The European Research Council



From ERC PoC to EIC Transition An overview

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EIC Transition: Applicants' Day for ERC PoCs 29 March 2021

ERC PoC





150K EUR

Open to all ERC grantees



Clear selection criteria

Focus: breakthrough innovation potential



Continous Calls

3 cut-off dates/ year



Results in 100 days

Competent evaluators

Simple and efficient



7-page proposal

18-month project



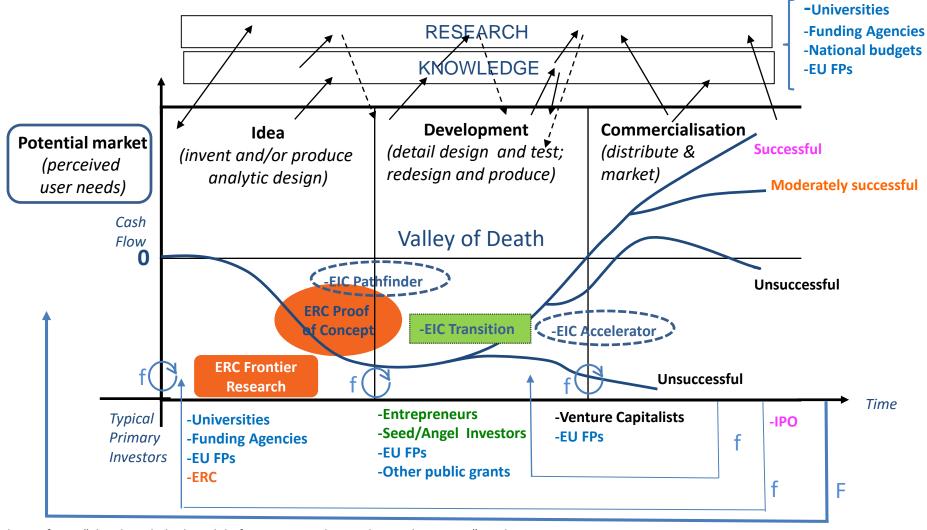
Competitive process

36% success rate

A selection process that looks into ideas generated in ERC-funded projects and selects among them the most competitive for translation into a concept to be further developed towards an innovation and/or an entrepreneurial venture

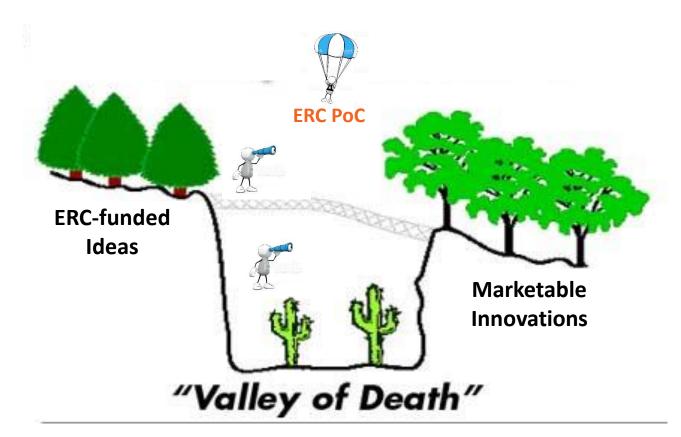
European Innovation: financial support





2011: PoC was created to bridge the Valley of Death

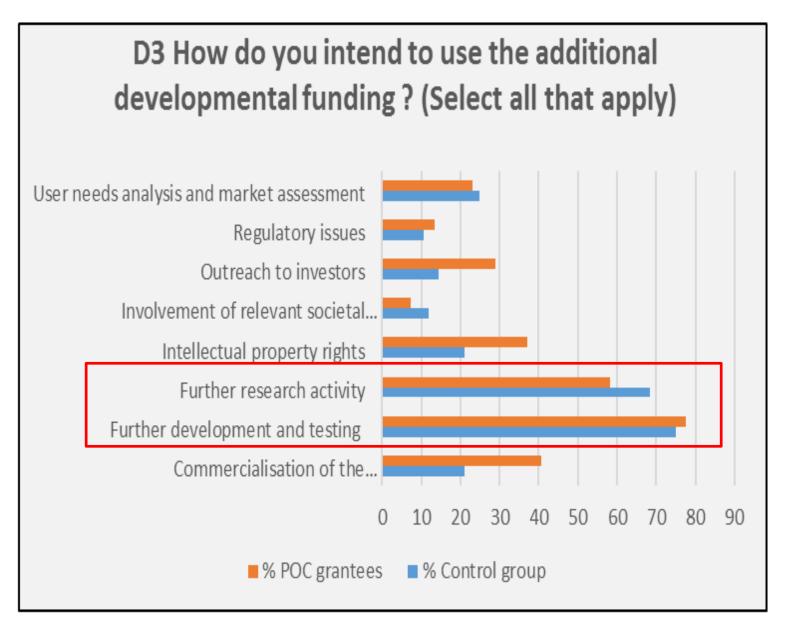




After 10 years: PoC remains closer to idea generation than to innovation

An Empirical Assessment of the ERC PoC

Independent Report 2017

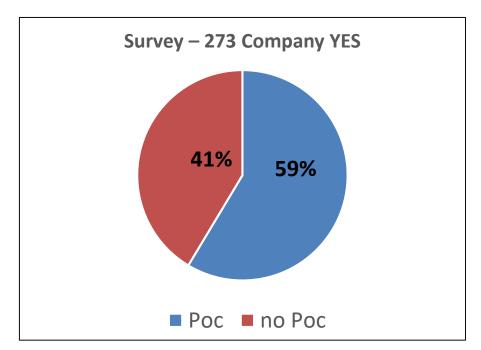


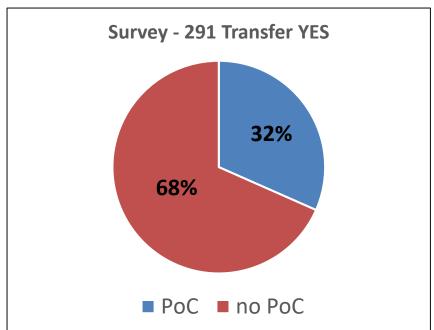
Survey launched to 9,270 PIs of ERC grants (closed 4/12/2020)

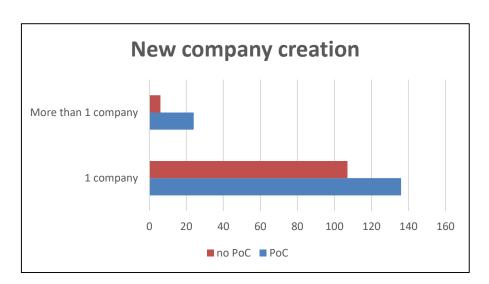
- 1. Have the results of your ERC-funded research directly contributed to the creation of a new company?
- 2. Have the results of your ERC-funded research been transferred to a preexisting company?

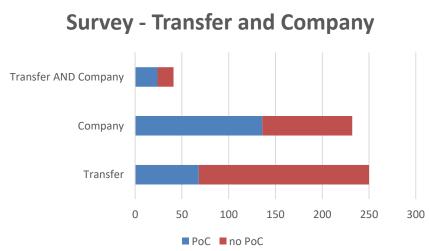
Response rate: 52.6%

Count of User name	· ·	
New company?	Total	
Don't know		196
No		4406
Yes		273
Grand Total		4875
Count of User name		
Transferred to a preexisting compa	an Total	
Do not know		195
No		4389
Yes		291
Grand Total		4875









PoC data (2011-2020)



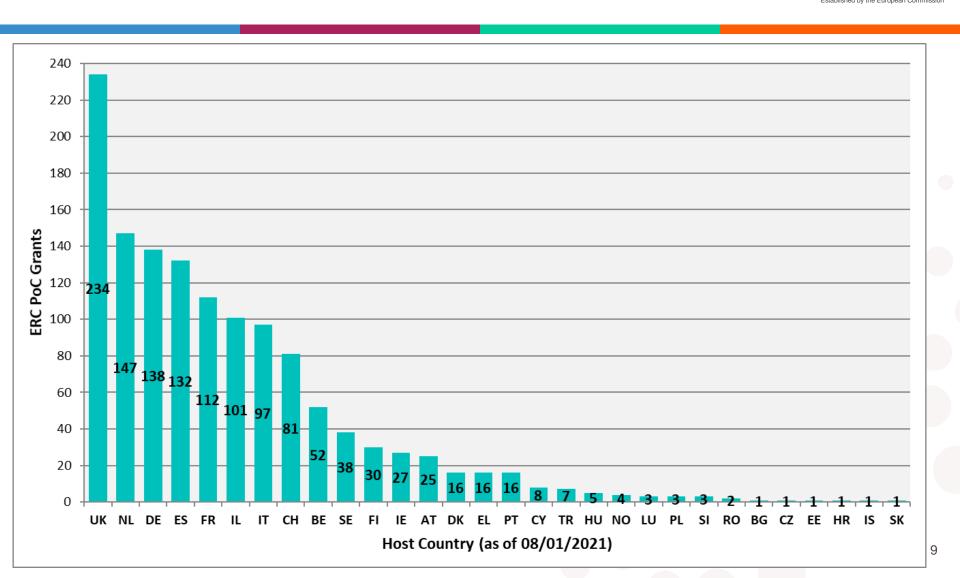
Established by the European Commission

	Budget 10ml	Budget 10ml	Budget 10ml	Budget 15ml	Budget 20ml	Budget 20ml	Budget 20ml	Budget 20ml	Budget 25ml	Budget 25ml	
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	TOTAL
Proposals	139	120	279	426	323	405	497	417	498	513	3617
Funded	51	60	67	121	160	159	160	160	199	166	1303
Success	37%	50%	24%	28%	50%	39%	32%	38%	40%	32%	36%



ERC Proof of Concept 2011-2020







Genenta Science announces 13,2 Million in a New Round of Financing, hits a total above 30 Million since inception. Two clinical trials ongoing.

September 11, 2019

MILANO (Italy) / NEW YORK (NY, USA) -- Genenta Science, a clinical-stage biotechnology company pioneering the development of hematopoietic stem cell gene therapies for cancer (Temferon™), today announced the closing of its third Round adding €13,2M in a total of €30,2M since incorporation. Two Phase I/II clinical trials are currently ongoing in two different indications, early relapse Multiple Myeloma - a hematologic disorder, and newly diagnosed Glioblastoma Multiforme - a solid tumor

The Round was led by Qianzhan Investment Management (QZ) and Fidim.

QZ is a Chinese private investment company based in Shanghai operating in futures trading, stock trading, and private equity investments. Currently, QZ has allocated \$720M to private equity and venture capital in tech and life sciences, investing in China, US and Europe. QZ was one of the first and is currently an investor in Tencent Music (NYSE: TME). QZ is also an investor in Wuhan Hiteck (300683.SZ), Capella Therapeutics (San Diego, CA), Denovo Biopharma (San Diego, CA), among others.

Fidim is the holding company of the Rovati family, the former owner of Rottapharm, a pharma company whose commercial activity was acquired by Meda for shares and equity value of €2.2B. Fidim retained the R&D operations as Rottapharm Biotech. In 2016, Meda was acquired by Mylan (NASDAQ: MYL). Both QZ and Fidim will be Observers in Genenta's Board of Directors. QZ will be represented by Jing "Akira" Number of Acquisitions 1 Total Funding Amount



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Ultrahaptics is working to create the most remarkable connection between people and technology. Bristol, Bristol, City of, United Kingdom

Consumer Electronics, Electronics, Software Engineering

European Union (EU) Headquarters Regions Founded Date

Founders Sriram Subramanian, Tom Carter

Operating Status Active

Funding Status Late Stage Venture Last Funding Type Series C

Number of Employees 51-100 Legal Name Ultrahaptics Limited

IPO Status Private Company Type For Profit

Website ultrahaptics.com/ @ Facebook View on Facebook ☑ LinkedIn View on LinkedIn ☑

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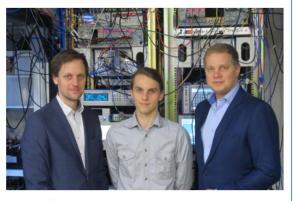
IOM Finland raises €11.6 million to speed up advancements in quantum computing

By Mary Loritz - July 9, 2019





\$85.9M



Espoo-based IQM Finland is building scalable cryogenic hardware for general purpose quantum computers. The startup—a spinout from Aalto University and VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland (VTT)—is developing high-speed quantum processors using superconducting qubits to reduce the error rates that currently limit quantum computers.

Austrian Cluster for Tissue Regeneration

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UpNano wins #glaubandich Challenge

In the great finale of the #glaubandich Challenge, which took place on April 9th in front of more than 1000 spectators, associate Cluster member UpNano was

The company originates from Aleksandr Ovsianikov's team at TU Vienna. Their patented process allows them to design 3D printers that produce resolutions of ess than one micrometer with high production throughput in a cost-effective process. A special feature is the incorporation of living cells during printing. UpNano impressed the crowd and jury of the #glaubandich (German for believe in yourself) Challenge with a strong pitch held by Denise Mandt, co-founder of the company, and of course with its hallmark castle, built on the tip of a sharp pencil (-> read more).

Congratulations from the Cluster

Total Funding Amount

£557.3M

CB Rank (Company)

3.144



Oxford Nanopore Technologies

Oxford Nanopore Technologies develops nanopore-based electronic systems for analyzing single molecules, including DNA, RNA and proteins. Oxford, Oxfordshire, United Kingdom

Biopharma, Biotechnology, Genetics, Health Diagnostics, Nanotechnology Categories

Headquarters Regions European Union (EU)

Founded Date 2005

Founders Gordon Sanghera, Hagan Bayley

Operating Status Active

Last Funding Type Venture - Series Unknown

Number of Employees

Legal Name Oxford Nanopore Technologies Ltd

Hub Tags Unicorn

IPO Status Private Company Type For Profit



Thank you!

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