



GENERAL ACTIVITY REPORT

STATE RESEARCH AGENCY 2017



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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.

The effective constitution of the Agency on 20 June 2016 initiates a transitional period of operation, which was to last until it had its own budget approved by a regulation with the status of law.

This period, in which the Agency was still to be financed from the appropriations of the State Secretariat for Research, Development and Innovation, ended with the entry into force of the general State budget for 2017 (28 June 2017).

On 30 January 2017, the Agency's Governing Board approved the Annual Action Plan for 2017, in compliance with Article 23 of the Statute.

In parallel, during 2017, the Agency has started work on the drafting and approval of its Management Contract, which is expected to be completed during 2018.

Article 23 of the Agency's Statute requires the Director to prepare and submit to the Governing Board for approval the general activity report for each financial year. In accordance with the Agencies Act, this report must be submitted by 30 June of the year immediately following.

In compliance with this provision, the Agency's general activity report for 2017 was prepared and submitted to the Governing Board for approval at its meeting on 28 June 2018.

The general activity report has been prepared following the objectives, programmes and activities contained in the Agency's Annual Action Plan for 2017.

Accordingly, the overall activity report 2017 reports on the activities carried out in the following areas (corresponding to the lines of the Annual Action Plan):

- Consolidation and structural development of the Agency.
- Management of financing instruments.
- Scientific and technical evaluation of proposals.
- Monitoring of aid.
- Management of agreements, management entrustment and provision of services.
- Communication, dissemination and representation in R&D forums.

I. Agency consolidation and structural development.

1. Approval of the management contract

The most relevant object of the Agency from the point of view of its consolidation and structural development is the drawing up and approval of its Management Contract.

The management contract shall have the content referred to in Article 21 of the Statute and shall be approved in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 20.

The approval of the Management Contract will be subject to the rules that, where appropriate, may be established by the Ministry of Finance as a result of the change in the legal regime of public bodies brought about by the entry into force of Law 40/2015, of 1 October, on the Legal Regime of the Public Sector. This Law abolishes the State Agencies, which have a period of three years to modify their statutes and become autonomous bodies.

During 2017, a working group was set up to prepare the Management Contract. As the working group was not able to complete the work during 2017, mainly due to the fact that the Agency did not have its own budget until mid-year, this objective has been included in the 2018 Annual Action Plan.

2. Adequacy of space and material resources

The 2017 Annual Action Plan established that, once the Agency's organisational and functional structure and the staff and material resources corresponding to each division and subdivision had been established, it was necessary to carry out a study of the degree of adequacy of the distribution of available space and material resources.

Such a study would take as a reference the initial situation, analysing in detail the characteristics required by the new structure and the adequacy of the material resources available, trying to achieve the most efficient possible redistribution.

This space and equipment plan would contain at least: (a) a description of the spaces to be occupied by the Agency; (b) their distribution according to the divisions and subdivisions that make up its structure; and (c) the list of resources - archives, furniture, IT and communications equipment - available for the exercise of its functions.

Once this plan had been defined, adaptations of space and the physical relocation of people and equipment would have to be carried out where necessary, trying to ensure that the relocation would interfere as little as possible with the Agency's work.

In 2017, the plan for the adaptation of space and material measures was drawn up jointly with the Department's Under-Secretariat, although it was not possible to implement the adaptation of space and the relocation. This was due to the need for prior approval of the legal framework for common services between the Department and the Agency, which was completed in the last quarter of 2017.

An inventory of assets - archives, furniture and IT and communications equipment - available for the exercise of the Agency's functions and which have been ceded by the Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness was also carried out in 2017.

It will be a specific objective of action during 2018 to carry out the adaptation of spaces and the physical relocation of people and equipment where necessary.

3. Human resources management.

Once the assignment of the personnel of the Secretary of State for Research, Development and Innovation to the Agency has been completed and the structure and distribution of personnel in the different units has been defined, this programme aims to advance in the design of the general framework for action in the area of human resources which, in accordance with the provisions of article 3.7 of the Law on Agencies, 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, salaries, etc., for this purpose, with the participation of the relevant staff representatives and trade union organisations.

The Activities contemplated within this programme in 2017 are the following:

1. **Design and implementation of the general labour relations framework.** This includes the design of procedures and bodies for labour relations, labour representation, committees and participation systems, as well as the identification and preparation of instructions for risk prevention systems and the identification of the matters that will be the subject of social action.

It was not possible to implement this measure in 2017 and it is included in the 2018 Annual Action Plan.

2. **Installation, adaptation and testing of the HR and payroll management system.** During the first six months of 2017, HR staff developed tests for the implementation of the HR, payroll and social security management systems, so that once the Agency became fully autonomous in these areas, i.e., when the Agency had its own budget (July 2017), these systems were actually and effectively implemented.

3. **Drawing up the Training Plan.**

As the Agency did not have functional and budgetary autonomy until July 2017, a specific training plan for the Agency was not developed and the Training Plan of the Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness was applied to its staff.

However, the Agency organised, with its own means, five training courses during 2017:

- Insolvency Law.
- Management of WEB pages.
- Use of GEISER software.
- Work Safety.
- CANOA Accounting System.

4. Welcome Handbook.

During 2017, the Agency approved its Welcome Manual, which reflects the instructions and all relevant information for new staff or those who will be staying for more than one year.

4. Adaptation of administrative processes and monitoring management.

A working group was set up in 2017 to develop the basic procedures manual.

The manual shall include the development of procedures in the following management areas:

- a. Procedures associated with the management of R&D&I grants.
- b. Financial and budgetary management procedures.
- c. Procedures for HR management.

During 2017, progress has been made in the development of the procedures indicated in letter a). The 2018 Annual Action Plan includes continuing with the development of the remaining procedures and their approval by the Governing Council.

5. 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. It also 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.

During 2017, due to the lack of functional autonomy and its own budget until July, the design and implementation of the Agency's website could not be addressed. These tasks have been included in the 2018 Annual Action Plan.

6. Determination of the framework for shared services with the Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness.

The Agency and the Undersecretariat of the Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness were committed to implement in 2017 a common service delivery framework that will affect several areas:

- Information and Communications Technologies.
- Services associated with the building, facilities and services provided by the Office of the Principal Officer. Services such as childcare and canteens are also included.

In fulfilment of this commitment, three actions were carried out in 2017:

- The approval of Royal Decree 932/2017, of 27 October, which articulates the organisation and shared management of general and common services between the Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness and the State Research Agency.
- The signing of the action protocol between the State Research Agency and the Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness to regulate the use of part of the property located at Paseo de la Castellana, 162, Madrid, on 4 October 2017.
- The approval of the order of the Ministry of Finance and Public Function by which the mutation of ownership in favour of the Agency of certain surfaces in the building at Paseo de la Castellana 162 (Royal Decree 932/2017 of 27 October) is agreed.
- Transfer of staff from the Undersecretariat to the Agency.

7. Other activities for the consolidation and structural development of the Agency.

- Preparation and approval by the Governing Board the Agency's draft budgets for 2017 and 2018.
- Implementation of the Agency's economic, budgetary, accounting and control management systems, following the approval of the General State Budget Law for 2017, which provides the Agency with its own budget.
- Commissioning of general services in the Agency (procurement, warehouse, orderlies, etc.).
- Implementation of the Agency's legal services (management of administrative appeals, complaints and suggestions, management of agreements, etc.).
- Call for a specific competition for the transfer of civil servants.
- Approval and implementation of the Agency's Social Action Plan for 2017.
- Approval of the entrustment of management to INIA for the coordinated completion of ongoing calls from that body. Validity: 1/7/2017 until 31/12/2018 (possibility of extension for a further year).
- Collaboration agreement with the State Attorney General's Office on legal assistance.
- Implementation of the Agency's registry and the GEISER registry management tool.
- Appointment of the Agency's Scientific and Technical Committee at the Governing Board meeting of 6 March 2017.
- Delegation of powers of the Governing Board to the Agency's Directorate for the approval of multiannual expenditure and the bringing of legal proceedings.
- Approval of tariffs for management entrustment in the field of scientific and technical evaluation.

II. Financing instruments: calls.

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

Managed calls are the nerve centre around which the Agency's activity revolves: the main instrument for research funding. The implementation of a call is similar to a transmission mechanism, with each gear acting 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 drafting, approval and publication of the calls. During 2017, 20 calls for applications were managed (12 calls published in 2017 and the rest in 2016), a process that begins with the drafting of the texts, 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 2017 involved the processing of 18,826 files: review of applications, corrections, withdrawals and notifications of resolution.

It also involves the maintenance of 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 cancellations, etc., are made on a very regular basis. Specifically, 3,864 during the past year.

Activity 2017	
Drafting and publication of calls	20 calls
Instruction	18,286 files
Maintenance of the system of entities (registrations, cancellations, modifications)	3,864 applications

The following is a list of the calls managed in which the main phase or a relevant phase of the award procedure took place in 2017, indicating the year of the call, the number of applications submitted, the budget, the current processing status (FR: final resolution, PFR: proposal for final resolution, PPR: proposal for provisional resolution, TR: under processing without reaching PPR), the amount awarded (or proposed) and the success in economic terms.

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Calls managed in 2017

CALL	year	requests	Call budget (€)	Current status	Grant (€) o PRP/PRD	Success rate
HORIZONTE SME	2.017	103	3.700.000,00	RD	3.519.996,11	95%
SEVERO OCHOA" CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE AND "MARÍA DE MAEZTU" UNITS OF EXCELLENCE	2.016	54	40.000.000,00	RD	40.000.000,00	100%
R&D EXCELLENCE PROJECTS	2.017	2205	125.500.000,00	PRP	99.478.214,00	79%
EXPLORES SCIENCE" AND "EXPLORES TECHNOLOGY" PROJECTS	2.017	1594	5.000.000,00	TR		
EUROPE EXCELLENCE" DYNAMISATION ACTION	2.017	11	750.000,00	RD	749.991,00	100%
DYNAMISATION ACTIONS "NETWORKS OF EXCELLENCE".	2.017	304	2.500.000,00	PRP	2.500.000,00	100%
RESEARCH CHALLENGES, R&D&I PROJECTS	2.017	3442	243.906.000,00	PRP	219.424.183,00	90%
INTERNATIONAL JOINT PROGRAMMING ACTIONS	2.017	134	11.900.000,00	RD	11.899.842,00	100%
EUROPE RESEARCH	2.017	266	3.000.000,00	RD	2.939.539,00	98%
PRE-DOCTORAL CONTRACTS FOR THE TRAINING OF PHDS	2.017	2.742	100.355.500,00	PRP	94.780.194,44	94%
PRE-DOCTORAL MOBILITY GRANTS	2.017	276	2.000.000,00	PRD	1.229.440,00	61%
CONTRACTS FOR TECHNICAL PERSONNEL TO SUPPORT R&D&I	2.016	1.125	7.020.000,00	RD	7.011.000,00	100%
JUAN DE LA CIERVA GRANTS - TRAINING	2.016	1.720	11.250.000,00	RD	11.250.000,00	100%
JUAN DE LA CIERVA GRANTS - INCORPORATION	2.016	1.548	14.400.000,00	RD	14.400.000,00	100%
RAMÓN Y CAJAL CONTRACTS	2.016	1.989	54.005.000,00	RD	54.005.000,00	100%
GRANTS TO ENCOURAGE THE STABLE RECRUITMENT OF PHDS	2.017	83	9.900.000,00	RD	6.700.000,00	68%
TRAINING OF DOCTORS IN COMPANIES "INDUSTRIAL DOCTORATES".	2.016	169	3.000.000,00	RD	2.992.504,52	100%
TORRES QUEVEDO CONTRACTS	2.016	446	15.000.000,00	RD	14.896.429,92	99%
EUROPE NETWORKS AND MANAGERS / TECHNOLOGY CENTRES	2.017	75	7.000.000,00	RD	6.961.582,96	99%
TOTAL		18.286	660.186.500,00		594.737.916,95	90%

In addition, several calls from INIA must be included, as although the Agency is responsible for the concession procedure, they have been managed by this Public Body and were resolved in 2017.

- 2016 Call for applications for grants for the training of research personnel in agri-food in INIA research centres. AA. (FPI-INIA), resolved for 4.185.016€.
- 2017 Call for Fundamental Research Projects oriented to International Joint Programming Actions (€660,000)
- Recruitment of researchers with doctoral degree. DOC INIA 2015, awarded for 2.990.000€.
- Projects and AACC RTA 2015 (13.892.500€)

Also in 2017, although not yet resolved, the call for projects for fundamental research and complementary actions-INIA, with a budget of €11,950,000.00, has also been announced.

2. 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 allows the opinion of individual experts to be contrasted and to prioritise all 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 SRA 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 is carried out by individual experts with in-depth knowledge of the subject matter of the proposals submitted, who provide technical reports on the quality and relevance of each application submitted.
- The assessment and prioritisation of 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 by consensus a final assessment and prioritise the applications for the funding proposal.

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The evaluation process has been adapted to the needs and evaluation criteria established for each order of bases and call of the State Plan.

As a result of the incoming applications in the 2017 calls, 175 commissions have been managed, generating 25,556 reports and more than 1,900 allegation reports.

Activity	Workload estimate 2017	Actual workload indicator	Objective 2017	Realised	% carried out
Management of individual evaluations by pairs	30.000	No. of individual evaluations carried out	100%	56.764	189%
Management of the Technical Evaluation Commissions	150	No. of Technical Commissions of evaluation held	100%	175	116%
Final evaluation reports	16.000	No. of final evaluation reports carried out	100%	25.556	159,7%
Allegation reports	3.200	No. of reports of allegation made	100%	1.902	59,37%

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 relation to the scientific-technical evaluation process, it is worth highlighting the drafting of the **"Protocol for the selection of collaborating experts"**, which was one of the activities set out in the 2017 Action Plan. For its preparation, the Scientific and Technical Committee of the SRA was consulted and gave its approval at its meeting on 22 June 2017. It was also approved by the Governing Board of the SRA on 30 January 2018.

3. 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 decision 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, subject to a positive assessment of the reports submitted.

Payment requires prior verification of the requirements that the General Law on Subsidies demands of beneficiaries, an activity that is not minor, since all the responsible declarations and certificates provided by applicants must be reviewed, as well as, with prior explicit authorisation, compliance with their obligations to the Tax Agency and Social Security. The 2017 data are as follows:

Prior control of calls that require it	3
Revision of eligibility requirements and payment of multiannualities	7.010
Issuance of accounting documents deriving from the concession	10.292
Payment of aid	9.676
Loading data into the BDNS	18.120
Advice to beneficiaries	350

Payments made in 2017 amounted to 625,248,403 euros, corresponding to calls from previous years and, if applicable, to calls published and resolved in the same year. In total, 9,676 payment transfers have been made and 10,292 accounting documents have been issued.

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Call	ERDF advanc e	Subsidy	Loan	Total
Predocctoral Grants		91.554.765,03		91.554.765,03
ERANETS		1.138.715,59		1.138.715,59
Severo Ochoa		33.000.000,00		33.000.000,00
R&D projects	79.763,20	71.343.270,92		71.423.034,12
International Joint Prog.		17.117.039,60		17.117.039,60
Europe Excellence		1.461.841,00		1.461.841,00
R&D Projects Challenges		122.870.308,93		122.870.308,93
Explore Science / Technology		2.514.010,95		2.514.010,95
Dynamisation Actions Europe Networks and Managers		8.700.209,09		8.700.209,09
Dynamisation Actions Europe Researchers		1.469.411,05		1.469.411,05
Young Researchers Challenge Projects		2.027.735,53		2.027.735,53
Horyzonte SME		6.078.004,35		6.078.004,35
INIA Doctors		1.271.381,14		1.271.381,14
Stable incorporation of doctors		5.633.328,61		5.633.328,61
Juan de la Cierva		23.463.980,81		23.463.980,81
Support technicians		6.167.046,39		6.167.046,39
Torres Quevedo		11.360.120,48		11.360.120,48
Ramón y Cajal		19.458.749,91		19.458.749,91
Industrial Doctors Programme		4.663.444,59		4.663.444,59
Technological Platforms		1.846.701,22		1.846.701,22
ICTS		7.000.000,00		7.000.000,00
Youth Employment Plan	22.982.740,56			22.982.740,56
Europe Technology Centres		2.203.820,47		2.203.820,47
Innpacto		242.267,46		242.267,46
Challenges collaboration	14.836.628,45	50.498.352,41	92.943.889,40	158.278.870,26
Employ		1.320.876,53		1.320.876,53
TOTAL	37.899.132,21	494.405.382,06	92.943.889,40	625.248.403,67

4. Monitoring of aid.

The monitoring of grants approved by the SRA 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 and as required by law.

4.1. 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 intermediate 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, depending on these, the authorisation or refusal 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 that have 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 country¹, exercised by the Scientific-Technical Thematic Programmes Branch, and
- 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 System², exercised by the Cross-cutting Scientific-Technical Programmes, Strengthening and Excellence Branch.

¹ Grants for pre-doctoral contracts for the training of doctors; Grants for pre-doctoral mobility for short stays in R&D Centres; R&D Excellence Projects, "Explore Science" and "Explore Technology" Projects; "Networks of Excellence" Dynamisation Actions; Challenges-Collaboration; R&D&I Challenges Projects; R&D&I Projects for young researchers without or with temporary ties; Communication of scientific-technical or innovation results in high-level international congresses; Technology Platforms.

² Aid for technical support staff contracts; Juan de la Cierva training and incorporation contracts; Aid for Ramón y Cajal contracts; Aid to encourage the stable incorporation of doctors (IED); Aid for contracts for the training of researchers in companies; Aid for Torres Quevedo contracts; Internal link Aid for the Promotion of Youth Employment and Implementation of the Youth Guarantee in R&D&I; Aid for the recruitment and training of technologists in the R&D&I sector; Aid for the recruitment and training of young people in the R&D&I sector; Aid for the training of young people in the R&D&I sector; Aid for the training of young people in the R&D&I sector; Aid for the training of young people in the R&D&I sector; Aid for the training of young people in the R&D&I sector.

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Under the first group of calls, they have given rise to significant activity:

Activity	Workload estimation	Actual workload indicator	Objective	Carried Out	%
Management of the scientific and technical monitoring of grants	11.000	No. of aid monitored	40% (4.400)	7.788	177%
Assessment of aid in follow-up meetings	3.400	No. of aid assessed in follow-up meetings	30% (1.020)	671	65,8%
On-site monitoring visits	240	No. of on-site visits	25% (60)	3	5%
Decisions authorising/refusing changes to the conditions of aid	4.100	Number of decisions modifying the conditions of the aid	100% (4.100)	8.000	195,1%
Citizen information and user relations	17.000	No. of mails answered over the number of mails received	100% (17.000)	17.604	103,6%

For calls with no defined thematic focus in the scientific/technical areas, the following activity has been generated:

Activity	Workload estimation	Actual workload indicator	Objective	Carried Out	%
Management of the scientific and technical monitoring of grants	2.828	No. of aid monitored	100%	2.469	87,3%
Assessment of aid in follow-up meetings	80	No. of aid assessed in follow-up meetings	100%	80	100,0%
On-site monitoring visits	10	No. of on-site visits	100%	4	40,0%
Decisions authorising/refusing changes to the conditions of aid	804	Number of decisions modifying the conditions of the aid	100%	804	100,0%
Citizen information and user relations	18.674	No. of mails answered over the number of mails received	100%	18.404	98,6%

Business; Support for "Severo Ochoa" Centres of Excellence and "María de Maeztu" Units of Excellence; Technology Centres Internal Liaison; Equipment in Science and Technology Parks; Acquisition of Scientific and Technical Equipment; Horizon SME Horizon; "Europe Research" Dynamisation Action; "Europe Networks and Managers"; International Joint Programming Actions Liaison; "Europe Excellence"

Dynamisation Action.

4.2. Financial monitoring of the implementation of 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 agreement to initiate the procedure, 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 cancellation of guarantees submitted to the Caja General de Depósitos includes the issuance of the cancellation order and referral to it, as well as 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 and the opening of the hearing, assessing the allegations and, if these are rejected, issuing the request for seizure and sending it to the Delegated Comptroller for audit and to the General Depository Fund (Caja General de Depósitos).

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

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The following actions were carried out in 2017:

Activity	Workload estimation	Actual workload indicator	Objective	Carried Out	%
Administrative review of the supporting account and audit of expenditure	39.147	No. of files reviewed	22% (9.450)	13.182	139,5%
Follow-up visits	100	No. of visits made	100%	97	97%
Refunds	22.200	No. of reimbursement decisions	25% (5968)	3.256	57%
Maintenance of the BDNS (*)	5.480	No. Refund updates	100%	0	0
Cancellation of collateral and seizure of guarantees	1.700	No. of guarantees cancelled in full or in part or seized	100% (1.700)	2.091	123%
Certification of ESI funds	2.700	No. of certified operations	100%	876	32%
Advice to beneficiaries	16.600	No. of emails answered	100%	21.570	130%

(*) Uploading to BDNS has started in 2018, once the IT applications have been adapted.

The certified ESI Funds operations correspond to two funds:

- 838 operations which are Youth Employment Plan contracts certified to the European Social Fund (2014-2020) for a total amount of €20,718,867.19, involving ESF assistance of €19,038,567.06.
- On the other hand, 38 operations corresponding to infrastructures from the 2007-2013 period for an amount of 13,463,610.17 euros (ERDF aid of 10,770,888 euros).

III. Other financing instruments: agreements, management contracts and provision of services.

In addition to the management of calls, the Agency carries out activities or provides services entrusted to it by the General State Administration or, by virtue of contracts or agreements, by other entities (see details of the instruments signed in Annex I).

Within this section, the scientific-technical evaluation activities carried out by the Agency on behalf of other public or private entities that promote their own R&D&I promotion programmes and which therefore have their own calls for grants.

The Agency's activity in this area has resulted in:

Activity	
Evaluation agreements,	27
Other agreements	3
Management entrustment	3
Management of individual peer reviews	12.409
Final evaluation reports	6.253
Allegation reports	113

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

Communication and dissemination activities aim to give visibility and transparency to all the Agency's activities through the participation of its management and technical staff in events and through media coverage,

Active participation in events	76
Media references (printed)	3
Press releases	32
Social networks (content and communications)	183

It should be noted that in 2017, the Agency has boosted its activity on social media, in particular on twitter. In addition to the publication of 183 press releases, the Agency's twitter account received 59,350 visits. The Agency's profile (@AgEInves) was mentioned by other users 1,628 times. Finally, 3,136 new followers were added in 2017, bringing the total number of followers to 21,973.

Interviews

1. Jot Down Magazine (Natural Sciences Museum)
2. Magazine of the Textile Technological Institute, AITEX
3. Pharmatech Magazine
4. Journal of the Spanish Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (SEBBM)

Participation in international forums	18
Participation in national forums	69

Annexes II and III list the participation and representation of the Director of the State Research Agency and the Agency's staff on boards, commissions and national and international events.

V. External partners.

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 the 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 empowerment for the evaluation and management of the State R&D&I Plan.

There are two types of secondment:

- Temporary collaborators who provide continuous part-time technical support and advice in the 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 carry out the scientific and technical evaluation of proposals submitted in response to calls.

In 2017, the Agency had 315 employees and 24,000 evaluators.

VI. International activity.

Given the importance of maintaining and strengthening the national and international dimension of the Agency's own activities, it is worth highlighting the representation activities in national and international meetings. Within the activities of an international nature, the participation in the governing bodies of the International Joint Programming Actions (JTI) and transnational consortia, forming part of the governing bodies of a large number of European projects (financed or co-financed by the European Commission) that follow the **ERANET** or **ERANET COFUND** scheme (coordination networks, which constitute the instrument for launching transnational calls for projects), and of other types of coordination actions (CSA), participating both as a financing body and as a beneficiary.

Its main mission is to define the themes of transnational calls in accordance with the priorities and needs of the National Research and Innovation System, as well as to promote, as far as possible, the alignment of national and international requirements and procedures (type of projects, evaluation procedure, eligible costs, project lifetime, type of consortia, etc.).

For the participation in these programmes, the Agency receives financial return from the EU H2020 framework programme, either to cover management costs or to co-finance the research projects funded by the Agency through the transnational calls. The Agency's direct returns have been €356,613.06 thanks to its participation in CSAs and ERANETs COFUND. In addition, in 2017, the Agency's participation in joint programmes of various schemes, with FECYT acting as a third party, has generated the amount of **€1,306,760.27** (funds transferred directly to FECYT).

During 2017, the SRA participated in the drafting of more than 10 ERANET COFUND proposals for H2020 calls, leading and/or participating in the different work packages and tasks, together with its European and international counterparts. It has also participated in 23 joint calls in the framework of thematic and geographic ERA-Nets. The Spanish groups participating in all these calls were funded through the APCIN national call.

VII. Balance.

The year 2017 marked a step forward in the consolidation of the Agency and in the alignment of its structure and human resources. Although the Agency had its own budget for the first time in 2017, it was not without its difficulties, as the 2016 budget was extended for 2017 and the final budget was not published until June.

These circumstances have a very direct impact on the Agency's activity. Nevertheless, the calls were published and the rest of the Agency's activities continued, as reflected in this activity report.

We feel that year by year we are more aware that the Agency is ours, and that the task to which we are called is becoming a reality day by day.

For all these reasons, we are grateful to the Agency's staff, who have demonstrated their ability, commitment and enthusiasm to face any situation and adversity with total professionalism and dedication. It is they who are making the State Investigation Agency a reality.

ANNEX I. Agreements and entrustments.

1. Scientific and technical evaluation agreements signed in 2017. Provision of services.

1.- Specific collaboration agreement between the State Research Agency and the Francisco de Vitoria University Foundation, dated 26 January 2017.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of the call for research grants 2017 of the Francisco de Vitoria University.

Duration: until 1 December 2017.

Amount: 3,676.5 euros.

2.- Specific collaboration agreement between the State Research Agency and the Andalusian Studies Centre Andalusian Public Foundation, dated 20 February 2017.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of the 1st Call for individual research projects and the X Call for collective research projects.

Duration: until 31 December 2017.

Amount: 12,255 euros.

3.- Specific collaboration agreement between the State Research Agency and the San Antonio Catholic University, dated 21 February 2017.

Purpose: scientific and technical evaluation of the call for research group projects.

Duration: until 31 December 2017.

Amount: 4,085 euros.

4.- Specific collaboration agreement between the State Research Agency and the Spanish Association Against Cancer Scientific Foundation, dated 27 February 2017.

Purpose: scientific and technical evaluation of calls for cancer research grants.

Duration: until 31 December 2017.

Amount: -

5.- Specific collaboration agreement between the State Research Agency and the Fundació Mutua de Terrassa per a la Docència i Recerca Biomèdica i Social, of 14 March 2017.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of the 13th Call for the FMT Grant.

Duration: until 31 December 2017.

Amount: -

6.- Specific collaboration agreement between the State Research Agency and the Fight Against Blindness Foundation, of 15 March 2017.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of the call for research grants in retinitis pigmentosa FUNDALUCE 2016.

Duration: until 31 December 2017.

Amount: -.

7.- Specific collaboration agreement between the State Research Agency and the CRIS Foundation for Cancer Research, dated 5 June 2017.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of the scientific projects of the CRIS Foundation against cancer and its call for research grants in paediatric oncology.

Duration: until 31 December 2017.

Amount: -.

8.- Specific collaboration agreement between the State Research Agency and the Inocente, Inocente Foundation, dated 5 June 2017.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of the 2017 call for grants for research projects related to rare diseases affecting children.

Duration: until 31 December 2017.

Amount: -.

9.- Specific collaboration agreement between the State Research Agency and the ERDF Foundation for Research, dated 8 June 2017.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of the call for research grants for Rare Diseases 2017.

Duration: until 31 December 2017.

Amount: -.

10.- Specific collaboration agreement between the State Research Agency and the Carlos III Health Institute, dated 20 June 2017.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of the strategic action on health and intramural health, corresponding to the 2017 call.

Duration: until 31 December 2017.

Amount: 421,635 euros.

11.- Specific collaboration agreement between the State Research Agency and the Ministry of Energy, Tourism and Digital Agenda (MINETAD), of 27 June 2017.

Purpose: Scientific and technical evaluation of the calls under the strategic action on the digital economy and society.

Duration: until 30 November 2017.

Amount: 122,550 euros.

12.- Specific collaboration agreement between the State Investigation Agency and the Senefro Foundation, 29 June 2017.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of the 2017 call for research grants in nephrology.

Duration: until 31 December 2017.

Amount: 8,987 euros.

13.- Specific collaboration agreement between the State Research Agency and the Centre for Political and Constitutional Studies (CEPC), of 4 July 2017.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of the applications for the 2017 selection process for the García Pelayo postdoctoral researcher position.

Duration: until 31 December 2017.

Amount: 2,042.50 euros.

14.- Specific collaboration agreement between the State Research Agency and the Centre for the Development of Industrial Technology (CDTI), of 19 July 2017.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of the applications submitted to the strategic programme for national business research consortia (CIEN) 2017.

Duration: until 31 December 2017.

Amount: 9,900 euros.

15.- Specific collaboration agreement between the State Research Agency and the University of Alcalá (UAH), dated 20 July 2017.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of the call for grants for the implementation of projects to promote the creation and consolidation of research groups (own programme 2017).

Duration: until 31 December 2017.

Amount: 18,382.50 euros.

16.- Specific collaboration agreement between the State Research Agency and the Department of Health of the Basque Government, dated 20 July 2017.

Purpose: scientific and technical evaluation of the call for health research and development projects.

Duration: until 31 December 2017.

Amount: 40,850 euros.

17.- Specific collaboration agreement between the State Investigation Agency and the Consejería de Economía, Industria, Comercio y Conocimiento del Gobierno de Canarias, of 20 July 2017.

Purpose: for the scientific and technical evaluation of R&D projects in the priority areas of the Canary Islands smart specialisation strategy (RIS3).

Duration: until 31 December 2017.

Amount: 81,700 euros.

18.- Specific collaboration agreement between the State Research Agency and the San Pablo-CEU University Foundation, of 24 July 2017.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of the III call for pre-competitive research groups-CEU Banco Santander.

Duration: until 31 December 2017.

Amount: 3,063.75 euros.

19.- Specific collaboration agreement between the State Research Agency and the Complutense University, of 24 July 2017.

Purpose: scientific and technical evaluation of the research groups of the Complutense University.

Duration: until 31 December 2017.

Amount: 90,000 euros.

20.- Specific collaboration agreement between the State Research Agency and the Basque Foundation for Health Innovation and Research (BIOEF), dated 25 July 2017.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of the call for research grants in neurodegenerative diseases.

Duration: until 31 December 2017.

Amount: 9,191.25 euros.

21.- Specific collaboration agreement between the State Research Agency and the University of Murcia, of 28 July 2017.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of the applications submitted to the calls for contracts for the incorporation of research personnel with a highly qualified technical profile to research groups of the University of Murcia (PIT2) and postdoctoral contracts of the University of Murcia, within the framework of the University's own plan for the promotion of research for 2018.

Duration: until 31 December 2017.

Amount: 34,937.50 euros.

22.- Specific collaboration agreement between the State Investigation Agency and the Universitat Jaume I, 3 August 2017.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of the call for postdoctoral grants for incorporation into research groups.

Duration: until 31 July 2018.

Amount: 11,180 euros.

23.- Specific collaboration agreement between the State Research Agency and the DISA Foundation, dated 24 August 2017.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of the projects submitted for the 2017 Fundación DISA awards for medical research.

Duration: until 30 December 2017.

Amount: 8,578.50 euros.

24.- Specific collaboration agreement between the State Research Agency and the Spanish Rheumatology Foundation, of 14 September 2017.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of FER 2017 grants for research projects without public funding.

Duration: until 31 December 2017.

Amount: 1,118 euros.

25.- Collaboration agreement between the State Research Agency and the Bellvitge Biomedical Research Institute (IDIBELL), of 14 September 2017.

Purpose: scientific and technical evaluation of policy science and technology actions.

Duration: three years

Amount: as evaluations are carried out.

26.- Specific collaboration agreement between the State Research Agency and the Princess of Girona Foundation, of 4 December 2017.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of the candidatures for the Princess of Girona Foundation Award in the category of Scientific Research.

Duration: until 28 February 2018.

Amount: -

27.- Specific collaboration agreement between the State Investigation Agency and the Scientific Foundation of the Spanish Association Against Cancer, 27 December 2017.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of calls for cancer research grants 2018.

Duration: until 31 December 2018.

Amount: -

2. Other agreements.

1.- Agreement between the General Secretariat for Digital Administration and the State Research Agency, dated 25 October 2017.

Purpose: to provide the State Investigation Agency with the computer application called "GEISER", as a technological solution for the management of the entry and exit registers of this body, as well as for the electronic interconnection of its register with the Interconnection System of Registers and the Electronic Register.

Duration: until 27 November 2018.

Amount: 12,500 euros.

2.-Legal assistance agreement between the General State Attorney's Office and the State Research Agency, of 18 July 2017.

Purpose: the provision by the General State Attorney's Office of the legal assistance service to the Agency (legal advice and representation and defense before any courts and jurisdictions).

Duration: until 7 September 2019.

Amount: 50,000 euros plus VAT.

3.- Collaboration agreement between the State Research Agency and the State Meteorological Agency, de 8 de marzo de 2017.

Purpose: cooperation between the two institutions with regard to the operational and research activities to be carried out in the Spanish Antarctic Installations and the Spanish Oceanographic Fleet in the execution of projects and other actions of the State R&D&I Plan.

Duration: until 12 January 2018.

Amount: -.

3. Management entrustment.

1.- Agreement to entrust the management of the State Research Agency to the National Institute of Agricultural and Food Research and Technology (INIA), of 21 June 2017.

Object: management of subsidies.

Duration: until 31 December 2017, extended until 31 December 2018.

Amount: -

2.- Agreement to entrust the management of the State Investigation Agency to the Sociedad Estatal de Gestión Inmobiliaria de Patrimonio S.A., dated 27 November 2017.

Entity entrusted: Sociedad Estatal de Gestión Inmobiliaria de Patrimonio S.A (SEGIPSA).

Purpose: documentation storage work and other services in the premises of the Administrative Documentation Storage Centre (CADA) due to the need to maintain the archive and the lack of space for the storage of documentation.

Duration: until 30 November 2018

Amount: 81,351.45 euros

3.- Agreement to entrust the management of the State Research Agency to Tecnologías y Servicios Agrarios S.A., of 15 September 2017.

Entity entrusted: Tecnologías y Servicios Agrarios S.A. (TRAGSATEC).

Purpose: the execution of technical-administrative actions within various procedures related to the activity of the State Research Agency. Specifically:

1. Support in the preparation of proposals for technical reports as well as drafts or summaries in order to be able to formulate proposals for decisions on administrative appeals and claims for financial liability.
2. Drafting responses to petitions related to contentious-administrative appeals.
3. Administrative support in the practice of the notifications of the resolution of the appeals referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3.

Duration: until 17 September 2018

Amount: 193,809.16 euros

ANNEX II. Participation and representation in national and international commissions.

International boards, commissions and forums

Address

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 EU member and associated countries and is co-chaired by a representative of the European Commission's DG Research and a representative of the member states.

16 March 2017. 33rd ERAC Meeting. St Julian's, Malta. 15 June 2017. 34th ERAC Meeting. Brussels.
4 December 2017 36th ERAC Meeting, Brussels.

2. **ERAC STEERING BOARD.** There are two representatives of the member states on the ERAC steering board. Marina Villegas has been one of these representatives since 2015.

30 January 2017, ERAC Steering Board ERAC, Brussels.
16 May 2017, ERAC Steering Board ERAC, Brussels.
26 June 2017 ERAC Steering Board, Brussels.
7 November 2017, ERAC SB meeting, Brussels.

3. **IBERIAN NANOTECHNOLOGY LABORATORY (INL).** The Iberian Nanotechnology Laboratory is a joint Spanish-Portuguese centre located in Braga, Portugal. Spain has 3 representatives on the INL Governing Council. Since 2014 Marina Villegas is one of these representatives.

16 February 2017, 28th INL Council Meeting, Braga.
22 September 2017, 29th INL Council Meeting, Braga.
19 October 2017 INL Summit Braga.

4. **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.

1 June 2017 Annual GRC Meeting, Ottawa, Canada.
21 November 2017 European Regional GRC Meeting, Stockholm, Sweden.

Agency management staff.

1. The SRA participates in the main national and European governance bodies related to **Joint Programming activities**:
 - a. *GPC*: High Level Group of the European Research Area for the definition of Joint Programming. The SRA participates in this group together with the CDTI.
 - b. *JPI WATER*: Joint Programming Initiative related to water research. The SRA participates in the Governing Board and the Executive Board. The SRA also coordinates one of the EU co-funded European projects, WaterWorks 2014.
 - c. *JPI OCEANS*: Joint Programming Initiative related to ocean research. The SRA participates in the Governing Board and the Executive Board.
 - d. *JPI CLIMATE CHANGE*: Joint Programming Initiative related to climate observation. The SRA participates in the Governing Board and the Executive Board.
 - e. *JPI CULTURAL HERITAGE*: Joint Programming Initiative related to European cultural heritage research. The SRA participates in the Governing Board and the Executive Board.
 - f. *JPI HDHL*: Joint programming initiative related to diet and healthy living. The SRA participates in its governing bodies together with the ISCIII.
 - g. *JPI MYBL*: Joint Programming Initiative related to research on ageing. The SRA participates in the governing board together with ISCIII.
 - h. *JPI AMR*: Joint programming initiative related to research on antimicrobial resistance. The SRA participates in its governing bodies together with ISCIII.
 - i. *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 SRA maintains an active monitoring position.
 - j. *JPI URBAN*: Joint Programming Initiative related to research on the global management of cities, including social and sustainability aspects. The SRA participates as an observer.
 - k. *ECSEL-JU*: Joint Research Undertaking on Nanoelectronics and Embedded Systems. The SRA participates in the groups of funding agencies and the definition of strategic areas together with SETSI and CDTI.
2. **Financial Commission of INL**. Spain has two representatives on the Financial Control Commission of INL. M^a del Carmen Peñas has been one of these representatives since 2014.
3. **Mutual Learning Exercise** (Funding R+D Agencies), DG Research & Innovation, European Commission).
4. **Risk Assessment Research Assembly** (RARA) EFSA (European Food Safety Authority).

National boards, commissions and forums

Address

1. VIII Centenary of the University of Salamanca. Interministerial Executive Commission.
2. Benasque "Pedro Pascual" Foundation Science Centre. Board of Trustees.
3. Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology - FECYT. Board of Trustees.
4. Carlos III Health Institute. Governing Council.
5. Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (Spanish National Research Council). Governing Council and chairmanship of the Control Commission.
6. Spanish Polar Committee. Presidency.
7. Circle of Technologies for Defence and Security Foundation, Board of Directors.
8. AlumniUAM. Governing Council.
9. Consortium for the construction, equipment and operation of the National Centre for Research on Human Evolution (CENIEH) - Governing Council.
10. Consortium for the construction, equipment and operation of the National Centre for Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technology Experimentation (CNH2) - Governing Board.
11. Consortium for the construction, equipment and operation of the oceanic platform of the Canary Islands (PLOCAN) - Governing Council.
12. Consortium for the equipment and operation of the underground laboratory of canfranc (LSC) - Governing Council.
13. Consortium for the design, construction, equipment and operation of the ultra-short pulsed ultra-intense pulsed lasers centre (CLPU) - Governing Board.
14. Consortium for the construction, equipment and operation of the Spanish Spallation Neutron Source Site (ESS-Bilbao European Spallation Source Bilbao) - Governing Board.
15. Consortium for the design, construction, equipment and operation of the coastal observation system of the Balearic Islands (SOCIB) - Governing Council.

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1. SEIDI Joint Programming Group, created in 2016 on the recommendation of the Spanish Roadmap to ERA (ERA ROADMAP). The SRA is the coordinator of the group made up of representatives from the SRA itself, and from CDTI, ISCIII, INIA and FECYT.
2. Alliance for Energy for Innovation (ALINNE). Governing Board.
3. Health Alliance for Innovation (ALINNSA). Governing Board.
4. CDTI. Board of Directors.
5. PROFARMA Programme of the Ministry of Industry, Energy and Tourism. Vice-presidency of the Technical Committee.
6. Genetically Modified Organisms. Interministerial Council.
7. Circle of Technologies for Defence and Security Foundation. Executive Committee.
8. Transfiere Forum. Organising Committee.
9. Climate change policies, MAPAMA, Coordination Commission.
10. National Water Council, MAPAMA.
11. National Climate Council, MAPAMA.
12. Andalusian Wetlands Committee, Junta de Andalucía.
13. GBIF Node Monitoring Committee.
14. COCSABO.
15. FLOTPOL. Executive Committee.
16. Spanish Committee of the MaB Programme, MAPAMA.
17. Law on Climate Change and Energy Transition, MAPAMA. Drafting working group.
18. Spanish Agency for Consumer Affairs, Food Safety and Nutrition.
19. National Biosafety Commission, MAPAMA.
20. ENRESA Board of Directors.
21. Centre for Agri-Food Research and Technology of Aragon (CITA). Scientific Committee
22. Spanish Polar Committee.
23. PLATO Steering Committee.

Members of the Governing Board of the following Technology Platforms

1. Spanish Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technology Platform (PTE HPC).
2. Spanish Electricity Networks Platform (FUTURED).
3. Spanish Biomass Technology Platform (BIOPLAT).
4. Spanish CO₂ Technology Platform (PTE CO₂).
5. Spanish Technological Platform for Energy Efficiency (PTE EE).
6. Geothermal Energy Technology Platform (GEOPLAT).
7. Concentrated Solar Power Technology Platform (SOLAR CONCENTRA).
8. Nuclear Fission Technology Platform (CEIDEN).
9. Photovoltaic Technology Platform (FOTOPLAT).
10. Wind Energy Sector Technology Platform (REOLTEC).
11. Low Temperature Solar Thermal Energy Technology Platform (SOLPLAT).
12. Technological Platform for Advanced Materials and Nanomaterials (MATERPLAT).
13. Food For Life-Spain Technology Platform.
14. Fisheries and Aquaculture Technology Platform.
15. Wine Technology Platform.
16. Automotive and Mobility Technology Platform Move to Future - M2F.
17. Spanish Aerospace Technology Platform - PTAE.
18. Integral Logistics Technology Platform - LOGISTOP.
19. Railway Technology Platform - PTFE.
20. Road Technology Platform - PTC.
21. Water Technology Platform.
22. Coastal and Marine Environment Protection Technology Platform - PROTECMA.
23. Technology Platform for Environmental Technologies - PLANETA.
24. Technological Platform SUSCHEM SPAIN. Sustainable Chemistry.
25. PLATEA Technology Platform.
26. PTEC Technology Platform.
27. THINKTUR Technology Platform.
28. MANU-KET Technology Platform.
29. FOTONICA21 Technology Platform.
30. PLANETIC Technology Platform.
31. PESI Technology Platform.

ANNEX III. Participation in national and international events.

International Events

Address

1. Conference on the Initiative for the Development of a Blue Economy in the Western Mediterranean, Conference West Med, Barcelona 2 February 2017
2. Research Policy Group (RPG) meeting
 5th RPG meeting, Vienna. 30 March 2017
 6th RPG Meeting, Oslo. 26 October 2017
3. Visit to CERN, Geneva, 9 March 2017
4. Solar Orbiter Workshop, Granada, 3 April 2017
5. High-Level Event on the EU Arctic Policy, Oulu, Finland, 15 - 16 June 2017
6. FET traces, Workshop on funding breakthrough research, Royal Library Meeting Center, Brussels, 11 October 2017,
7. CNECT FLAGSHIPS, Brussels, 6 November 2017

National Events

Address

1. First working day on research: UAB research projects, Barcelona, 19-01 -2017
2. SEIDI Award, Japanese Ambassador's Residence, Award Ceremony. 24-01- 2017
3. Special issue on mitigation and quantification of greenhouse gases in Mediterranean agricultural systems. Presentation Conference. MAPAMA. 30-01-2017
4. RSME Awards Ceremony 2017 (Spanish Royal Mathematical Society), Zaragoza 01-02- 2017
5. Science, Technology and Innovation Report 2016, OECD, MINECO. Presentation Event. 03-02-2017
6. National Innovation and Design Awards 2016, Alcalá de Henares 06-02-2017
7. Presentation of "Científicas en Cifras 2015", MINECO 07-02-2017
8. Photovoltaic Platform Assembly, Opening Ceremony 07-02-2017
9. CLEAN SKY 2 Innovative Technologies Day, 08-02-2017
10. COTEC Europe Summit and Visit Commissioner Moedas, 10-02-2017
11. Act of Inauguration of the director and Management Team, ETSIT UPM Escuela Técnica Superior de Ingenieros de Telecomunicación -UPM, 13-02-2017
12. Appointments with Science, Lilly Foundation, 13-02-2017
13. Piezo2017, Electroceramics for End Users IX, Cercedilla, Opening Ceremony 19-02-2017
14. Data Science BGSMATH, Barcelona, 02-22-2017

15. International Working Women's Day Meeting, MINECO, 08-03-2017
16. Science has a woman's name, Miguel Hernández University, Elche, 10-03-2017
17. ERC Congress Mat_ICMAT, 13-03-2017
18. 10th Anniversary of the European Research Council (ERC), MINECO, 24-03-2017
19. HIV Day - ISCIII, 04-04-2017
20. Study Visit of a Delegation of the Algerian Ministry of Industry and Mines, MINECO, 17-04-2017
21. ALINNE-Ciemat Conference, MINECO, 20-04-2017
22. Pacific Alliance Action Plan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 28-04-2017
23. Clean Room Visit, UAB, Barcelona, 05-05-2017
24. Advanced Transversal Training Course of the Doctoral School. University of Cantabria, Santander, 08-05-2017
25. 5th Open Science Meeting PAGES 2017 Congress, Zaragoza, 10-05-2017
26. PhD Course Materials Engineering, Linares (Jaén), 18-05-2017
27. Science and Technology Parks and Universities Seminar, Malaga, 3-05-2017
28. Midterm review - The Interim Evaluation of Horizon 2020, CSIC, 24-05-2017
29. XII Meeting of the Network of Research Management Units of Spanish Universities (RedUGI), Valladolid, 25-05-2017
30. Inauguration of the CSIC HPIS 2017 Symposium, 05-06-2017
31. Presentation of RETOS and EXCELLENCE Calls, Barcelona, 06-06-2017
32. Closing of Antarctic Campaign, ET HQ, 07-06-2017
33. Spanish Metrology Congress, San Fernando, Cádiz, 08-06-2017
34. Anniversary of the Water Technology Platform (PTEA), MINECO, 06-12-2017
35. XIII Electrocerámica 2017, Cuenca, Opening ceremony. 22-06-2017
36. Free Enterprise Forum on Innovation Models, 22-06-2017
37. XXXVI Biennial of the Spanish Royal Society of Chemistry, Sitges, Barcelona, 27-06-2017
38. Meeting and Dinner Embassy of Hungary, visit of Mr. József Pálincás, State Secretary and President of the Hungarian National Research, Development and Innovation Office, 28-06-2017
39. EUREKA Visit and Dinner, Museo del Prado, 29-06-2017
40. EUREKA Ministerial Conference, Congress 03-03-2017
41. Summer Course Univ. Cantabria_Suances, Santander, 30-06-2017
42. Tribute to the CSIC Scientific Staff, CSIC, 05-07-2017
43. Summer Course, El Escorial, 19-07-2017
44. Visit to the archaeological excavations in Pinilla del Valle (Madrid). 21-08-2017,
45. Presentation of the Spanish Alliance on Graphene, CDTI, 14-09-2017
46. Severo Ochoa and M^a de Maeztu Awards Ceremony, MINECO, 19-09-2017

47. Science+, ERA career day, Bilbao, 09-20-2017
48. Inauguration of the Spanish action in EU-PolarNet, Miraflores, 25-09-2017
49. Spanish Metrology Centre and the challenges of metrology in the XXI century: Strategic Plan 2017-2020, MINECO, 26-07-2017
50. 10th Anniversary OPERUM University of Murcia, Murcia, 28-09-2017
51. Start of the Antarctic Campaign, MINECO, 02-10-2017
52. CITA Seminar, Zaragoza, 03-10-2017
53. QUO Spanish Science and Innovation Gala, CSIC, 03-10-2017
54. TRATERMAT Linares, Inaugural event. 05-10-2017
55. Course Doctoral School, Univ. Cantabria, Santander, 6-10-2017
56. Presentation of the Antarctic Campaign, MINECO, 31-10-2017
57. 100xScience Congress, Alicante, 02-11-2017
58. IFISC Anniversary, Palma de Mallorca, 10-11-2017
59. Infoday on New FET - Flagships, MINECO, 15-11-2017
60. Dinner Embassy Japan, accompanying SEIDI, on the occasion of the visit of Prof. Takaaki Kajita, University of Tokyo, 15-11-2017
61. RSEQ Awards Ceremony, CIB CSIC, 17-11-2017
62. Awarding of Diplomas Promotion XC of Telecommunication Engineers, ETSIT-UPM, 24- 11- 2017
63. PRIMA Presentation, MINECO, 04-12-2017
64. National Meeting of Innovative Companies, 40th Anniversary of the CDTI, 12-12-2017
65. Coordinating Commission for Agricultural Research and RTA, Cordoba, 14-12-

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1. PROTECMA-PLANETA Day at Puertos del Estado
2. Conference in Valencia at AIMPLAS
3. Conference at LEITAT (Barcelona)
4. Meeting at FIAB: MEETING OF THE FOOD AND CONSUMER WORKING GROUP (AC) OF THE PTF4LS
5. Conference at INIA - Organic Livestock Farming
6. Jumelage Project with Algeria. MEIC- Presentation of Algerian PTs
7. Challenges Collaboration Day 2017 Inter-platforms Working Group with Circular Economy
8. FIAB (Chain Management) Meeting
9. Bioeconomy course OVIEDO
10. Cluster MOTO (Barcelona)
11. Zaragoza- Challenges Collaboration