

# ERC – eligible start-up costs

## justifications

[Work programme 2016](#) (p. 21 for StG, p.23 for CoG, p. 25 for AdG):

**“...up to an additional EUR 500 000 (StG) / EUR 750 000 (CoG) / 1 000 000 (AdG) can be requested in the proposal to cover (a) eligible "start-up" costs for Principal Investigators moving to the EU or an Associated Country from elsewhere as a consequence of receiving the ERC grant**

151021, email from ERC:

“Additional funding for a Principal Investigator moving to the EU as a consequence of receiving an ERC grant can only be granted if the reason for moving is exclusively linked to the ERC project. **No preceding appointment by, or move to, the potential Host Institution before the awarding of the grant can therefore give rise to such an “additional financial assistance.”** We would also like to emphasize that it must also be the general management practice of the HI.

Start-up costs need to be eligible (actual, incurred for the sole purpose of achieving the project objective and during the related period, determined according to the usual management and accounting practices of the beneficiary and indicated in the Grant Agreement) and included in the budget table of Part B2.

The request for these start-up costs should be sufficiently detailed in the narrative part of Section c resources (in Part B2) and should provide good arguments as why they should be considered eligible for additional funding. Therefore, we would suggest applicants to make a clear case in their applications so the review panel can assess during the evaluation of the proposal if they are fully justified for the proposed research.

We would like to specify that the final decision on accepting the budget breakdown is always the responsibility of the review panel. Moreover, should the proposal be accepted for funding, budget categories will be further clarified and discussed during the preparation of the grant agreement.

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