



Prof. Dr. Donald Bruce DINGWELL, Secretary General of the European Research Council (ERC) is visiting Taiwan in July (2012) to promote the ERC and also attract talents to do research at Europe. Taiwan is one of his three stops (Korea & Japan) in Asia and is part of his Global tour.

The National Science Council (NSC) would like to invite you to listen to the ERC's presentation.

European Research Council (ERC):

- is Part of the 7th EU Research Framework Programme
- focus on Frontier research projects
- No predetermined subjects (bottom-up); all science fields
- Support for the individual scientist
- International peer-review
- Open to researchers from anywhere in the world willing to do research in Europe

ERC offers independence, recognition & visibility

- to work on a research topic of own choice (**ANY TOPICS**), with a team of own choice
- to gain true financial autonomy for 5 years
- to negotiate with the host institution the best conditions of work
- to attract top team members (EU and non-EU) and collaborators
- to move with the grant to any place in Europe if necessary (portability of grants)
- to attract additional funding and gain recognition; ERC is a quality label



FOUR Major Funding Schemes of the ERC:

(A) Starting Grants:

- starters (2-7 years after PhD)
- consolidators (7-12 years after Phd) up to €2.0 M for 5 years

(B) Advanced Grants

- track-record of significant research achievements in the last 10 years
- up to € 3.5 M for 5 years

(C) Synergy Grants

- 2 – 4 Principal Investigators
- up to € 15.0 M for 6 years

(D) Proof-of-Concept

- bridging gap between research - earliest stage of marketable innovation
up to €150,000 for ERC grant holders