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Demand for ERC Starting Grants stabilises

A total of 3272 proposals were submitted in the 2014 European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grant competition - the first one under the new EU Framework Programme *Horizon 2020* - which closed on 27 March. This means that, after years of substantial increases in the number of applications received, the demand for Starting Grants has stabilised. This development can be partially explained by the recently introduced restrictions in re-submissions rules.

Compared to the 2013 call for Starting Grants that attracted 3329 applications, the demand this year decreased by around 1.7%. In addition to the [new re-submissions rules](#), one factor that may have played a role is the fact that applications coming from research institutions based in Switzerland were for the first time not eligible in this competition.

In this call, the distribution by the three ERC domains was as follows: 1494 proposals were submitted in 'Physical Sciences and Engineering', 1030 in 'Life Sciences' and 748 in 'Social Sciences and Humanities'.

In the 2013 Starting Grant call, 300 top researchers were awarded grants of nearly €400 Million in total, with a success rate of around 9%. In this year's call, the overall call budget is €485 Million.

The results of this call are expected to be published in the autumn of 2014.

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