

SPAIN/CANTABRIA – REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF CANTABRIA (SODERCAN)

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Information on the Funding Organisation in the Call

Budget	Initial budget: 150,000 euros
Anticipated number of projects to fund	N/A
Website	https://www.sodercan.es/proyectos-europeos-de-sodercan-en-cantabria/clean-energy-transition-partnership/
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National/regional requirements and guidelines on proposals

Call Modules and topics	All
Proposal submission	It is not necessary to submit the proposal at regional level. Submission on the CETP platform is enough.
Project Consortium Partners	Cantabrian entities, whatever their legal form and size, which are validly constituted at the time of presentation of the project and are owners in Cantabria of an economic activity or a work centre and comply with the rest of the requirements set out in the regulatory bases and regional call for proposals. Regulatory bases and regional CETP call: https://ayudas.sodercan.es/ayudas/YGnbrzPBEQZjLDjqKdaX
Project duration	Max. 36 months. Projects can start before the regional call is granted.
Project budget	
Funding request	Projects eligible for funding shall include industrial research or experimental development activities, as defined below: a) Industrial research: This refers to planned research or critical studies aimed at acquiring new knowledge and skills that may be useful for developing new products, processes, or services, or for significantly improving

Funding request (cont.)

existing ones. It includes the creation of components of complex systems and may involve the construction of prototypes in a laboratory setting or in an environment with simulated interfaces with existing systems, as well as pilot lines, when necessary for industrial research and, in particular, for the validation of generic technology.

b) Experimental development: This consists of acquiring, combining, configuring, and using existing knowledge and techniques of a scientific, technological, business, or other nature with a view to developing new or improved products, processes, or services. It may include the creation of prototypes, demonstration, pilot projects, testing, and validation of new or improved products, processes, or services in environments representative of real operating conditions, provided the primary objective is to bring about new technical improvements to products, processes, or services that are not yet substantially established. It may also include the development of prototypes or pilot projects that can be commercially used when the final commercial product is necessarily required and its production would be too costly for demonstration and validation purposes only.

Experimental development does not include routine or periodic modifications to existing products, production lines, manufacturing processes, services, and other ongoing operations, even if such modifications may represent improvements.

Projects for which funding is requested must be of such a nature that they can be considered in their entirety as industrial research or experimental development projects. In this context, a project shall be considered **industrial research** if its Technology Readiness Level (TRL) at the beginning of the project is TRL 3: Analytical and experimental critical function and/or proof of concept, TRL 4: Component and/or system validation in a laboratory environment, or TRL 5: Component and/or system validation in a relevant environment. Meanwhile, **experimental development** projects shall be those with a TRL of 6: System or subsystem model or prototype demonstration in a relevant environment, or TRL 7: System or prototype demonstration in a real environment.

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Funding rates (%)	Basic research	Industrial/ applied research	Experimental develop- ment/innovation
Large enterprises	0	50%	25%
Medium enterprises	0	60%	35%
Small enterprises	0	70%	45%
Universities, public re- search organisations	0	70%	45%
Public authorities	0	0	0
Associations without eco- nomic activities, NGOs	0	0	0
Types of cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff costs • Equipment (depreciation) • Fungible assets and supplies • Subcontracting: Technical assistance and contractual research • Travel expenses, associated to the project and staff assigned to the project • Indirect costs (up to 25% of staff costs) 		
RDI approaches and TRLs	Projects must have TRL above 3 and under 7.		
Other require- ments/guidelines	<p>Important and mandatory acknowledgement: Any publication or dissemination activity resulting from the granted projects must acknowledge funding by SODERCAN (please refer to the regional regulatory bases).</p> <p>Financial reporting: The grant beneficiary must justify to SODERCAN the full completion of the subsidized project and compliance with the conditions to which the grant was subject, within a period of <u>two months from the end of the execution of each annual phase</u> of the project.</p>		