

## Information about *ERC Synergy Grant 2019*

In comparison to other ERC grants (Starting, Consolidator and Advanced), ERC Synergy Grant (SyG) allows for more than one participating PI. It actually requires that there are at least 2 and a maximum of 4 PIs participating in the project. These PIs can be of any age and nationality, but the project has to be held in Europe.

Please note that this is not the same as a classical collaborative project within H2020. The main differences are following:

- There is no obligation to have participants from different EU countries;
- There is no obligation to have participants from different universities/organizations;
- The 2-3-4 PIs may come from the same university and even from the same School;
- All PIs are expected to have an excellent CV showing their capacity to deal with complicated project objectives and goals;
- A real breakthrough within science is expected as a result of this grant and that demands that several excellent researcher brains come together to complement each other's knowledge and expertise when solving a highly ambitious scientific problem. Probably, to compare with several super computers put together to make a calculation that is otherwise impossible to perform by only one such computer.

The complete *Information for Applicants* including eligibility, requirements, evaluation procedure should be available here: <https://erc.europa.eu/funding/synergy-grants>. We also strongly recommend to read the *Guide for Peer Reviewers* applicable to this type of grants.

The grant is highly competitive, thus those who wants to succeed need to be rather well prepared already now.

Please don't hesitate to contact us at Research Office in case of questions and doubts.

Kind regards and good luck with your application!