

SDU's Funding Strategy & good application process

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SDU's strategy for External research funding

<https://sdunet.dk/en/research/funding-strategy> (2023-2030)



- **New framework for research Funding**
- Private Danish Foundations – Centres
- DNRF - Centres of Excellence (CoE)
- EU Funding – GC & ERC/MSCA

- Social Challenges – missions - Cross disciplinary

- Get SDU equipped to seize the new opportunities

- In numbers, the goal is to increase external funding with 30%

- **Four strategic focus areas**
 - Recruitment & Talent development
 - Prioritisation and management
 - Organisation and administrative support
 - Networking – internally & externally

Initiatives for Funding strategy – January 2023-2030

Initiatives from Rector, the Board and RI-council

1. Round (JAN 2023)	2. Round (OKT 2023)	New 2024
Writing retreat for researchers	SDU Research Academy	ERC Bonus initiative
Career development via external funding	Impact	
Collegial sparring when writing applications	Recruitment of researchers (ERC)	
Systematic use of application feedback		
Administrative simplifications		

Initiatives 1st round	Objective	Decisions
Systematic use of application feedback	Knowledge and learning from application process becomes embedded in the organisation – sections, department, faculties and SDU level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Share feedback and reviews with local RSO and HoD/RGL - Include local RSO in all E-portals - Analysis – Faculty/SDU level
Peer review when writing applications	To qualify applications and to strenght skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All applications must have peer review - A SDU framework for different kind of peer review processes – faculty model
Career development via external funding	Promote career development and potential to obtain external funding ... apply for the right grant with the right project and the right time of your career..	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mapping of funding tools that support career development - Guidance from the closest scientific leader
Writing retreat for researchers	Ensure optimal working conditions when applying for bigger grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Individual and collective funding for writing retreats
Administrative simplifications	Making process easier and more flexible for both researchers and administrative functions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IT solutions for SDUPro budget approvals - Internal systems and workflows

Initiatives 2nd round	Objective	Decisions
Recruitment of researchers (ERC)	Attracting new talent to SDU	- Funding-start-package for recruitment of ERC grant-holders
SDU Research Academy	Strengthen recruitment and talent development at SDU	- Academy programme for assistant professors and early career associate professors
Impact	Building common and increased understanding of the concept of impact and description of impact in applications	- Impact events... - Improve impact sections in applications
ERC Bonus (new in 2024)	To motivate to an increased number of ERC applications from SDU	- 2*DKK 250.000 if invited for interview - 2*DKK 250.000 if granted

The application process and collaboration with RSO

Bi-annual meetings with HoD, research group leaders and contact person from RSO

Overview of research group's profile, needs and funding activities
Short- and long term planning of applications

January 2024:

Overview and **detailed planning** of applications for **spring and fall 2024**

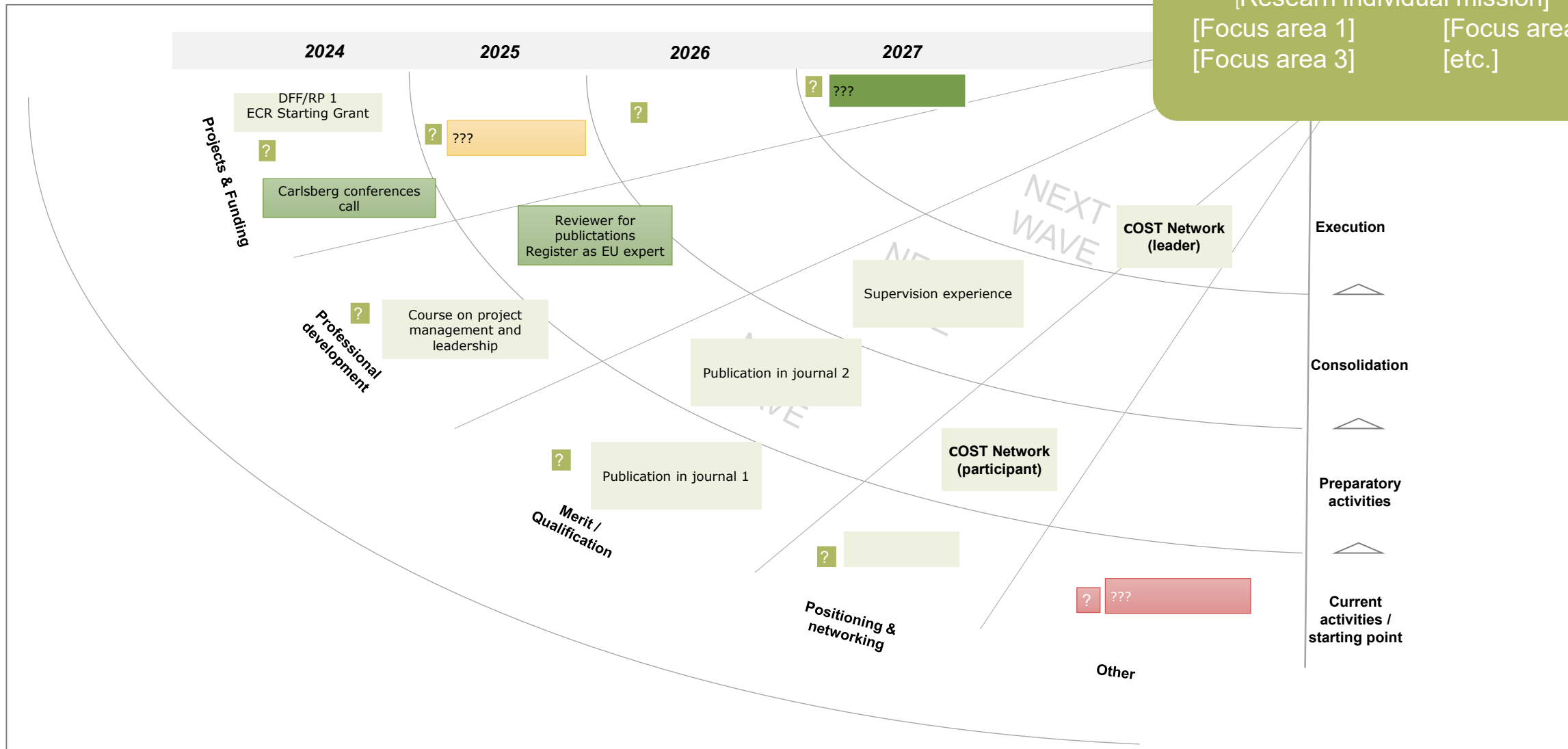
August 2024:

Overview and **detailed planning** of applications for **2025** and **long-term planning for 2026-2028**

NOTE: RSO thinks and plans application process ahead of time!

Planned applications will be noted in RSO's internal pipeline; only those applications noted in the pipeline can be supported with sufficient time and resources by RSOs

Support for Researchers individual / group funding plan



Research Support

Pre-award process	Research support office
Project idea	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participation in pitch- and brainstorming meetings• Tools to develop research projects ideas
Funding opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information, screenings and news regarding funding opportunities• Organizing information meetings, workshops, masterclasses etc.• Matching and interpretation of calls to the policy context
Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Start up meeting to plan application process• Information packages with checklists, templates and best practice
Consortia building	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participation in planning and consortia building, finding additional partners• Facilitating the involvement of relevant stakeholders
Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reviewing with focus on communication, readability, coherence and the non-academic sections and budget-strategy• Addressing the systemic challenges: Impact, dissemination, management, ethics, gender issues, Open Science• Facilitating expert reviews when relevant
Submission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check and help with forms, formalities, letters of support, documentation etc.• Support regarding the electronic submission
Interview training	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feedback on slides and presentation
Research career counselling in general	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CV check and clarification• Funding plan incl. timing of proposals to career stage• Advising on relevant courses• Advising on visibility

European Days at BSS

- 23rd May – Online 9.30-12.30 - European Funding. Mores than what you expect
 - Overview EU Funding landscape, how to become an EU evaluator, your EU funding profile to help screening for relevant calls etc.
- 18th June (Odense) 20th June (Kolding) – Onsite workshop 9.30-11.00 – Be visible in Europe.
 - How to be visible and where. Prepare your pitch for partnering up with european consortiums
- August/sept. – How to be a partner (WP-Lead) in European projects
 - Understand how to read the call and expected impacts, understand the different sections in the application template, your responsibility as a partner etc.
- Autumn – The role as a coordinator – across SDU

Take a look at the Research Support Hub <https://sdunet.dk/en/research> for more EU tools and news

Thanks – an time for
Q&A