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## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

**Subject: Your input is needed for a study on career impacts of ERC funding**

**Reference: ERCEA/A1/2016/07**

Dear Madam/Sir,

Unit A1 "Support to the Scientific Council" of the European Research Council Executive Agency (ERCEA) is currently conducting a study on career impacts of ERC funding.

In line with the ERC Scientific Council's Monitoring and Evaluation Strategy, the study aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the impact that ERC funding has on the careers of the ERC Principal Investigators and their teams, with a focus on younger researchers. The study shall provide insights on the impact on career advancement, but also on the type of careers that team members embark on after the end of the project.

The study foresees interviews with academic experts, as well as a web-based survey of ERC Principal Investigators, their team members, and a control group of researchers. We would kindly like to ask for your cooperation with these surveys. Your input would be highly appreciated as we deem it essential to the study. Please be assured that all data provided to the contractor will be used for the purpose of the study only. All personal data collected will remain confidential, in line with Regulation (EC) No 45/2001.

The study is being carried out by ICF Consulting Services Limited, in association with Elsevier, Twente University and Vitae; the Project Manager is Mr. James Leather. If you have any questions about the study, please feel free to contact Mr. Leather via e-mail at [erccareers@icf.com](mailto:erccareers@icf.com) or the contact person at the ERCEA, Dr. Dagmar Meyer, at the address [ERC-A1-PO@ec.europa.eu](mailto:ERC-A1-PO@ec.europa.eu).

Thank you in advance for your kind cooperation.

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