

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	The following funding limits for direct costs and for a three-year project are considered eligibility criteria. Indirect costs (overheads) must be added to	

**funding per
awarded
project (in
EUR)**

direct costs: 25% of direct costs (including the subcontracting costs).
Proposals not respecting these limits could be declared ineligible.

DIRECT COSTS:

- If the consortium is NOT COORDINATED by an AEI/FB-applicant: max. € 140.000
- If the consortium IS COORDINATED by an AEI/FB-applicant: max. € 220.000
- If the consortium IS COORDINATED by an AEI/FB-applicant and there is another AEI/FB-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/FB applicants.

IMPORTANT:

- only ONE applicant asking funding for AEI/FB is allowed per proposal,
- only two AEI/FB-applicants are allowed in the same proposal if one of them is acting as coordinator
- the **direct costs** in the application **must be rounded to the thousands**. 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 and the financial resources available.

Maximum funding per project	CD (€)	CI (25%) (€)	TOTAL (€)
One AEI/FB applicant	140.000	35.000	175.000
One AEI/FB applicant - coordinator	220.000	55.000	275.000
Two AEI/FB applicants- one coordinator	260.000	65.000	325.000

- **Additional € 30.000 (direct costs)** can be granted for the entire proposal if the work plan includes substantial experimental tasks. 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/FB applicants.
- It will be considered **“Substantial experimental tasks”** 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

	<p>analytical procedures for the quantification of physical, chemical, geological, or biological variables.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those tasks in which existing data are used or re-analyzed exclusively will be considered desk and not experimental research
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GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

	Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)	Fundación Biodiversidad (FB)
Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)	Marine/coastal environments
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	<p>The eligible entities for the AEI funding are:</p> <p>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 2025-1 call. They must have been previously beneficiaries of any of the AEI calls. They have to ensure contractual relationship with the Principal Investigator during all the implementation of the project.</p> <p>Centres 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 centres).</p> <p>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</p>	<p>The eligible entities for the FB funding are:</p> <p>Non-profit research organizations (such as universities, public research institutions, technological centres and other private non-profit institutions performing RDI activities in Spain).</p> <p>They have to ensure contractual relationship with the Director of the project (Principal Investigator or PI) during all the implementation of the project. Centres 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 centres).</p> <p>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</p>

	<p>and their tasks and identity in the project are sufficiently separated and justified.</p> <p>Although private enterprises are not funded by AEI/FB, The Spanish industrial sector is welcome to participate in the transnational consortia principally obtaining funds from the CDTI participating in this transnational call (see CDTI's requirements), from other innovation and technological development funding agencies, or using own funds. In case of an equal assessment of two proposals involving AEI/FB-recipients, AEI/FB will prioritize the funding of the proposal that includes the Spanish industrial sector.</p> <p>The Spanish Principal Investigators (PIs) must hold a PhD.</p> <p>PIs must be eligible according to PCI -2025-1 call and the PCI Requirements document and must have experience as investigators in projects funded by the Plan Nacional I+D+i 2008-2011, Plan Estatal I+D+i 2013-2016, the Plan Estatal I+D+i 2017-2020, Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica y Técnica y de Innovación 2024-2027, ERC Grants, European Framework Programmes or other relevant national and international programmes.</p> <p>Incompatibilities: these must be considered when participating in different ERA-Nets, European Co-funded Partnerships (in particular Water4All, PRIMA and SBEP)</p>	<p>the project are sufficiently separated and justified.</p> <p>Although private enterprises are not funded by AEI/FB, The Spanish industrial sector is welcome to participate in the transnational consortia principally obtaining funds from the CDTI participating in this transnational call (see CDTI's requirements), from other innovation and technological development funding agencies, or using own funds. In case of an equal assessment of two proposals involving AEI/FB-recipients, AEI/FB will prioritize the funding of the proposal that includes the Spanish industrial sector.</p> <p>The Spanish Principal Investigators (PIs) must hold a PhD.</p> <p>PIs must be eligible according to PCI -2025-1 call and the PCI Requirements document and must have experience as investigators in projects funded by the Plan Nacional I+D+i 2008-2011, Plan Estatal I+D+i 2013-2016, the Plan Estatal I+D+i 2017-2020, Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica y Técnica y de Innovación 2024-2027, ERC Grants, European Framework Programmes or other relevant national and international programmes.</p> <p>Incompatibilities (these must be considered when participating in different ERA-Nets, European Co-funded Partnerships (in particular Water4All, PRIMA and SBEP),</p>
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	<p>or other international initiatives):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PIs will not be eligible for funding if they apply (i) to more than one proposal in this transnational joint call(ii) to more than one proposal in the same PCI call and/or (iii) to PCI calls of consecutive years. • 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. • PIs must remain unchanged between the proposal of this transnational joint call and the corresponding national PCI call. • Changes of the PI between the 2 steps of the transnational call are not allowed, except in cases which are duly justified. A request of change must be submitted to the AEI/FB at least two weeks before the deadline for submitting full proposals <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>Important: The applicants should include the PI's full name and the full name of</p>	<p>or other international initiatives):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PIs will not be eligible for funding if they apply (i) to more than one proposal in this transnational joint call (ii) to more than one proposal in the same PCI call and/or (iii) to PCI calls of consecutive years. • 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. • PIs must remain unchanged between the proposal of this transnational joint call and the national PCI call. • Changes of the PI between the 2 steps of the transnational call are not allowed, except in cases which are duly justified. A request of change must be submitted to the AEI/FB at least two weeks before the deadline for submitting full proposals. <p>The FB will avoid double funding and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded through other national or EU calls.</p> <p>Important: The applicants should include the PI's full name and the full name of their institution in the original</p>
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	their institution in the original language in the application form.	language in the application form.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	<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, scientific equipment, disposable materials, travelling expenses, coordination costs, and other costs that can be justified as necessary to carry out the proposed activities. VAT could be non-eligible, depending on the application of RRF funds. • Overheads (25% of direct costs, <u>including the subcontracting costs</u>). • Minimum 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/FB at least two weeks before the deadline for submitting full proposals. • Note that subcontracting costs can be up to 25% of the total amount granted. 	<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, scientific equipment, disposable materials, travelling expenses, coordination costs, and other costs that can be justified as necessary to carry out the proposed activities. VAT could be non-eligible, depending on the application of RRF funds. • Overheads (25% of direct costs, <u>including the subcontracting costs</u>). • Minimum 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/FB at least two weeks before the deadline for submitting full proposals. • Note that subcontracting costs can be up to 25% of the total amount granted.

Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	No	No
Additional specific eligibility rules	N/A	N/A

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INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	The requirements of PCI-2025-1 will apply. Applicants are encouraged to carefully read the call.	The 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.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

	Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)	Fundación Biodiversidad (FB)
Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission of the pre-proposal at the national level: YES IMPORTANT and NEW! Submission of proposals at the AEI: Within one week after the pre-proposal submission, the Spanish PI must ALSO submit a proposal to the AEI. The PI must include a copy of the international joint pre-proposal, and the “Declaración responsable del investigador principal” (see Word document on the AEI website). link to the AEI application system to upload these documents: https://aplicaciones.ciencia.gob.es/proyectostransnacionales/ Submission of the full proposal at the national level: NO <p>Funding Programme: The framework for this funding action is the Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica, Técnica e Innovación 2024-2027. On a national</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission of the pre-proposal at the national level: YES IMPORTANT and NEW! Submission of proposals at the AEI: Within one week after the pre-proposal submission, the Spanish PI must ALSO submit a proposal to the AEI. The PI must include a copy of the international joint pre-proposal, and the “Declaración responsable del investigador principal” (see Word document on the AEI website). link to the AEI application system to upload these documents: https://aplicaciones.ciencia.gob.es/proyectostransnacionales/ Submission of the full proposal at the national level: NO <p>Funding Programme: The framework for this funding action is the Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica, Técnica e</p>

	<p>level, the Call will be managed by the <i>Subdivisión de Programas Científico-Técnicos Transversales, Fortalecimiento y Excelencia (STRAN)</i> of the AEI.</p> <p>Instrument for funding the Spanish groups:</p> <p>The instrument for funding the Spanish groups is the Spanish call on International Collaboration Projects (PCI)".The requirements of <u>PCI-2025-1</u> will apply.</p> <p>Applicants are strongly advised encouraged to carefully read the call text of the PCI 2025-1 and especially the <u>PCI Requirements document</u>.</p> <p>Data Protection:</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><u>Innovación 2024-2027.</u> On a national level, the Call will be managed by the Blue Sustainable Economy Area of the Biodiversity Foundation.</p> <p>Instrument for funding the Spanish groups:</p> <p>The instrument for funding the Spanish groups is the Spanish call on International Collaboration Projects (PCI)".The requirements of <u>PCI-2025-1</u> will apply.</p> <p>Applicants are strongly advised encouraged to carefully read the call text of the PCI 2025-1 and especially the <u>PCI Requirements document</u>.</p> <p>Data Protection:</p> <p>By submitting a grant application to the FB, 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.</p>
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	YES	YES
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between	<p>NO.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>NO.</p> <p>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</p>

step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	invited to contact AEI and FB contact points for further information.	invited to contact AEI and FB contact points for further information.
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	NO	NO
Other important information	<p>Acknowledgement:</p> <p>Any publication or dissemination activity resulting from the granted projects <u>must</u> acknowledge funding by the Agencia Estatal de Investigación: “Project (reference nº XX) funded by the Agencia Estatal de Investigación through the PCI (year) call”.</p>	<p>Acknowledgement:</p> <p>Any publication or dissemination activity resulting from the granted projects <u>must</u> acknowledge funding by the Fundación Biodiversidad: “With the support of the Biodiversity Foundation of the Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge”.</p> <p>IMPORTANT:</p> <p>By default, the official start date of all the projects funded by FB will be 1st April 2027.</p> <p>Payment will be made upon completion of the project. However, it will be possible to request during the first 18 months of implementation, an advance payment of 40 % of the amount granted (it could be necessary to provide a guarantee).</p>