



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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Eligible entities

Non-profit research organizations (such as universities, public research institutions, technological centres and other private non-profit institutions performing RDI activities in Spain), which must comply with the requirements established by this transnational call and with the rules on eligibility defined in the corresponding Spanish national funding instrument “[Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional - PCI](#)” (see [PCI 2024-2](#) as an example) and the [PCI Requirements document](#).

They must have been previously beneficiaries of any of the AEI calls, as stated in the [PCI Requirements document](#).

Eligible Applicants

Principal Investigators (PIs) requesting funding to the AEI must:

- Be eligible in the corresponding PCI call and the PCI Requirements document.
- Demonstrate experience as investigators in projects funded under the different Plan Estatal I+D+I since 2013, ERC Grants, European Framework Programmes or other relevant national or international programmes.
- Duly sign a “Declaración de Responsable” during the eligibility process. This document will be provided by the AEI’s National Contact Point as part of the call.

Incompatibilities: The following must be considered when participating in different ERA-Nets, European Co-funded Partnerships (e.g.: Biodiversa+, PRIMA) or other international initiatives:

- PIs will not be eligible for funding if they apply (i) in more than one proposal in this transnational joint call, (ii) in more than one proposal in the same PCI call and/or (iii) in PCI calls of consecutive years. **This means that the same PI may not apply in two or more international calls funded with PCI that are open simultaneously, neither can they be awarded PCI grants in two consecutive years.** The selected projects are expected to be funded through PCI 2026, which implies incompatibility with PCI 2025.



- If the same PI submits two or more proposals in this transnational call, they will all be declared ineligible except one, 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.
- The PI must remain unchanged between the proposal in this transnational call and the corresponding PCI call should the proposal be recommended for funding.
- The PI must ensure a contractual relationship with the beneficiary entity throughout the entire implementation of the project.

Important: In the application form, the applicants should include the PI's full name (with both surnames) and the full name of their institution as stated in [the Sistema de Entidades \(SISEN\)](#).

Eligible Costs

- Research and innovation activities are eligible. Mere dissemination, communication or other similar activities will not be eligible unless they are supporting the research activities.
- Only personnel costs for new temporary employment dedicated to the project are eligible. This must be clearly stated in the contract. 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 (25% of all direct costs, including the subcontracting costs).
- **Minor changes of the budget** might be accepted between the pre-proposal stage and the full proposal stage, provided that the maximum requested amount does not exceed the maximum funding per project allowed. A request of change must be submitted to the AEI at least two weeks before the deadline for submitting full proposals.
- Please consult "*Artículo 8. Conceptos financiables*" in [PCI 2024-2](#) resolution since eligible cost will be similar.

Funding

- Maximum funding committed by the AEI: 400,000.00 €

•Maximum funding for a 36 months project:

The following **funding limits** (including direct + 25% indirect costs) **are** considered eligibility criteria. Proposals not respecting these limits could be declared ineligible.

Maximum funding per project	DC (€)	IC (25%) (€)	TOTAL (€)
One AEI applicant in the proposal	120,000.00	30,000.00	150,000.00
One AEI applicant in the proposal acting as Coordinator	140,000.00	35,000.00	175,000.00



IMPORTANT:

- Only ONE applicant asking funding for AEI is allowed per proposal.
- The direct costs (including subcontracting) in the application must be rounded to the thousands.
- These amounts refer to 3 years project. In case of shorter projects, the amount will be adjusted accordingly.
- Proposals must be balanced in terms of tasks and budgets among the members of the consortium.
- The AEI will prevent double funding (overlap with other EU or national funding) and will not award grants for projects or parts of projects that are already funded through other national or EU calls.

Further requirements

In addition to the national regulations, specific rules for the consortia may be applicable within the transnational call; please read carefully the Joint Call text and all the related instructions.

Relevant information and documents

Funding Programme:

The framework for this funding action is the [Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica, Técnica e Innovación 2024-2027](#). On a national level, the Call will be managed by the [Subdivisión de Programas Científico-Técnicos Transversales, Fortalecimiento y Excelencia \(STRAN\)](#) of the AEI.

Funding Instrument:

The instrument funding the Spanish groups requesting funding to the AEI is the corresponding Spanish national call “Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional” (PCI) (to be published in due time).

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.

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