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## ERC Starting Grant Panel 2026

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The list below includes the panel chairs in the ERC Starting Grant peer review process, identified and invited by the ERC Scientific Council. There are in total 28 panels, divided between 3 domains as follows: 9 panels in Life Sciences (LS), 8 panels in Social Sciences & Humanities (SH) and 11 panels in Physical Sciences and Engineering (PE).

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### PHYSICAL SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING

PE1 Mathematics	Prof. Sofia Charlotta Olhede
PE2 Fundamental Constituents of Matter	Prof. Martina Knoop
PE3 Condensed Matter Physics	Prof. Silke Biermann
PE4 Physical and Analytical Chemical Sciences	Prof. Marco Musiani
PE5 Synthetic Chemistry and Materials	Prof. Janine Cossy
PE6 Computer Science and Informatics	Prof. Enrico Motta
PE7 Systems and Communication Engineering	Prof. Jerome Faist
PE8 Products and Processes Engineering	Prof. Laoise McNamara
PE9 Universe Sciences	Prof. Gianfranco Bertone
PE10 Earth System Science	Prof. Veronique Dehant
PE11 Materials Engineering	Prof. Maria Antonietta Loi

### LIFE SCIENCES

LS1 Molecules of Life: Biological Mechanisms, Structures and Functions	Prof. Sophie Janssens
LS2 Integrative Biology: from Genes and Genomes to System	Prof. Alison G. Smith
LS3 Cell Biology, Development, Stem Cells and Regeneration	Prof. Dolf Weijers
LS4 Physiology in Health, Disease and Ageing	Prof. Caroline Hill
LS5 Neuroscience and Disorders of the Nervous System	Prof. Brigitte Malgrange
LS6 Immunity, Infection, and Immunotherapy	Prof. Dominique Soldati-Favre
LS7 Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment of Human Diseases	Prof. Emmanuel Delamarche
LS8 Environmental Biology, Ecology and Evolution	Prof. Graham Budd
LS9 Biotechnology and Biosystems Engineering	Prof. Katja Schenke-Layland

### SOCIAL SCIENCES & HUMANITIES

SH1 Individuals, Markets and Organisations	Prof. Victor Martínez de Albéniz
SH2 Institutions, Governance and Legal Systems	Prof. Gail McElroy
SH3 The Social World and Its Interactions	Prof. Henrik Erdman Vigh
SH4 The Human Mind and Its Complexity	Prof. Susan Branje
SH5 Texts and Concept	Prof. Jan Opsomer
SH6 The Study of the Human Past	Prof. Stephanie Wynne-Jones
SH7 Human Mobility, Environment, and Space	Prof. Rob Kitchin
SH8 Studies of Cultures and Arts	Prof. John Guyet Erni