

ERC Strategy at the German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ)

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Overview

- Who we are: The German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ) in the Helmholtz Association of German Research Centres
- Why is the ERC so important?
- Our ERC Strategy



DKFZ – Research for a Life without Cancer

Translational research for clinical applications in personalized oncology

- Cell Biology and Tumor Biology
- Functional and Structural Genomics
- Cancer Risk Factors and Prevention
- Immunology and Cancer
- Imaging and Radio-oncology
- Infection, Inflammation and Cancer

Helmholtz Research Centers

Research Areas:

Energy

Earth and Environment

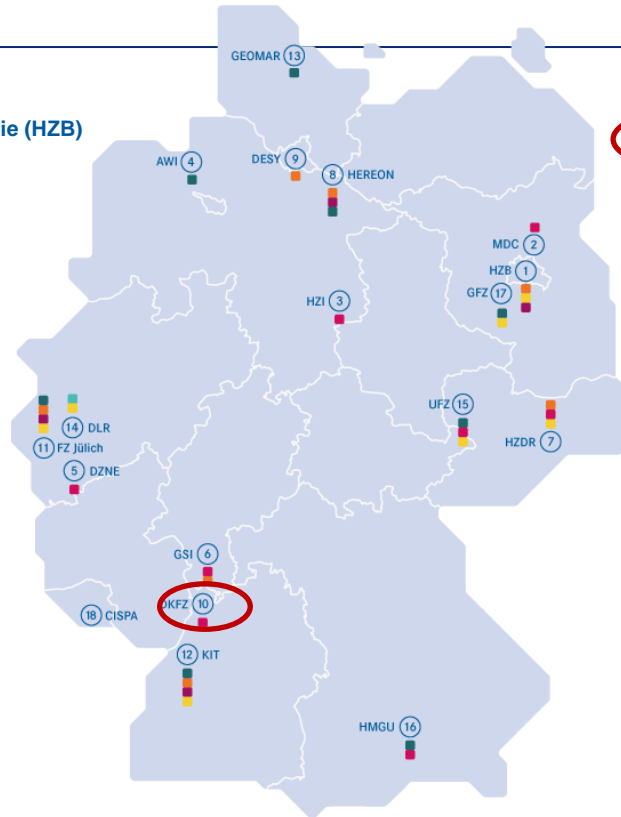
Health

Aeronautics, Space and Transport

Matter

Information

1. Berlin
Helmholtz-Zentrum Berlin für Materialien und Energie (HZB)
2. Berlin-Buch
Max Delbrück Center for Molecular Medicine in the Helmholtz Association (MDC)
3. Brunswick
Helmholtz Center for Infection Research (HZI)
4. Bremerhaven
Alfred-Wegener-Institut Helmholtz-Zentrum für Polar- und Meeresforschung (AWI)
5. Bonn
German Center for Neurodegenerative Diseases (DZNE)
6. Darmstadt
GSI Helmholtz Center for Heavy Ion Research
7. Dresden
Helmholtz Center Dresden Rossendorf (HZDR)
8. Geesthacht
Helmholtz-Zentrum Hereon
9. Hamburg
Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron DESY



10. Heidelberg
German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ)
11. Jülich
Forschungszentrum Jülich (FZ Jülich)
12. Karlsruhe
Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)
13. Kiel
GEOMAR Helmholtz Center for Ocean Research Kiel
14. Cologne
German Aerospace Center (DLR)
15. Leipzig
Helmholtz Center for Environmental Research – UFZ
16. Munich
Helmholtz Center Munich – German Research Center for Health and the Environment (HMGU)
17. Potsdam
**Helmholtz Center Potsdam
German Research Center for Geosciences GFZ**
18. Saarbrücken
Helmholtz Center for Information Security – CISPA

Why is the ERC important for the DKFZ?

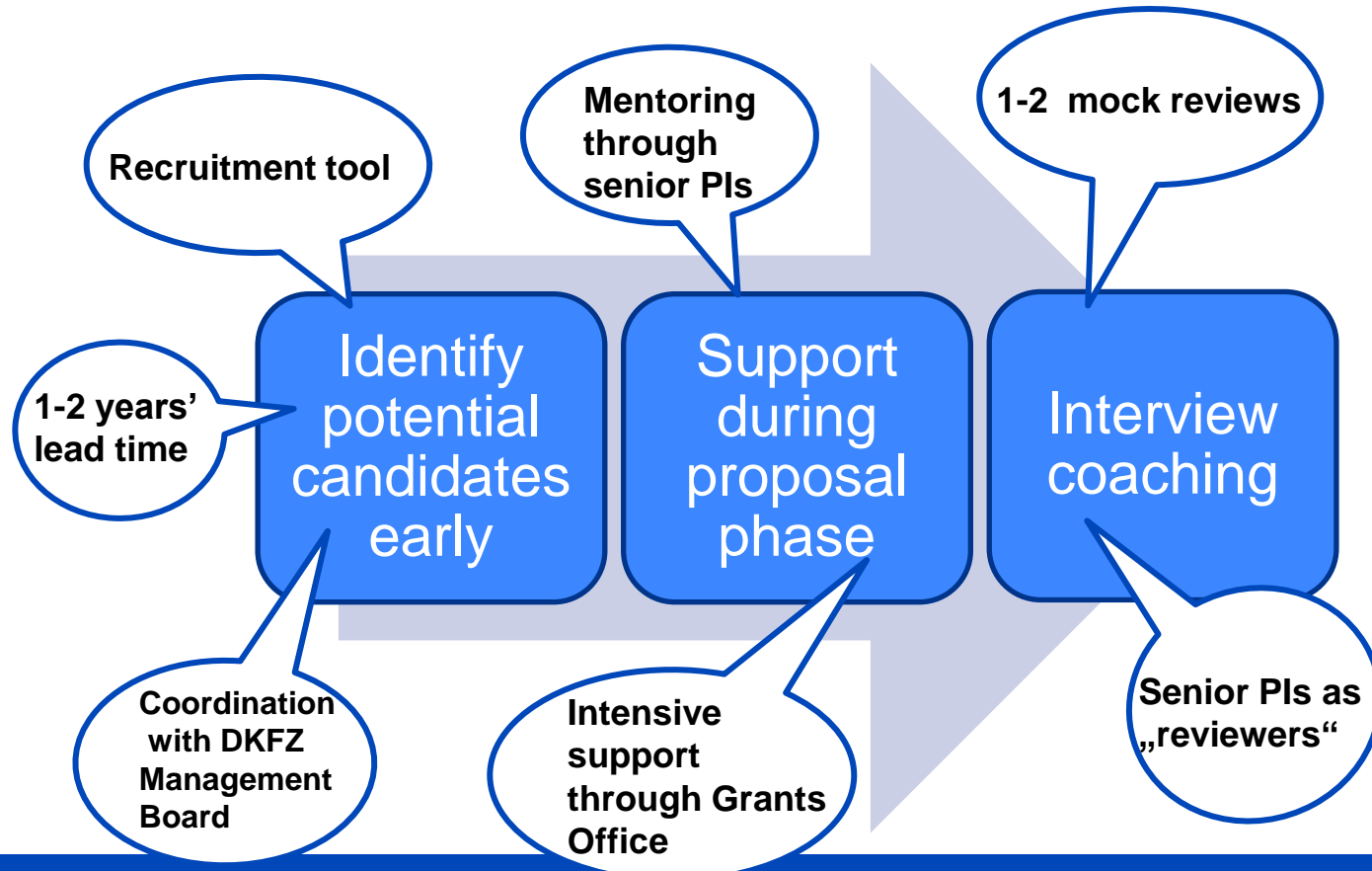
Institution:

- **Recruiting:** Encourage the best „brains“ worldwide to come to our research institute
- **Benchmarking:** How do we compare with other European research institutions?
- **Agenda-setting:** Establish new research areas of strategic importance for future cancer research

Researcher:

- **Careers:** facilitating a clear path for young researchers to establish themselves professionally – review and tenure track
- **Mobility:** opportunity to resettle in Europe after a stay abroad
- **Flexibility:** freedom to develop own ideas, portability of grants

Implementation of our ERC strategy



Helmholtz Office in Brussels

- **In collaboration with the EU support offices at the Helmholtz centres, comprehensive support in the following areas:**
 - Advice and support during the application procedure
 - Feedback on application
 - Interview coaching
 - Legal and financial advice regarding ERC grants
 - Support during contract preparations and project execution