

[SPAIN] – [Agencia Estatal de Investigación] [AEI]

a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria

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Funding commitment	1.700.000 €																				
Anticipated number of projects to be funded	10-12																				
Maximum funding per awarded project/per partner	<p>The following funding limits for a three-year project are considered eligibility criteria. Proposals not respecting these limits could be declared ineligible.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Maximum funding per project</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="568 678 1402 1014"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Direct costs (€)</th> <th>Indirect costs (€)*</th> <th>Total costs (€)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>One applicant</td> <td>140.000</td> <td>35.000</td> <td>175.000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Two applicants</td> <td>180.000</td> <td>45.000</td> <td>225.000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>One main applicant</td> <td>220.000</td> <td>55.000</td> <td>275.000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>One main applicant and one applicant</td> <td>260.000</td> <td>65.000</td> <td>325.000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>* Indirect costs calculated as 25% of direct costs requested</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional € 30.000 (direct costs) can be granted for the entire proposal if the work plan includes substantial experimental tasks to be carried out by the Spanish Partners, that must be clearly justified in the budget. • IMPORTANT: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a maximum of two AEI-applicants in the same proposal are allowed; - the direct costs in the application must be rounded to the thousands <p>Only R&I activities will be funded by the AEI. Entire communication work packages, without research associated, are not eligible costs for AEI</p> <p>The final funding will take into account the transnational evaluation of the collaborative proposal, the scientific quality of the Spanish group, the added value of the international collaboration and the financial resources available.</p>		Direct costs (€)	Indirect costs (€)*	Total costs (€)	One applicant	140.000	35.000	175.000	Two applicants	180.000	45.000	225.000	One main applicant	220.000	55.000	275.000	One main applicant and one applicant	260.000	65.000	325.000
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<p>Eligible types of organisations</p>	<p>Non-profit research organizations (such as universities, public research institutions, technological centres and other private non-profit institutions performing RDI activities in Spain), as the general requirements established for PCI 2023-1 call. They must have been previously beneficiaries of any of the AEI calls. They have to ensure contractual relationship with the Principal Investigator during all the time of development of the project.</p> <p>IMPORTANT:</p> <p>Spanish legal entities which are part of mixed centres will be considered as a unique beneficiary, and thus the maximum funding should not exceed the limits per proposal established above.</p>
<p>Eligible Call Modules</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Eligible types of RDI and TRL</p>	<p>AEI funds are intended to support excellent research and innovation developments and those tasks necessary to accomplish them. Management costs in case of project coordination can be also supported.</p> <p>Applicants mainly participating in tasks not directly involving research and innovation, such as entire communication work packages for the consortium not involving actual research activities, can be considered non-eligible.</p> <p>TRL: no constraints</p>
<p>Submission of proposal /documentation at national/regional level</p>	<p><u>Funding Programme:</u></p> <p>The framework for this funding action is the Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica, Técnica e Innovación 2021-2023 or future plans.</p> <p><u>Instrument for funding</u></p> <p>If the proposal is approved, the Spanish groups will need to apply to the call on <i>Proyectos de Colaboración internacional</i> (PCI), which is AEI's funding instrument.</p> <p>Applicants are encouraged to carefully read the call PCI 2023-1 and the general requirements.</p> <p>The PCI Call will be managed by the <i>Subdivisión de Programas Científico-Técnicos Transversales, Fortalecimiento y Excelencia</i> (STRAN) of the AEI.</p> <p>No further documentation is required at the preproposal stage, but it is highly recommended to check Principal Investigator (PI) and beneficiary eligibility, since no changes will be accepted.</p>
<p>Additional eligibility criteria</p>	<p>The Spanish PI must hold a PhD degree.</p> <p>PIs must be eligible according to the general requirements of PCI 2023-1 call and must have experience as investigators (not necessarily as PIs) in projects funded by the Plan Nacional I+D+i 2008-2011, the Plan Estatal I+D+i 2013-2016, the Plan Estatal I+D+i 2017-2020, ERC Grants, European Framework Programmes or other relevant national or international programmes.</p> <p>Incompatibilities (these must be taken into account when participating in different ERA-Nets or other international initiatives):</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PIs must remain <u>unchanged</u> between the pre- and full proposal of this transnational joint call, and the national PCI call. • PIs will not be eligible for funding if they apply as PIs to more than one proposal in this transnational joint call, to more than one proposal in the same Spanish PCI call and/or to PCI calls of consecutive years. • If the same PI submits two or more proposals to the present call, all but one will be declared ineligible, without the possibility of changing the PI. • A PI that has been granted a PCI the previous year will be declared ineligible, without the possibility of changing the PI. <p>The AEI will avoid double funding and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded through other national or EU calls.</p>
Eligible costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only personnel costs for exclusive dedication to the project are eligible. The costs of permanent staff linked to the beneficiary entity or members of the research team will not be considered eligible costs. • Direct costs such as current costs, small scientific equipment, disposable materials, travelling expenses, coordination costs, and other costs that can be justified as necessary to carry out the proposed activities. • Indirect costs (overheads) are eligible costs (25% of total direct costs, including subcontracting). • Subcontracting should not exceed 25% of total requested budget. <p>Please consult “<i>Artículo 8. Conceptos financiados</i>” in PCI 2023-1 resolution since eligible cost will be similar.</p>
Information available at	Applicants are encouraged to carefully read the call and the general requirements PCI2023-1 .
Other	<p><u>Acknowledgements:</u> Any publication or dissemination activity resulting from the granted projects <u>must</u> acknowledge funding by the Agencia Estatal de Investigación according to AEI’s web guidelines</p> <p><u>Data Protection:</u> By submitting a grant application, the applicants consent to communication of the data contained in the application to other public administrations, with the aim of further processing of the data for historical, statistical or scientific purposes, within the framework of the Organic Law 3/2018, of December 5, on Personal Data</p>

b) Funding rates

Maximum funding percentages:

	Basic research	Industrial/Applied Research	Experimental development/innovation
Large Enterprises			
Medium Enterprises			

Small Enterprises			
Universities, public research organisations	100% of eligible costs	100% of eligible costs	100% of eligible costs
Public authorities	Check eligibility with the contact persons		
Associations without economic activities, NGOs	Check eligibility with the contact persons		