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.ERC in Galicia

European Research Council



.bio

- professor of genetics at the university of vigo (spain)
- **ERC grantee**
 - ERC Starting Grant 2007 (1 million €)
 - ERC Consolidator Grant 2013 (2 million €)
- **ERC panel member**
 - ERC Advanced Grant LS8 (2012, 2014, 2016)
- **ERC reviewer**
 - ERC St, Co, Ad Grants



- **European Research Council**
 - **excellence** as the sole criterion (bottom-up)
 - **Starting** grants (StG) (2 milion €)
 - **Consolidator** grants (CoG) (2.75 milion €)
 - **Advance** grants (AdG) (3.5 milion €)

.advantages for ERC grantees

- **stability** (relative)
- **independence**
- funding to do **ambitious research**
- funding to build a **team**
- recognition = **stimulation**
- better **conditions** (to some extent)
- grant **portability**

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- ~300 ERCs in Spain
- 10 ERCs awarded in Galicia
 - 2007 StG * David Posada (UVIGO) (biology)
 - 2010 StG * Francisco Rivadulla (USC) (chemistry)
 - 2011 StG * Miguel López (USC) (biology)
 - 2009 StG * Rubén Nogueiras (USC) (biology)
 - 2011 StG * Carlos Salgado (USC) (physics)
 - 2010 AdG * Luis Liz-Marzán (UVIGO) (chemistry) -> gone
 - 2012 StG * Héctor Gómez (UDC) (engineering)
 - 2013 CoG * David Posada (UVIGO) (biology)
 - 2013 AdG * Jose Luis Mascareñas (USC) (chemistry)
 - 2014 StG * Diego Martínez (USC) (physics)

.interest of ERC

- why do we want ERC researchers in Galicia?
 - prestige
 - visibility
 - economy
 - attraction poles



.ERC growth in Galicia

- **incentivize**
 - Galician researchers passing ERC phase I
- **retain**
 - stability → ICREA, Ikerbasque
 - better professional conditions (professional, research, teaching) → ICREA Academia
- **capture**
 - “foreign” ERC researchers (incentives, stability) → ICREA, Ikerbasque
 - need strategy + to be active



.the Oportunius opportunity

- makes Galicia an **attractive place** to do research
- creates a (very competitive) **career path** for young researchers
- new **human resources policy**
- **synergistic** effect
- important **return**
- **win-win** situation

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