

In the competitive scenery of European financing, SISSA is at the top of the ranking of the Italian scientific institutions for the ratio between awarded Grants (financing for research) and number of researchers and lecturers.

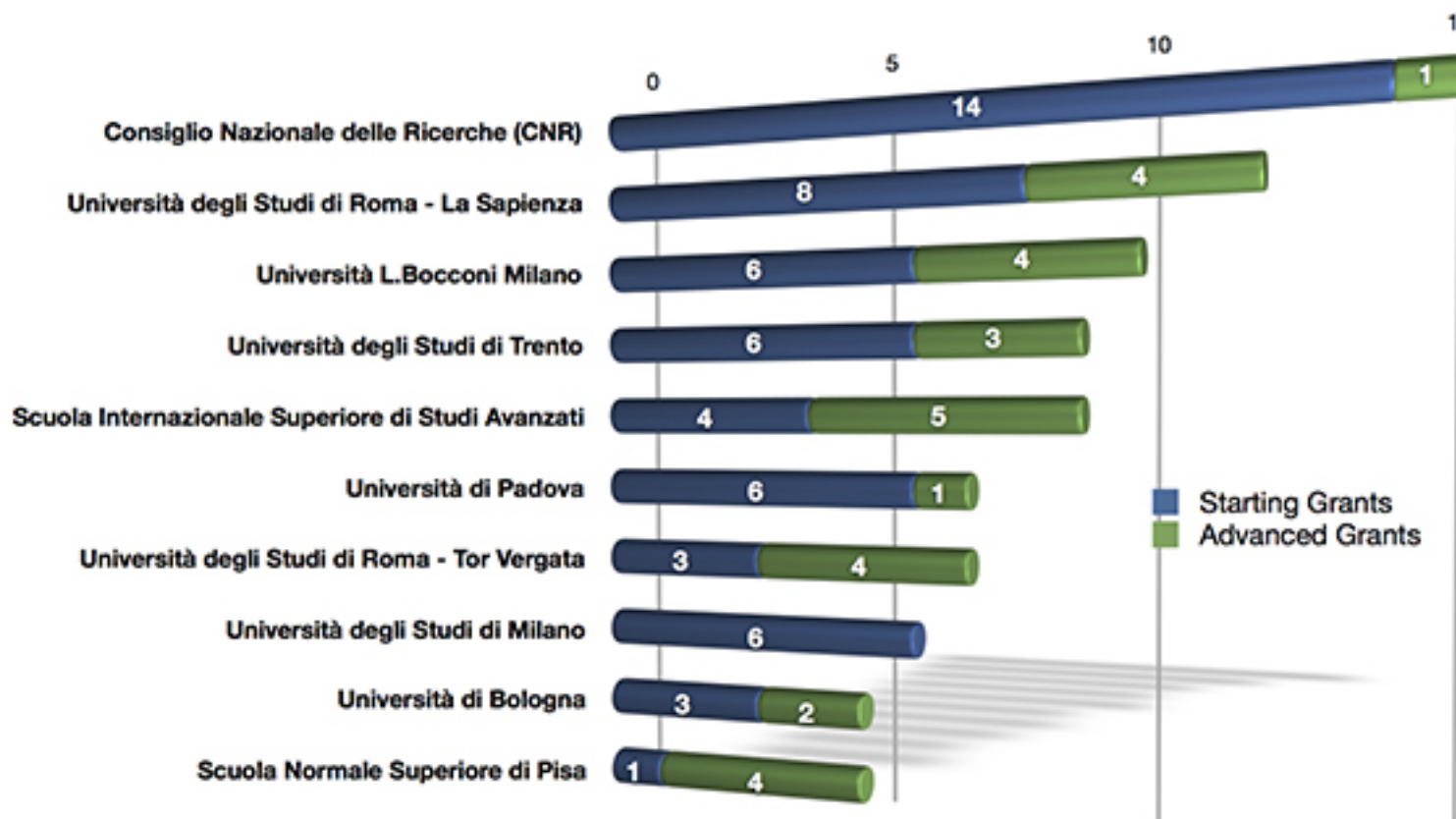
According to the data given by **Helga Nowotny**, President of the European Research Council (ERC), SISSA is one of the Italian scientific institutions which were awarded the highest number of grants between 2007 and 2011. It is not easy to receive an ERC Grant, since they are given to the best research projects only. In only four years SISSA received 9 European grants:

4 Starting Grants

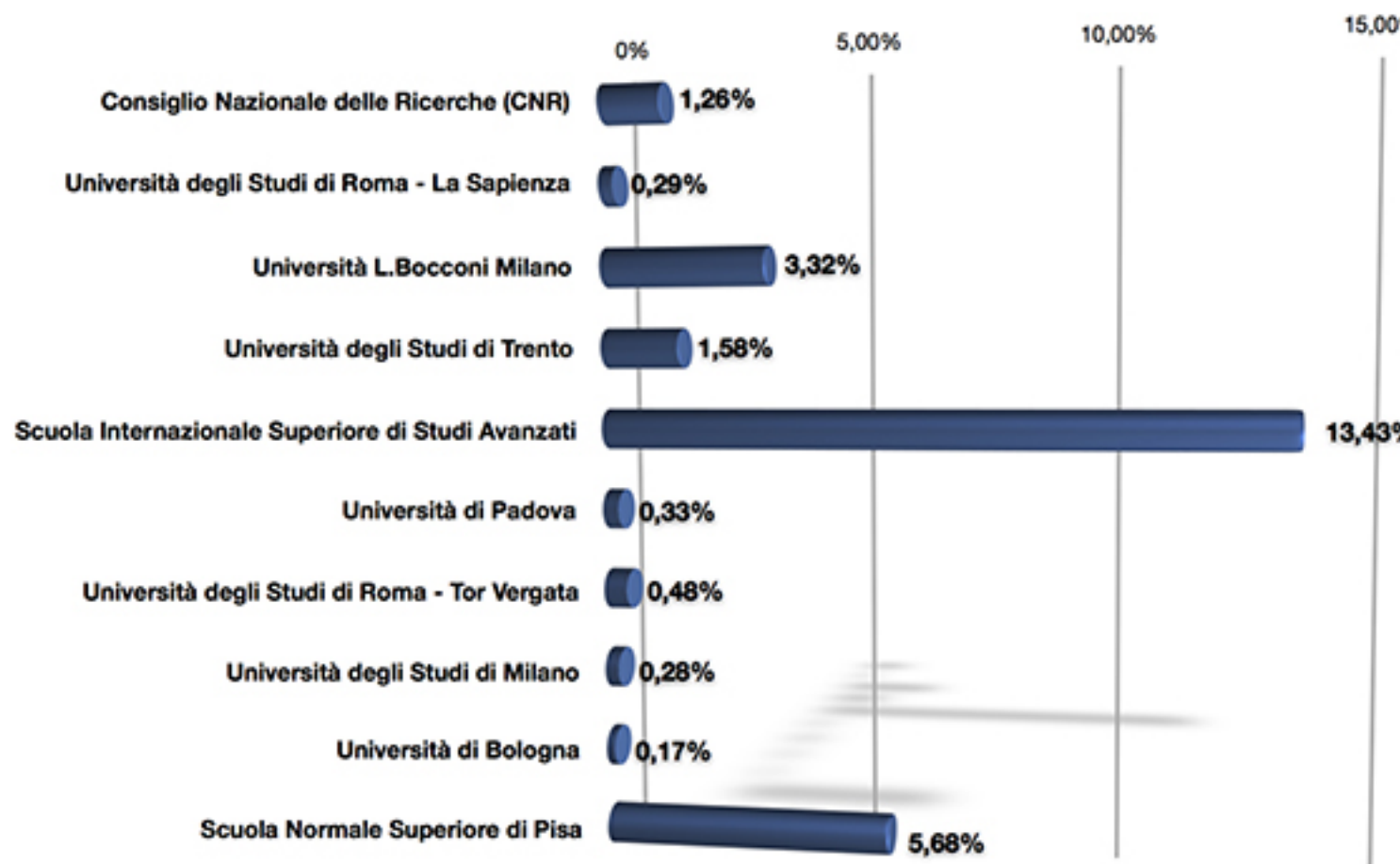
, awarded to researchers at the beginning of their careers, and

5 Advanced Grants

, for experienced researchers.



If we only consider the total number of ERC grants in Italy SISSA ranks at the fifth place, but if we also take into consideration the number of lecturers and scientists the School ranks at the top. **In the ratio financing/researchers, SISSA is by far the leader in the ranking.**



This further confirms the very high scientific quality of a top Institution at the European level, and that its research projects are highly competitive.

More in detail...

The main goal of the European Research Council (ERC) is to promote high quality research in Europe through competitive financing opportunities. ERC was set up in 2007 within the VII

European Framework Programme for Research (FP7) and makes up 15% of the whole FP7 budget (€ 7.51 billion in a € 50.5 billion budget).

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