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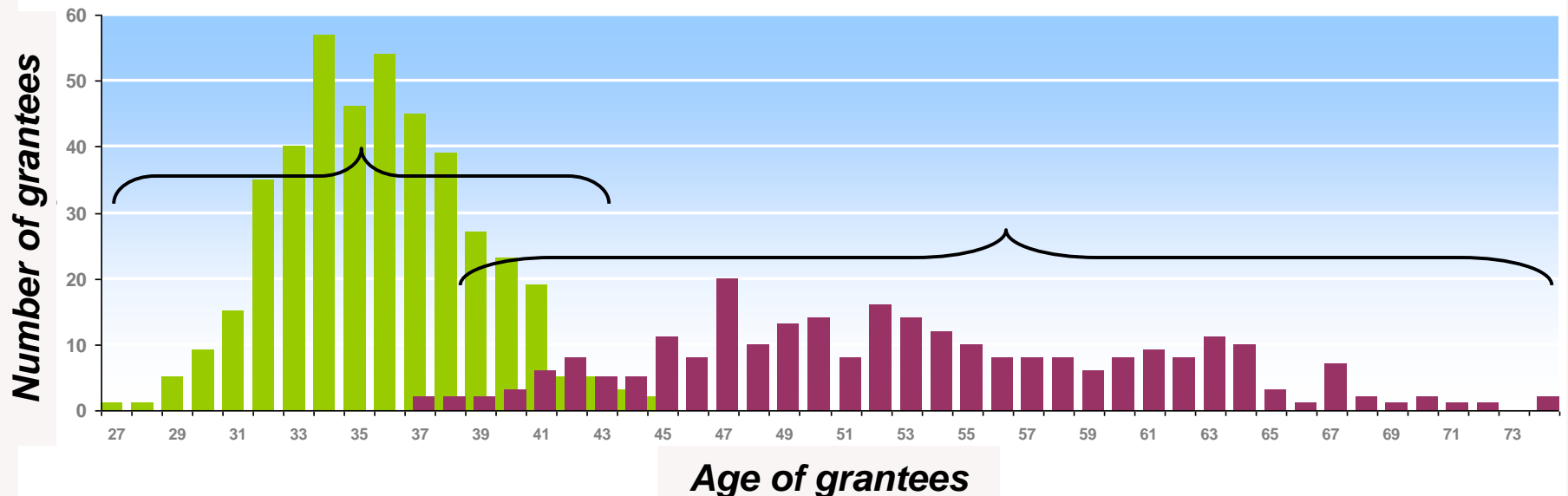
ERC Granting Schemes

Starting Grants

Advanced Grants

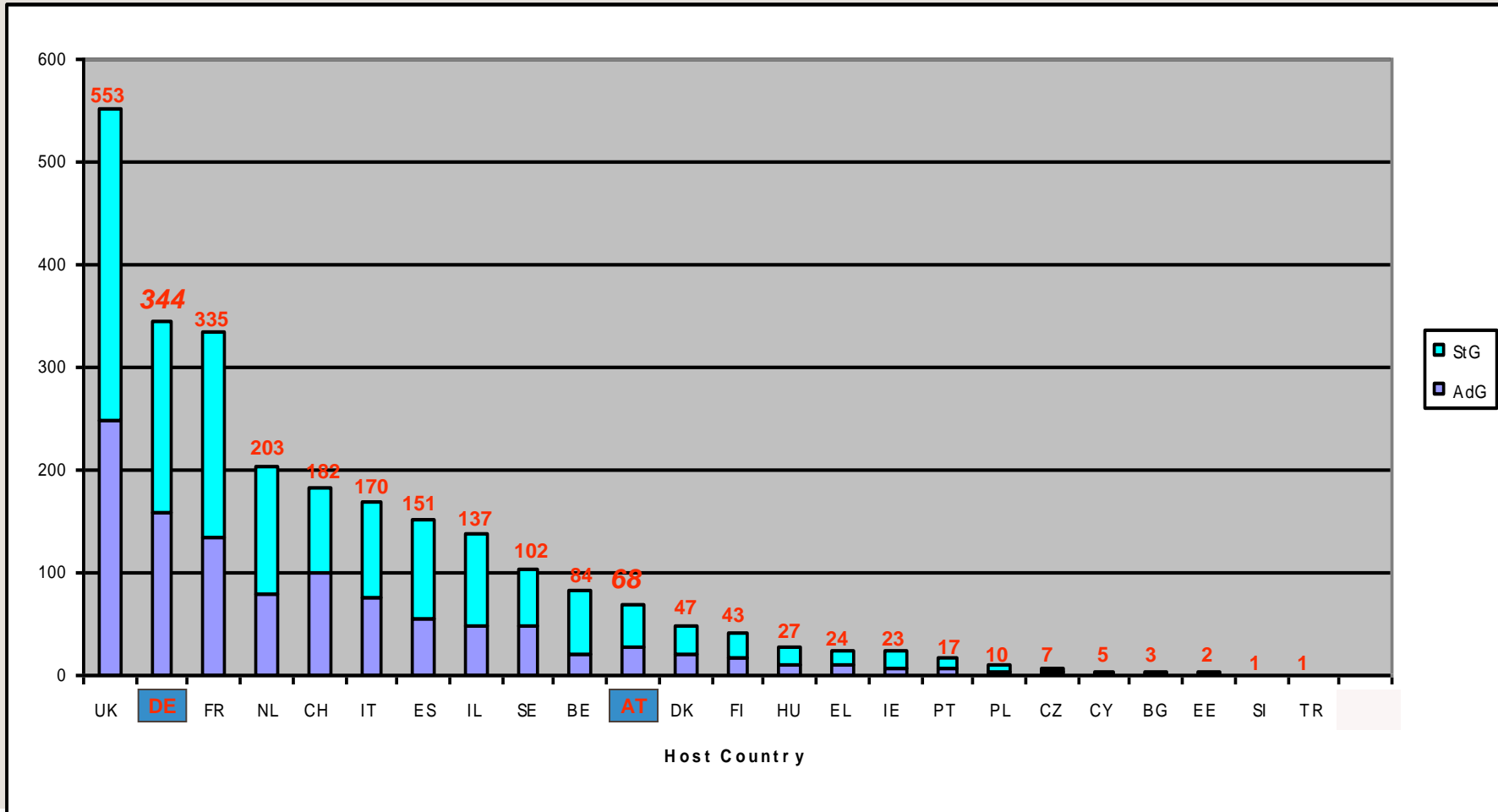
Domains: Physical Sciences & Engineering, Life Science, Social Sciences & Humanities

- Attract/retain **next-generation leaders**
 - Address **funding gap** early in independent career
 - Establish independent **research team & programme**
- Attract/retain **current world-leaders**
 - Stimulate investigator-driven, **breakthrough research**
 - up to € 3.5 Mio for 5 years



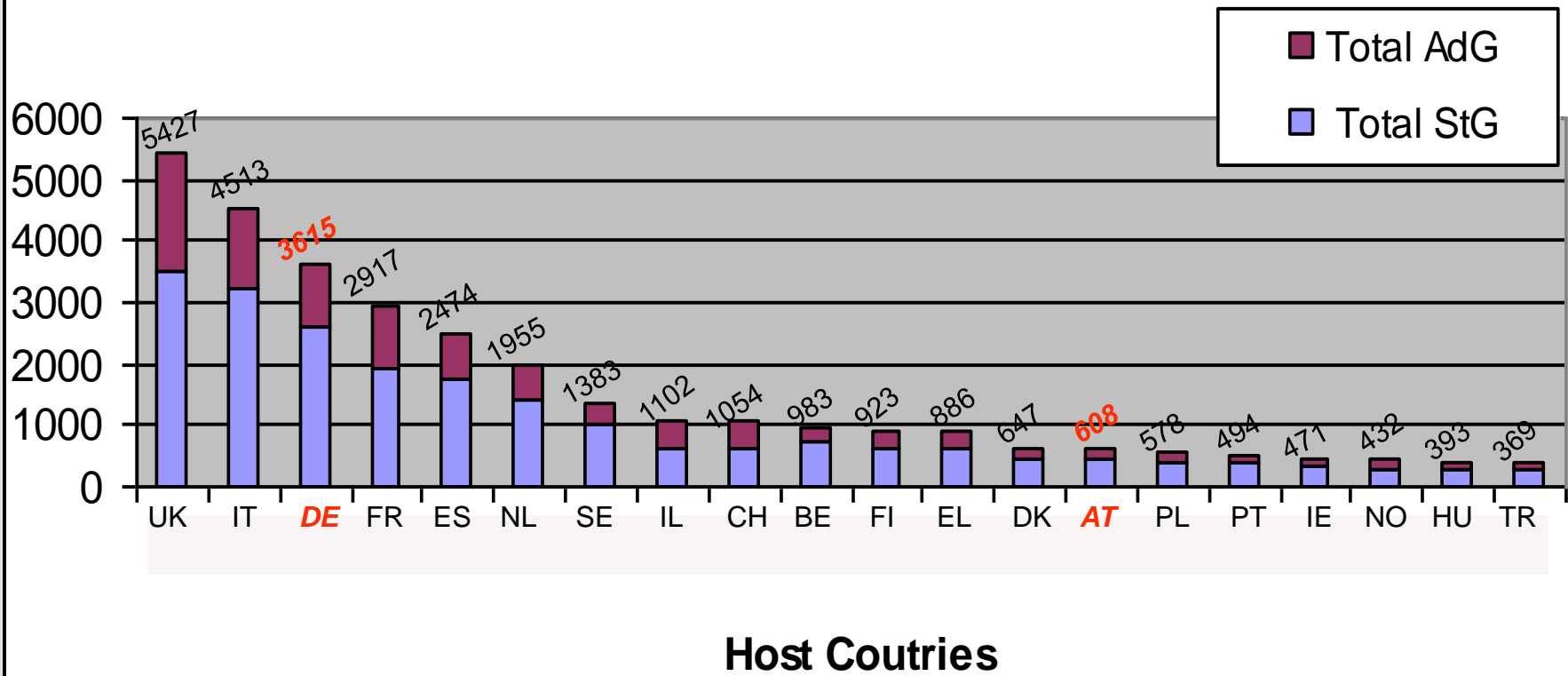


Funded proposals per country of host institutions for all Starting and Advanced Grant calls



Grant applications

Evaluated



Austrian Institutions

Institute	Total Grants
University of Vienna	18
Vienna University of Technology	8
University of Innsbruck	7
Research Institute of Molecular Pathology GmbH - Vienna	6
Institute of Science and Technology Austria	6
Institute of Molecular Biotechnology GmbH (IMBA)	5
Austrian Academy of Science (AAS)	4
International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)	2
Research Center for Molecular Medicine (CeMM)	2
University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna	2
University of Linz	2
University of Medicine Vienna	2
Gregor Mendel Institute of Molecular Plant Biology (GMI)	1
Austrian Archaeological Institute	1
University of Medicine Innsbruck	1
University of Graz	1
Vienna University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences	1
Austrian Archaeological Institute	1

Data as of 03/05/2012

Simplifications and Specificities

- FP7 simplifications apply: flat rates Per Diems, extrapolation 2&3 methods, system for SME owners without a salary, Average personnel costs, RCC Committee etc.

- In addition ERC specific rules:
 - Project reporting period 18 months
 - Scientific report separate from financial - less Scientific reporting (2x)
 - 20% flat rate for indirect costs/overheads
 - Helpdesks for PIs & HIs
 - Recruitment costs – eligible if in GA ~(StG)
 - Grant portability – PI's independence
 - Mono-beneficiary grants (99%)

Common & Specific errors

...ERC salary top-ups/supplement payments, teleworking team, entertainment/excessive costs, visiting experts costs, common labs/facilities/ machines, double claim of costs...

Austrian stats to date:

not a pattern but a good signal to avoid similar errors:

- parts of a big machine reported as Consumables while also depreciated according to the accounting policy – double claim.
- Items reported as Consumables while should have been reported as Equipment and depreciated

New initiatives:

ERC Proof of concept

Maximising the ERC's role in the innovation chain

- Initiated to help ERC grant-holder to bridge the gap between their research and the earliest stage of a marketable innovation
- Supporting grant-holders during the pre-demonstration
- Up to 150.000 Euro per grant
- One step evaluation
- Second call in Autumn 2011

New initiatives: ERC Synergy Grant



- ERC Synergy aims to enable a small group of PI's and their teams to bring together complementary skills, knowledge, and resources in new ways, in order to jointly address research problems
- Investigator driven frontier research
- 2-4 excellent teams with complementary skills
- Interdisciplinary research with added value
- Grants of up to EUR 15 million max for up to 6 years
- Indicative Budget: EUR150 million
- Average budget requested: € 8.3 million
- Call closed: 1/2012 > 710 submitted
- **Evaluation - ongoing**

