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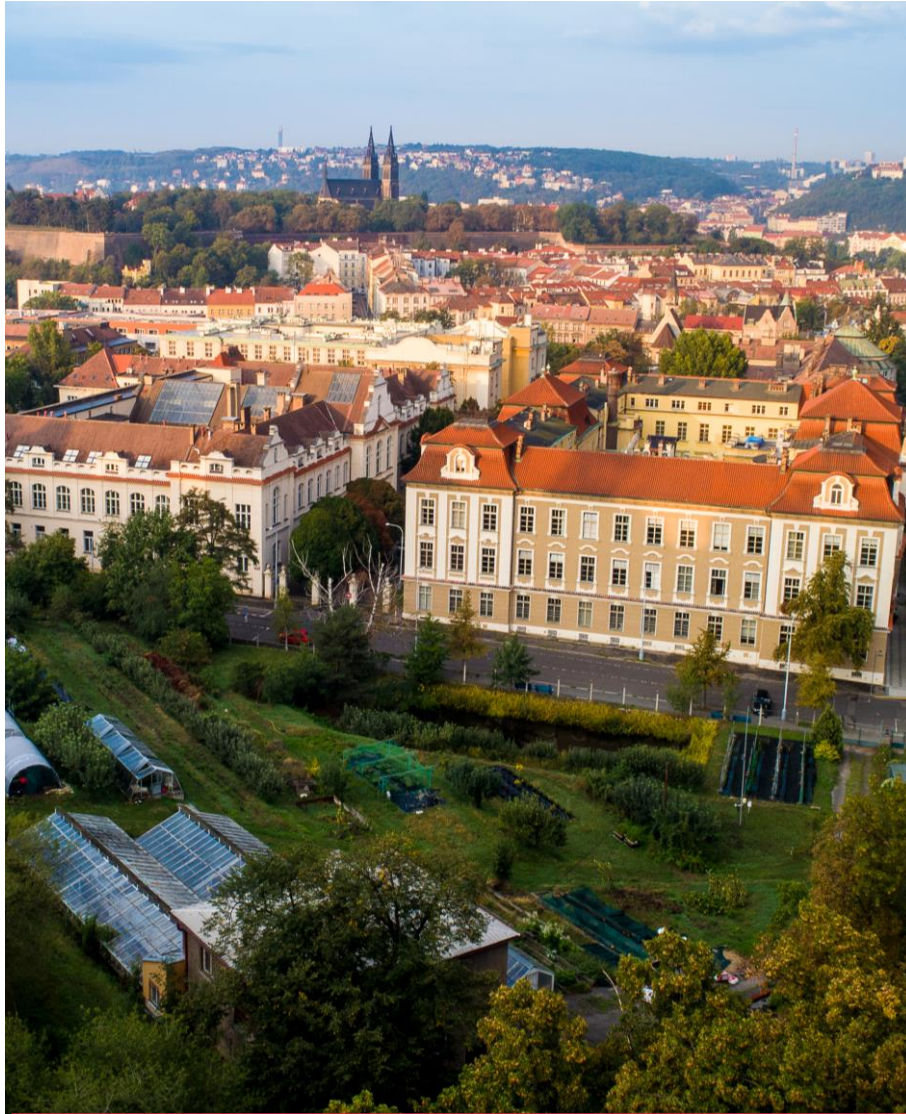
## Support for ERC applicants at Faculty of Science, Charles University

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# Let me introduce myself...



## Charles University, Faculty of Science

- almost 800 academic & research staff
- 4 sections:  
biology, chemistry, geology, geography  
(26 departments)

## Support for ERC applicants

### Project Management Department

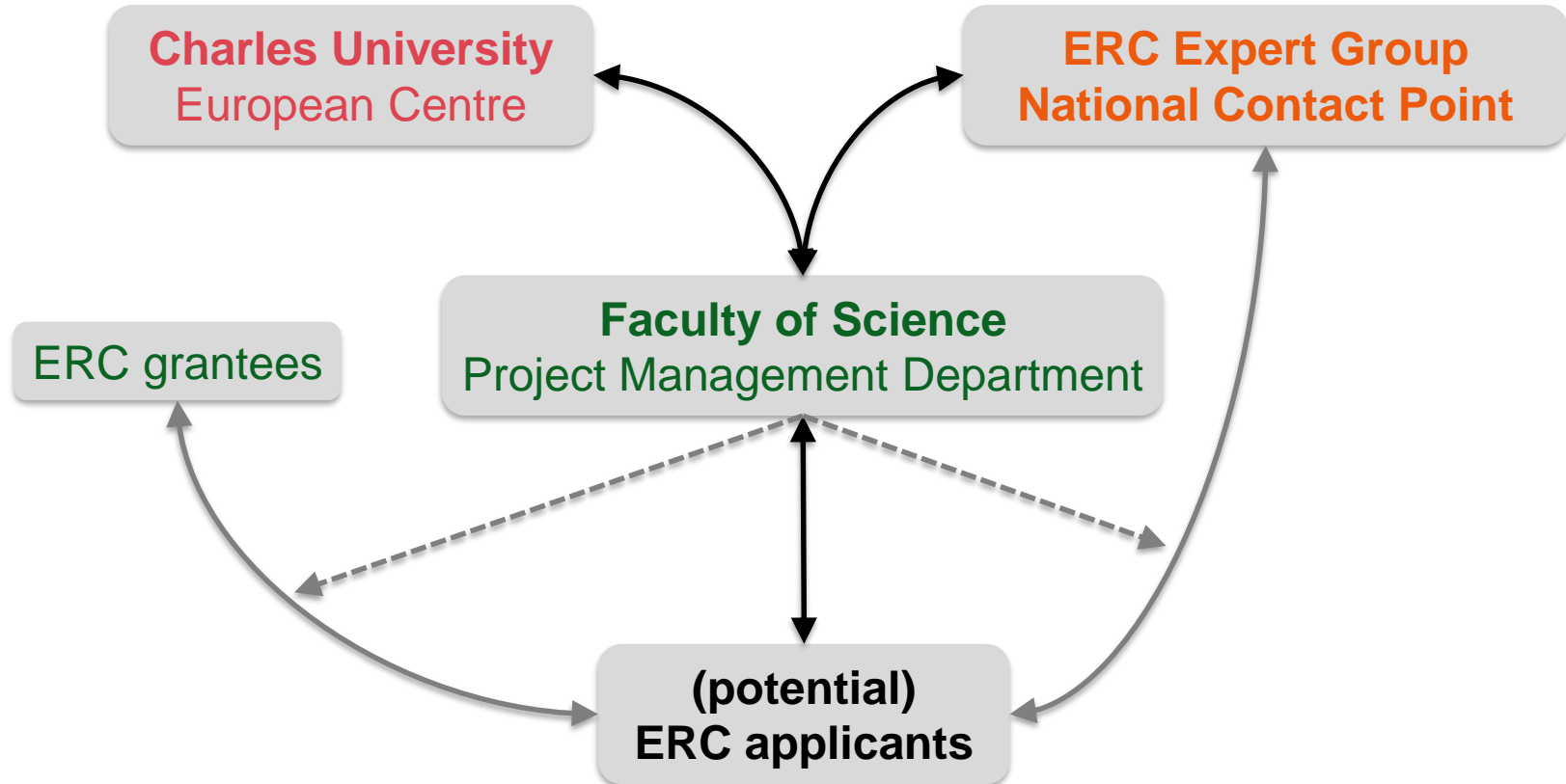
- pre-award support:  
**Klára Sobotíková**  
(+ Ludmila Součková 0.5 FTE)
- post-award support:  
**Tomáš Palatý**



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# Looking for potential applicants

- holders of Charles University **PRIMUS grants**
- **directly contacted** by potential applicants  
– word of mouth – our support is useful 
- **heads of departments**  
put promising researchers in touch with us 

## PRIMUS grant programme

- young researchers, international experience
- set up independent research team
- ERC application expected

## Ideal case

Long-term cooperation with potential ERC applicants to apply in ca. 2 years

**Reality**: when workshops announced

**e-mail** to all departments: ***Who considers applying, contact us NOW!***



# Support before workshops

- **individual consultation**
  - what applicant already knows
  - recommend info sources
  - explain logic – send to ERC National Info Day
- first draft of **abstract + CV + Track record**
  - **detailed comments & recommendations**
  - rewrite significantly
    - experts can focus on content** (not form)
  - recommend to go for it / to wait (& what to work on)

## Support between parts of workshop?

- none (except answering questions)



# Support before application submission

- **commented template**
  - pdf – hints how to write (Part B, budget)
  - xls – mimics budget table & justification
- **check & comment**
  - Part B1 (including extended synopsis)
  - budget & justification
- **online application system** (Funding & tender opportunities portal)
  - offer creating application
  - troubleshooting
  - check Part A
- **answer questions**
- **Rector's Directive No. 37/2020**
  - **1 month** before deadline – **draft of full proposal** sent to CU rectorate
  - not complied – no **Commitment of Host Institution**
- **Step 2 of ERC evaluation**
  - recommendations for presentation
  - mock interview(s) at Faculty



# Involvement of heads of departments & Faculty management



- **put us in touch** with potential applicants  
head of department  
> 1 year before deadline



- **set conditions of project's implementation**  
head of department (& section vice-dean)  
2–3 months before deadline  
*If we don't ask 3 times, it doesn't happen...*



# Additional support by institution

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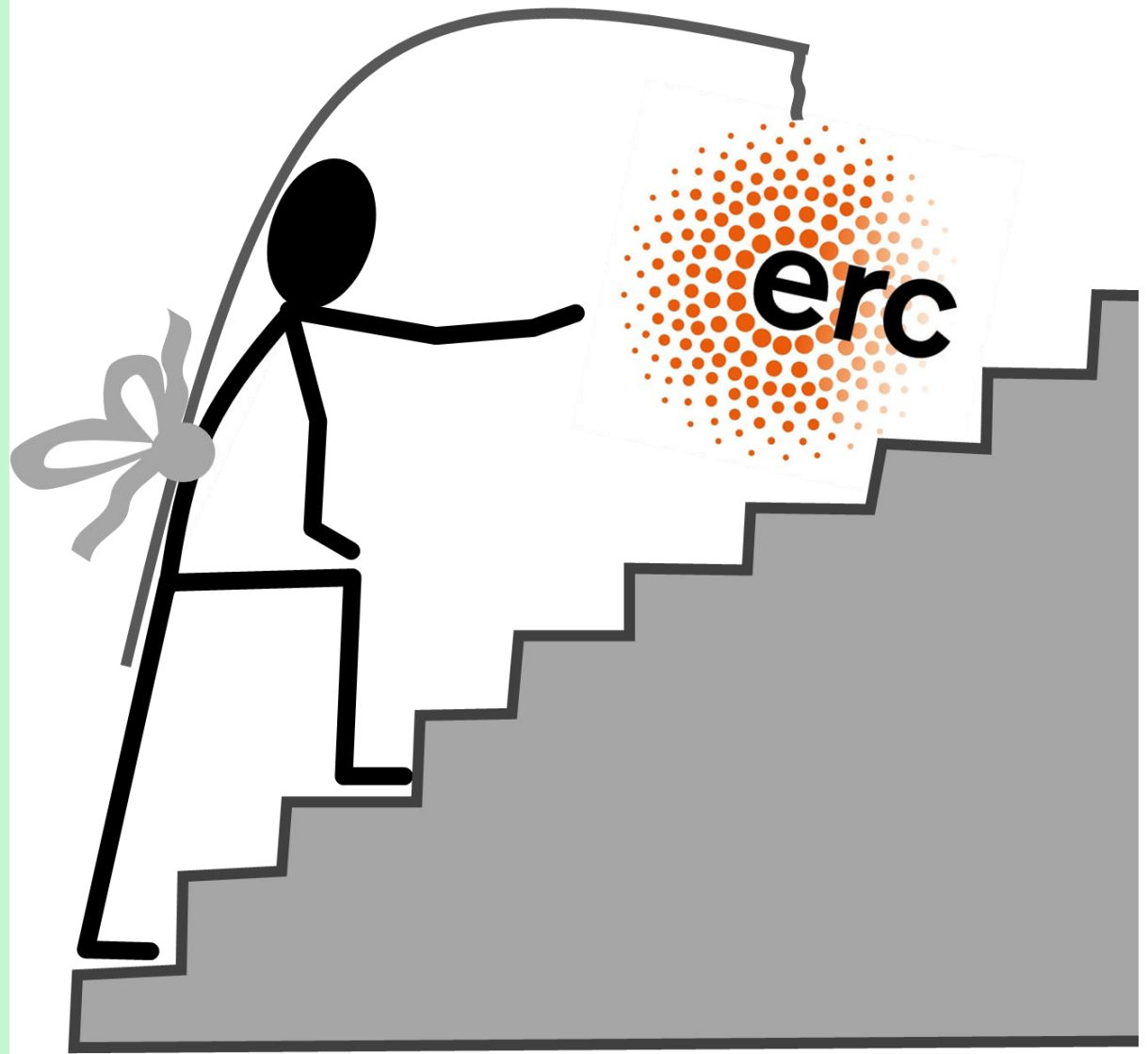
## Rector's Directive No. 36/2020

- 'reward' for good ERC (remuneration, travels, lab consumables...)
- if prepared in cooperation with faculty & rectorate





**Thank  
you  
for  
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