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ERC Funding Opportunities: Supporting excellent researchers all over Europe

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The European Research Council (ERC) and the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia are organizing a joint event in order to inform scientists in Serbia about ERC funding opportunities.

The ERC's mission is to encourage the highest quality research in Europe through competitive funding and to support investigator-driven frontier research across all fields including social sciences and humanities, based on scientific excellence.

The event is convening representatives of national institutions that can play a role in supporting ERC applicants to bring them together with potential ERC candidates, the ERC Scientific Council members, and staff from the ERC Executive Agency, in order to discuss together the best possible ways of supporting outstanding scientist and help them successfully apply to the ERC.

With the ERC information events the ERC Scientific Council is opening a forum of dialogue, exchange of experiences, networking, and learning about good practices among stakeholders relevant for successful application to the ERC.

The ERC is part of the EU's Research and Innovation Framework programme "Horizon 2020" to which Serbia is associated. Presently, two distinguished scientists holding ERC research grants conduct their research at institutions in Serbia with a budget of about 3.1 million Euros.

08:30 - 09:00	Registration and welcome coffee
09:00 - 09:20	Welcome address Mladen Šarčević , Minister of Education, Science and Technological Development Yngve Engstroem , Head of Cooperation in EU Delegation to the Republic of Serbia Ivanka Popović , Rector of the University of Belgrade
09:20 - 09:40	ERC achievements and perspectives Jean-Pierre Bourguignon , President of the European Research Council



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09:40 - 10:00	<p>The ERC's quest to support excellent researchers all over Europe</p> <p>Andrzej Jajszczyk, ERC Scientific Council Member</p>
10:00 - 11:30	<p>Roundtable discussion: Frontier research in Serbia, challenges and opportunities Moderator: Ljiljana Ilić, Center for the Promotion of Science</p> <p>Jean-Pierre Bourguignon, President of the European Research Council Vladimir Popović, State secretary in the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development Marina Soković, Assistant minister in the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development Milica Đurić Jovičić, Acting director of the Science fund Jovan Babić, University of Belgrade, Faculty of philosophy Magdalena Djordjević, Institute of Physics, University of Belgrade Kosta Jovanović, University of Belgrade, School of Electrical Engineering</p>
11:30 - 11:50	<p>Launch of the Serbian ERC Fellowship Programme</p> <p>Viktor Nedovic, State secretary in the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development</p>
11:50 - 12:00	<p>Q&A discussion</p>
12:00 - 13:15	<p>Networking Lunch</p>
13:15 - 14:15	<p>Testimonials by Serbian ERC grantees - "How I obtained my ERC grant"</p> <p>Magdalena Djordjević, Institute of Physics, University of Belgrade Jelena Radjenović, Catalan Institute for Water Research, Spain Nataša Pržulj, Barcelona Supercomputing Center, Spain</p>
14:15 - 15:00	<p>The ERC application and evaluation process - interactive session</p> <p>Elena Volpi, ERCEA - Strategic Support to the Scientific Council Zoran Petrović, ERC former or ERC Panel Member</p>
15:00 - 15:15	<p>Q&A discussion</p>
15:15 - 15:30	<p>Conclusion</p> <p>Jean-Pierre Bourguignon, President of the European Research Council Viktor Nedovic, State secretary in the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development</p>