



Timescales

Resources

PI commitment

Evaluation Criteria:

“timescales” and not “timelines”

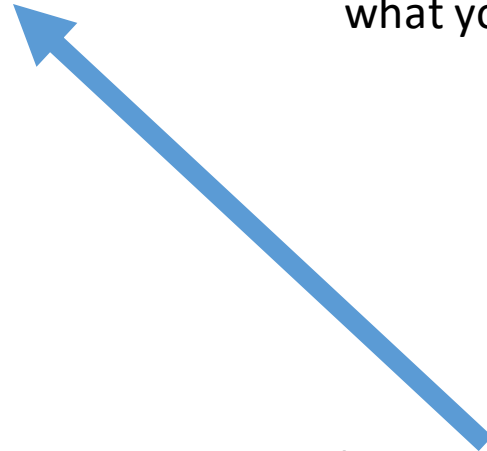
Since ERC is a 5 year high risk project it should not have an exact, fixed timeline but rather a flexible outline of the timescales.

Existing and required resources (including human resources)

Outline what you already have available (including in your lab, faculty, institute...) and justify what you need to acquire.

PI % commitment and dedication to the project.

Must include specified time commitment and can include a discussion of dedication to the project.

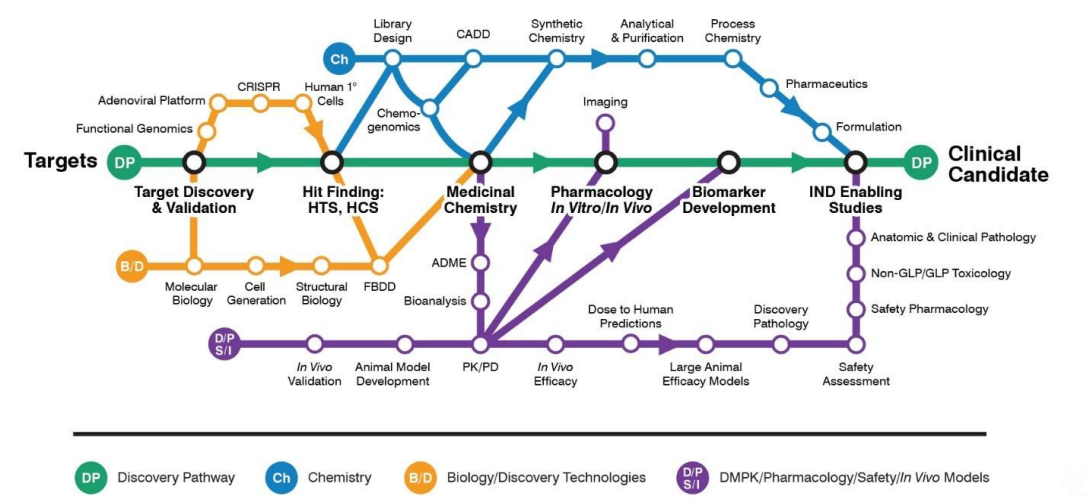
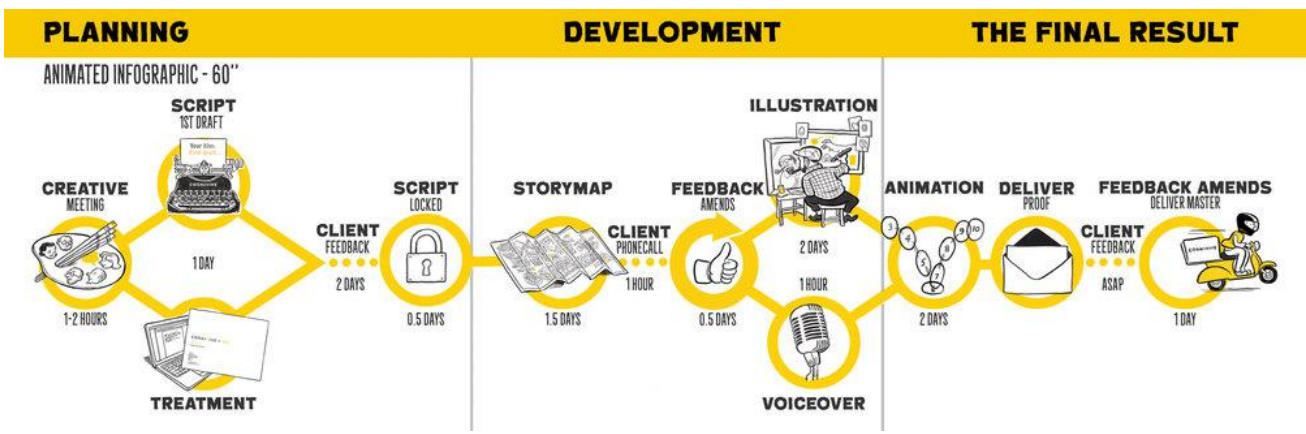
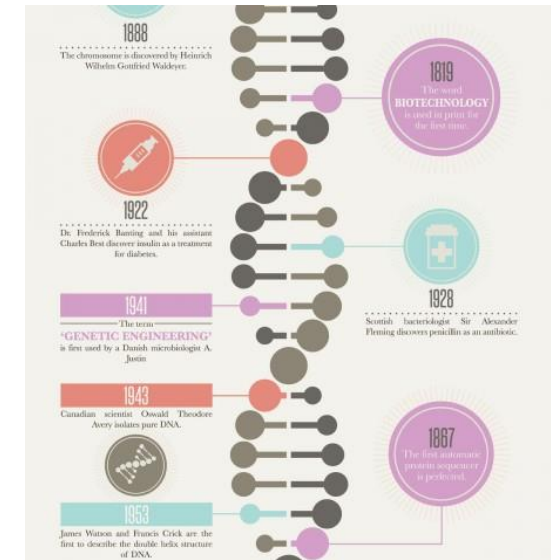
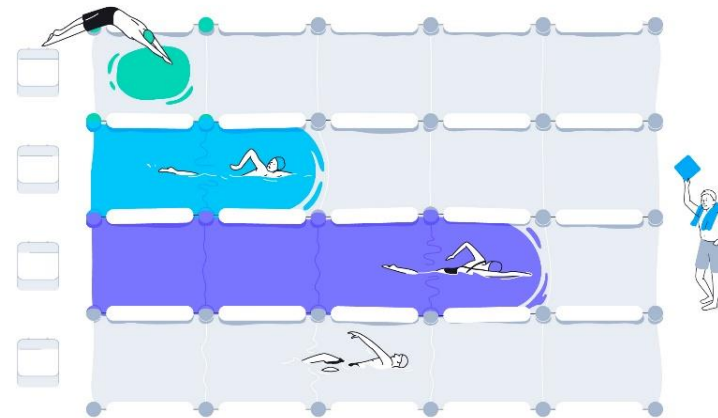
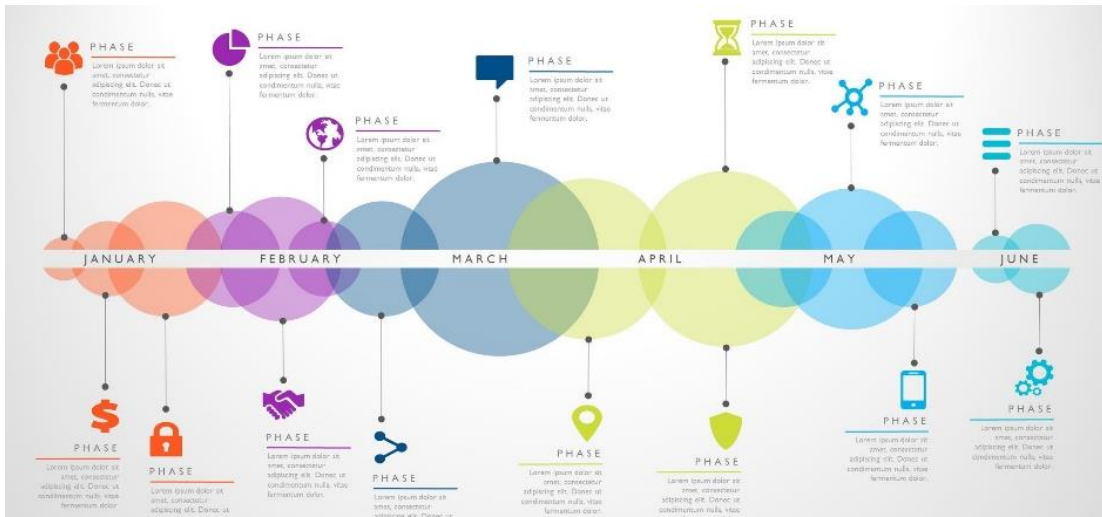


To what extent are the proposed timescales, resources and PI commitment adequate and properly justified (based on the full Scientific Proposal = B2)?

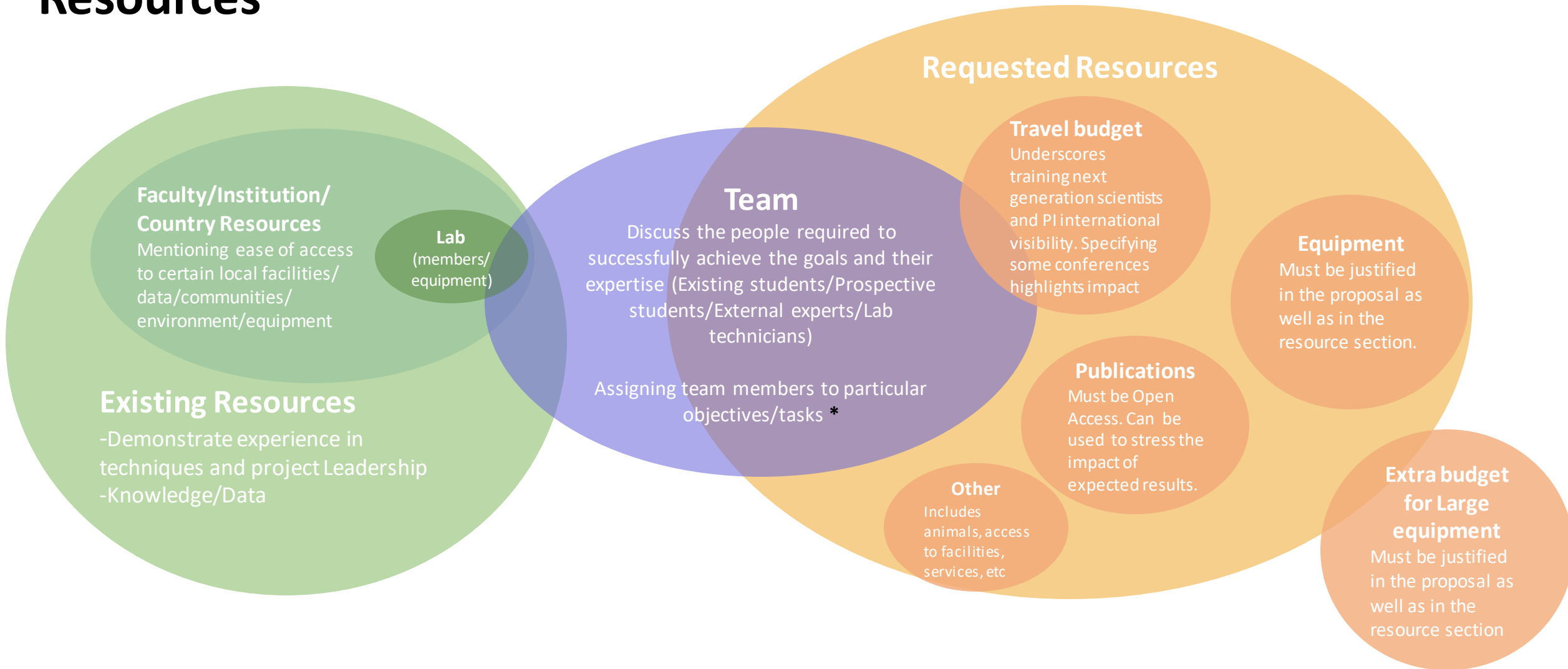
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- Use elements suggestive of flexibility and decreasing certainty (e.g. double pointed arrows, feedback loops)
- Perhaps include the period prior to and beyond the 5 years (preliminary results and long term goals)
- Use the timescale to highlight how the objectives interact to address the overarching goal (feedback loops)
- Indicate key steps (expected breakthroughs towards achieving the overarching goal)
- Include task assignment by showing the involvement of each student

Timescales: No set format so be creative, make a unique and memorable image



Resources



*Team member's capabilities should relate to the level of risk and difficulty of the tasks assigned.
Discuss knowledge transfer to new team members (e.g. from finishing Postdoc to starting Postdoc)

PI time commitment

ERC requires the PI to define a time commitment to the project (Minimum 30% AdG, 40% CoG and 50% StG)

- Must be justified by the scale of the project
- Is recommended to be higher than the minimum required
- Needs make sense with other commitments -- running grants, teaching duties, etc.
- It can change during the course of the project but the average must be equal to or above the minimum (e.g. years 1-3 with 50% commitment, 4-5 with 40%) but this should be discussed and justified

PI project dedication

Underscoring dedication can increase the perception of commitment to the project.

Some ideas:

- Discuss the importance of the project in the long-term plan and vision of the group/lab's research direction.
- Motivation and personal reflection on the importance of the project and its potential impact.
- Dedication of current group expertise and equipment to the project.
- If you have gained specific expertise to address the challenge, explain this (e.g. Interdisciplinary postdoc/sabbatical)