



Guide for Spanish participants in the German-Spanish bilateral call for research projects

Description and general legal framework

This first call for joint German-Spanish research projects is carried out within the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding of September 15, 2021 signed by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) of the Federal Republic of Germany and the State Research Agency of the Kingdom of Spain and it follows the [WEAVE](#) model, acting DFG will as "lead agency".

Aims and scientific areas

This first call aims to fund scientific research projects involving a Spanish and a German group funded in the following [thematic areas and sub-areas](#) of the [AEI](#) and the [DFG](#).

Thematic area	Area / Subarea AEI	DFG Review Board
Psychology	Area 8. PSI	110
Mathematics	Area 9.MTM	312
Atmospheric Science, Oceanography and Climate Research	Subareas CYA (Clime y atmosphere) y MAR (Marine sciences and technologies) of the area 16 CTM	313

Procedure and language

Each proposal will be written jointly between the Spanish and the German research groups.

Each proposal will be submitted only by the German coordinator according to the [DFG's Guidelines for the Research Grants Programme format](#) and it will follow the [DFG's evaluation procedure](#).

For details please see the DFG's call document "Information for Researchers" at [Link for the DFG calls](#).



The German coordinator should file the [elan application form](#), including the Spanish budget table and a reasoning why the funds are necessary, [CVs](#) of the Spanish and German principal investigators (PIs) and other documents according to the DFG templates and rules. These documents shall be written in English.

Within one week after the submission of the proposal to the [DFG](#) (until 2 November 2023 at the latest), the [Spanish PI](#) must send a copy of the joint proposal including a “Declaración responsable del investigador principal” and a separate budget form for the Spanish group (see Word document and Excel table in the AEI website) to the following e-mail address: bilat@aei.gob.es.

The [DFG](#) will finance the German beneficiaries according to its rules and the [AEI](#) will finance the Spanish beneficiary entities through the direct grant procedure corresponding to "International Collaboration Projects / Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional" (PCI) foreseen for the second half of 2024.

Additional documents to be submitted to the [AEI](#) by the Spanish principal investigator:

- Declaración responsable de cada investigador principal español.
- Budget form for the Spanish group.

Eligibility Criteria

A maximum of two Spanish partners (principal investigators) are allowed to apply for funding from the [AEI](#) in the same proposal.

Entities that comply with the [general PCI requirements](#) of this action are eligible for PCI grants. In summary: Non-profit research organizations such as universities, public research organizations, technology centres and other private non-profit institutions that carry out R&D&I activities in Spain.

The PI of the Spanish partner must meet the [general PCI requirements](#). In short: to have experience as researchers (not necessarily as PI) in projects funded by the National R&D&I Plan 2008-2011, the State R&D&I Plan 2013- 2016, the State R&D&I Plan 2017-2020, ERC Grants, European Framework Programs or other relevant national or international programs.



When participating in this call or other calls such as ERA-Nets, HPC JU, KDT JU, European partnerships/partnerships, etc., Spanish researchers must consider the following rules:

- If the same PI submits two or more proposals to the present call, all of them may be declared ineligible, without the possibility of changing PI.
- A PI who has been awarded a PCI grant in 2023 will be declared ineligible, with no possibility of changing PI. It is not compatible to have two PCI grants from the same year or from two consecutive years: 2023-2024 or 2024-2025.
- The PI must remain unchanged between the proposal of this bilateral call and the national PCI call.

Deadline for submission of proposals and date of publication of results

Proposals must be submitted to the DFG by 25 October 2023.

Results can be expected in autumn 2024 (from late October) and it is expected that Spanish participants will apply to PCI-2024 call.

During this period, additional information may be requested from the principal investigators to clarify or complete the information provided in the initial application. This information will not improve or update the substance of the proposal or the evaluation of the proposal.

Duration of projects

The duration of the projects will be 3 years from the start date.

Budget, eligible costs and funding limits for the Spanish side

The AEI will finance up to 100% of the eligible costs at marginal costs. These costs can be consulted in the [PCI 2023 call](#).

The Spanish PI must send separate budget form for the Spanish group (Excel table in the AEI website) to the following e-mail address: bilat@aei.gob.es



Entity	Personal costs	Travels	Small equipment	Subcontracting	Other costs	Total direct costs	Indirect costs (21%)	Total

Only the following items shall be considered as eligible/eligible costs:

1. Personnel costs for exclusive dedication to the project. The costs of permanent personnel linked to the beneficiary entity and those of the Spanish principal investigator will not be considered eligible expenses.
2. Direct costs such as running costs, small scientific equipment, consumables, travel expenses, coordination costs and other costs that can be justified as necessary for the implementation of the proposed activities. VAT may not be eligible, depending on the application of "FEDER" funds.
3. Indirect costs (overheads) are eligible costs (25% of total direct costs, including subcontracting).
4. Subcontracting must not exceed 25% of the total final budget.

The following funding limits (including direct costs plus 25% of indirect costs) are considered eligibility criteria. Proposals not respecting these limits may be declared ineligible:

	Non-experimental projects			Experimental projects		
	Non experimental Direct costs	Indirect costs (25%)	TOTAL	Experimental Direct costs	Indirect costs (25%)	TOTAL
A Spanish partner	140.000	35.000	175.000	170.000	42.500	212.500
Two Spanish partners	180.000	45.000	225.000	210.000	52.500	262.500

Direct cost amounts should be multiples of thousands (1 000). In any case, AEI will round figures to a multiple of 1 000.