

**The European Research Council (ERC): funding opportunities for investigator-driven research in Europe.**

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The European Research Council (ERC) is an organisation of the European Commission aimed at funding excellence in research, as part of Horizon 2020. It supports investigator-driven frontier research and stimulates scientific excellence by awarding long-term grants to individual researchers from anywhere in the world to carry out their research in a European host organisation. With 3 main granting schemes, the ERC supports researchers at different stages of their careers. The Starting Grant supports young investigators moving to independence. The Consolidator Grant strengthens recently created teams. The Advanced Grant provides to well-established scientists an opportunity to develop innovative or high-risk research. The ERC has been very active in supporting cutting-edge and innovative research in all fields of neuroscience. Besides giving details on these different schemes and how to apply, this session will also be a unique opportunity to meet with ERC grantees presenting their project and sharing their ERC experience.

**Introductory remarks**

Prof. Carmen Sandi, Director of the Brain Mind Institute, Switzerland,  
Programme Committee FENS Forum 2016

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Dr Nicolas Voilley, Research Programme Officer for Neuroscience, European Research Council (ERC)  
(presentation 15 minutes + Q&A 10 minutes)

**Sharing "ERC experience" with ERC grantees**

Pr Malin Parmar, Wallenberg Neuroscience Center, Sweden  
Holder of an ERC Starting Grant  
(presentation 10 minutes + Q&A 5 minutes)

Pr Thomas Mrcsic-Flogel, University of Basel, Switzerland  
Holder of an ERC Consolidator grant  
(presentation 10 minutes + Q&A 5 minutes)