

# European Research Council: Supporting excellent researchers all over Europe DRAFT PROGRAM



ERC in Eastern Partnership with  
Armenia – Azerbaijan - Belarus – Georgia - Moldavia – Ukraine  
April 20-21, 2017

Venue: Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University  
(Major Research University founded in 1918 in Tbilisi, Georgia).  
Main - I building, Conference Hall N 115

[Address](#): 1 Chavchavadze Avenue, Tbilisi 0179, Georgia

Organizers: ERC, SRNSF

## DAY 1 Strengthening EaP participation in ERC calls

<b>Part 1</b>	<i>Beyond the first 10 years of the ERC</i>
<b>12:30</b>	<b>Registration</b>
13:00	<b>Welcome by the Host</b> Minister of Science, Georgia (TBC)
13:10	<b>Welcome address by the ERC president [video]</b> Prof Jean-Pierre Bourguignon, President of the European Research Council
13:15	<b>Opening speech: The ERC - 10 years of supporting top researchers all across Europe</b> Prof Eva Kondorosi, ERC Vice-president and Chair of the ERC Scientific Council WG on Widening European Participation
13:40	<b>ERC challenges and opportunities for researchers based in EaP region</b> Prof Marja Makarow, ERC Panel Chair, EaP expert
14:00	<b>ERC and European Academic Networks</b> Prof Sierd Cloetingh, President AE
14:20	<b>ERC grant Testimony</b> Prof. Georgi Dvali, ERC Grantee (TBC)
<b>14:45</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>Part 2</b>	<i>Widening European Participation in ERC calls</i>
15:00	<b>The ERC's quest to support excellent researchers all over Europe</b> Speaker (TBC)
15:20	<b>Panel discussion: Scientific diaspora's perspectives on participation in ERC competitions</b> (5 panellists excellent/recognised researchers from EaP)
16:20	<b>Panel Discussion: National and institutional perspectives on participation in ERC competitions</b> (5 panellists high-level policy makers/research officials from EaP)
17:20	<b>Concluding Remarks</b> Prof Eva Kondorosi, Chair of the ERC Scientific Council WG on Widening European Participation
<b>17:30</b>	<b>Networking reception</b>

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## DAY 2 ERC Information day for potential applicants

### *Part 3* *ERC funding opportunities explained*

#### **09:00** **Registration**

#### **09:30** **Welcome by the Host**

SRNSF President (TBC)

#### **09:40** **The ERC and its funding opportunities**

Prof Eva Kondorosi, Chair of the ERC Scientific Council WG on Widening European Participation

#### **10:00** **ERC grantee testimony (name TBC)**

#### **10:20** **ERC application and evaluation procedure**

David Krasa, ERCEA Scientific Department, Head of Sector Physical Sciences and Mathematics

#### **10:45** **Coffee break**

### *Part 4* *Training and support for ERC applicants*

#### **11:00** **Recommendations from the ERC panel member**

Prof. Zaal Kokaia, ERC Panel Member

#### **11:20** **Panel discussion: Experience of the ERC applicants from EaP region**

(5 panellists – ERC applicants from EaP)

#### **12:00** **Panel discussion: Practices of NCPs support on national and local level**

(5 panellists – ERC NCPs from EaP)

#### **12:40** **Concluding Remarks**

Prof Eva Kondorosi, Chair of the ERC Scientific Council WG on Widening European Participation

#### **13:00** **End of Event**