

El Consejo Europeo de Investigación y los investigadores españoles: Retos y oportunidades para la ciencia en España

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Roadmap

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ERC starting grants as institutional benchmarks

Concluding remarks

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Website of the ERC

<http://erc.europa.eu>

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