

## SPAIN - National Funding Regulations of AEI

Applicants will be advised to check with the respective national **Call Contact Person** the eligibility as to who may apply and what costs are eligible before a consortium submits the complete application.

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<b>Initial Funding Commitment</b>	750,000.00 Euros

### Who can apply?

The eligible entities for the AEI funding are:

Non-profit research organizations (such as universities, public research institutions, technological centres and other private non-profit institutions performing RDI activities in Spain), as per PCI 2020-1 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.

Although private companies are not funded by the AEI, the Spanish industrial sector is welcome to participate in the transnational consortia using their own funds or obtaining funds from the CDTI or other innovation and technological development funding agencies.

### Mandatory:

The Spanish Principal Investigators (PIs) must hold a PhD degree. It applies to all the members of the research team.

PIs must be eligible according to PCI 2021 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 international programmes.

Incompatibilities (these must be taken into account when participating in different ERA-Nets or other international initiatives):

- 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 IP.
- A researcher that has been granted a PCI as PI the previous year will be declared ineligible as PI in the present call, without the possibility of changing the IP.
- PIs must remain unchanged between the proposal of this transnational joint call and the national PCI call.

The AEI will avoid double funding and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded through other

national or EU calls.

**Only justified changes** will be allowed between phase 1 and 2.

Failure to respect the requirements will lead to the ineligibility of the proposal.

### **What types of costs are eligible for funding?**

- Only personnel costs for new temporary employment contracts 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. VAT could be non-eligible, depending on the application of RRF funds.
- Indirect costs (overheads) are eligible costs (maximum 15% of direct costs, including outsourcing).
- Subcontracting should not exceed 25% of total final budget (excluding overheads).

### **Upper funding limits for eligible costs?**

The following funding limits (including direct + indirect costs) are considered eligibility criteria. Proposals not respecting these limits could be declared ineligible:

- If the Consortium is NOT LED by a Spanish Coordinator and:
  - there is only one Spanish Partner in the proposal: € 200.000.
  - there are two Spanish Partners in the proposal, the amount for both Partners is: € 250.000
- If the Consortium IS LED by a Spanish Coordinator and:
  - there is only one Spanish Partner in the proposal acting as Coordinator: € 275.000
  - there are two Spanish Partners in the proposal and one is acting as Coordinator, the amount for both Partners is: € 325.000

**IMPORTANT:** It is allowed a maximum of two Spanish Partners requesting funding to the AEI in the same proposal.

Centers formed by different Spanish legal entities will be considered as a unique entity, and thus the maximum funding should not exceed the limits per proposal established above (for example, mixed centers).

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.

Additional national eligibility criteria for the proposal beyond the general criteria in the Terms of Reference of the Joint Transnational Call

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### **Other Information:**

According to the [RRF Regulation](#), project proposals should ensure that the plan complies with the 'do no significant harm' principle (DNSH)

It is highly recommended to include the PI's full name and identification number as they appear in the DNI at the

beginning of the proposal as well as the full name of the institution in original language including the CIF.

**Funding Programme:**

The framework for this funding action is the *Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica, Técnica e Innovación 2021-2023*. On a national level, the Call will be managed by the Subdivisión de Programas Científico-Técnicos Transversales, Fortalecimiento y Excelencia (STRAN) of the AEI.

**Instrument for funding the Spanish groups**

The instrument for funding the Spanish groups is the Spanish call on International Collaboration Projects (PCI)". The requirements of [PCI 2021](#) will apply. Applicants are encouraged to carefully read the call.

**Acknowledgement:**

Any publication or dissemination activity resulting from the granted projects must acknowledge funding by the Agencia Estatal de Investigación: "Project (reference nº XX) funded by the Agencia Estatal de Investigación through the PCI (year) call".

**Data Protection:**

By submitting a grant application to the AEI, 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 Protection and Guarantee of Digital Rights.