



**European Research Council**

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**Subject: Your application to the ERC Synergy Grant 2023 call**

Dear applicant,

Thank you for your application for an ERC Synergy Grant. The evaluation panel appreciated the opportunity to evaluate your proposal, and I am pleased to inform you that your proposal was ranked at a sufficiently high position to allow it to be funded. I warmly congratulate you on this success.

I would like to note that for host institution based in countries in the process of association to Horizon Europe, the funding is conditional on the relevant association agreement having legal effect either through provisional application or being in force at the time of signature of the grant agreement.

With 395 proposals submitted, the response to this call was high and the evaluation panels were impressed by the high quality of the proposals received. Having to narrow down the large pool of applications to the few that we will be able to fund was challenging. At the same time, the high interest in the Synergy Grant scheme is encouraging for the ERC and for its effort to address the continuing needs of the scientific community.

The result of this grant competition is no doubt great news for you and your host institution, as well as for the ERC and for science! However, please do not share this news publicly quite yet: the ERC Communication Unit will contact you shortly to coordinate the public announcement.

I am confident that this grant will help you to develop your research at the highest possible level and to achieve ground-breaking results in the spirit of the ERC. We hope that just as the review of your proposal relied on the dedication of external reviewers, we may rely on your help as remote referee in the future as well, should your expertise be needed.

I wish you all the best in your future research.

Sincerely,

**Maria Leptin**

*President of the European Research Council*