

Spain: AEI

Name of Funding agency	Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)
Geographical coverage (national/regional)	National
Name of the programme/initiative	Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional (PCI)
Programme website	Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional
Programme owner	Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovación
Program manager (executing funding organisation)	AEI
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Funding Commitment	€1,000,000
Anticipated number of fundable research partners	N/A
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner	<p>The following funding limits are considered eligibility criteria. Proposals not respecting these limits could be declared non eligible.</p> <p>IMPORTANT: a maximum of two Spanish Partners requesting funding to the AEI in the same Proposal are allowed.</p> <p>The following funding limits for direct costs (and additional 25 % of indirect costs can be added) are considered eligibility criteria. Proposals not respecting these limits could be declared ineligible. Please, indicate separately direct and indirect cost and keep amounts multiple of 1000. In any case, the AEI will round the numbers to a multiple of 1000.</p> <p>Maximum amount per Proposal NOT coordinated by a Spanish partner funded by AEI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If there is only one Spanish partner in the proposal, the maximum funding is 140.000€. <p>If the Consortium is led by a Spanish Coordinator funded by AEI, the maximum funding amounts per proposal are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> if there is only one Spanish Partner in the proposal, acting as Coordinator: 220.000€. if there is one Spanish Partner in addition to the Spanish Coordinator: 260.000€.

		Direct Costs (€)	Indirect costs (€)	Total Costs
	One Applicant	140.000	35.000	175.000
	One Coordinator	220.000	55.000	275.000
	One Coordinator + one applicant	260.000	65.000	325.000
	<p>Up to additional € 30.000 (direct costs) can be granted for the entire proposal if the work plan includes substantial experimental tasks to be carried out by the Spanish Partners, that must be clearly justified in the budget.</p> <p>IMPORTANT: Two AEI applicants are ONLY allowed in case one of them is the coordinator. Otherwise, only one AEI-applicant per proposal is allowed.</p> <p>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).</p>			
Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range	<p>Fundamental/Basic Research, Applied Research, Experimental Research.</p> <p>All TRLs.</p>			
Funding rates (approx.)	100% of eligible costs			
Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)	<p>The eligible entities for the AEI funding are (check General requirements): 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 call document (or equivalent).</p> <p>MANDATORY:</p> <p>The Spanish Principal Investigators (PIs) must be eligible as per PCI call (or equivalent) and must have experience as investigators 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, 2021-2023, ERC Grants, European Framework Programmes or other relevant international programmes.</p> <p>Important:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Applicants have to send to the AEI (era-mat@aei.gob.es) the document “Declaración de responsable” duly signed by the Spanish principal investigator. They must send it until one week after the deadline of the phase 1 of the call, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The document to be signed you can find it on Convocatorias Internacionales Agencia Estatal de Investigación “Ciencia de materiales” M-ERA section. You can download it in PDF and WORD The applicants should include the PI’s full name and the full name of their institution as it is stated in the “Sistema de Entidades (SISEN)”. <p>Incompatibilities (these must be taken into account when participating in different ERA-NETs or other international initiatives):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principal Investigators will not be eligible for funding if they apply in more than one proposal of this transnational joint call, in more than one proposal in the same PCI call (or equivalent) and in PCI calls (or equivalent) of consecutive years. 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 PI. • A PI that has been granted a PCI the previous year will be declared ineligible, without the possibility of changing the PI. • PIs must remain unchanged between the proposal of this transnational joint call and the national PCI call. <p>Please consult the specific document on eligibility for PCI calls.</p> <p>The AEI will avoid double funding and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded through other national or EU calls.</p> <p>Eligible costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only personnel costs for exclusive dedication to the project 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, disposable materials, travelling expenses, coordination costs, and other costs that can be justified as necessary to carry out the proposed activities. • Indirect costs (overheads) are eligible costs (25% of total direct costs, including outsourcing). • Subcontracting should not exceed 25% of total final budget (excluding overheads). <p>Prioritisation criteria:</p> <p>In the case two or more projects are considered equal with respect to their scientific merits, the AEI will prioritise funding projects that comply with more of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consortium is led by a Spanish Coordinator funded by AEI • Consortium includes a Spanish Industrial partner (requesting funding or participating with own funds) • Scientific relevance of the Spanish team contribution • Alignment with the Estrategia Española de Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación 2021-2027 and the is the Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica, Técnica e Innovación 2024-2027. <p>Mandatory acknowledgement:</p> <p>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 XX call (or its equivalent)”.</p>
Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)	<p>Only for selected projects.</p> <p>Please consult PCI 2024-1 for specific details of the procedure, since requirements will be similar.</p>
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Yes
Further guidance	<p>Instrument for funding the Spanish groups:</p> <p>The instrument for funding Spanish groups is the Spanish call on RDI projects “Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional (PCI)”, applicants are encouraged to consult the call PCI 2024-1 since the requirements will be similar.</p>

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 of the AEI](#)

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.