

## **Extra ERC funding to test market potential of 50 research projects**

### **Víctor Guallar, from BSC, receives a ‘Proof-of-Concept’ grant.**

Developing therapies for children with congenital heart defects, monitoring water quality in real time, improving the nutritional qualities of potatoes or making the best informed choices when buying a new house. These are some of the issues to be tackled by 50 outstanding scientists who are receiving ‘Proof-of-Concept’ grants of up to €150,000 each from the European Research Council (ERC). This ‘top-up’ funding is designed to help researchers who already hold an ERC grant, to test the market potential of their frontier research. With a very limited part of the ERC budget, the ‘Proof of Concept’ scheme can help ERC grant holders unleash considerable innovation potential. The grant covers costs related to activities such as establishing intellectual property rights, investigating commercial and business opportunities (e.g. setting up a start-up) or technical validation (e.g. carrying out clinical tests).

Further information [here](#)

[List of the 50 selected researchers by country of host institution](#)

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