

Funding organisation eligibility rules and paperwork to complete

For advertisement to all applicants

Spain – AEI & FB

CONTACT

Country / Region	Spain	
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FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

	Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)	Fundación Biodiversidad (FB)
Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	1,500.000€	600.000€
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)		

Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)

The following funding limits of direct costs for a three-year project are considered eligibility criteria. Proposals not respecting these limits could be declared ineligible.

Maximum funding per project	Maximum DC (€)	IC (25%) (€)	TOTAL (€)
One AEI applicant	140.000	35.000	175.000
One AEI coordinator	220.000	55.000	275.000
One AEI coordinator and one other AEI applicant	260.000	65.000	325.000
Additional funding for substantial experimental tasks (per project)	30.000	7.500	37.500

IMPORTANT:

- Only ONE applicant applying for funding to AEI/FB is allowed per proposal,
- Two AEI/FB-applicants are allowed in the same proposal only in cases when one of them is acting as Coordinator
- Additional amount of € 30.000 maximum (direct costs) can be requested per proposal if the work plan includes substantial experimental tasks which must be clearly justified in the budget.
- Substantial experimental tasks are those required for the development of observational or experimental research projects. For instance, ecosystem sampling, design and execution of experiments, obtention of new data sets, use of analytical procedures for the quantification of physical, chemical, geological, or biological variables. Tasks in which existing data are used or re-analyzed exclusively will not be considered substantial experimental tasks. Those tasks will be considered desk and not experimental research projects.
- The direct costs (including subcontracting) in the application must be rounded to the thousands.
- Indirect costs must be added in the application: 25% of direct costs (including the subcontracting costs).

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

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Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	• Eligible environment(s)/realm(s): All (no environment restrictions) • Eligible Themes: The topics of the proposal in which the Spanish entities requesting funding from the AEI participate must correspond to Theme A and/or B. The Spanish entities requesting funding from the AEI cannot participate in proposals addressing Theme C, even if Themes A or B are also addressed. Compliance with the topic eligibility requirements must be reflected when declaring the proposal's topic in the EPSS submission platform, as well as in the <i>"Declaración responsable del investigador principal"</i> included in the national application (see section "Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional level" below).	• Eligible environment(s)/realm(s): Marine/coastal environments • Eligible Themes: All Themes (A, B and C)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	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, the rules on eligibility defined in the corresponding Spanish national funding instrument <i>"Proyectos"</i>	

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	de Colaboración Internacional” (see last call text PCI2026 1) and the “PCI requirements” document (link) The entities must have been previous beneficiaries under any of the AEI competitive calls at least once since 2015. Principal Investigators (PIs) requesting funding to AEI/FB must comply with the eligibility rules set out in the “General Conditions for Transnational Calls” document <u>and</u> the “PCI requirements” document (link to both documents) 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, the participation of the industrial sector and the financial resources available.	
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Please refer to the last call text <i>“Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional”</i> published: PCI2026 1 , article 8) and the “General Conditions for Transnational Calls” document for the eligible costs (link)	
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	NO	
Additional specific eligibility rules	N/A	

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INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	Reference documents: • The last PCI call text published (PCI2026 1) • The “PCI requirements” document <u>and</u> the “General Conditions for Transnational Calls” document (link to both documents)	Reference documents: • The last PCI call text published (PCI2026 1) • The “PCI requirements” document <u>and</u> the “General Conditions for Transnational Calls” document (link to both documents) Call’s information will be available in the site: https://fundacion-biodiversidad.es/buscador-de-convocatorias/?post_types=convocatorias_biodiv

		Applicants are encouraged to carefully read the call.
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

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Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional Level	Within one week after the pre-proposal submission, the Spanish Principal Investigator (PI) must submit a national application to the AEI through the following link https://aplicaciones.aei.gob.es/proyectostransnacionales A national application is not required at the full proposal stage (only projects selected for funding will be asked to complete the national application). Failure to comply with the submission through the AEI platform will be considered a breach of the eligibility conditions, and the proposal shall be deemed not submitted. The application should include (i) a copy of the international application (the administrative part including the consortium composition and budget), (ii) the international joint proposal (<i>memoria técnico-científica</i>), (iii) the CV of the Spanish PI and (iv) the “<i>Declaración responsable del investigador principal</i>” document duly signed by the Spanish PI (please refer to the Word document on the page for this initiative on the AEI website: Biodiversa+ Agencia Estatal de Investigación) Funding Programme: The framework for this funding action is the Plan Estatal de	Within one week after the pre-proposal submission, the Spanish Principal Investigator (PI) must submit a national application to the AEI through the following link https://aplicaciones.aei.gob.es/proyectostransnacionales A national application is not required at the full proposal stage (only projects selected for funding will be asked to complete the national application). Failure to comply with the submission through the AEI platform will be considered a breach of the eligibility conditions, and the proposal shall be deemed not submitted. The application should include (i) a copy of the international application (the administrative part including the consortium composition and budget), (ii) the international joint proposal (<i>memoria técnico-científica</i>), (iii) the CV of the Spanish PI and (iv) the “<i>Declaración responsable del investigador principal</i>” duly signed by the Spanish PI (please refer to the Word document on the page for this initiative on the AEI website: Biodiversa+ Agencia Estatal de Investigación) 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 Blue Sustainable

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	<i>Investigación Científica, Técnica e Innovación 2024-2027</i>. On a national level, the Call will be managed by the <i>Subdirección de Programas Horizontales e Internacionalización (STRAN)</i> of the AEI. Funding instrument: The instrument for funding the Spanish groups is “<i>Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional</i>” (PCI). Reference documents for national eligibility: • The last PCI call text published (PCI2026 1) • The “<i>PCI requirements</i>” document and the “<i>General Conditions for Transnational Calls</i>” document (link to both documents) In addition, applicants are strongly encouraged to check their eligibility with the National Contact Points prior to submission.	Economy Area of the Biodiversity Foundation. Funding instrument The instrument for funding the Spanish groups are national funds. Reference documents for national eligibility: • The last PCI call text published (PCI2026 1) • The “<i>PCI requirements</i>” document and the “<i>General Conditions for Transnational Calls</i>” document (link to both documents) In addition, applicants are strongly encouraged to check their eligibility with the National Contact Points prior to submission. Data Protection: By submitting a grant application to the FB, 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.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	YES	
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step	NO This possibility may only be considered by the AEI/FB in the exceptional event of low participation from Spanish partners in Step 1. Spanish applicants are invited to contact AEI and FB national contact points for further information.	

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1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?		
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	NO	
Other important information	INCOMPATIBILITIES - Important for Principal Investigators (PIs). Incompatibilities must be taken into account when participating in different partnerships or other international initiatives funded through the following AEI calls: PCI, INT (bilateral call) or PID modality I. Please read carefully the “General Conditions for Transnational Calls” document (link) Useful links: • Biodiversa+ Agencia Estatal de Investigación • https://aplicaciones.aei.gob.es/proyectostransnacionales/	Acknowledgement: Any publication or dissemination activity resulting from the granted projects must acknowledge funding by the Fundación Biodiversidad: “With the support of the Biodiversity Foundation of the Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge”. IMPORTANT: By default, the official start date of all the projects funded by FB will be 1st April 2028. Payment will be made upon completion of the project. However, it will be possible to request before the mid-term report to FB, an advance payment of 40 % of the amount granted (it could be necessary to provide a guarantee)