



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: 22 October 2024, 9.30–16.00**

**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 ERC Work Programme 2025. The Information Day is focused on Czechia-based ERC applicants, project managers and administrators as well as high-level 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 Lyudmyla Tsyachna ([tsyachna@tc.cz](mailto:tsyachna@tc.cz)).

## PROGRAMME

09.00–09.30	<i>Registration on-site</i>
09.30–09.35	<b>Welcome</b> <i>Lyudmyla Tsyachna, ERC NCP, Technology Centre Prague</i>
09.35–10.00	<b>Philosophy of the ERC as an opportunity for science in the Czech Republic</b> <i>Zdeněk Strakoš, Coordinator of the Expert Group for supporting ERC applicants, Faculty of Mathematics and Physics, Charles University</i>
10.00–10.20	<b>ERC grants: rules for participation, proposal structure and novelties related to the ERC Work Programme 2025</b> <i>Lyudmyla Tsyachna, ERC NCP, Technology Centre Prague</i>
10.20–10.50	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
10.50–11.40	<b>ERC evaluation process</b> <i>Mirjam Fried, member of the Expert Group for supporting ERC applicants, ERC panel member, Faculty of Arts, Charles University</i>
11.40–12.00	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
12.00–13.00	<i>Lunch break</i>
13.00–13.30	<b>Testimonials: How to write a competitive ERC proposal?</b> <i>Paulo Paioti, ERC StG grantee, Institute of Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry of the Czech Academy of Sciences</i> <i>Michal Smetana, ERC StG grantee, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University</i> <i>Petr Těšina, ERC StG grantee, CEITEC Masaryk University</i>
13.30–13.40	<b>Q&amp;A</b>

13.40–14.10

**Inspirational stories: How is an ERC proposal written abroad?**

Pavel Tomančák, *member of the Expert Group for supporting ERC applicants, ERC StG, AdG and PoC grantee and ERC panel member, CEITEC Masaryk University and Max Planck Society, Germany*

Martin Vohralík, *ERC CoG grantee, Inria, France*

14.10–14.20

**Q&A**

14.20–14.45

*Break*

14.45–15.55

**Discussion: How can Czechia better harness its potential in ERC calls?**

Erin Carson, *ERC StG grantee, Faculty of Mathematics and Physics, Charles University*

Pavel Jungwirth, *member of the Expert Group for supporting ERC applicants, ERC AdG grantee and ERC panel member, Institute of Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry of the Czech Academy of Sciences*

Jaroslav Miller, *Deputy-Minister, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic*

Zuzana Musilová, *ERC CoG grantee, Faculty of Science, Charles University*

Alice Valkárová, *ERC Scientific Council member*

**Moderator:** Michal Koucký, *member of the Expert Group for supporting ERC applicants, ERC CoG grantee, Faculty of Mathematics and Physics, Charles University*

15.55–16.00

**Closing of the event**