

ECESR Grant Support Programme

One of the key activities of the European Centre for Economic & Social Research [ECESR] is to support science, research and education in the economic and social sciences through research grants. The ECESR Board of Directors announces grant support programmes through current open calls for proposals.

1. Public grant call

The terms and conditions of the European Centre for Economic & Social Research grant scheme are set out in the general rules of the call:

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The aim of the project

The programme aims to support basic research projects in the following areas:

- a) Tourism
- b) Economics and management
- c) Finance
- d) Finance and accounting
- e) Management
- f) Marketing
- g) National economy – fiscal and monetary

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Funds allocation

ECESR will allocate for the call total amount € 10,000

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Deadlines and application method

- Call deadline: 15 March 2026 on the website www.ecesr.eu in the section "scientific grants"
- Application deadline: 30 June 2026
- Grant approval decision: 31 August 2026
- Deadline for the start of project implementation: 1 September 2026
- Deadline for project settlement: 30 September 2028

The application for a research grant shall be completed electronically in the prescribed form and sent, together with the mandatory annexes, to the e-mail address ceo@ecesr.eu. Mandatory attachments are the project budget and the CVs of the members of the scientific team.

A grant application must comply with the following requirements:

- a) a description of the grant proposal, justification, timeliness, expected results and timetable;
- b) details of the principal investigator/scientific team, qualifications for the project, previous experience related to the subject of the project (CV);

- c) project budget.

An applicant may only apply for one grant per applicant/research team per calendar year.

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Settlement and final report

The successful applicant who has been awarded a grant will send a statement of accounts, including a final report by 30 September 2026 to ceo@ecesar.eu. The final report must be drawn up in a standardised format and contain the following information:

- a) basic information about the project and the investigator/research team;
- b) information on the project objectives, methodology, process, resources and any changes in the substantive design that have occurred during the course of the project, together with a justification, for the entire duration of the grant project;
- c) an overall summary of the results achieved a complete list of all results and outputs of the grant project. This shall include an annex on publications, software, utility models, new methods, practical application of results, etc;
- d) a summary of the use of the funds allocated in accordance with the approved contract and justification for any changes (statement of accounts), including copies of bills and other documents.

Final reports on completed projects are publicly available at www.ecesar.eu in the relevant ECESR grant support section.

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Evaluation

The following criteria are set out for the evaluation of an ECESR grant application and are decisive for financial support:

- a) originality, contribution to the field of science or other professional activity, identification of outputs and their applicability, and completeness and quality of the application;
- b) the competence and experience of the applicant/research team with regard to its professional and institutional background;
- c) the project budget, its clarity, the justification of individual items and its adequacy.

The ECESR Board of Directors will appoint 2 reviewers (outside the applicant's field) who will prepare assessments to evaluate the quality of the grant applications according to the established criteria. The evaluations are made in the form containing the scores of the evaluated criteria. The names of the reviewers shall not be made public.

Based on the scores obtained and the recommendations, the ECESR Scientific board shall determine the final ranking of the grant applications by secret ballot. In the event of a tie, the Chairperson's vote shall be decisive.

The number of applications approved depends on the amount of the grant fund approved for the year in question.

The meetings of the ECESR Scientific Council shall be confidential and minutes of the meetings shall be drawn up.

§6 **Evaluation criteria**

The appointed reviewers will assess each application based on the criteria set out below.

Evaluation criterion	Max. points	Min. points
Completeness and quality of the application	10	6
Originality, contribution to the discipline	20	12
Quality of outputs	20	12
Competence of the applicant (technical and institutional background)	10	6
Project budget (clarity, justification of individual items and their adequacy)	10	6
TOTAL	70	42

If the application is formally incomplete, it will receive 0 points and will be excluded from further evaluation. Each reviewer evaluates the project individually and the final score is the average of all the reviewers.

§7 **Successful applicant's obligations**

A successful applicant who receives funding from ECESR grant support is required to include in all outputs (most commonly e.g. in the Acknowledgement section of a scientific article) the following information: *This work is supported by European center for economic & social research's scientific grant.*

§8 **Final clauses**

The grant proposal does not create a legal entitlement to grant support. The award of the grant will depend on the decision of the ECESR Scientific Board and does not depend on the legal entitlement of the applicant.

The amount allocated for grant support may not be allocated in full. ECESR reserves the right to decide on the amount of funding to be allocated to individual applicants based on the evaluation and availability of funding. The amount allocated serves as the maximum possible amount available for grant support.

Any questions regarding the grant application should be sent to ceo@ecesar.eu.

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