2016*	Korea	20
	Japan	13
	China	12
	South Africa	2
	Brazil	12
	TOTAL	208

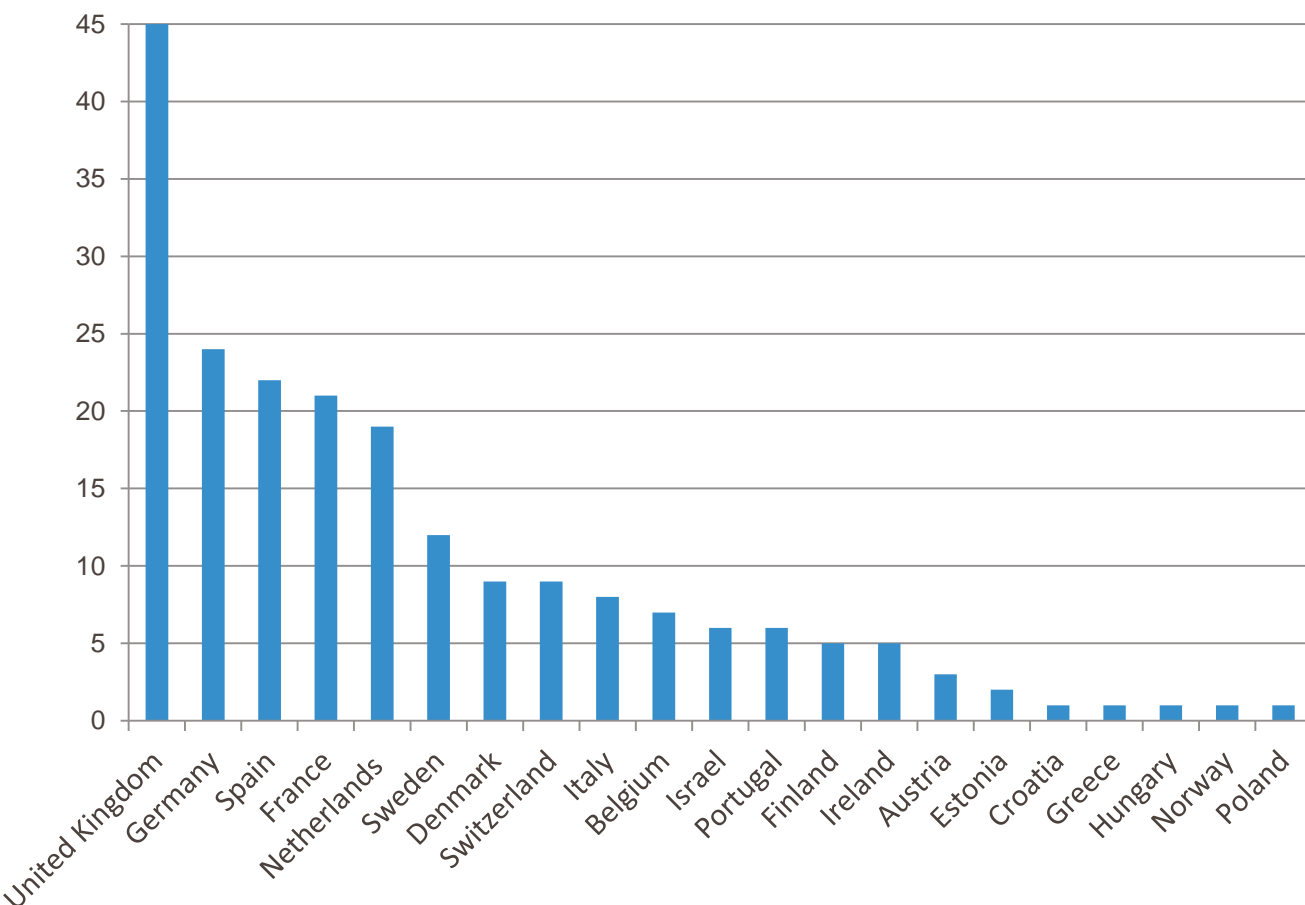
** No 2016 data yet for:
USA, Mexico,
Argentina, Canada*

Implementing arrangements – state-of-play

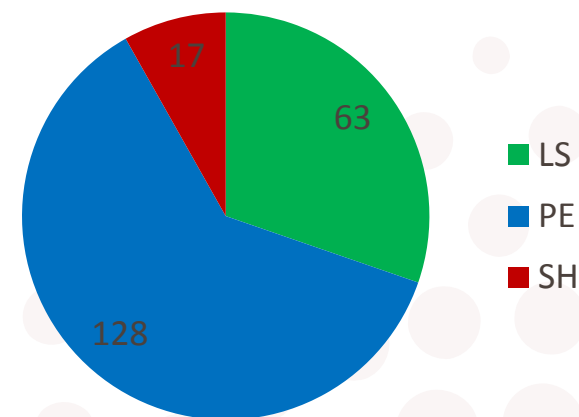


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Destination countries of visiting non-EU researchers (2012-2016), n= 208



Visits of researchers of different scientific domains



Implementing arrangements



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October 2017 - Call for expression of interest for ERC PI-s
is open until November 16, 2017

Results will be circulated to participating non-EU partners in
December 2017

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Thank you !