

European Partnership for BrainHealth 2026

Spain (AEI)

Please note that funder-specific requirements might apply to this call. For further information follow the links below or contact the national representative.

Funding organisation	Contact person (incl. email and phone number)	Eligible institutions	Eligible costs	Anticipated amount of funding for this call	Anticipated no. of funded projects	Max. funding awarded to one partner	Specific national submission and reporting requirements
Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)	National contact point: Silvia Lorrio neuron@aei.gov.es b.es	Eligible entities for the AEI funding are: Non-profit research organizations (such as universities, public research institutions, technological centres, patient organisations, 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 2025-1 as an example) and the PCI Requirements document . They must have been previously beneficiaries of any of the AEI calls , according to the PCI Requirements document . They have to ensure contractual relationship with the Principal Investigator (PI) during all the implementation of the project. Centres formed by different Spanish legal entities will be considered as a unique entity,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research and innovation activities are eligible. Mere dissemination, communication or other similar activities will not be eligible. Only personnel costs for exclusive dedication to the project are eligible. The costs of permanent staff linked to the beneficiary entity or 	650.000€	2-3	The following funding limits for direct costs and for a three-year project are considered eligibility criteria. Proposals not respecting these limits could be declared ineligible. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the consortium is NOT COORDINATED by an AEI-applicant: max. € 140.000 	Funding Programme: The framework for this funding action is the Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica, Técnica y de Innovación 2024-2027 . On a national level, the Call will be managed by the Subdivisión de Programas Científico-Técnicos Transversales, Fortalecimiento y

		<p>and thus the maximum funding should not exceed the limits per proposal established above (for example, mixed centres). Two centres or institutions belonging to the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC) will be treated as two separate partners one from another when one of them is acting as Coordinator of the proposal and their tasks and identity in the project are sufficiently separated and justified.</p> <p>Although private enterprises are not funded by the AEI, the Spanish industrial sector is welcome to participate in the transnational consortia obtaining funds from innovation and technological development funding agencies, or using own funds.</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, the participation of the industrial sector, and the financial resources available.</p> <p>Principal Investigators (PIs) requesting funding to the AEI must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be eligible to the corresponding PCI call (see PCI 2025-1 as an example) and the PCI Requirements document. • Demonstrate experience as investigators in projects funded by the different Plan Estatal I+D+i: 2013-2016, 2017-2020, 2021-2023, 2024-2027, ERC Grants, European Framework Programmes or other relevant national or international programmes. <p>It is strongly encouraged to check eligibility contacting the NCP.</p>	<p>members of the research team will not be considered eligible costs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct costs such as current costs, 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). • Clinical trials are eligible up to phase 1, with a maximum of 50% of the total budget (contact 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the consortium IS COORDINATE D by an AEI-applicant: max. € 220.000 • If the consortium IS COORDINATE D by an AEI-applicant and there is another AEI-applicant in the proposal, the amount for both Partners is: max. € 260.000 • Additional amount of € 30.000 maximum (direct costs) and the corresponding indirect costs can be requested per proposal if the work plan includes substantial experimental tasks carried out by the AEI applicants. 	<p>Excelencia (STRAN) of the AEI.</p> <p>Funding Instrument: The instrument for funding the Spanish groups requesting funding to the AEI is the corresponding Spanish call "Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional" (PCI) (to be published in due time).</p> <p>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</p>
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