On 11th November 2021, between 14:00-16:00 CET, the Young Academy of Europe (YAE) in collaboration with the Academia Europaea Budapest Knowledge Hub will host an event dedicated to researchers from EU13 and Associated Countries who are interested in applying for the next round of European Research Council Starting Grants (ERC StG).

In 2020, the YAE organised a very well-attended virtual ERC StG mentoring event focused on providing guidance and support to applicants from countries under-represented among funded proposals. The event also included domain-specific break-out rooms with grant-writing advice by current YAE members who successfully navigated through the process. The recordings from these sessions are available on our website.

The second instalment of our mentoring events will be delivered in collaboration with the Academia Europaea Budapest Knowledge Hub, and will be focused around the next step of the ERC StG evaluation process – on how ERC’s evaluation panels work and how decisions within evaluation panels are made to recommend a grant application for funding. This is an important opportunity for applicants to gain key insights into what makes a successful ERC application and a better understanding of the evaluation process. The event will start with a plenary information session for potential applicants and a short Q&A with a representative from the ERC Executive Agency (ERCEA), Janka Mátrai. This will be followed up by a talk by Gergely Bőhm, ERC National Contact Point leader in Hungary on typical comments of ERC evaluation reports. The main part of the event will include three parallel sessions focusing on each ERC research domain: Physical Sciences & Engineering (PE), Life Sciences (LS), and Social Sciences & Humanities (SH). Each mock evaluation panel will be reviewing two examples of ERC grants, allowing attendees to gain key insights into this part of the funding process.

You can also find more information about the upcoming event on our website or at the registration site.

**Programme**

**Plenary session**
- 14:00-14:05 Opening (Gemma Modinos, YAE Chair; Éva Kondorosi, AE Budapest Hub Co-chair)
- 14:05-14:30 The European Research Council: Funding opportunities and application and evaluation process (Janka Mátrai, ERCEA)
- 14:30-14:45 Common mistakes and highly valued elements of ERC applications as seen by ERC evaluators (Gergely Bőhm, NCP Hungary)
- 14:45-15:00 Q & A
Moderator: Katalin Solymosi (YAE, AE Hub)

**Breakout sessions**
- 15:00-16:00 Domain PE (4 Panellists: László Forró, HAS; Eystein Jansen, AE; Katalin Kamarás, AE; Marcel Swart, AE), Moderator: Alina Mihaela Badescu (YAE)
- 15:00-16:00 Domain LS (4 Panellists: André Aleman, KNAW; Mara Dierssen, AE; Mandy McLean, AMS; Ole Petersen, AE), Moderator: Gemma Modinos (YAE)
- 15:00-16:00 Domain SH (4 Panellists: Marcel den Dikken, KNAW; Poul Holm, AE; Miklós Koren, AE; Peter Wagner, AE), Moderator: Pawel Korpal (YAE)