

Technology Centre Prague
in cooperation with
Charles University
and Expert Group for supporting ERC applicants
(joint initiative of Charles University and Czech Academy of Sciences)

are pleased to invite you to the

National Information Day on ERC grants

Date: 19 November 2025

Format: on-site

Venue: Vlastenecký sál, Charles University (Ovocný trh 5, Prague 1)

The event aims to explain the *raison d'être* of the European Research Council (ERC) grants as well as the rules for participation, proposal structure and evaluation process according to the latest ERC Work Programme 2026. The Information Day is intended for Czechia-based ERC applicants to the upcoming calls, project managers and administrators as well as governing representatives of Czech universities and research organisations that wish to get a better understanding of ERC aims and rationale.

The information day will be held in English without translation. The participation is free of charge, registration is, however, required. The capacity is limited (first come, first served).

For more information about the programme please contact ERC NCP Ludmila Tysjačna (tysyachna@tc.cz).

PROGRAMME

12.00 – 12.30

On-site registration

12.30 – 12.35

Welcome

Petra Fedorová, *ERC NCP, Technology Centre Prague*

12.35 – 13.05

**Philosophy of the ERC as an opportunity for science
in the Czech Republic**

Zdeněk Strakoš, *Coordinator of the Expert Group for supporting
ERC applicants, Faculty of Mathematics and Physics, Charles
University*

13.05 – 13.30

**ERC rules for participation, proposal structure and novelties
related to the ERC Work Programme 2026**

Ludmila Tysjačna, *ERC NCP, Technology Centre Prague*

13.30 – 14.00

**Evaluator's viewpoint: What makes or breaks an excellent ERC
proposal**

Tomáš Jungwirth, *member of the Expert Group for supporting
ERC applicants, ERC AdG double grantee, ERC panel member,
Institute of Physics of the Czech Academy of Sciences*

14.00 – 14.30

Q&A

14.30 – 15.00

Networking break with refreshments

15.00 – 15.45

Videomessage by ERC President, Q&A

Maria Leptin, *ERC President*

15.45 – 17.00

**Discussion: Is the research environment in Czechia ready to
accept the ERC programme as its important part?**

Libor Barto, *ERC CoG and ERC SyG grantee, Faculty of
Mathematics and Physics, Charles University*

Kateřina Čapková, *ERC AdG grantee, Faculty of Arts, Charles
University*

Elisabeth Hehenberger, *ERC CoG grantee, Biology Centre of the
Czech Academy of Sciences*

Tomáš Jungwirth, *member of the Expert Group for supporting ERC applicants, ERC AdG double grantee, ERC panel member, Institute of Physics of the Czech Academy of Sciences*
Adam Williamson, *ERC Ambassador for Czechia, ERC StG, ERC CoG and ERC PoC grantee, St. Anne's University Hospital Brno*

Moderator: *Pavel Tomančák, member of the Expert Group for supporting ERC applicants, ERC StG and AdG grantee, ERC panel member, CEITEC consortium and Max Planck Society*

17.00

Closing of the event