**· Do you have an excellent track record of publishing in top journals in the field?**

Yes, I published in top peer-reviewed journals in computational geomechanics such as Computers and Geotechnics (IF: 4.956), Geotextiles and Geomembranes (IF:5.292), International Journal for Numerical Methods in Engineering (IF:3.477), Engineering Structures (IF:4.471), Neural Computing & Applications (IF:5.606).

**· Do you know any or are you aware of researchers with ERC grants in your area?**

Yes, in Norway, I know about Hans Bihls, Inga Berre. Reading their proposal through ERC Reading Days

In my field, I know about Ioannis Stefanou ERC Str (CoQuake)

**· Has your research been groundbreaking in any way?**

I guess it is innovative but not sure about groundbreaking.

**· Is your academic community aware of your research? Have you been cited by top people in the field?**

My recent work has gained great attention (400 likes 25,000 impressions on LinkedIn), resulting in invitations to present at workshops and inquiries from two research groups.

**· Are you internationally active? (e.g., attendance/presenting your work at the biggest international conferences in the area?)**

Yes, I participated in many conferences recently.

**· Is your research a continuation of your PhD and Post doc at NTNU? In any way incremental?**

My current expertise is on computational modeling of landslide using a method referred as MPM. I plan to expand my current computational tools (MPM) to be more advanced to investigate a completely new phenomenon (microscale of granular materials).

**· Do you see that your research progresses beyond the state of the art?**

Yes, my recent work is novel.

**· Do you see the project as a second logical step of your research?**

I do not understand the question.

**· Any innovation, something totally new that nobody has thought**

Yes, to my understanding in the literature, no one have published the research regarding what I propose in my ERC proposal.