

## 10 YEARS OF EXCELLENT IDEAS

# European Research Council (ERC) and its impact in Europe and the Czech Republic

In March 2017 the ERC will celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In 10 years only it has become a brand of scientific excellence and a recognised success story for the European Union: thousands of research leaders and teams supported, almost 100 000 articles featuring ERC projects in international scientific journals, hundreds of breakthroughs and discoveries that are opening new horizons to tackle medical, industrial and societal challenges, 6 Nobel prizes, that went to recipients of European Research Council grants.

On this occasion a conference and networking event entitled “10 years of excellent ideas” is organized by the Technology Centre of the Czech Academy of Sciences on 15 March in Prague. The event is hosted by the Charles University. It will be followed by a regional ERC day on 16 March in Brno.

**Date:** 15 March 2017

**Venue:** Charles University Prague  
Patriots Hall (Vlastenecký sál), Carolinum (Ovocný trh 3 - 5, Prague 1)

**Registration:** <http://geform.tc.cz/10yearsofERC>

## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

09:30 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 10:15	<b>Welcome</b> Jan Konvalinka, <i>Vice-Rector for Research, Charles University</i> Jiří Drahoš, <i>President of the Czech Academy of Sciences</i>
10:15 – 10:45	<b>ERC – Reflections on the vision and reality</b> Pavel Exner, <i>former Vicepresident of the European Research Council</i>
10:45 – 11:15	<b>ERC – Its impact in Europe and the Czech Republic and future outlook</b> Tomáš Jungwirth, <i>ERC Scientific Council Member</i>
11:15 – 11:45	<b>ERC evaluation process – Is my proposal competitive enough and what makes the difference?</b> Zdeněk Strakoš, <i>Charles University – PE6 Panel Chair and Evaluator</i>
11:45 – 12:00	<b>Complementary funding schemes and support to the applicants</b> Petra Perutková, <i>Technology Centre of the Czech Academy of Sciences</i>
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch Break
13:00 – 15:30	<b>Wonders of Science – My groundbreaking research and ERC’s impact on</b>

	<p><b>my career (selected ERC projects)</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> Tomáš Jungwirth, <i>ERC Scientific Council Member</i>  David Doležel, <i>Biology Centre CAS, ERC Consolidator Grant Holder</i>  Michal Koucký, <i>Charles University, ERC Consolidator Grant Holder</i>  Jan Macák, <i>University of Pardubice, ERC Starting Grant Holder</i>  Filip Matějka, <i>CERGE-EI, ERC Starting Grant Holder</i>  Jana Roithová, <i>Charles University, ERC Starting and Consolidator Grant Holder</i>  Petr Svoboda, <i>Institute of Molecular Genetics of the Czech Academy of Sciences, ERC Consolidator Grant Holder</i>  Josef Urban, <i>Czech Technical University in Prague, ERC Consolidator Grant Holder</i>  Jana Kalbáčová Vejpravová, <i>Charles University, ERC Starting Grant Holder</i>  Alena Panicucci Zíková, <i>Biology Centre CAS, ERC CZ Grant Holder</i></p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:00	<p><b>Round table discussion</b>  <b>Challenges and opportunities in supporting young researchers' career development and increasing the Czech participation in ERC</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> Pavel Exner, <i>former Vicepresident of the European Research Council</i>  Jan Konvalinka, <i>Vice-Rector for Research, Charles University</i>  Lukáš Levák, <i>Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports</i>  Arnošt Marks, <i>Government Office for Science, Research and Innovations</i>  Alice Valkárová, <i>Czech Science Foundation</i>  Eva Zažímalová, <i>Czech Academy of Sciences</i></p>
17:00 – 19:00	<p><b>Networking reception</b>  <b>Welcome</b>  Arnošt Marks, <i>Government Office for Science, Research and Innovations</i></p>

The event is free of charge, however, a registration via <http://geform.tc.cz/10yearsofERC> is required. The capacity is limited. Contact for more information about the programme: [perutkova@tc.cz](mailto:perutkova@tc.cz).

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