

AEI General Activity Report 2021

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**Introduction**

Royal Decree 1067/2015, of 27 November, created the State Research Agency (hereinafter the Agency) and approved its Statute. Its effective constitution took place on 20 June 2016, with the constitutive meeting of its Governing Council.

The Agency was created with the mission of contributing to the promotion of scientific and technical research in all areas of knowledge through the competitive and efficient allocation of public resources, the monitoring of funded actions and their impact, and advice on the planning of actions or initiatives through which the R&D policies of the General State Administration are implemented.

Article 23 of the Agency's Statute stipulates that the Director must draw up and submit to the Governing Board for approval the general activity report for each financial year within the deadline established for this purpose in article 15.1 of the former Law 28/2006, of 18 July, on State Agencies for the Improvement of Public Services, i.e. before 30 June of the year immediately following the year in which the report is to be submitted.

In compliance with this provision, the Agency's general activity report for the year 2021 has been drawn up and submitted to the Governing Board for approval at its meeting of 30 June 2022.

The general activity report has been prepared following the objectives, programmes and activities contained in the Agency's Annual Action Plan for the year 2021.

Accordingly, the general activity report 2021 reports on the activities carried out in the following areas (corresponding to the axes of the Annual Action Plan):

- Consolidation and structural development of the Agency.

- Management of funding instruments.

- Scientific and technical evaluation of proposals.

- Monitoring of grants.

- Management of agreements, management commissions and provision of services.

- Communication, dissemination and representation in R&D forums.

1. **Consolidation and structural development of the agency.**

**Programme 1. Approval of the management contract**

During the year 2021, the Agency had to undertake the preparation and approval of its management contract, through the procedure and with the content determined by article 108 ter of Law 40/2015, of 1 October, following the modification made by the thirty-fourth final provision of Law 11/2020, of 30 December, on the General State Budget for the year 2021.

During this financial year, a working group was set up to draw up the proposed management contract, based on the one approved by the Governing Council on 27 November 2018. This working group, however, has not been able to begin work until 2022, and the document is expected to be completed in the first half of this year.

**Programme 2. Human Resources Management**

This programme aims to advance in the design of the general framework for action in the area of human resources, which focuses on determining the working conditions of the Agency's public employees, including aspects relating to the organisation, structure and framework for action in the area of human resources, remuneration, etc., with the participation of the relevant staff representatives and trade union organisations.

The Activities contemplated within this programme in 2021 are the following:

1. **Approval and implementation of a productivity system based on the achievement of objectives.**

On 26 November 2019, the Agency's Governing Board approved a proposal for a multi-annual productivity programme for meeting objectives (PCO), covering the years 2019 to 2022.

This programme aims to incentivise the productivity and performance of the Agency's staff, which will favour the fulfilment of its objectives, rewarding effort and dedication.

It also aims to make jobs at the Agency attractive, in order to help fill current vacancies and retain qualified staff currently on secondment.

The PCO is based on the definition of objectives to be met and on indicators for the achievement of these objectives and will be remunerated on a small part of the income generated annually from the reimbursement of grants and the provision of services.

In 2020, the OCP was submitted to the Ministry of Finance for approval by the Ministry of Finance. The Ministry of Finance proposed a number of changes and improvements that were incorporated into the proposal. The OCP was not approved during the year.

The Agency was aiming for approval and implementation of the OCP in 2021. However, despite the efforts made by the Agency and the Ministry of Finance, no progress has been made towards this objective with the Ministry of Finance.

1. **Development and implementation of the Training Plan.**

A Training Plan was drawn up to improve the skills necessary for the correct functioning of the organisation and the efficient provision of services. The Plan was drawn up in coordination with the Ministry of Science and Innovation and with the participation of employee representatives. During 2021, 9 courses were given, as follows.

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| **Summary of training actions** |
| **Title of the training action** | **No. of editions** | **No. of participants** | **No. of hours** | **D**ates |
| English (2 levels) | 2 | 8 | 10 | 64/course | 15th January to 15th June; 15th Sept. to 15th Dec. |
| Gender equality | 1 | 15 |  | 15 | 18th to 21st January |
| Prevention of occupational hazards | 1 | 22 |  |  2 | 16th February |
| Basic computing for the AGE | 2 | 19 | 19 | 20/course | 15-18 March28th to 30th April |
| First aid | 1 | 16 |  |  5 | 27th April |
| Financial control of national grants | 1 | 35 |  | 25 | 4th to 14th May |
| Management of the registry office |  1 | 17 |  | 15 | 28th to 30th April 2021 |
| Gender Equality Course for the AEI |  1 | 19 |  | 15 | 10th September to 8th October |
| GEISER |  1 | 20 |  | 10 | 18th October to 21st October |

1. **Elaboration and implementation of the Social Action Plan 2021.**

The social action aid plan for the Agency's employees for 2021 was drawn up and implemented, covering both individual measures (aid for staff studies, health protection, descendants and ascendants, transport, disability, situations of gender violence and exceptional situations) and collective measures (medical check-ups, canteen aid, etc.).

122 grants have been awarded (corresponding to 110 people) for an amount of 49,474.79 euros.

1. **Measures to recruit new staff to the Agency.**

A specific competition has been published in 2021 for the provision of civil servant posts in the Agency, which has allowed the definitive coverage of 16 posts.

A study and proposal for posts to be included in the Public Employment Offer (OEP) for the year 2021 was presented. The posts that have been approved in this OEP have been:

- 3 jobs in the scale of OPIS Specialised Technicians for open competition.

- 2 jobs in the scale of OPIS Specialised Technicians for internal promotion.

- 3 jobs in the scale of OPIS Specialised Senior Technicians Scale of OPIS of free shift.

- 2 jobs of the Scale of Specialised Senior Technicians of OPIS for internal promotion.

The jobs of the OEP 2021 of the General Bodies of the General State Administration of free shift and internal promotion are still pending to be known.

In the year 2021, they have been incorporated into the State Research Agency, coming from posts called in the OEP of the year 2018-2019:

- 5 civil servants from the Auxiliary General Corps of the State Administration (open shift).

- 8 civil servants from the Administrative Corps of the State Administration (free shift) and 1 civil servant from the internal promotion shift.

- 1 civil servant from the Civil Administration Management Corps (open shift) and 1 civil servant from the internal promotion shift.

- 1 civil servant from the Systems and IT Management Corps of the State Administration (open shift).

In 2022, the incorporation of staff from OPIS Technical Scales of the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 OEP will take place (7 posts from the Scale of Higher Specialised Technicians of OPIs (open shift) and 6 from the internal promotion shift, 8 posts from the Scale of Specialised Technicians of OPIs (open shift) and 3 from the internal promotion shift).

Finally, the evolution of the number of personnel during the year 2021 is detailed:

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| **TYPE OF PERSONNEL** | **Jan-21** | **Dec-21** | **AVERAGE NUMBER 2021** |
|  | **V** | **M** | **V** | **M** | **V** | **M** |
| **TOP POSITIONS** | **1** |  | **1** |  | **1** | **0** |
| **CIVIL SERVANTS** | 61 | 118 | 66 | 125 | 63.5 | 121.5 |
| GROUP A1 | 19 | 54 | 23 | 54 | 21.0 | 54.0 |
| GROUP A2 | 17 | 35 | 16 | 41 | 16.5 | 38.0 |
| GROUP C1 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 16.0 | 17.0 |
| GROUP C2 | 10 | 13 | 10 | 12 | 10.0 | 12.5 |
| GROUP E | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **LABOUR** | 6 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 7.0 | 5.5 |
| GROUP 1/M3 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 4.0 | 0.5 |
| GROUP 2/M2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| GROUP 3/3G | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1.0 |
| GROUP 4/4G | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2.0 | 0.0 |
| GROUP 5/E1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 1.0 | 4.0 |
| **OTHER STAFF** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **TOTAL** | **68** | 124 | 75 | 130 | 71.5 | 127.0 |
| **TOTAL CIVIL SERVANTS** | 179 |  | 191 |  | 185 |  |
| **TOTAL LABOUR** | 12 |  | 13 |  | 13 |  |
| **TOTAL OTHER STAFF** | 1 |  | 1  |  | 1 |  |
| **TOTAL AGENCY** | 192 |  | 205 |  | 199 |  |

**Programme 3. Communication and Visibility of the Agency's Activities**

The Agency's Communication and Transparency Plan was approved at the Governing Board meeting of 4 December 2017. This document sets out the communication and dissemination instruments that will make the Agency's activities and actions visible to the outside world and to its employees. Likewise, the Plan includes the lines of action that mark transparency in administrative activities and compliance with the obligations of good governance by the Agency's public officials, as well as accountability and commitments to present accurate and complete information on the results and procedures used in management. The specific measures for implementing this plan for 2020 are set out in Axis 6.

Within this programme and as a necessary instrument to be able to execute the Communication and Transparency Plan, in 2021 it was established as an objective to put into operation the Agency's website and intranet, which would serve as a reference as a source of information and communication, as well as to consolidate the Agency's institutional image.Both portals were implemented in 2021, although the intranet, due to technical problems related to its hosting in the shared hosting system with the seconding Ministry, has been visible in the first four months of 2022.

On the other hand, as foreseen in the Annual Action Plan, further progress has been made in 2021 to involve employees in the Agency's activities and issues of common interest, either through corporate mailings and/or general meetings or by Units. We consider it important to maintain regular contacts, in which all employees are informed, while at the same time allowing interaction with the concerns and proposals of all staff. Six internal communications were sent from the Directorate to all Agency staff (10 were planned). Those that were finally considered necessary were carried out, due to the existence of relevant news or information to communicate to the staff.

**Programme 4. Consolidation of common services**

During 2019, the Agency moved to new headquarters in the building at Calle Torrelaguna, 58 bis, in Madrid.

The move has involved the implementation of the necessary horizontal services with its own resources, as the shared services regime that had been in place until then with the Ministry of assignment is no longer in force.

Thus, during 2019 and 2020, the services necessary for the provision of equipment and maintenance of the building have been contracted, and work has begun to set up an ICT structure.

In order to consolidate the services necessary for the operation of the Agency, in 2021, the following activities have been mainly undertaken:

1. Implementation of the computing and storage infrastructures, and the associated support, security, back-up and systems services, which will be shared with the Ministry of Attachment. The contracting process for these infrastructures was practically completed at the end of 2020 and was finalised at the beginning of 2021, so that they have been deployed this year, although there are still actions that are being completed in 2022.

2. Commissioning of TRAGSATEC and implementation of a new IT system for processing aid, based on the feasibility study carried out in 2020. The commissioning was carried out in 2021, with implementation scheduled for completion in December 2023. This assignment is funded by the European Union's Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan (RRTP).

Pending the development and implementation of the new IT system, the current IT applications for aid management will be maintained jointly with the Ministry of the Ministry. To this end, both entities have jointly contracted in 2021 the maintenance of the existing applications.

1. **Funding instruments: calls for proposals.**

The Agency's functions include the management of the programmes, instruments and actions awarded to it within the framework of the State Plans for Scientific and Technical Research and Innovation, any others expressly assigned to it by the General State Administration or those deriving from collaboration agreements with other entities or other actions.

The calls managed are the nerve centre around which the Agency's activity revolves: the main instrument for funding research. The launch of a call is similar to a transmission mechanism, in which each gear acts in synchronisation to start a machine. It starts with the publication of the call and ends with the scientific-technical and economic verification of the use of the awarded funds. It is therefore a process with a long life cycle, which remains alive for several years and is initiated each time a call is published.

It comprises several successive phases that follow a temporal order: the instruction, the evaluation of the proposals, the economic-budgetary management, and the monitoring and justification of the actions financed.

1. **Instruction.**

This phase coordinates the preparation, approval and publication of the calls for proposals. During 2021, 16 calls for proposals were managed (8 calls for 2020 and 8 for 2021).

The instruction process begins with the drafting and publication of the texts of the calls for proposals, the request for the relevant reports and their publication in the Official State Gazette and in the National Database of Subsidies.

The management of these calls for applications in 2020 involved the processing of 19,717 files: review of applications, corrections, withdrawals and notifications of resolution.

It also involves maintaining the system of entities, which is the repository where grant applicants must register and provide the necessary documentation to accredit their legal nature and the legal representatives who interact with the Agency throughout the life of the call. For this reason, it is necessary for it to be completely updated, and requests for modifications, additions and deletions, etc., are very common. Specifically, 2,388 during the past year.

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| Activity | Estimate 2021 | Carried out |
| Drafting and publication of calls for proposals (1) | 19 | 16 |
| Instruction (2) | 22,000 | 19,717 |
| Maintenance of the system of entities (additions, deletions, modifications) (3) | 2,600 | 2,388 |
| Advice to applicants for assistance (4) | 17,000 | 18,766 |

**(1) Drafting and publication of calls for proposals**. The initial forecast was for 19 calls for proposals. The deviation was due to the non-publication of Juan de la Cierva-Incorporación, an action that has been integrated into the Ramón y Cajal action, and of the actions to stimulate Europe Research and Research Networks, whose launch in 2021 was not considered a priority.

**(2) Instruction**. The processing of 22,000 applications was foreseen. The deviation is mainly due, on the one hand, to the non-publication of certain calls mentioned above and, on the other hand, given that new actions were launched in 2021 linked to the PRTR, to the difficulty in estimating the volume of applications that would be received.

**(3) Maintenance of the system of entities**. It was envisaged that 2,600 actions would be managed through the entity system. The deviation is due to reasons similar to those outlined above for Instruction.

**(4) Advice to applicants for assistance**. It was anticipated that 17,000 mails would be dealt with. The upward deviation is due to the fact that the launch of new actions has generated more enquiries than expected.

Below is a list of the **calls managed in which the main phase or a relevant phase of the award procedure took place in 2021**, indicating the year of the call, budget, the current processing status (CR: Award Resolution, PRP: Provisional Resolution Proposal, TR: Processing without reaching PRP), the amount awarded (or if applicable proposed) and the success in economic terms.

**Calls Managed in 2021**

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| **CALLS MANAGED IN 2021** | **Call** | **Status** | **Budget call** | **Concession** |
| Pre-doctoral (PRE) | 2021 | TR | 110,038,260 | --- |
| Technical Support Personnel (TSP) | 2020 | RC | 7,020,000 | 6,810,000 |
| Torres Quevedo (PTQ) | 2020 | RC | 15,000,000 | 14,867,695 |
| Industrial Doctorates (DIN) | 2020 | RC | 4,000,000 | 3,940,353 |
| Ramón y Cajal  (RYC) | 2020 | RC | 80,089,750 | 71,659,250 |
| Juan de la Cierva-formation (FJC) | 2020 | RC | 14,622,800 | 14,044,200 |
| Juan de la Cierva-incorporation (IJC) | 2020 | RC | 27,188,400 | 26,406,526 |
| R+D+i Projects (PID) | 2021 | PRP | 452,000,000 | --- |
| Europe of Excellence Projects (ERC) | 2021 | RC | 1,500,000 | 1,2825,526 |
| International Joint Programming (JPI)\_I | 2020\_2 | RC | 5,598,026 | 5,447,493 |
| International Joint Programming (JPI)\_II | 2021\_1 | PR | 13,140,834 | 12,936,791 |
| International Joint Programming (JPI)\_III | 2021\_2 | RC | 14,719,412 | 14,397,350 |
| Severo Ochoa / María de Maeztu (CEX) | 2020 | RC | 40,000,000 | 40,000,000 |
| R&D&I projects in strategic lines, in public-private partnerships | 2021 | RC | 86000.,000 | 60,718,625 |
| R&D&I Projects "Proof of Concept". | 2021 | RC | 40,000,000 | 39.999.999 |
| Scientific and Technical Equipment | 2021 | RC | 180,000,000 | 180,000,000 |

RC: Resolution of concesión

TR: Processing without reaching PRP

PRP: Provisional motion for a resolution

1. **Scientific and technical evaluation of proposals.**

The scientific-technical evaluation of the proposals and their internationally contrasted development protocols are the fundamental pillars that guarantee the correct functioning of the competitive concurrence, based on criteria of excellence and the correct allocation of budgetary funds. The aim is to ensure a rigorous and objective external evaluation system that makes it possible to contrast the opinion of individual experts and prioritise all the applications for funding on the basis of the quality and relevance of each proposal, the scientific and technical solvency of the research team and the expected scientific and social impact of the proposal. In this stage, it organises, coordinates and manages the ex-ante evaluation processes of the applications for aid submitted to the calls managed by the AEI and included in the State Plan for Scientific and Technical Research and Innovation. Generally speaking, this evaluation process has two distinct stages:

- The remote assessment carried out by individual experts with in-depth knowledge of the subject matter of the proposals submitted, who draw up technical reports on the quality and relevance of each application submitted.

- The assessment and prioritisation of the applications, carried out by a panel of experts who assess a significant number of applications, and in view of all the technical reports available to the panel, assign a final assessment by consensus and prioritise the applications for the funding proposal. The evaluation process has been adapted to the needs and evaluation criteria established for each order of bases and call of the State Plan.

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| **Activity** | **Estimate 2021** | **Actual workload indicator** | **Objective****2021** | **Carried out** | **%**  |
| **Management of individual peer reviews** | 46,445 | No. of individual evaluations carried out | 100% | 46,481 | 100% |
| **No. of applications assessed** | 20,673 | No. of applications assessed | 100% | 17,409 | 84% |
| **Management of the Technical Evaluation Commissions** | 165 | No. of Technical Evaluation Commissions | 100% | 173 | 105% |
| **Final evaluation reports** | 20,673 | No. of final evaluation reports | 100% | 17,409 | 84% |
| **Allegation reports** | 1,903 | No. of allegation reports carried out | 100% | 2,027 | 107% |

As far as external evaluations are concerned:

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| **Activity** | **Estimate 2021** | **Actual workload indicator** | **Objective****2021** | **Carried out** | **%**  |
| **Management of individual peer reviews** | 10,817 | Nº de evaluaciones individuales realizadas  | 100% | 10,468 | 97% |
| **No. of applications assessed** | 5,704 | Nº de solicitudes evaluadas | 100% | 5,243 | 92% |
| **Final evaluation reports** | 5,704 | Nº de informes finales de evaluación realizados  | 100% | 5,243 | 92% |
| **Allegation reports** | 71 | Nº de informes de alegación realizados | 100% | 170 | 239%  |

To carry out this task, the Agency is supported by Scientific and Technological Collaborators, seconded in accordance with Article 19 of the Science Act.

In terms of deviations, those referring to the evaluations carried out correspond to fluctuations in the number of applications, which, as they do not depend on the Agency, are difficult to control. The existence of more allegation reports than expected seems to derive from new calls, especially related to the Recovery Plan.

1. **Economic and budgetary management: payment.**

Payment of the grants awarded is generally made in annual instalments. The first annual payment is made on the occasion of the award resolution and the remaining annual payments are made once the financial justification for the previous year and the scientific justification have been received within the deadlines established by the different calls for proposals, following a positive assessment of the reports submitted. Payment requires prior verification of the requirements that the General Law on Subsidies demands of the beneficiaries, an activity that is not minor, since all the responsible declarations and certificates provided by the applicants must be reviewed, as well as, with prior explicit authorisation, compliance with their obligations to the Tax Agency and the Social Security. The data for 2021 are:

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| **Activity** | **Estimate 2021** | **Actual workload indicator** | **Objective****2021** | **Carried out** |
| **Prior monitoring of calls for proposals that require it** | 2 | 100% | 2 | 100% |
| **Revision of eligibility requirements and payment of multiannualities** | 7,000 | 100% | 7,500 | 107.14% |
| **Issuance of accounting documents deriving from the concession** | 35,000 | 100% | 43,229 | 123.51% |
| **Payment of aid** | 17,000 | 100% | 18,790 | 110.53% |
| **Advice to beneficiaries** | 800 | 100% | 825 | 103.13% |

810,438,527.66 euros, corresponding to calls from previous years and, if applicable, to calls published and resolved in the same year. A total of 43,229 accounting documents have been issued.

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|  **Call for applications** | **Grant** | **Loan (\*)** | **Ant. FEDER(\*)** | **Total** |
| INDUSTRIAL DOCTORS | 2,319,344.56 |   |   | 2,319,344.56 |
| JUAN DE LA CIERVA TRAINING  | 8,281,485.03 |   |   | 8,281485.03 |
| PREDOCTORAL GRANTS  | 75,133,54109 |   |   | 75133.,541.09 |
| INIA PRE-DOCTORAL GRANTS | 1,085,869.15 |   |   | 1,085,869.15 |
| RAMÓN Y CAJAL GRANTS | 43,859,439.04 |   |   | 43,859,439.04 |
| TORRES QUEVEDO PROGRAMME GRANTS | 11,008,439.08 |   |   | 11,008,439.08 |
| JUAN DE LA CIERVA INCORPORATION | 12,660,662.87 |   |   | 12,660,662.87 |
| SUPPORT TECHNICIANS | 6,410,109.58 |   |   | 6,410,109.58 |
| STABLE INCORPORATION OF DOCTORS | 4,166,666.25 |   |   | 4,166,666.25 |
| PROMOTION OF YOUNG EMPLOYMENT | 1385.826.35 |   | 5119.,716.88 | 6,505,543.23 |
| IPT |   |   |   | 0.00 |
| INIA DOCTORS | 572.,000.00 |   |   | 572,000.00 |
| EQUIPMENT | 59,999999.98 |   |   | 59,999,999.98 |
| CHALLENGES COLLABORATION | 31,834,047.81 | 48,948408.18 | 4,231,597.19 | 85,014,053.18 |
| INIA CHALLENGES | 166,236.00 |   |   | 166,236.00 |
| PROJECTS STRATEGIC LINES | 32,033,324.43 | 13,297,020.83 |   | 45,330,345.26 |
| PROOF OF CONCEPT | 29,999,999.40 |   |   | 29,999,999.40 |
| INTERNATIONAL JOINT INTERNATIONAL | 31833.,392.21 |   |   | 31,833,392.21 |
| RESEARCH PROJECTS | 237,964,955.52 |   |   | 237,964,955.52 |
| RESEARCH CHALLENGES | 77,470,723.75 |   |   | 77,470,723.75 |
| TECHNOLOGY PLATFORMS | 1,943,385.52 |   |   | 1,943,385.52 |
| KNOWLEDGE GENERATION | 34,998,570.40 |   |   | 34,998,570.40 |
| NETWORKS OF EXCELLENCE | 2,165,464.00 |   |   | 2,165,464.00 |
| EXPLORA | 44,891.00 |   |   | 44,891.00 |
| EUROPE RESEARCH | 1,282,526.00 |   |   | 1,282,526.00 |
| EUROPE EXCELLENCE |   |   |   | 0.00 |
| SEVERO OCHOA MARIA DE MAEZTU | 28,500,000.00 |   |   | 28,500,000.00 |
| EUROPE NETWORKS TECHNOLOGY CENTRES | 1,570530.08 |   |   | 1,570,530.08 |
| IRTA-INIA | 150.,355.48 |   |   | 150,355.48 |
| **Total 2021** | **738,841,784.58** | **62,245,429.01** | **9,351,314.07** | **810,438,527.66** |

(\*) Including aid financed by chapter 8 of the expenditure budget of the Ministry of the Agency, which is managed by the Agency in application of the Management Entrustment Agreement of the Secretary of State for Universities, Research, Development and Innovation of 24 July 2018 and 20 September 2021.

1. **Monitoring of aid.**

The monitoring of grants approved by the AEI includes both the management of incidents (changes related to the initial application, changes in the award resolution) and the verification, monitoring and evaluation of the activities financed both during and at the end of the period of execution of the grants. This monitoring is carried out from a scientific-technical and economic point of view, as determined in the calls for proposals and as required by law.

* 1. **Scientific and technical monitoring of the implementation of grants.**

Each call has a programmed follow-up, in fact, the implementation reports and their periodicity to be submitted by the beneficiaries are determined in each call. Once they have been evaluated by the external collaborators, if they are favourable, the corresponding certificate of conformity is issued, which is necessary for the release of the payment for the following year. This is, in short, an interim evaluation of the aid granted.

In addition, during the year, face-to-face monitoring sessions were held for the presentation and interim monitoring of the state of implementation of the projects financed. In this part of the process, there is the possibility for the beneficiaries to request the modification of the conditions of the aid. In this case, the scientific collaborators issue technical reports and, on the basis of these reports, the authorisation or rejection of the modifications is determined.

The scientific-technical monitoring is approached from two points of view depending on the type of call:

-Calls with Scientific-Technical fields having a thematic orientation defined in the state plans, responding to the needs of the scientific community and the main social and economic challenges of the country, exercised by the Scientific-Technical Thematic Programmes Branch.

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| **Activity** | **Estimate 2021** | **Actual workload indicator** | **Objective** | **Carried out** | **% of target** |
| **Management of the scientific and technical monitoring of grants** | **2,758** | **No. of aid monitored** | 50%(1,379) | 2,262 | 164%  |
| **Assessment of aid in follow-up meetings** | **57** | **No. of aid assessed in follow-up meetings** | 30%(17) | 37 | 217% |
| **On-site monitoring visits** | **5** | **No. of on-site visits** | 25%(2) | 10 | 500 % |
| **Decisions authorising/refusing changes to the conditions of aid** | **1,088** | **No. of decisions modifying the conditions of aid** | 100% | 2,498 | 229% |
| **Citizen information and user relations** | **6,853** | **No. of mails answered over the number of mails received** | 100% | 7,436 | 108.5% |

- Those calls whose scientific-technical areas do not have a defined thematic orientation, but are aimed at strengthening and transforming the Spanish Science and Technology System, exercised by the Transversal Scientific-Technical Programmes, Strengthening and Excellence Branch.

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| **Activity** | **Estimate 2021** | **Actual workload indicator** | **Objective** | **Carried out** | **% of target** |
| **Management of the scientific-technical monitoring of grants** | 12,583 | **No. of grants monitored** | 50% | 7,676 | 122% |
| **Assessment of grants at monitoring meetings** | 2,467 | **No. of grants assessed in monitoring meetings** | 30% | 486 | 65% (\*) |
| **On-site monitoring visits**  | 340 | **No. of on-site visits** | 25% | 52 | 61%(\*\*) |
| **Decisions to authorise/refuse modifications to the conditions of support** | 6,500 | **No. of decisions to modify aid conditions** | 100% | 8,785 | 135% |
| **Citizen information and user relations** | 16,650 | **No. of mails answered over the number of mails received** | 100% | 14,688 | 88% |

(\*) The density of the calendar of calls managed by the AEI during 2021 and the workload of both STEM staff and AEI collaborators forced the restriction of the Project Monitoring Days to November, with a consequent reduction in the number of meetings compared to the number initially planned.

(\*\*) These are ex-post monitoring visits and the initial forecast was made on the total number (340) of projects funded in the 2017 Challenges-Collaboration call. These grants include multi-year projects with 2, 3 or 4 years of implementation and, as a result of the Covid 2020 pandemic, most of them had their implementation extended. For this reason, the 4-year projects ended their execution in 2022 and could not be included among those eligible for an on-site visit.

**Improving the definition of target indicators.**

Work continues within the working group created together with the Directorate General for Research, Development and Innovation with the aim of improving the models of the scientific-technical monitoring reports and the models of the evaluation reports of these reports, so that the indicators of compliance with objectives are clearly identified and quantifiable, although this has not been specified in a document, as this work is continuous with different interactions.

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| **Activity** | **Indicator** | **Objective** |
| **Improving the definition of target indicators** | Preparation of the document | 1 |

**Reports on the results of completed actions**

The ex-post analysis of the actions financed in the calls for applications for aid corresponding to the State Plan for the Promotion of Scientific and Technical Research of Excellence, State Sub-programme for the Generation of Knowledge and aid corresponding to the 2014 State programme for Research, Development and Innovation Oriented towards the Challenges of Society, in the modality of R&D&I Projects, has been completed.

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| Actividad | Indicador | Objetivo |
| Ex-post analysis of completed actions | Preparation of the document | 1 |

An ex-post analysis of the results obtained in terms of scientific publications, theses supervised and contracts with companies and public entities derived from the funded projects has been carried out. This study has been carried out according to the fields and thematic areas of the AEI.

The main conclusions are as follows:

- The projects corresponding to the Research Challenges call have given rise to a greater number of patents and contracts with companies or collaboration agreements than those corresponding to the Excellence call.

- In relation to contracts with national and/or foreign companies, they are particularly relevant in the areas of Production and Communication Technologies.

- In the field of life sciences and agri-food, collaboration agreements and technology transfer agreements are of great relevance as an instrument for transferring project results.

- As for the dissemination of results in scientific journals or congresses, both types of projects (excellence and Research Challenges) have similar results.

- In the areas of Humanities and Social Sciences, scientific conferences and books are the main dissemination activities, while in areas such as Environment and Natural Resources, dissemination through scientific articles in indexed journals predominates.

**4.2. Financial monitoring of the implementation of the aid.**

This procedural phase focuses on the economic and financial control and monitoring of the actions financed, in particular:

* The administrative review of the supporting account and economic audit of the expenditure of all files. Depending on the result, the procedure for the reimbursement of the amounts that have not been justified or whose justification has not been adequate is initiated. This procedure includes the issuing of a request for information, the initiation agreement, the opening of the hearing, the assessment of the allegations presented by the beneficiary and notification of the final decision.
* Reimbursements. This procedure includes the issuing of the agreement to initiate reimbursement, the opening of the hearing, assessment of the allegations presented by the beneficiary and notification of the final decision on reimbursement and, where appropriate, the loss of the right to payment of outstanding annual payments. It also includes the issuance of the payment document model 069 of the Tax Agency or, in the future, the Agency's own reimbursement system.
* Cancellation of guarantees and seizure of guarantees. The procedure for the cancellation of guarantees submitted to the Caja General de Depósitos includes the issuance of the cancellation order and the referral to it, as well as the notification to the beneficiary that the referral has been made so that the beneficiary may proceed to cancel the guarantee.

The procedure for the seizure of guarantees includes notifying the beneficiary of the start of the procedure, as well as the opening of the hearing, the assessment of the allegations and, in the event that these are rejected, issuing the request for seizure and sending it to the Delegated Comptroller for audit and to the General Depositary Fund (Caja General de Depósitos).

* Certification of European Structural Funds. The State Agency manages European Regional Development Funds (FEDER) and European Social Fund (ESF) - ESI Funds - with which some of the calls managed by the Agency are co-financed. This entails the need to carry out economic and financial monitoring, as well as the justification to the Managing Authorities of the European Regional Development Fund and the European Social Fund of the eligible expenses of the co-financed projects in order for the European Commission to proceed with the payment of aid with these funds.

The following actions have been implemented in 2021:

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| **Activity** | **Estimate 2021** | **Actual workload indicator** | **Objective** | **Carried out** | **%** |
| **Administrative review of the supporting account and expenditure audit** | 44,087 | No. of files reviewed | 31%(13,666) | 10,971 | 80% |
| **Follow-up visits** | 179 | No. of visits carried out | 100% | 67 | 37% |
| **Initiation agreements** | 34,627 | No. of reimbursement decisions | 34%(11,773) | 6,412 | 54% |
| **Resolutions** | 34,627 | No. of reimbursement decisions | 34%(11,773) | 6,741 | 57% |
| **Analysis of appeals for reconsideration** | 1,020 | No. of reports sent to the General Secretariat | 100%(1,020) | 313 | 31% |
| **No. of files cancelled/seized** | 800 | No. of guarantees cancelled in whole or in part or seized | 100% | 903 | 112.87% |
| **Certificación fondos EIE** | 7,000 | No. of certified operations | 100% | 7,781 | 111% |
| **Asesoramiento a los beneficiarios** | 20,500 | No. of replied mails | 100% | 21,207 | 103.45% |

(1) The degree of achievement compared to the objectives set is lower and there are different causes for these deviations:

The contract with the company awarded the lot corresponding to the execution of field visits did not begin to be executed until the 2021 Visits Plan was approved by the Management Authority, i.e. on 24 June 2021, and it was not until September that they did not begin to be carried out, as in the month of August the public bodies do not attend to the requirements. Therefore, the useful execution time during the year 2021 was only one quarter and, proportionally, 37% of the scheduled visits were carried out. The reduction in the number of reviews of reimbursement initiation agreements and reimbursement resolutions is due to the Agency's staffing deficiencies, which have not allowed the planned objective to be achieved.

1. **Other financing instruments: agreements, management commissions and service provision.**

The Agency is responsible for carrying out the activities or providing the services entrusted to it by the General State Administration or by virtue of contracts, agreements and, in general, legal business, by other entities (Article 5 i) of the Statute.

Also, for the exercise of its functions, the Agency may take on assignments in its capacity as an own means of the General State Administration (Article 24 of the Statute).

The activities contemplated in this section are the following:

1. Collaboration agreements, management commissions and other legal instruments with public and private non-profit institutions.

2. Provision of services, mainly in the field of scientific and technical evaluation of R&D&I activities of other institutions.

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| **Activity** | **Estimate 2022** | **Carried out** |
| Evaluation agreements, management entrustment and other legal instruments | 12 | 14 |
| Provision of scientific and technical evaluation services (\*) |  |  |

**Scientific-technical evaluation agreements signed in 2021. Provision of services**

1. - Agreement with the CRIS Foundation for research to beat cancer, for the scientific-technical evaluation of the scientific projects of the CRIS Foundation against cancer.

Purpose: Scientific-technical evaluation of calls for grants.

Duration: until 31 December 2022

Amount: 3,268 €

2. - Agreement with the Scientific Foundation of the Spanish Association Against Cancer, for the scientific-technical evaluation of calls for grants for cancer research 2022

Purpose: Scientific-technical evaluation of calls for proposals for grants.

Duration: until 31 December 2022

Amount: 104,049.25 €

3. - Agreement with the One in a Hundred Thousand Foundation, for the scientific-technical evaluation of the IX Research Grant in the Area of Childhood Leukaemia

Purpose: Scientific-technical evaluation of calls for grants.

Duration: until 31 December 2022

Amount: 2,874 €

4. - Agreement with the Inocente, Inocente Foundation for the scientific-technical evaluation of the 2022 call for grants for research projects related to childhood cancer.

Purpose: Scientific-technical evaluation of calls for proposals for grants

Duration: until 31 December 2022

Amount: 26,55.25 €

5. - Agreement between the State Research Agency and the Nuclear Safety Council, for collaboration in the management of the evaluation of R&D&I projects.

Purpose: Scientific and technical evaluation of calls for proposals for grants

Duration: until 12 July 2026

Amount: No amount (framework agreement)

**Other Agreements**

1. - Agreement between the State Research Agency and the General Intervention of the State Administration, for accession to the departmental systems of the IGAE.

Purpose: Accession to the departmental systems of the IGAE (SOROLLA2 and CANOA).

Duration: 7 February 2026.

Amount: 36,000 €.

2. - Agreement between the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Digital Transformation (General Secretariat for Digital Administration) and the State Research Agency for the allocation of portable equipment within the framework of the smart workplace initiative of the plan for the digitalisation of public administrations 2021-2025 (1st agreement).

Purpose: Allocation to the AEI of laptop computers

Duration: 6 April 2027.

Amount: No cost

3. - Agreement between the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Digital Transformation (General Secretariat for Digital Administration) and the State Research Agency for the allocation of portable equipment within the framework of the smart workplace initiative of the plan for the digitisation of public administrations 2021-2025 (2nd agreement)

Purpose: Allocation to the AEI of portable IT equipment

Duration: 5 June 2027.

Amount: No cost

**International Administrative Agreement**

Administrative Arrangement between the State Research Agency of the Kingdom of Spain and the Joint Undertaking for Key Digital Technologies, based on Article 12(2) of Regulation 2021/2085, done at Madrid and Brussels on 12 and 22 September 2022.

Purpose: Instrumentalisation of rights and obligations with the Joint Undertaking in the granting of support to international collaboration projects.

**Ordering**

1.- Order of the State Research Agency to Tecnologías y Servicios Agrarios S.A., S.M.E., M.P. (TRAGSATEC) for the performance of support tasks for the organisation and execution of training tasks of the State Research Agency of 7 February 2022.

Object: Support to the organisation and implementation of training tasks of the State Research Agency

Duration: until 28 February 2023.

Amount: 50,401.43 €.

2. - Extension of the assignment to the Sociedad Mercantil Estatal de Gestión Inmobiliaria de Patrimonio, M.P.S.A. for the custody of certain documentation and other services in the Administrative Documentation Storage Centre, from 6 September 2022.

Object: Custody of documentation and other related services.

Duration: until 30 November 2023.

Amount: €70,667.48.

3.- Commissioning of Tecnologías y Servicios Agrarios S.A., S.M.E., M.P. (TRAGSATEC) for the execution of actions of a technical-administrative nature, within various procedures related to the activity of the State Research Agency, dated 6 July 2022.

Purpose: Support in tasks related to administrative and judicial appeals.

Duration: until 17 September 2023.

Amount: 321,421.50 €.

4.- Order to Tecnologías Y Servicios Agrarios S.A., S.M.E., M.P. (TRAGSATEC) for the technical support office service for works and infrastructures for the building at c/ Torrelaguna, 58 bis, from 25 May 2022.

Purpose: Technical support office service for works and infrastructures for the building at c/ Torrelaguna, 58 bis.

Duration: until 15 September 2023.

Amount: 165,839.26 €.

5.- Extension of the assignment of the State Research Agency to Tecnologías y Servicios Agrarios S.A., S.M.E., M.P. (TRAGSATEC) to carry out consultancy and maintenance tasks for the information systems (web and intranet) of the State Research Agency, 8 May 2023.

Object: Consultancy and maintenance of the information systems (web and intranet) of the State Research Agency, 3 June 2021.

Duration: until 14 June 2023.

Amount: 33,707.72 €

1. **Communication, dissemination and representation in R&D fora.**

The communication and dissemination activities aim to give visibility and transparency to all of the Agency's actions through the participation of its management and technical staff in events, and through its presence in the media, including social networks. In short, the aim is to disseminate the Agency's activities in order to improve the vision of its work in the scientific community and the rest of Spanish society, and to adopt the necessary measures to guarantee maximum transparency in the exercise of its functions. The activity of the year 2021 has been:

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| Activity | Indicator | Objective 2021 | Carried out |
| References in the media  | No. of references | 2 | 0 |
| Press releases | No. of notes | 19 | 16 (1)  |
| Social networks: AEI's activity and dissemination of R&D&I projects | No. of content communicated on social networks  | 300 | 336 |
| Interviews in the media | No. of interviews | 2 | 0 |

(1) The initial forecast was to publish 19 calls. The deviation is due to the non-publication of Juan de la Cierva-Incorporación, an action that has been integrated into the Ramón y Cajal action, and of the actions to stimulate Europe Research and Research Networks, whose launch in 2021 was not considered a priority.

The Agency continues to boost its social media activity, particularly on twitter. In addition to the publication of 336 tweets during 2021, 7,154 new followers were added. Retweets achieved: 10,064. Tweet impressions (thousands): 6,166 Visits (thousands): 1,107, Likes: 14,224. Mentions: 9,671. Followers as of 31 December 2021: 41,426. In addition, 61 news items were published on the homepage of the website in 2021.

Furthermore, since the publication of the new State Research Agency website on 22 December 2021, 6 projects have been published to publicise the grants awarded through the Agency's calls for proposals.

With reference to the State Research Agency's informative events and meetings at events aimed at the scientific community and the management bodies of the beneficiary entities, the following actions have been carried out:

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| Activity | Indicator | Objective 2021 | Carried out |
| Active participation in events  | No. of papers and conferences | 70 | 85 |
| Conferences with the presidents and coordinators of the scientific areas | No. of conferences | 2 | 2 |
| Conferences with the presidents of the scientific areas | No. of conferences | 2 | 2 |

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| **Activity** | **Indicator** | **Objective 2021** | **Carried out** |
| **Participation in international events** | No. of forums actively participated in | 65 | 119 |
| **Participation in national forums** | No. of forums in which active participation has taken place | 80 | 110 |

Annexes II and III list the participation and representation in forums, commissions and national and international events of the Management of the State Research Agency and the Agency's staff.

With reference to transparency measures in accordance with section 4.2 of the State Research Agency's Communication and Transparency Plan, the following actions have been carried out:

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| Activity | Indicator | Objective 2021 | Carried out |
| Website advertising: updating and inclusion of new content. | No. of publications | 16 (I) |  |
| Publicity in the National Grants Database. | No. of publications | 16 (II) | 16 (II) |
| Translation into English of documents relevant to the Agency's activity. | No. of documents | (III) | 2  |
| Publicity on the Transparency Portal of documents relevant to the Agency's activity. | No. of documents | (IV) | 2 |
| Annual Accounts of the State Research Agency | No. of documents | 1 | 1 |

(I) **Publicity on the website**: updating and inclusion of new content. New content is considered to be each new call sheet and all its associated content (publication of the call sheet and all the information associated with each call: PRP, PRD, requirements for correction, etc.) which, as a whole, exceeds the 2021 target.

(II) **Publicity in the National Grants Database**: Each call that is uploaded, with all its associated content, is considered as a publicity item in the NGSD. Number of publications (16) NGSD publicity item each call that is uploaded with all its associated content.

(III) **Translation into English of relevant documents of the Agency's activity**: Annual Action Plan 2021 and the General Report of the Agency.

Annual Action Plan 2021 and the General Activity Report 2020.

(IV) **2 documents have been published**: the Annual Action Plan 2021 and the General Activity Report 2020 on the transparency portal.

On the other hand, it is worth highlighting the webinars of the calls for proposals in which the general aspects, novelties and relevant information and the evaluation and monitoring of the calls for R&D&I grants are made known, as well as the presentation of the new Plan for Scientific and Technical Research and Innovation 2021-2023.

1. Webinar for the presentation of the new Severo Ochoa and María de Maeztu 2021 call for proposals.

2. Webinar for the presentation of the new call for public-private collaboration projects 2021.

3. Webinar on the Ramón y Cajal and Juan de la Cierva 2021 calls for proposals.

4. Webinar on the call for strategic projects oriented towards the ecological transition and the digital transition.

5. Webinar on the call for Knowledge Generation Projects 2021.

6. Webinar on the new State Plan for Science, Technology and Innovation 2021-2023.

7. Webinar on the call for Scientific-Technical Equipment (EQC2021)

8. Webinar on the call for R&D&I Projects in Strategic Lines 2021

9. Webinars on the call for Proof of Concept Projects 2021

1. **External collaborators**

Article 19 of the Science Act establishes that public funding agents and their bodies, agencies and entities may temporarily assign, on a full or part-time basis, career civil servants who are researchers, experts in technological development or specialists related to the field of research, to collaborate in tasks of preparation, management, monitoring and evaluation of scientific and technical research programmes, subject to prior authorisation by the competent bodies and the entity in which the research personnel provide their services.

The Agency makes use of this fundamental authorisation for the evaluation and management of the State R&D&I Plan.

There are two types of secondments:

- Temporary collaborators who carry out continuous and part-time technical support and advisory tasks in the processes of evaluation and scientific monitoring of grants. They collaborate with the agency for an average period of 3 years.

- Evaluators, who are assigned on an ad hoc and generally remote basis to the scientific and technical evaluation of proposals submitted to the calls for proposals for grants.

In 2021, the Agency had 12,361 evaluators and 410 different collaborators who were temporarily assigned at some point during the year. The monthly average of temporary collaborators was 262.75, with some of the months having peaks in the range of 267-268. We noted an increase of 22 temporary collaborators during the months of June, July, August and September, other than those previously mentioned, for the call for Projects for strategic lines, as well as 25 more collaborators in the month of December for the call of the Red.es entity - "2021 grants for research and development projects in artificial intelligence and other digital technologies and their integration into value chains".

1. **International Activity**

Since 2020, AEI has been involved in the preparation and design of the main European Horizon Europe partnerships with the aim of co-funding R&D projects] among them:

- European Partnership for Antimicrobial Antimicrobial Health/Resistance (AMR).

- European Partnership for Key Digital Technologies (KDT).

- European Partnership: Driving Urban Transitions to a Sustainable Future (DUT).

- European Partnership for the Clean Energy Transition (CEET)..

- European Partnership for Biodiversity Rescue to safeguard life on earth

- European Partnership on Water Security for the Planet (Water4All).

- European Partnership for a climate-neutral, sustainable and productive blue economy.

**VII BALANCE**

Overall, the objectives and percentages foreseen in the AAP 2021 have been more than met. There have been some negative deviations, which, in no case, have had a relevant influence on the fulfilment of the Agency's mission, functions and operational objectives, and therefore it is not considered that any consequences should be considered with regard to the responsibility of the management bodies.

Among the negative deviations, the following stand out:

- Delays in the implementation of the management contract, as only one working group was set up in 2021.

- Non-approval of the productivity by meeting objectives (PCO).

- Lower target than planned in economic monitoring, both in documentary checks and visits, due to several factors, such as the complexity of the process, the shortage of human resources and the delay in incorporating audit contracts. In 2022, means have been put in place for the simplification of these processes.

**ANNEX I. Agreements, entrustments, assignments and other legal instruments.**

**Scientific-technical evaluation agreements signed in 2021. Provision of services**

**1.- Agreement between the State Research Agency and the Scientific Foundation of the Spanish Association Against Cancer, for the scientific-technical evaluation of calls for grants for cancer research 2021, dated 13 January 2021.**

**Purpose:** Scientific and technical evaluation of calls for proposals for cancer research grants 2021.

**Duration:** until 30 November 2021

**Amount:** 104,328.75 €.

**2.- Agreement between the State Research Agency and the One in a Hundred Thousand Foundation, for the scientific-technical evaluation of the 8th research grant in the area of childhood leukaemia, dated 17 March 2021.**

**Purpose:** Scientific-technical evaluation of the VIII research grant in the field of childhood leukaemia.

**Duration:** until 30 September 2021

**Amount:** 2,655.25 €.

**3.- Agreement between the State Research Agency and the Fight Against Blindness Foundation, for the scientific-technical evaluation of the projects that compete for the FUNDALUCE 2020 research grants in hereditary retinal dystrophies, dated 22 March 2021.**

**Purpose:** Scientific-technical evaluation of the projects competing for the FUNDALUCE 2020 aid for research into hereditary retinal dystrophies.

**Duration:** until 30 September 2021

**Amount**: 2,451 €

**Other Agreements**

**1.- Legal assistance agreement between the General State Administration (Ministry of Justice, State Attorney General's Office-Directorate of the State Legal Service) and the State Investigation Agency, M.P., dated 13 January 2021.**

**Object:** Provision of the legal assistance service to the State Investigation Agency by the State Attorney's Office.

**Duration:** until 12 February 2023.

**Amount:** 50,000 euros plus VAT per year.

**2.- Agreement between the General State Administration (General Secretariat for Digital Administration) and the State Research Agency, for the provision of services associated with the use of the "Integrated Management of Registry Services" (GEISER) as an integral registry application, dated 26 May 2021.**

**Object:** Use of the GEISER application, electronic registry of the State Research Agency.

**Duration:** until 6 June 2025.

**Amount:** 5,000 euros.

**3.- Agreement between the Spanish Agency for Food Safety and Nutrition and the State Research Agency for the performance of activities in the field of scientific cooperation, of 9 June 2021.**

**Purpose:** Cooperation in scientific activities.

**Duration:** until 22 June 2025.

**Amount:** No amount

**4.- Agreement between the State Tax Administration Agency and the State Research Agency for the collection of the public resources of the aforementioned body, dated 29 December 2021.**

**Purpose:** Enforcement collection

**Duration:** until 22 June 2025.

**Amount:** Cost of fees according to services rendered.

**Management entrustment**

**1.- Entrustment of management of the Autonomous National Parks Body to the State Research Agency, for the management of applications for the call for grants to carry out scientific research projects in the National Parks network, dated 19 July 2021.**

**Object:** Management by the State Research Agency of the applications for the call for subsidies to carry out scientific research projects in the National Parks network.

**Duration:** Unspecified.

**Amount:** No amount

**2.- Management assignment from the Ministry of Science and Innovation to the State Research Agency, of 26 September 2021.**

**Purpose:** Management by the Agency of the calls for public aid for R&D&I belonging to the State Plan for Scientific and Technical Research and Innovation 2017-2020 that are financed with credits from Chapter VIII of the expenditure budget of the State Secretariat for Universities, Research, Development and Innovation.

**Duration:** until the end of the State Plan for Scientific and Technical Research and Innovation 2021-2023.

**Amount:** No amount.

**Ordering**

**1.- Order from the State Research Agency to Sociedad Mercantil Estatal Ingeniería de Sistemas para la Defensa España S.A. (ISDEFE), S.M.E., M.P., regarding the administrative verification of aid for R&D&I projects in collaboration between companies and research organisations (collaboration challenges) co-financed by the FEDER and managed by the state research agency, dated 23 February 2021.**

**Object:** Assistance in the administrative verification of aid to R&D&I projects in collaboration between companies and research organisations (challenges collaboration) co-financed by the FEDER managed by the State Research Agency.

**Duration:** until 22 February 2023.

**Amount:** 699,619.80 €

**2.- Extension of the assignment to the Sociedad Mercantil Estatal de Gestión Inmobiliaria de Patrimonio, M.P.S.A. for the custody of certain documentation and other services in the Administrative Documentation Storage Centre, dated 25 May 2021.**

**Object:** Custody of documentation and other related services.

**Duration:** until 30 November 2022.

**Amount:** 70,667.48 €

**3.- Extension of the assignment to Tecnologías y Servicios Agrarios S.A., S.M.E., M.P. (TRAGSATEC) for the execution of actions of a technical-administrative nature, within various procedures related to the activity of the State Research Agency, dated 25 May 2021.**

**Purpose:** Support in tasks related to administrative and judicial appeals.

**Duration:** until 17 September 2022.

**Amount:** 323,350.54 €.

**4.- Extension of the contract with Tecnologías Y Servicios Agrarios S.A., S.M.E., M.P. (TRAGSATEC) for the technical support office service for works and infrastructures for the building at c/ Torrelaguna, 58 bis, dated 25 May 2021.**

**Purpose:** Technical support office service for works and infrastructures for the building at c/ Torrelaguna, 58 bis.

**Duration:** until 15 September 2022.

**Amount:** 171,473.65 €.

**5.- Commissioning of the State Research Agency to Tecnologías y Servicios Agrarios S.A., S.M.E., M.P. (TRAGSATEC) to carry out consultancy and maintenance tasks for the information systems (web and intranet) of the State Research Agency (2021-2022).**

**Object:** Consultancy and maintenance of the information systems (web and intranet) of the State Research Agency, from 3 June 2021.

**Duration:** until 14 June 2022.

**Amount:** 33,707.72 €.

**6.- Commissioning of Tecnologías y Servicios Agrarios S.A., S.M.E., M.P. (TRAGSATEC), to carry out consultancy and development tasks for the information systems of the Ministry of Science and Innovation and the State Research Agency for the processing of aid files (2021-2023), dated 16 July 2021.**

**Object:** Consultancy and development of the information systems of the Ministry of Science and Innovation and the State Research Agency for the processing of aid dossiers.

**Duration:** until 15 November 2023.

**Amount:** 5,999,289.08 €

1. **Protocols for action**

**Protocol of action between the Ministry of Science and Innovation and the State Research Agency for the financing and joint and coordinated management between both institutions of the contracting, by open procedure, of the maintenance and technical support service for the computer applications for the management of grants, awards, registers and motivated reports, dated 15 February 2021.**

**Purpose:** Financing and joint and coordinated management of the contracting, by open procedure, of the maintenance and technical support service for the computer applications for the management of grants, prizes, registers and motivated reports.

**2.- Addendum to the protocol of action between the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities and the State Research Agency determining the contribution of the State Research Agency to the financing of the contract for the "maintenance and technical support service for computer applications for the management of grants, prizes, registers and motivated reports. (lot 1: "maintenance of computer applications for admission, processing of grants, prizes, registers and reasoned reports, as well as transversal services", and lot 2: "maintenance of computer applications for evaluation, economic management and monitoring of grants, prizes and registers, as well as monitoring of a set of obsolescent applications"), signed on 20 September 2019, dated 18 May 2021.**

**Purpose:** Financing of the contract for the "maintenance and technical support service for the computer applications for the management of grants, prizes, registers and reasoned reports.

**International boards, commissions and forums**

Dirección

1. **EUROPEAN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE (ERAC).** A policy strategy advisory committee whose mission is to assist the European Commission and the Council of the European Union in carrying out the tasks of these institutions in relation to research and technological development within the European Research Area (ERA). ERAC has representation from all member and associated countries of the European Union and is co-chaired by a representative of the European Commission's DG Research and a representative of the member states.
2. **IBERIAN NANOTECHNOLOGY LABORATORY (INL).** The Iberian Nanotechnology Laboratory is a joint Spanish-Portuguese centre located in Braga, Portugal. On the INL Governing Board.
* INL council e-meeting. (13/01/2021) on line
* INL Council e-meeting. (17/03/2021) on line
* INL Council e-meeting. (08/09/2021) on line
* INL Council e-meeting. (08/11/2021) on line
1. **GRC. Global Research Council.**

The Global Research Council is a virtual association of funding agencies worldwide. It meets once a year at regional level (Europe) to propose topics for the annual global meeting. Among the topics chosen by the different regions, two are chosen by consensus and discussed at the global meeting, reaching agreements that are adopted by all the agencies for a better functioning.

Europe Regional Session - GRC Virtual Conference on Responsible Research Assessment (22/10/2021).

**4.The AEI has been a member of Science Europe since 29th September 2020.**

**5.Joint European and international programming committees and initiatives.**

The Agency participates in various European and international joint programming committees and initiatives and is therefore represented in their governing bodies, the most important of which are:

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* **GPC-ERAC**: European Research Area (ERA) High Level Group for the definition of Joint Programming. Set up by the European Council and the European Commission. The ERA participates in this group together with the CDTI.
* **PRIMA (Partnership on Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area)** is a new initiative in research and innovation in the Mediterranean area promoted by the EU under an Art. 185 TFEU scheme and with a wide participation of the countries of the Mediterranean basin, which arises to develop the necessary solutions for a more sustainable management of water systems, agriculture and agri-food chain.
* **CYTED (Ibero-American Programme of Science and Technology for Development)** created by the governments of Ibero-American countries to promote cooperation in science, technology and innovation for the harmonious development of Ibero-America.
* **CRCNS, Collaborative Research in Computational Neuroscience,** an international joint programming initiative on computational neuroscience led by the US National Science Foundation (NSF) and with the participation of the AEI, among other funders.
* **JPI WATER**. Joint programming initiative related to water research. The ERA participates in the Governing Board and the Executive Board. The ERA also coordinates one of the EU co-funded European projects, WaterWorks 2014.
* **JPI OCEANS.** Joint programming initiative related to ocean research. The AEI participates in the Governing Board and the Executive Board.
* **JPI CLIMA:** Joint programming initiative related to climate observation. The AEI participates in the Governing Board and the Executive Board.
* **JPI CULTURAL HERITAGE**: Joint programming initiative related to European cultural heritage research. The AEI participates in the Governing Board and the Executive Board.
* **JPI HDHL:** Joint programming initiative related to diet and healthy living. The AEI participates in its governing bodies together with the ISCIII.
* **JPI MYBL:** Joint programming initiative related to research on ageing. The AEI participates in the governing board together with the ISCIII.
* **JPI AMR**. Joint programming initiative related to research on antimicrobial resistance. The AEI participates in its governing bodies together with ISCIII.
* **JPND**. **Joint programming initiative** related to research on Alzheimer's and other neurodegenerative diseases. The CDTI participates in its governing bodies together with the ISCIII. The AEI maintains an active monitoring position.
* **JPI URBAN:** Joint programming initiative related to research in global city management, including social and sustainability aspects. The AEI participates as an observer.

**National commissions and fórums**

Agency management staff

* Alliance for Energy for Innovation (ALINNE).
* Health Alliance for Innovation (ALINNSA).
* CDTI. Board of Directors.
* PROFARMA Programme of the Ministry of Industry, Energy and Tourism. Vice-presidency of the Technical Committee.
* Genetically Modified Organisms. Interministerial Council.
* Fundación Círculo para las Tecnologías de Defensa y Seguridad (Circle for Defence and Security Technologies Foundation). Executive Committee.
* Transfiere Forum. Organising Committee.
* Climate Change Policies, MAPAMA Coordination Committee.
* National Water Council, MAPAMA.
* National Climate Council, MAPAMA.
* GBIF Node Monitoring Committee.
* COCSABO. Member
* FLOTPOL. Executive Committee.
* Spanish Committee of the MaB Programme, MAPAMA.
* Climate Change and Energy Transition Law, MAPAMA. Elaboration working group.
* National Biosafety Commission, MAPAMA.
* ENRESA Board of Directors.
* Spanish Polar Committee.
* PLATO Steering Committee.

**AEI representatives on the following Technology Platforms**

* Aerospace Platform.
* Spanish Road Technology Platform.
* Integral Logistics, Intermodality and Mobility Technology Platform - LOGISTOP.
* Spanish Railway Technology Platform - PTFE.
* Spanish Automotive and Mobility Technology Platform (Move to Future) - M2F.
* Spanish Water Technology Platform - PTEA.
* Food For Life-SPAIN Technology Platform.
* Spanish Technological Platform for Fisheries and Aquaculture - PTEPA.
* Spanish Forestry Technology Platform - PTFE.
* Spanish Technological Platform for Plant Biotechnology - BIOVEGE.
* Technology Platform for the Protection of the Coast and the Marine Environment - PROTECM.
* Technology and Innovation Platform for Sustainable Chemistry - SusChem-Spain.
* Spanish Robotics Technology Platform - HISPAROB.
* National Technology Platform Fotónica21.
* Spanish Construction Technology Platform.
* Spanish Technology Platform for the Science Industry - INDUCIENCIA.
* Spanish Advanced Manufacturing Platform - MANUKET.
* Spanish Technology Platform for Advanced Printing - 3NEO.
* Spanish Technology Platform for Packaging - PACKNET.
* Technology Platform for Traditional Manufacturing Sectors - PLATECMA.
* Technology and Innovation Platform for Tourism - THINKTUR.
* Spanish Steel Technology Platform - PLATEA.
* Spanish Hydrogen and Fuel Cells Technology Platform - PTE HPC.
* Spanish Wind Energy Technology Platform - REOLTEC.
* Spanish CO2 Technology Platform.
* Spanish Technology Platform for Electricity Networks - FUTURED.
* Biomass Technology and Innovation Platform for the Bioeconomy - BIOPLAT.
* Spanish Technology Platform for Energy Efficiency - PTE-ee.
* Geothermal Technology and Innovation Platform - GEOPLAT.
* Concentrated Solar Power - SOLAR CONCENTRA.
* Spanish Photovoltaic Technology Platform - FOTOPLAT.
* Nuclear Fission Energy R&D Technology Platform - CEIDEN.
* Spanish Technology Platform for Low Temperature Solar Thermal Energy - SOLPLAT.
* BATTERYPLAT Technology Platform.
* Spanish Technology Platform for Advanced Materials and Nanomaterials-MATERPLAT.
* Radiation Protection Technology Platform - PEPRI.
* Spanish Platform for Innovation in Health Technologies.
* Innovative Medicines Platform.
* Spanish Nanomedicine Platform - NANOMED.
* Technological Platform for Innovation in Medical and Health Technologies - ITEMAS.
* Technology Platform for Biotechnology Markets - Plataforma Tecnológica de Mercados Biotecnológicos.
* Spanish Technology Platform for the adoption and dissemination of Electronic, Information and Communication Technologies. Electronic, Information and Communication Technologies - PLANETIC.
* SmartLivingPlat Technology Platform.
* Spanish Wine Technology Platform.
* Spanish Technology Platform for Animal Health.

**ANNEX III. Participation in National and International events**

**National events**

Address (on line)

1. OECD- AEI interview (04/02/2021).

2. Nuclear Safety Council- AEI meeting (12/02/2021).

3. Appearance of the Director of the State Research Agency to report on the new research programmes within the framework of the Spanish Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy (2021-2027). Congress of Deputies (12/05/2021).

4. Visit to the Mercadona Logistics Centre (26/05/2021).

5. Meeting of the MANU-KET Advanced Manufacturing Technology Platform (02/06/2021).

6. Talent drain interview (DEA Consulting) (08/06/2021).

7. Costs of Transformative Agreements (CRUE) (02/09/2021).

8. Presentation at the Cajal International Neurosciences Centre.

9. AEI Technical Platforms Advisory Committee (20/09/2021).

10. AMETIC Innovation Commission (28/09/2021).

11. Wine Technology Platform (29/09/2021).

12. Round Table "Future Challenges of R&D&I in Universities (30/09/2021).

13. Technology and Innovation Platform for Sustainable Chemistry, SusChem-Spain (06/10/2021).

14. BIOTECH ATTRACTION Conference - Presentation (06/10/2021).

15. Intervention at the MANU-KET Advanced Manufacturing Technology Platform - invitation to the Annual Assembly (19/10/2021).

16. Meeting with platforms - Public-Private Collaboration (20/10/2021).

17. Institutional Visit to Madrid of Dr. Manel Esteller and IJC Management Team (20/10/2021).

18. Fecyt Board of Trustees.

19. Interview with Javier Ramia from Fiiapp on the meeting with the Tunisian delegation (25/10/2021).

20. Inauguration of FEINDEF 21 (03/11/2021).

21. Meeting with Alastria Technology Platform (04/11/2021).

22. Appearance before the Science, Technology and Innovation Advisory Council (05/11/2021).

**International Events**

Address

1. ERA-LEARN/GPC. Analysis of the Impact of JPP and JPIs at the national level (12/04/2021).
2. Tokio-ASM3. 5th. briefing Material (05/05/2021) on line
3. 28th Meeting of the LSC Scientific Committe (09/09/2021) on line.
4. Signing of MOU between DFG and the Agency. Berlín (15/09/2021).
5. Reunion EUROHPC (22/09/2021).
6. Sixth International Conference on Polygeneration - Challenges of the State Research Agency (04/10/2021) on line.
7. ERC Infoday WP2022 (06/10/2021).
8. European Regional Meeting GRC (21/10/2021).
9. GAF Symposium for Research Agency leaders (27/10/2021).
10. Science Europe 2021 Autumn General Assembly (High Level Workshop in Luxemburgo) General Assembly (25/11/2021).

**National events**

Management staff.

1. News on the AEI, CDTI and ISCIII calls for proposals. (07/07/2021) C/ Torrelaguna, 58.

2. Campus Terra Accreditation Meeting 3 committees (February, June and October) of the access committee (Core Team) that assigns the supercomputing hours of the Spanish Supercomputing Network (RES) and the committee of the same RES that assigns the memory resources.

3. Edition of the Specialised Course on Project Management, CSIC (18/10/2021).

4. AEI Management Forum (15/12/2021) and (27/05/2021) online.

5. Annual FEDER 2020 Meetings (27-28/01/2021).

6. Monitoring Committee of the Operational Programme for Youth Employment ( FSE) (26/05/2021).

7. Monitoring Committee of the Operational Programme for Employment, Training and Education ( FSE).

8. Monitoring Committee of the Multi-regional Operational Programme of Spain FEDER (27/05/2021).

9. FEDER coordination meeting 14-20 and 21-27 agencies of the AGE (27/10/2021).

10. Programming of the new FSE+ period, 2021-2027, UAFSE" (02/12/2021).

11. TRANSFIERE FORUM - Meeting of the Organising Committee of Transfiere 2021 (13/01/2021) on line.

12. Technological Platform. - P.T. DISRUPTIVES (27/01/2021) on line.

13. Second Meeting - Spanish e-Science Network (17/02/2021) on line.

14. Call for the 36th Meeting of the CPE-Spanish Polar Committee (of the Ministry of Science and Innovation) (18/02/2021) on line.

15. Workshop on project ideas in the field of biorefineries- (SusChem and Bioplat. (03/03/2021) on line.

16. Participation in OCDE meeting: "Project Roadmap for Science-Business Collaboration (10/03/2021) on line.

17. Invitation to the physical presentation of the Report on Tourism Innovation and Smart Specialisation in Spain (16 March at 16.00 hours with the Minister of Industry, Trade and Tourism (Reyes Maroto) Eurostars Suites Mirasierra C/Alfredo Marqueríe, 43, 28034 Madrid (16/03/2021).

18. Meeting Contrast with Administrations - Sectorial Agenda of the Hydrogen Industry (17/03/2021) on line.

19. First meeting of the PTE DISRUPTIVE BIG Data and Artificial Intelligence WG (18/03/2021) on line.

20. B2B digital health andalusia meeting organised by the Spanish Technological Platform for disruptive technologies (disruptive)- (25/03/2021) on line.

21. General Assembly - Spanish Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technology Platform. Participate in Round Table and Closing Ceremony (25/03/2021) on line.

22. Meetings of Area 2021 - Wine Technology Platform": Make 4 presentations in total (29/03/2021- 31/03/2021) on line.

23. Presentation of projects - for the University of Valladolid + Technology Centres and Research Groups (06/04/2021) on line.

24. PTECO2 Seminar - InfoDay-on: Strategic Lines for CAUC technologies. 07/04/2021) on line.

25. Renault Projects (08/04/2021) on line FEINDEF. Official presentation on line-second edition of the INTERNATIONAL DEFENCE AND SECURITY FAIR-FEINDEF (Other related events will follow from 3 to 5 November/21) on line.

26. Annual meeting of the Vet+i Advisory Group. (09/04/2021) on line.

27. NANOMED (Spanish P.T.Española de Nanomedicina) - Talk on Strategic Lines Projects 2021. (20/04/2021) on line.

28. Workshop PROTECMA & PACKNET Strategic Projects (26/04/2021) on line.

29. Executive Committee of the Fundación Círculo de Tecnologías para la Defensa y la Seguridad (28/04/2021) on line.

30. Informative meeting Platforms-OEPM. (06/05/2021) on line.

31. Online Conference "Innovation in energy management: contribution of railways to sustainable mobility" (12/05/2021) on line.

32. Online Conference on Opportunities for R&D&I in the new European context (GIEC-Circular Economy Interplatforms Group) (13/05/2021) on line.

33. 2nd B2B online meeting PTE disruptive on digital energy in the Basque Country (26/05/2021).

34. Advanced Manufacturing Technology Platform MANU-KET. (02/06/2021) on line.

35. Fotónica21 - Conference on financing R&D projects in Photonics. (08/06/2021) on line.

36. TRANSFIERE FORUM - Organising Committee meeting. (14/06/2021) on line.

37. Cluster 5-Horizon Europe on line.

38. Inauguration Conference: General Assembly PTEPA (Spanish Technological Platform for Fisheries and Aquaculture). Hotel AC Atocha. C/ de las Delicias, 42 (15/06/2021).

39. Evaluation Commission of Technological Centres of Excellence "CERVERA" (16/06/2021) on line.

40. PTC02: Infoday 2020. (17/06/2021) on line.

41. HORIZONTE EUROPE PROGRAMME National Agents Meeting. (25/062021). On line.

42. First online meeting to set up the "New RITMO" (New Research, Innovation and Transfer MOdel) Advisory Group. (20/06/2021) on line.

43. Inauguration of the Conference organised by eNEM-THINKTUR: New opportunities in the creative, cultural and tourism industries in the current context. (30/06/2021) on line.

44. First meeting of the cluster 5 configuration of the HE - (Horizon Europe) - Programme Committee. (01/07/2021) on line.

45. Platforms Advisory Committee of the AEI. (20/07/2021) on line.

46. Science Europe. (08/09/2021) on line.

47. CSIC-MINIOPIS. (09/09/2021) on line.

48. Cluster 5 configuration of the Horizon Europe Programme Committee. 2nd Meeting Cluster 5PC - Climate, Energy and Mobility. (15/09/2021) on line.

49. 2nd Meeting of the Platform Advisory Committee of the AEI. (20/09/2021) on line.

PLANETIC Conference: Data Spaces in federated environments. (24/0/2021) on line.

51. Presentation of the (Strategic Innovation Agenda for Wine 2021-2024 (PT. WINE) + Director AIE. (28/09/2021) on line.

52. Institutional Meeting with BatteryPlat Steering Group (07/10/2021) on line.

53. 28th COCSABO Meeting - (28th ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COORDINATION AND MONITORING COMMITTEE FOR THE ACTIVITIES OF THE OCEANOGRAPHIC SHIPS (COCSABO). (08/10/2021) on line.

54. Meeting with Technology Platforms (members of the GIEC) - Inter-platforms Working Group Circular Economy (18/10/2021) on line.

55. TRANSFIERE 2021 FORUM - call for Organising Committee meeting (19/10/2021). Ministry of Science and Innovation. Assembly Hall.

56. Evaluation Commission of the call for grants (Neotec 2021 Programme) (CDTI). (22/10/2021) on line.

57. 3rd BatteryPlat General Assembly (25/10/2021) on line.

58. Tunisian delegation visit to Spain (25/10/2021) at the State Research Agency.

59. Technical Conference on "R+D+i in Materials and Technologies for the Construction and Maintenance of Railway Infrastructures. (26/10/2021). University of Granada (Assembly Hall).

60. Participation in III B2B PTE Disruptive Digital Tourism meeting (28/10/2021) on line.

61. Evaluation Commission of the call for CDTI subsidies for the Aeronautical Technology Programme (02/11/2021) on line.

CABIMER&Company Conference (05/11/2021). Seville.

63. Member of the PTV Innovation Jury. PTV (Wine Technology Platform) (11/11/2021).

64. Presentation of grants at INFO (Instituto de Fomento de la Región de Murcia). (17/11/2021).

65. Participation in the opening: FOTOPLATA Day (International Energy and Environment Trade Fair GENERA) [Organised by UNEF]. (18/11/2021). IFEMA Pavilion 4.

66. Science and Innovation Missions 2021 Evaluation Commission (CDTI) (19/11/2021) on line.

67. MATERPLAT Assembly (22/11/2021). Cantoblanco.

68. Online match-making day focused on the Public-Private Collaboration Call of the State Research Agency (Organised by the Hydrogen and Fuel Cells Platform (PTE HPC). (22/11/2021) on line.

69. AEI participation in the Evia Assembly (23/11/2021). ONCE Foundation Headquarters.

70. Conference Call for Public-Private Collaboration (GIEC-Grupo Interplataformas de Economía Circular). (24/11/2021) on line.

71. Public Assembly of the Spanish CO2 Technology Platform (PTE-CO2) and Awards Ceremony (25/11/2021) on line.

72. Opening of eNEM Assembly and block with the programmes managed by the AEI. (01/12/2021) on line.

73. Meeting with FOTOPLAT (09/12/2021).

74. B2B ONLINE DIGITAL SPACE MEETING (PTE Disruptive) (15/12/2021) on line.

75. Opening Day - THINKTUR Tourism PTE Annual Assembly - (16/12/2021) on line.

76. PTV Innovation Award Event 2021. Caixa Formun.

77. Meeting PLEC RTVE 2021 (+ SOCIAL) - (20/12/2021) on line.

78. Decade of Ocean Sciences Committee. on line.

79. Open Science Working Group Science Europe on line (15/10/2021).

80. Advisory Council. Science and Technology Office of the Congress of Deputies (2 meetings).

81. Coordinating Committee on Climate Change Policies (03/05/2021) on line.

82. SUPERA project meeting. on line.

83. Mab Committee (2 meetings) on line

84. Interministerial Commission for food management (02/11/2021) on line.

85. EFSA Scientific Cooperation Day (18/11/2021) on line

86. National Water Council (25/10/2021) on line

87. MSCA Programme Committee (2 meetings) on line

88. Programme Committee Cluster 6 (12/11/2021) on line

**International events.**

Management staff.

1. BlueBio ERANET. Partner update meeting Consortium meeting for follow-up of activities (05/02/2021) on line.

2. BlueBio ERANET. Executive Team meeting Consortium meeting for follow-up activities (17/02/2021) on line.

3. BlueBio ERANET. Partner update meeting. Consortium meeting for follow-up of activities (05/03/2021) on line.

4. BlueBio ERANET. Partner update meeting. Consortium meeting for follow-up of activities (09/04/2021) on line.

5. BlueBio ERANET. BlueBio Governing Council meeting 29-30/11/2021 BlueBio Governing Council meeting (29-30/11/2021) on line.

6. BlueMed CSA. BlueMed CSA and BlueMed initiative final conference with the participation of the High Level Group and all CSA partners, presentation of the SRIA and the BlueMed Implementation Plan both developed by AEI-FECYT (22-24/02/2021) on line BlueMed CSA. Steering Committee Meeting. Final meeting of the consortium (29/03/2021) on line.

7. BlueMed CSA. Transition Group meeting BlueMed+GSO. Reflection day for the transition of BlueMed between the end of the CSA and the continuation of the policy initiative and the plastics pilot project in the framework of the BlueMed GSO (16/06/2021) on line.

8. CHIST-ERA Webinar CHIST-ERA Call Online To present the objectives, rules and funding of the international joint call of the CHIST-ERA Call 2020 project (28/01/2022) on line.

9. CHIST-ERA Call 2021 Topic Selection Workshop. Workshop with experts to select the topics for the next call (28/01/2022) on line.

10. CHIST-ERA. CHIST-ERA Projects Seminar 2021. Seminar for funded projects to present the experiences in the development of the projects (12-14/04/2021) on line.

11. CHIST-ERA Conference 2021. Conference to prepare the contents of the themes of the call and networking event (25-26/05/2021) on line.

12. CHIST-ERA. CHIST-ERA Call 2020 Evaluation Panel meeting on line Meeting to evaluate the proposals and establish the ranking list (attendance as meeting organiser) (16-17/06/2021).

13. CSP Coordinators Webinar. Webinar with the coordinators of the supported projects to present the supported projects and the CSP management rules (22/01/2021) on line.

14. CSP MUSTEC Final Conference. Presentation of CSP at the final conference of the MUSTEC project (22/03/2021.) on line.

15. CSP TECHNOLOGY DAY (EUSEW 2021) Webinar Session. Presentation of the development of CSP projects and presentation of the additional call (21/10/2021) on line.

16. CSP ERANET Additional Call 2021 Infoday for Spanish applicants. Presentation of the additional call for Spanish participants (24/10/2021) on line.

17. ERAC ERAC online workshop on Gender Equality in ERA: Gender Equality Plans as a catalyst for change. Workshop organised by the EC on Gender Equality Plans in the European Research Area (15/03/2021) on line.

18. ERAMIN 2. Final Conference. Presentation and closure of the projects of the 2017 co-funded call. (18/11/2021) on line.

19. ERAMIN 3. National webinar promotion ERAMIN 3 Cofund Call 2021. Present the objectives, rules and funding of the international co-funding call of the ERA.MIN3 project (27/01/2021) on line.

20. ERAMIN 3. ERAMIN3 launch event. Launching event of the ERAMIN3 project and the co-funded call 2021 (19/02/2021) on line.

21. ERAMIN 3 PDAC Conference, Online conference to promote the 2021 call (08/03/2021) on line.

22. ERAMIN 3 SUMEX Clustering Workshop. Collaborative event between ERAMIN3 and SUMEX (15/06/2021) on line.

23. EU LAC RESINFRA General Assembly of the project. General Assembly of all project participants to prepare MTR before the European Commission, and the future extension contract amendment of the project (14-15/04/2021) on line.

24. EURONANOMED3 EuroNanoMed3 - Review Seminar JTC2017. Webinar with the funded projects to present the experiences in the development of the projects (19/04/2021) on line.

25. FLAG-ERA - FLAG-ERA 2021 Project Workshop. Seminar for funded projects to present the experiences in the development of the projects (16-18/03/2021) on line.

26. GENDERNET PLUS Mid-term Monitoring workshop for co-funded projects. Presentation of the results of the mid-term evaluation carried out by MCIN and presentations of the 13 funded projects on results achieved, expected impacts and difficulties during the health crisis (21/04/2021) on line.

27. JPI OCEANS Launch new JPI Oceans Strategy 2021-2025 . Launch event of the new JPI Oceans strategy for the next 5 years (29/03/2021) on line.

28. JPI OCEANS JPI Oceans Management Board (22-23/09/2021) on line.

29. JPI OCEANS Scoping Workshop OCC. Scoping Workshop on Ocean Carbon Capacities: Identifying priorities for collaborative action (21/10/2021) on line.

30. JPI OCEANS Knowledge Hub SLR. Knowledge Hub on Sea Level Rise Governing Council (22/10/2021) on line.

M-ERA.NET 3. Kick-off Meeting. Kick-off of the M-ERA.NET 3 project (10/03/2021) on line.

32. M-ERA.NET 3. National webinar promoting M-ERA.NET 3 Cofund Call 2021. To present the objectives, rules and funding of the international cofund call of the M-ERA.NET 3 project (24/03/2021) on line.

33. M-ERA.NET 3 M-ERA.NET 3 Call 2021 Information Webinar. International presentation of the M-ERA.NET 3 Call 2021 (25/03/2021) on line.

34. M-ERA.NET 3 EBA250 / Battery 2030+ Virtual Meetup. Collaboration event between M-ERA.NET 3 and Battery 2030+ (04/05/2021) on line.

35. M-ERA.NET 3 M-ERA.NET online workshop on Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) guidelines . Webinar to decide how to include RRI in future M-ERA.NET calls (14/09/2021) on line.

36. M-ERA.NET 3.SEG workshop. Madrid Workshop with experts in the area of materials to define the thematic priorities for the 2022 call of M-ERA.NET3 (24/11/2021) on line.

37. SBEP Partnership Meeting of countries participating in the partnership proposal. Meeting of countries participating in the partnership proposal (12/07/2021) on line.

38. SBEP Partnership Meeting of countries participating in the partnership proposal. Meeting of countries participating in the partnership proposal (02/12/20219) on line.

39. QuantERA Webinar QuantERA Call 2021. Present the objectives, rules and funding of the international joint call of the QuantERA Call 2021 project. (12/04/2021) on line.

40. QuantERA. 1st Evaluation Panel Meeting. Meeting to evaluate pre-proposals and establish the ranking list (attendance as meeting organiser) (30/06,01-02/7 2021) on line.

41. QuantERA. 2nd Evaluation Panel Meeting. Meeting to evaluate the full proposals and establish the ranking list (attendance as meeting organiser) (08-10/11/2021) on line.

SOLAR-ERA.NET SOLAR-ERA.NET "Exchange of Experiences" Webinar Webinar with funded projects to present experiences in project development (06/10/2021) on line.

43. ERA4CS General Assembly of the project. General Assembly of the project partners to discuss an extension of the ERANET, budget changes, contributions to ECCA21 and the 2nd Scoping Forum of the JPI Climate (12/01/2021) on line.

44. Biodiversa+ flagship programmes workshop . Meeting of the potential partners of the European Partnership (official start date 01.10.21) for the definition of the Flagships of the project (22/01/2021) on line.

45. BiodivClim joint BiodivERsA / FACCE JPI workshop. Joint workshop between Biodiversa and FACCE JPI for the elaboration of a joint agenda. Task led by AEI (26/01/2021) on line.

46. Biodiversa3 BiodivERsA open General Assembly. Preparation of the European Partnership Biodiversa+ (04-05/02/2021) on line.

47. SINCERE Project General Assembly. Meeting of the CFS partners to follow up the tasks (09-10-11/02/2021) on line.

48. Biodiversa3 Executive Board meeting. Executive Board meeting for follow-up of tasks (12/02/2021) on line.

49. Biodiversa3 Call Steering Committee Meeting. On line Evaluation of final reports of funded projects (16/02/2021) on line.

50. JPI Climate JPI Climate Governing Board. Discussion on JPI Governance (02/03/20219) on line.

51. Biodiversa+ Flagship Programme Workshop with the European Commission (17/03/2021). Online. Meeting of potential partners of the European Partnership with the European Commission General Assembly for the launching of the Biodiversa+ Partnership (30-31/03/2021) online.

52. BiodivClim Strategic Workshop \_BiodivERsA and JPI Climate. Joint workshop between Biodiversa and JPI Climate for the elaboration of a joint agenda (13/04/2021) on line.

53. Biodiversa3 Project General Assembly. Meeting of the members of the executive committee to follow up the tasks (15/04/2021) on line.

54. SINCERE Flagship Action for Latin America Workshop. Task led by the AEI: Workshop for the definition of a joint agenda of activities on Climate Change with EU-CELAC scope (27/04/2021) on line.

55. Biodiversa+ Call Steering Committee Meeting. Selection of experts for the elaboration of the Call text of the 1st call of the Partnership (30/04/2021) on line.

56. Biodiversa+ General Assembly for the preparation of the project. General Assembly for the launching of the Biodiversa+ Partnership (10/05/2021) on line.

57. Biodiversa+ INFORMATION SESSION. Information session on the procedures of a co-financed call (27/05/2021) on line.

58. Biodiversa+ Call Steering Comm.

59. ittee Meeting. Preparation of the first call of the partnership (01/06/2021) on lineBiodiversa+ General Assembly for the preparation of the project. General Assembly for the launching of the Biodiversa+ Partnership (11/06/2021) on line.

60. BiodivScen General Assembly of the project. Meeting of the members for the follow-up of the tasks (17/06/2021) on line.

61. ERA4CS Executive Board meeting. Executive Board meeting for follow-up of tasks (21/01/2021) on line.

62. JPI Climate Governing Board. JPI members meeting to follow up on their activities (28-29/06/2021) on line Biodiversa+ General Assembly for the launch of the Biodiversa+ Partnership (30/06/2021) on line.

63. AXIS Mid-term Monitoring workshop for co-funded projects. Evaluation of mid-term reports of funded projects (01/07/2021) on line.

64. Biodiversa+ Call Steering Committee Meeting. Selection of the Chair and Vice Chair of the evaluation panel - first call of the Partnership (10/09/2021) on line.

65. AXIS Call Steering Committee Meeting. Follow-up of funded projects (21/09/2021) on line.

66. ERA4CS presentation of all ERA4CS project results. Presentation of results of funded projects 23/09/2021 on line.

67. BiodivClim Board meeting. WP leaders meeting for follow-up of tasks (30/09/2021) on line.

68. Biodiversa+ Project General Assembly. Members meeting for task follow-up (08/10/2021) on line.

69. Biodiversa+ Launching event. Launching of the partnership and general assembly. (16-17-18/11/2021) Brussels.

70. JPI Climate JPI Climate Governing Board. Meeting of JPI members to follow up their activities. (24-26/11/2021) on line.

71. Biodiversa+ Executive Board meeting. Executive Board meeting for follow-up of tasks (30/11/2021) on line.

72. Biodiversa+ Project General Assembly. Members meeting for follow-up of tasks (01/12/2021) on line.

73. Biodiversa+. Call Steering Committee Meeting. Follow-up of the evaluation process of the first call (03/12/2021) on line.

74. IC4Water CSA Consortium Meeting. Consortium meeting for follow-up of activities (12/04/2021) on line.

75. IC4Water CSA Consortium Meeting. Follow-up consortium meeting (19/11/2021) on line.

76. WaterWorks2015 ERANET Consortium Meeting. Consortium meeting for follow-up of activities (10/02/2021) on line.

77. WaterWorks2015 ERANET. Final Evaluation Meeting of RD co-funded projects. Final Evaluation Meeting of RD cofunded projects (27-28/04/2021) on line.

78. WaterWorks2015 ERANET Consortium Meeting. Consortium meeting for follow-up of activities (30/06/2021) on line.

79. WaterWorks2015 ERANET. Consortium Meeting. Final consortium meeting (14/12/2021) on line.

80. AquaticPollutants ERANET Evaluation Panel Meeting. Evaluation meeting to elaborate the ranking list of the projects (24-25/02/2021) on line.

81. AquaticPollutants ERANET Call Steering Committee Meeting. Consortium meeting to decide on the projects to be funded (25/02/2021) on line.

82. AquaticPollutants ERANET Consortium Meeting. Consortium meeting to follow up the activities (02/03/2021) on line.

83. AquaticPollutants ERANET Consortium Meeting. Consortium meeting for follow-up of activities (15/04/2021) on line.

84. AquaticPollutants ERANET Transfer Project kick-off meeting. Transfer Project kick-off meeting (04/06/2021) on line.

85. AquaticPollutants ERANET Management Team Meeting. Consortium meeting to follow up the activities (18/06/2021) on line.

86. AquaticPollutants ERANET Transfer Project meeting. Consortium meeting to follow up the activities of the Transfer Project (16/07/2021) on line.

87. AquaticPollutants ERANET Transfer Project meeting. Consortium meeting to follow up the Transfer Project activities (01/09/2021) on line.

88. AquaticPollutants ERANET Kick-off meeting of cofunded RD projects Kick-off meeting of cofunded RD projects (30/09/2021) on line.

89. AquaticPollutants ERANET Management Team Meeting. Consortium meeting for monitoring activities (09/12/2021) on line.

90. WaterWorks2014 WW2014 General Assembly General Assembly of the project partners (the last meeting before project closure (12/01/2021) on line.

91. BiodivRestore Call Steering Committee meeting. Meeting of the funding agencies for the eligibility check (15/01/2021) on line.

92. BiodivRestore. Call Steering Committee meeting. Meeting of funding agencies to discuss measures on the inclusion of scientific communities with lower success rate (11/02/2021) on line.

93. BiodivRestore 1st Evaluation Committee meeting. Evaluation Committee meeting (pre-proposal phase) (24-26/02/2021) on line.

94. BiodivRestore. Call Steering Committee meeting. Meeting of the funding agencies to select the pre-proposals to go to phase 2 of the call (03/03/2021) on line.

95. Water JPI Water JPI Management Board Meeting. Meeting of the partners leading the activities in the Water JPI projects (09/03/2021) on line.

96. Water JPI Water JPI Advisory Boards Meetin Meeting Meeting of scientific experts supporting JPI Water (24/03/2021) on line.

97. WaterWorks2017 WaterWorks2017 2018 Joint Call mid-term review of funded projects Presentation of mid-term evaluation results and presentations of funded projects on results achieved, expected impacts and challenges during the health crisis (19-20/04/2021) on line.

98. Water JPI Water JPI Governing Board Meeting. Meeting of the JPI members to follow up their activities (18-19/05/2021) on line.

99. BiodivRestore Call Steering Committee meeting Meeting of funding agencies for eligibility check (phase 2) 31/05/2021 on line.

100. WaterWorks2017 WW2017 Steering Committee Meeting. Project Leaders meeting for follow-up of activities (08/07/2021) on line

101. BiodivRestore. 2nd Evaluation Committee meeting. Evaluation Committee meeting (full proposal phase; final ranking of proposals), (14-16/09/2021) on line.

102. Water JPI Water JPI Advisory Boards Meeting. Meeting of scientific experts supporting the Water JPI (17/09/2021) on line.

103. BiodivRestore Call Steering Committee meeting. Meeting of funding agencies for final decision on proposals funded in the call (06/10/2021) on line.

104. Water JPI Water JPI Management Board Meeting. Meeting of the partners leading the activities in the Water JPI projects (7-8/10/2021) on line.

105. BiodivRestore BiodivRestore BiodivRestore General Assembly Meeting of the members for follow-up of the tasks (25/10/2021) on line.

106. WaterWorks2017 WW2017 Consortium meeting and Steering Committee Meeting Consortium meeting to follow up activities (10/11/2021) on line.

107. Water JPI conference. International bi-annual Water JPI conference (17-18/11/2021) on line.

108. Water JPI Water JPI Governing Board Meeting. Meeting of JPI members to follow up on JPI activities 23-24/11/2021 on line.

109. Water4All Call Steering Committee meeting. First meeting of funding agencies to launch the first joint call of the Water4All partnership (02/12/2021) on line.