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# 2025 Joint Transnational Call “Water&Health”

### **Joint Transnational Call 2025**

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	Funding Organisation:	Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)
		
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Funded modalities	Joint Transnational Call (JTC) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Early Career Researchers Call (ECR) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	We do NOT fund the Early Career Researchers Call <input type="checkbox"/>	
Funded Topic	Topic 1. Waterborne contaminants and health risks: occurrence, behaviour, interactions and vulnerability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Topic 2. Innovative Tools and Technologies for Water Quality and Exposure Monitoring <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Topic 3. Water Treatment and Exposure Mitigation <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Topic 4: Governance, Socio-Economic Innovation, and Policy Integration for Water and Health <input type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	<p><b>Eligible entities</b> 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), 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 <a href="#">PCI2025-I</a> as an example) and the <a href="#">PCI Requirements document</a>.</p> <p>They must have been previously beneficiaries of any of the AEI calls, as stated in the <a href="#">PCI Requirements document</a>. They must ensure contractual relationship with the Principal Investigator (PI) during all the implementation of the project.</p>	
Eligible Applicants	<p><b>Principal Investigators (PIs)</b> requesting funding to the AEI must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be eligible in the corresponding PCI call (see <a href="#">PCI2025-I</a> as an example) and the <a href="#">PCI Requirements document</a></li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	

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	<p><b>Incompatibilities:</b> The following must be considered when participating in different ERA-Nets, European Co-funded Partnerships (in particular DUT, Biodiversa+, PRIMA and SBEP) or other international initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PIs will not be eligible for funding if they apply (i) in more than one proposal in this transnational joint call, (ii) in more than one proposal in the same PCI call and/or (iii) in PCI calls of consecutive years. <b>This means that the same PI may not apply in two or more international calls funded with PCI that are open simultaneously (e.g. DUT, Biodiversa+ and Water4All), neither can they be awarded PCI grants in two consecutive years.</b></li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• A PI that has been granted a PCI the previous year will be declared ineligible, without the possibility of changing the PI.</li> <li>• Changes of the PI between the 2 steps of the transnational call are not allowed</li> <li>• PI must remain unchanged between the proposal in this transnational call and the corresponding PCI call should the proposal be recommended for funding</li> </ul> <p><b>Important:</b> In the application form, the applicants should include the PI's full name (with both surnames) and the full name of their institution as stated in <a href="#">the Sistema de Entidades (SISEN)</a>.</p> <p><b>IMPORTANT and NEW!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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 "<u>Declaración responsable del investigador principal</u>" (see Word document on the <a href="#">AEI website</a> in "Ciencias Medioambientales" heading).</li> </ul> <p>You can find below the link to the AEI application system to upload these documents:  <a href="https://aplicaciones.ciencia.gob.es/proyectostransnacionales/">https://aplicaciones.ciencia.gob.es/proyectostransnacionales/</a></p>
<p>Eligible Costs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research and innovation activities are eligible. Mere dissemination, communication or other similar activities will not be eligible unless they are supporting the research activities.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Indirect costs (25% of all direct costs, <u>including the subcontracting costs</u>).</li> <li>• <b>Minor changes of the budget</b> 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 at least two weeks before the deadline for submitting full proposals.</li> <li>• The AEI will avoid double funding (overlapping with other EU or National funding) and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded.</li> </ul>

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Funding Commitment	Total Amount for the Call	Maximum Amount Per Proposal			
	€ 1.500.000	<p>The following funding limits for direct costs for a three-year project are considered eligibility criteria. Proposals not respecting these limits could be declared ineligible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If the consortium is NOT COORDINATED by an AEI-applicant: max. € 140.000</li><li>• If the consortium IS COORDINATED by an AEI-applicant: max. € 220.000</li><li>• If the consortium IS COORDINATED by an AEI-applicant and there is another AEI-applicant in the proposal, the amount for both Partners is: max. € 260.000</li><li>• Additional amount of € 30.000 maximum (direct costs) can be requested per proposal if the work plan includes substantial experimental tasks to be carried out by the AEI applicants and which must be clearly justified in the budget.</li><li>• On top of the abovementioned direct cost limits, indirect costs must be added in the application: 25% of direct costs (<u>including the subcontracting costs</u>).</li></ul> <p><b>Important:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• only ONE applicant applying for funding to AEI is allowed per proposal</li><li>• Two AEI-applicants are allowed in the same proposal only in cases when one of them is acting as Coordinator</li><li>• <b>The direct costs (<u>including subcontracting</u>) in the application must be rounded to the thousands.</b></li></ul>			
	Example of maximum funding per proposal		CD (€)	CI (25%) (€)	TOTAL (€)
	One AEI applicant		140.000	35.000	175.000
	One AEI applicant - coordinator		220.000	55.000	275.000
	Two AEI applicants- one coordinator		260.000	65.000	325.000
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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. 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.</li></ul>				

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	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.
Other Funding Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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).</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Although private enterprises are not funded by the AEI, 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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>All themes in this transnational call are eligible for funding.</li> </ul>
Relevant documents	<p><b>Funding Programme:</b> The framework for this funding action is the <a href="#">Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica, Técnica e Innovación 2024-2027</a>. On a national level, the Call will be managed by the <a href="#">Subdivisión de Programas Científico-Técnicos Transversales, Fortalecimiento y Excelencia (STRAN)</a> of the AEI.</p> <p><b>Funding Instrument:</b> The instrument funding the Spanish groups requesting funding to the AEI is the corresponding Spanish national call “Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional” (PCI) (to be published in due time).</p> <p><b>Data Protection:</b> 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>
Additional Info	<p><b>Acknowledgement:</b> Any publication or dissemination activity resulting from the granted projects must acknowledge the AEI funding: “Project (reference nº XX) funded by Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI) through the PCI (year) call”.</p>
Useful Links	As a reference, the applicants are strongly advised to read the call text of the PCI2025-I ( <a href="https://www.aei.gob.es/sites/default/files/convocatory_info/file/2025-03/PCI2025_1_.pdf">https://www.aei.gob.es/sites/default/files/convocatory_info/file/2025-03/PCI2025_1_.pdf</a> ) and especially the <a href="#">PCI Requirements document</a> on <a href="#">the national call website</a> as well as check their eligibility with the National Contact Point prior to the submission.