Technology Centre of the Czech Academy of Sciences takes pleasure in inviting you to the European Research Council (ERC) applicants’ workshop on

**HOW TO WRITE A COMPETITIVE PROPOSAL?**

The interactive workshop will be focused on proposal writing. The participants will have a unique opportunity to work with a successful ERC project, to discuss with its principal investigator and to meet evaluators/experts from the applicants’ fields of research. To maximize the impact and effectiveness the workshop is opened **only for ERC Starting/Consolidator grants applicants who already have a concrete project idea/a draft proposal**, which they intend to submit to the **2018 ERC Work Programme calls**.

The workshop will be divided into two parts – in the morning we will work with a funded ERC project in order to learn about essential components of a competitive proposal, in the afternoon individual presentations of the applicants’ ideas and a discussion with other participants, experienced ERC grant holders and ERC evaluators will follow.

To attend the workshop the applicants are required to send a **CV (max. 2 pages)**, a **short abstract of the proposal (max. 2000 characters)** and their **early achievements track-record (max. 2 pages)** according to the instructions in the **Information for Applicants to the Starting and Consolidator Grant 2018 Calls** (using the ERC template) to Ms Z. Dvorakova (dvorakovaz@tc.cz) till **18 September 2017 at the latest**. We kindly ask you to register as soon as possible, even if you have not yet finalised the materials requested.

All materials will be considered as confidential. **The quality of the received materials will be decisive for confirmation of the participation at the workshop. Registration will be confirmed after 25 September 2017.**

The language of the event will be English in case non-Czech speaking researchers will register.
DRAFT PROGRAM

Date: 2 October 2017
Place: Technology Centre CAS, Ve Struhách 27, Prague 6
Registration: http://geform.tc.cz/ercworkshop2017

Part 1

08.30 – 09.00
Registration

09.00 – 09.30
Introduction
Zdeněk Strakoš, ERC evaluator and panel chair, Charles University, Faculty of Mathematics and Physics
Petra Fedorová, MSCA and ERC NCP, Technology Centre CAS

09.30 – 12.45
Interactive part 1: evaluating an ERC proposal
(CV a track record)

Interactive part 2: evaluating an ERC proposal
(extended synopsis)

Interactive part 3: evaluating an ERC proposal
(full scientific proposal)

12.45 – 13.30
Discussion, networking and light lunch ...

Part 2

from 13.30 – 17.30
(Presentations of applicants’ ideas, discussion and feedback, detailed programme will be provided later on.)

The event is free of charge, however, a registration via http://geform.tc.cz/ercworkshop2017 is required. The capacity is limited. Contact for more information about the programme: fedorova@tc.cz. The event is held within Czech Republic in the European Research Area 2 project framework (CZERA 2, LE15025) supported by the Ministry of Education of the Czech Republic.