

ERC: Strike the iron while it's hot!

Place: University of Potsdam, Campus am Neuen Palais, Building 8, Room 0.58

Date and time: 23.06.2026, 11:00 – 15:00 (11 am – 3 pm)

Speakers:

Randi Wallmichrath (NKS ERC)

Prof. Dr. Tim Dietrich (ERC Grantee, UP)

Prof. Dr. Alexandra Carpentier (ERC Grantee, UP)

Moderation: Dr. Adriana Wipperling-Klepke (EU Office, UP)

Agenda

10:45 – 11:00

- Registration and Coffee

11:00 – 11:10

- Welcome speech (Prof. Dr. Barbara Höhle, Vice President for Research, UP)

11:10 – 12:30

- Introduction to the ERC funding schemes (Randi Wallmichrath, ca. 40 min.):
 - Starting, Consolidator, Advanced and Synergy Grants
 - call deadlines, application procedure, eligibility criteria, budget
 - Proposal structure and design
 - evaluation, success rates and statistics
 - (maybe) outlook for the 2027 Work Programme
- Discussion/O&A: Are you ready for ERC? What is the right time to apply? What are the “ERC essentials” (high risk - high gain, groundbreaking idea etc.)? Relevance of the PIs track record vs. project idea?

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break

13:30 – 15:00

- Testimonial: Alexandra Carpentier (ERC Consolidator Grant SOCE) – ca. 20 min.
- Testimonial: Tim Dietrich (ERC Starting Grant SMArt) – ca. 20 min.
- Discussion/exchange/Q&A