Concept note for ERC proposals

**Purpose:** This document is intended as a helpful tool to get you started and make a summary of your project idea/proposal. It is also very useful for discussing your project with potential collaborators and funding advisers.

**How to:** Fill out the parts you can, and contact the Research Service / Forschungsförderung if you have any questions in the process. If you don’t know what to write, then leave the box empty. Use bullet points and be brief and honest.

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| Given name(s), surname(s), gender (female/male/diverse) |  |
| **The Concept** |
| Do you have a project title and an acronym?Informative, accessible, memorable |  |
| Describe your basic idea in a concise description (“10 seconds elevator pitch”). |  |
| What are the key objectives that you intend to achieve?Try to develop **SMART** objectives:**S**pecific **M**easurable **A**chievable (attainable).**R**elevant (reasonable, realistic)**T**ime bound (time limited)1 sentence for each objective |  |
| Is this an inter-/ multi- disciplinary project? How/what different disciplines are you combining? |  |
| Which of your proposed research tasks will be the most challenging, and why? What is the plan B? |  |
| Which aspects of your proposed research are original and novel to the extent where you can claim this as your own specific research field? |  |
| **The Impact** |
| Why is it important to do right now? Why didn’t someone else already do it? |  |
| What are the big unaddressed challenges of your research field with relation to this project? |  |
| Who could potentially use and apply your project outputs?Researchers and stakeholders |  |
| **European dimension**What are the benefits to Europe, and why is this an internationally important / ground-breaking project? |  |
| **The Novelty and Innovation** |
| What are the scientific breakthroughs of the project? |  |
| What new methodologies will you develop? New applications of methods? |  |
| **The PI** |
| Why do you want to do this particular project? |  |
| How would you demonstrate that you are among the top 10% within your research field? |  |
| How is this project different from what you have done before? |  |
| **National and international partners/collaborators**HAVE (names of definitive collaborators)MIGHT HAVE (names of likely collaborators)NEED (types of organisations the project needs)Also consider why these, specifically? Are they the best ones in their field? |  |