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Introduction

Royal Decree 1067/2015 of 27 November 2015 created the State Research Agency and approved its Statute.

The Agency's mission is to promote 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 took place on 20 June 2016, with the constitutive meeting of its Governing Board.

From that moment on, the Agency began a transitional period of operation that lasted for the rest of 2016 and until the approval of the General State Budget Law of 2017, when the Agency reached full autonomy.

During the transitional period, the Agency, lacking its own budget, has been financed by the budget appropriations of the State Secretariat for Research, Development and Innovation; it has been subject to the budgetary, financial and accounting regime of the State Administration and the general and common services have been provided by the Undersecretariat of the Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness.

In accordance with Law 28/2006 of 18 July 2006 on State Agencies for the Improvement of Public Services and the Agency's Statute, the Governing Board must approve the general activity report for the previous year by 30 June each year, at the proposal of the Director.

The overall activity report should be based on the Management Contract and the annual action plan.

The Royal Decree creating the Agency provided that until the Management Contract is approved by joint ministerial order of the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness and the Ministry of Finance and Public Administrations, the Agency's actions will be carried out in accordance with the criteria and guidelines established in the Initial Action Plan that is incorporated into the Report referred to in article 3 of Law 28/2006, of 18 July, as well as the actions to be carried out derived from the approval of the scientific and technical research and innovation plans as established by Law 14/2011, of 1 June, and their corresponding annual action programmes.

The absence of its own budget has prevented the approval of the Management Contract within the deadlines set out in Royal Decree 1067/2015, of 27 November. Its approval will therefore have to be addressed in 2017. However, the approval of the Management Contract will also be conditioned to the rules that, where appropriate, may be established by the Ministry of Finance and Public Function 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.

Consequently, in the absence of a Management Contract, the general activity report for 2016 has been drawn up in accordance with the criteria and guidelines established in the Initial Action Plan, as well as the actions to be carried out as a result of the approval of the scientific and technical research plans.

The general activity report 2016 reports on the activities carried out in the following areas:

1. Consolidation and structural development of the Agency.
2. Funding instruments: calls.
3. Scientific and technical evaluation of proposals.
4. Other financing instruments: agreements, management and service provision.
5. Communication, dissemination and representation in R&D&I forums.
6. External collaborators.
7. Representation of the State Research Agency in international governing bodies.
8. Funding of Spanish Research Groups in transnational projects

Although the Agency was created in mid-2016, the full year has been considered in the preparation of the general activity report, taking into account the activities carried out by the units of the former Directorate General for Scientific and Technical Research and Directorate General for Innovation and Competitiveness.

This 2016 general activity report is subject to approval by the Governing Council at its meeting on 28 June 2017.

I. Consolidation and structural development of the agency.

1. Implementation of the Agency

The Agency was launched on 20 June 2016 with the constitutive session of its Governing Board, whose members had previously been appointed by the Minister of Economy and Competitiveness.

At that constituent meeting it was agreed:

- Designation of the Director of the State Investigation Agency
- The Agency's executive staff.
- The designation of the members of the Control Committee.

2. Implementation of the new organisational structure, adaptation of spaces and material resources. Organisation of Human Resources

In order to meet these three basic objectives for the consolidation of the Agency, the following activities have been carried out:

1. By resolution of the Undersecretary of 20 June 2016, it was agreed to transfer staff from the Secretariat of State for Research, Development and Innovation to the Agency. Most of the staff transferred came from the former Directorate General for Scientific and Technical Research and Directorate General for Innovation and Competitiveness. Ten posts have also been transferred from INIA. In total 274 posts have been transferred.

2º. The Secretary of State for Research, Development and Innovation has carried out a study of the workload of the different units of the Agency, as a result of which:

- A proposal has been made for the distribution of staff transferred to the Agency's units.
- The Agency's organisational chart has been drawn up, detailing the structure and functions of each of the units that make up the Agency, as well as the staff of each unit. This organisation chart was approved by the Governing Board on 30 January 2017.
- The Permanent Commission of the Interministerial Remuneration Committee approved the Agency's first RPT.

3º. A human resources and payroll management system has been installed on a trial basis.

4º. Training activities have been carried out for the Agency's staff to acquire knowledge in economic and human resources management.

5°. A plan has been drawn up for the allocation of space and material resources for the different units of the Agency. This plan will be implemented in 2017, jointly with the Undersecretariat. The Agency has been allocated 3.5 floors in the building located at Paseo de la Castellana, 162, within the Cuzco Complex.

6°. The Ministry of Finance and Public Administrations has approved the remuneration system for the Agency's Management.

7°. The necessary measures have been adopted for the provision of the minimum staff necessary for the start-up of the General Secretariat of the Agency. Pending for 2017 is the transfer of personnel from the Ministry's Undersecretariat to the Agency to reinforce the general services.

8°. The Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness and the Agency, within a context of budgetary stability and in the interests of greater efficiency in the provision of general services, have identified a set of services for which shared provision will be maintained, which will be materialised by royal decree in 2017. These shared services will cover areas such as information technology, public administration, training, work safety and citizen services.

3. Adaptation of administrative, management and monitoring processes.

Although most of the actions included in this objective have been programmed in detail, together with their respective monitoring indicators, in the Annual Action Plan for 2017, some actions have been implemented in 2016, such as:

- The State Secretariat for Research, Development and Innovation has set up a working group to simplify funding instruments, in parallel with the activities to draw up the new State R&D&I Plan.
- The Agency's IT systems and other economic management tools have been implemented to enable spending, payment, treasury and accounting procedures independent of the General State Administration.
- Decisions have been taken to delegate powers between the various bodies of the Agency.
- Management procedures have been adapted to the Agency's structure, and changes have been made to the calls for proposals and model agreements.
- Management entrustments have been signed with the State Secretariat for Research, Development and Innovation and with INIA in order to regulate shared management procedures.

4. Communication and visibility of the activities of the State Research Agency.

The Agency is created with the mission of contributing to the promotion of scientific and technical research through the competitive and efficient allocation of public resources, the monitoring of funded actions and their impact. It therefore represents the incorporation of a new actor in our R&D&I system.

The dissemination and communication of the results of its activities and of the results of the research funded is a duty for the Agency itself and a right for citizens.

In 2016 it has only been possible to set up a provisional website, dependent on the website of the Secretary of State for Research, Development and Innovation, to adequately publicise the Agency's activities. The SRA has joined the Twitter social network.

5. Information technology and communications and information systems management.

This objective is conditioned by the fact that the IT area is one of the areas affected by the future establishment of shared services with the Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness. As long as these shared services are maintained, the Agency will not have an independent IT and communications system.

However, following the establishment of the Agency, the management applications have been adapted to the new structure.

6. Other implementation actions.

In addition to the activities included in the Initial Action Plan, the administrative and technical steps required to set up a new body were taken in 2016. The following can be highlighted:

- Obtaining the Agency's NIF (June 2016).
- Opening of two current accounts at the Bank of Spain (Treasury and Income) and a commercial bank account (payroll and social security).
- Adaptation of the management of Paying Accounts and accounting units to the Agency's structure.
- Obtaining the Agency's contribution account code and access to the RED system for affiliations, registrations and cancellations.

- Approval of the Agency's logo and registration with the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office.
- Appointment of the Financial Controller of the Agency.
- Obtaining the Agency's DIR codes.
- Registration of the Agency in corporate applications: SIGPE, BADARAL, Central Personnel Register, Administrative Contracting Platform, SIG3, SOROLLA2, BDNS, SISE.
- Obtaining the Agency's electronic certificate and electronic seal.
- Obtaining the domain aei.gob.es (December 2016).
- Obtaining access by the Agency to the Intermediation Platform of the Ministry of Finance and Public Function (to obtain data on beneficiaries - up to date with SS, Taxes, university and non-university degrees, etc.).

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.

There is no doubt that the calls managed are the nerve centre around which the Agency's activity revolves: our main instrument for research funding. The implementation of a call is similar to a transmission mechanism, where 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 for proposals 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 2016, 23 calls for applications were managed (2 calls published in 2015 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 2016 involved the processing of 20,851 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 deletions, etc., are made on a very regular basis. Specifically, 4,874 during last year.

Finally, interaction with applicants makes it necessary to resolve doubts and errors, which is why advice is provided through manuals published on the website, and through e-mail queries, which have amounted to 39,287.

Drafting and publication of calls	23 calls
Instruction	20,851 files
Maintenance of the system of entities (registrations, cancellations, modifications)	4,874 applications
Advice to aid applicants	39,827 mailings

Calls managed in 2016

CALLS	NO. requests	Call budget	Grant (€) o PRP/PRD	Rate success (€)
Acquisition of scientific and technical equipment	886	150.000.000,00	94.836.354,89	63%
Horizon SME	55	3.700.000,00	3.212.945,22	87%
Technological platforms	63	5.800.000,00	5.771.620,43	100%
Collaboration challenges, R&D&I projects	819	586.400.000,00	229.959.496,61	39%[1]
Emplea	1.121	6.000.000,00	5.875.005,65	98%
Severo Ochoa" Centres of Excellence and "María de Maeztu" Units of Excellence	54	40.000.000,00	40.000.000,00	100%
R&D excellence projects	1.899	125.500.000,00	105.382.409,00	84%
Projects "explora ciencia" and "explore tecnología".	927	5.000.000,00	4.999.962,00	100%
"Europa Excelencia" dynamisation action	12	1.125.000,00	708.100,00	63%
"Redes de excelencia" dynamisation actions	275	2.500.000,00	2.373.000,00	95%
Research challenges, R&D&I projects	3.089	243.906.000,00	215.377.870,40	88%
R+D+i projects for young researchers without or with temporary ties	1.311	20.570.000,00	20.354.136,00	99%
International Joint Programming Actions	191	8.000.000,00	7.949.964,00	99%
Pre-doctoral contracts for the training of PhDs	2.621	97.202.000,00	89.782.000,00	92%
Pre-doctoral mobility grants	1.200	4.000.000,00	3.387.037,00	85%
Contracts of technical personnel to support R&D&I	1.120	7.020.000,00	6.993.000,00	100%
Postdoctoral training contracts (Juan de la Cierva - training)	1.819	11.250.000,00	11.250.000,00	100%
Contracts for the incorporation of young doctors (Juan de la Cierva - incorporation)	1.552	14.400.000,00	14.400.000,00	100%
Ramón y Cajal Contracts	1.992	54.005.000,00	54.005.000,00	100%
Grants to encourage the stable recruitment of PhDs	85	7.500.000,00	7.499.984,00	100%
Training of doctors in companies "industrial doctorates".	136	3.000.000,00	2.942.249,36	98%
Torres Quevedo Contracts	478	15.000.000,00	14.927.688,66	100%
Europe Technology Centres	32	3.500.000,00	3.198.364,71	91%
TOTAL	20.851	1.415.378.000,00	945.186.187,93	67%

The low implementation of the call for collaboration challenges is due to the call's overrun in chapter 8. Due to the conditions of the call, and because of the obligation for all projects to be endowed with chapter 7 for research organisations and chapter 8 for companies, chapter 7 is a limiting factor. In the 2016 call, in accordance with the budget law that made it compulsory to allocate chapter 7 to SMEs in disadvantaged regions in the first year, the disproportion between chapter 7 and chapter 8 is accentuated. The average percentage of aid between research organisations and companies in a call for proposals is usually between 60 and 65% for companies (strand 8) and between 40% and 35% for research organisations (strand 7). For example, in the 2016 call budget, the grant was 99.4 million euros and 487 million euros in loans. The proportion of aid granted was in this case 60/40% (as some SMEs in the first year received a grant), which would have been sufficient with an envelope of €150 million in loans. Hence the low execution of the call.

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 increase quality standards, promote rigour and consistency of results, and simplify procedures, all in the interests of greater process efficiency.

In this stage, it organises, coordinates and manages the *ex-ante* evaluation processes of the grant applications submitted to the calls managed by the SRA and included in the State Plan for Scientific and Technical Research and Innovation. This process includes the remote evaluation carried out by experts and the final panel evaluation.

The evaluation process involves:

- Individual peer reviews. For this purpose, experts in the thematic areas to which the proposals correspond are convened, with the aim of obtaining the peer review of each application.
- Organisation and preparation of the Technical Evaluation Commissions (panels).
- Preparation of the final evaluation reports, generated by the peer review and the technical commissions.
- Preparation of reports on possible allegations submitted by applicants related to the scientific-technical evaluation.

As a result of the applications received in 2016, 75 commissions have been managed, generating more than 17,000 reports.

Activity 2016	
Management of individual peer reviews	31,657 evaluations
Management of the Technical Evaluation Commissions	112 Technical Commissions
Final evaluation reports	22,561 of reports
Allegation reports	423 of reports

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

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, after 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 explicit prior authorisation, compliance with their obligations to the Tax Agency and the Social Security.

Payments made in 2016 amounted to 884,570,032 euros, corresponding to calls from previous years and, if applicable, to calls published and resolved in the same year. A total of 9,248 transfers have been made.

Call	ERDF advanc e	Subsidy	Loan	Total
Predoctoral Grants		37.722.635,08		37.722.635,08
Infrastructure	29.144.997,22	65.761.374,23		94.906.371,45
Severo Ochoa		28.000.000,00		28.000.000,00
R&D projects	55.487.103,10	74.947.754,23		130.434.857,33
International Joint Prog.		4.900.649,20		4.900.649,20
Europe Excellence		45.000,00		45.000,00
R&D Projects Challenges	165.672.165,36	151.548.462,37		317.220.627,73
Explore Science / Technology		2.484.334,49		2.484.334,49
Acc. Din. Europe Networks and Managers		2.464.210,00		2.464.210,00
Acc. Din. Europe Researchers		438.319,75		438.319,75
Young Researchers Challenge Projects	129.132,91	10.812.968,48		10.942.101,39
International Congresses		162.500,00		162.500,00
Stable incorporation of doctors		899.999,91		899.999,91
Juan de la Cierva		21.660.972,94		21.660.972,94
Support technicians		6.005.062,74		6.005.062,74
Torres Quevedo		13.036.729,63		13.036.729,63
Ramón y Cajal		29.130.922,85		29.130.922,85
Industrial Doctors Programme		668.897,69		668.897,69
Youth Employment Plan	23.560.416,43			23.560.416,43
Europe Technology Centres		380.805,79		380.805,79
Innpacto		386.227,61	1.147.232,44	1.533.460,05
Challenges collaboration		61.006.250,09	93.300.070,32	154.306.320,41
Employ			3.664.837,26	3.664.837,26
TOTAL	273.993.815,02	512.464.077,08	98.112.140,02	884.570.032,12

4. Monitoring of aid.

To complete the life cycle of the calls for proposals, it is necessary to verify, monitor and subsequently evaluate the activities funded, i.e. to check that the grants comply with the conditions and objectives for which they were awarded. 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.

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 of requesting the modification of the conditions of the aid by the beneficiaries. In this case, the scientific collaborators issue technical reports and, depending on these, 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 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 country [2], and
- Those calls whose scientific-technical fields do not have a defined thematic orientation, but are aimed at strengthening and transforming the Spanish Science and Technology System [3].

² 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.

³ Grants for technical support staff contracts; Juan de la Cierva training and incorporation contracts; Grants for Ramón y Cajal contracts; Grants to encourage the stable incorporation of doctors (IED); Grants for contracts for the training of researchers in companies; Grants for Torres Quevedo contracts; Internal link Grants for the Promotion of Youth Employment and Implementation of the Youth Guarantee in R&D&I; Grants for the recruitment and training of technologists in the Business Sector; Support for "Severo Ochoa" Centres of Excellence and for "María de

Under the first group of calls for proposals, 12,514 grants were monitored, resulting in significant activity:

Activity 2016	
Management of scientific and technical monitoring of aid	12,514 aid covered by tracking
Follow-up meetings	6 meetings [4]
On-site monitoring visits	67 visits
Decisions authorising/refusing to authorise amendments to the conditions of the aid	7,733 resolutions
Citizen information and relations with the users	15,700 post

As regards the calls whose scientific/technical areas do not have a defined thematic focus, it was generated:

Activity 2016	
Management of the scientific and technical monitoring of grants	7,608 aid items covered by tracking
Assessment of aid in follow-up meetings	2,381 assessed aid
On-site monitoring visits	6 visits [5]
Decisions authorising/refusing modifications to the conditions of aid	703 resolutions
Citizen information and user relations	8120 Answered mail
Citizen information and user relations related to international calls for proposals	45,000 post

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 initiation agreement, the opening of the hearing, the assessment of the allegations presented by the beneficiary and notification of the final decision.

Maeztu"; Technology Centres Internal Liaison; Equipment in Science and Technology Parks; Acquisition of Scientific and Technical Equipment; Horizon SME; Dynamisation Action "Europe Research"; "Europe Networks and Managers"; International Joint Programming Actions Liaison; Dynamisation Action "Europe Excellence".

⁴ Particle physics

⁵ Follow-up of international calls for projects prior to 2013

- 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 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 initiation 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 Caja General de Depósitos.

The following actions were carried out in 2016:

Activity	
Administrative review of the account justification and audit of expenditure	4,500 files reviewed
Follow-up visits	116 visits
Refunds	5,000 resolutions
Cancellation of guarantees and seizure of endorsements	1,700 guarantees cancelled in full or in part partially or seized
Advice to beneficiaries	15,000 mails answered

In addition, the State Research Agency manages **European Structural Funds** (ERDF and ESF), with which some of the calls and other actions such as agreements are co-financed. This also entails the need for economic and financial monitoring.

It should not be forgotten that for the certification of these Funds, it is necessary to justify to the Managing Authorities of the European Regional Development Fund and the European Social Fund, the eligible expenses of the co-financed projects in order for the European Commission to proceed with the payment of the aids with these structural funds.

In 2016, 1,113 files related to European Funds were reviewed and 948 certified operations were carried out for a total amount of 193,586,881.97 euros (corresponding to ERDF assistance of 138,061,070.33 euros).

In the case of the European Funds, it should be noted that in addition to the cancellation of guarantees, files are processed to modify the repayment tables of ERDF advances, as a result of early repayments by beneficiaries.

Activity	
Administrative review of the supporting account and audit of expenditure	1,113 files reviewed
Refunds	45 resolutions
Cancellation of guarantees seizure of guarantees	18 of cancelled collateral fully or partially seized
Modification of tables of amortisation of loans	165 files
Certification Funds Structural of European Investment Fund (EIF)	948 of certified operations

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

In addition to the management of calls for proposals, 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.

Throughout 2016, 38 scientific-technical evaluation agreements, 3 management entrustments and 5 Amendment Agreements to agreements with ERDF signed in previous years have been formalised, which are listed 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 State Agency has maintained an intense external evaluation activity in 2016, which has resulted in:

Activity	
Management of individual peer reviews	10,495 evaluations
Final evaluation reports	5,835 reports
Allegation reports	99 reports

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

Communication and dissemination activities aim to give visibility and transparency to all the Agency's actions through participation in events by its management and technical staff, and through media presence, including social media.

Active participation in events	49
Media references	3
Press releases	36

Participation in international forums	9
International meetings associated with international joint programming projects or calls	150 meetings / 150 deliverables
Participation in national forums	24

Annex II lists the participation and representation of the Director of the State Research Agency in national and international boards, events and forums.

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 2016, the Agency had 315 staff and 24,000 evaluators.

VI. Representation of the State Research Agency in international governing bodies.

Given the importance of maintaining and strengthening the national and international dimension of the Agency's activities, it is worth highlighting the representation activities at national and international meetings. International activities include participation in the governing bodies of ERANETs and specialised working groups within the European Commission.

The SRA participates in the main national and European governance bodies related to Joint Programming activities:

1. **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 SRA participates in this group together with the CDTI.
2. **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.
3. **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.
4. **JPI OCEAN:** Joint Programming Initiative related to ocean research. The SRA participates in the Governing Board and the Executive Board.
5. **JPI CLIMA:** Joint programming initiative related to climate observation. The SRA participates in the Governing Board and the Executive Board.
6. **JPI CULTURAL HERITAGE:** Joint Programming Initiative related to European cultural heritage research. The SRA participates in the Governing Board and the Executive Board.
7. **JPI HDHL:** Joint programming initiative related to diet and healthy living. The SRA participates in its governing bodies together with the ISCIII.
8. **JPI MYBL:** Joint Programming Initiative related to research on ageing. The SRA participates in the governing board together with ISCIII.
9. **JPI AMR.** Joint programming initiative related to research on antimicrobial resistance. The SRA participates in its governing bodies together with ISCIII.

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- 10. 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.

The Agency also sits on the governing bodies of a large number of European projects (funded or co-funded by the European Commission) that follow the **ERANET** or **ERANET COFUND** scheme (coordination networks, which are the instrument for launching transnational calls for projects), and other types of coordination actions (CSAs), participating both as a funding 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.).

During 2016, the SRA participated in the drafting of 19 ERANET COFUND proposals and one CSA proposal, to the European Commission's H2020 calls, leading and/or participating in the different work packages and tasks, together with its European and international counterparts. Throughout the year, work has been carried out on the following proposals: COBIOTECH (biotechnology), GEOTHERMICA (geothermal energy), SOLAR-COFUND (solar energy), ERA-MINII (raw materials), FLAG-ERAII (support to flagship initiatives Graphene and HBP), QUANTERA (quantum technologies), CHISTERAII (information sciences), INTIMIC (microbiome), EURO-NANO-MEDIA (nanomedicine), GENDERNET-PLUS (gender in research), CORE-ORGANIC (organic agriculture), SUSFOOD (food), LEAP-AGRI (agriculture in cooperation with Africa), SUSCROP (sustainable agriculture), FORESTVALUE (forestry research), HERA-JRP-PS (humanities), WATERWORKS2017 (water), BIODIVSCEN (biodiversity scenarios), AXIS (climate change) and SINCERE (CSA to JPI on climate change).

VII. Balance

The effective constitution of the Agency in 2016 marked the beginning of a new stage in the Science and Technology system in our country. With its creation, the Science Act of 2011 and one of the main demands of the scientific community have been fulfilled. We are therefore talking about one of the main reforms in the field of R&D&I, which puts us on a par with the leading European Union countries in science.

The first year of operation, not without its difficulties, has been positive. The adaptation to the Agency's new structure has involved a reorganisation of technical and human resources which has not yet been completed, but which has enabled us to carry out our tasks.

We are aware that the administrative procedures required for the publication and resolution of calls for proposals are complicated, but the political and economic circumstances of 2016 have made this even more difficult. In spite of this, all calls were published and the rest of the Agency's actions continued as described above.

It has been a year of learning that will be consolidated during 2017. We face the future with excitement and at the same time with expectation: the approval of the 2017 Budget will be a turning point that will open up new perspectives and new challenges.

To this end, 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 2016. Provision of services.

1.- Specific collaboration agreement between the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness and the Scientific Foundation of the Spanish Association Against Cancer, dated 19 January 2016.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of the AECC Foundation's calls for research grants.

Duration: until 31/12/2016.

Amount: 91,913 euros.

2.- Specific collaboration agreement between the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness and the Fundación “Lucha contra la Ceguera”, of 3 February 2016.

Purpose: Evaluation of the FUNDALUCE 2015 call for research grants in retinitis pigmentosa.

Duration: until 31/12/2016.

Amount: -

3.- Collaboration agreement between the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness and the Centro de Investigación Biomédica en Red, of 10 February 2016.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of the scientific and technological policy actions promoted by CIBER and requiring such evaluation.

Duration: until 10/02/2019.

Amount: Not determined a priori, but as assessments are requested.

4.- Specific collaboration agreement between the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness and the Princess of Girona Foundation, dated 10 February 2016.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of the candidatures for the Princess of Girona Foundation award in the category of scientific research.

Duration: until 31/12/2016.

Amount: -

5.- Collaboration agreement between the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness and the Ministry of Industry, Energy and Tourism, of 12 February 2016.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of the 2016 call for grants under the strategic action for economy and digital society.

Duration: until 30/11/2016.

Amount: 163,400 euros.

6.- Collaboration agreement between the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness and the Public University of Navarra, of 18 March 2016.

Purpose: scientific and technical evaluation of its research groups.

Duration: until 31/12/2016.

Amount: 12,867.75 euros.

7.- Collaboration agreement between the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness and the University of Navarra, of 31 March 2016.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of projects of the University of Navarra's own research plan 2016 (PIUNA).

Duration: until 30/11/2016.

Amount: 7,965.75 euros.

8.- Collaboration agreement between the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness and the Fundación Hospital Nacional de Paraplégicos, of 1 April 2016.

Purpose: evaluation scientific-technical of the grants 2016 for the incorporation of researchers.

Duration: until 31/12/2016.

Amount: 20,425 euros.

9.- Collaboration agreement between the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness and the SENEFRO Foundation, of 8 April 2016.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of the 2016 call for research grants in nephrology and grants for the financing of research projects linked to strategic studies of the Spanish Society of Nephrology.

Duration: until 01/10/2016.

Amount: 6,536 euros.

10.- Collaboration agreement between the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness and the Universitat Jaume I, of 18 April 2016.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of the 2016 call for postdoctoral grants for joining research groups.

Duration: until 31/12/2016.

Amount: 11,180 euros.

11.- Specific collaboration agreement between the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness and the Community of Madrid/Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, of 19 April 2016.

Purpose: evaluation and scientific-technical monitoring of R&D&I programmes in biomedicine, in technologies and in attracting research talent for their incorporation into research groups in the Region of Madrid.

Duration: until 31/12/2016.

Amount: 55,029.25 euros.

12.- Specific collaboration agreement between the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness and the University of Extremadura, dated 20 April 2016.

Purpose: scientific and technical evaluation of the reports on the creation of the university research institutes of the University of Extremadura.

Duration: until 31/12/2016.

Amount: 1,548 euros.

13.- Collaboration agreement between the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness and the University of the Basque Country, of 22 April 2016.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of scientific and technological policy actions promoted by the University during the period of validity of the agreement.

Duration: three years.

Amount: Not determined a priori, but as assessments are requested.

14.- Specific collaboration agreement between the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness and the TELETÓN-FEDER Foundation for research into rare diseases, dated 25 April 2016.

Purpose: evaluation of projects submitted to the 2016 call for research grants from the TELETÓN-FEDER Foundation for research into rare diseases.

Duration: until 31/12/2016.

Amount: -

15.- Collaboration agreement between the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness and the General Administration of the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country, of 27 April 2016.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of scientific and technological policy actions promoted by the Department of Education, Language Policy and Culture of the Basque Government.

Duration: three years.

Amount: Not determined a priori, but as assessments are requested.

16.- Specific collaboration agreement between the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness and the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, of 4 May 2016.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of the 2016 call of the University's own programme.

Duration: 31/12/2016

Amount: 1,225.50 euros.

17.- Specific collaboration agreement between the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness and the University of Oviedo, dated 8 May 2016.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of research groups 2016.

Duration: 31/12/2016

Amount: 5,106.25 euros.

18.- Specific collaboration agreement between the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness and the Carlos III Health Institute, of 5 May 2016.

Purpose: Scientific and technical evaluation of the strategic action in health and the strategic action in intramural health (call for 2016).

Duration: until 31/12/2016.

Amount: 424,677.50 euros.

19.- Specific collaboration agreement between the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness and the Centre for Political and Constitutional Studies, for the scientific-technical evaluation of the applications for the 2016 selection process for the filling of postdoctoral researchers positions García Pelayo, of 11 May 2016.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of the applications for the 2016 selection process to cover a post in the "García Pelayo" research programme.

Duration: until 31/12/2016.

Amount: 1,956.50 euros.

20.- Specific collaboration agreement between the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness and the Department of Health of the Basque Government, dated 13 May 2016.

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

Duration: until 31/12/2016.

Amount: 40,850.50 euros.

21.- Specific collaboration agreement between the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness and the Basque Foundation for Health Innovation and Research -BIOEF, of 9 June 2016.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of the 2016 call for research grants in rare diseases.

Duration: until 28/02/2017.

Amount: 8,170 euros.

22.- Specific collaboration agreement between the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness and the University of Alcalá, of 13 June 2016.

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 2016).

Duration: until 31/12/2016.

Amount: 18,382.50 euros.

23.- Specific collaboration agreement between the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness and the University of A Coruña, of 13 June 2016.

Purpose: 2016 scientific-technical evaluation of the groups, units and researchers in the catalogue of the UDC, and of the reports of its university institutes.

Duration: until 31/12/2016.

Amount: 19,919.75 euros.

24.- Specific collaboration agreement between the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness and the INSTITUT D'INVESTIGACIÓ BIOMÈDICA DE LLEIDA FUNDACIÓ DR. PIFARRÉ, 14 June 2016.

Purpose: Scientific and technical evaluation of the CONFUND project "IRBLLEIDA INTERNATIONAL POSTDOCTORAL PROGRAMME (IRBLLEIDA-IPP) - CALL 3" 2016.

Duration: until 31/12/2016.

Amount: 5,100 euros.

25.- Specific collaboration agreement between the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness and the National University of Distance Education, of 17 June 2016.

Purpose: scientific and technical evaluation of the applications submitted in response to the call for postdoctoral contracts.

Duration: until 31/12/2016.

Amount: 7,965.75 euros.

26.- Collaboration agreement between the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness and the Centre for Biomedical Research Network on Neurodegenerative Diseases, of 18 June 2016.

Purpose: scientific and technical evaluation of scientific and technological policy actions promoted by CIBERNED.

Duration: until 18/06/2019.

Amount: Not determined a priori, but as assessments are requested.

27.- Specific collaboration agreement between the State Research Agency and the General Foundation CSIC, of 29 June 2016.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of the applications submitted to the 2016 call of the ComFuturo programme.

Duration: until 31/12/2016.

Amount: 1.225,50

28.- Specific collaboration agreement between the State Research Agency and the Spanish Rheumatology Foundation, of 4 July 2016.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of the Spanish Rheumatology Foundation's Research Promotion Plan.

Duration: until 31/12/2016.

Amount: EUR 408.50.

29.- Collaboration agreement between the State Research Agency and the University of Santiago de Compostela, of 19 July 2016.

Purpose: scientific and technical evaluation of scientific and technological policy actions promoted by the University.

Duration: until 31/12/2017.

Amount: Not determined a priori, but as assessments are requested.

30.- Specific collaboration agreement between the State Research Agency and the Centre for the Development of Industrial Technology, of 29 July 2016.

Purpose: Scientific and technical evaluation of applications submitted to the Strategic Programme for National Business Research Consortia (CIEN 2016).

Duration: until 31/12/2016.

Amount: 10,000 euros.

31.- Specific collaboration agreement between the State Investigation Agency and the Foundation DISA, 6 September 2016.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of the projects submitted to the 2016 call for the "Foundation DISA Medical Research Awards".

Duration: until 31/12/2016.

Amount: 5,514.75 euros.

32.- Specific collaboration agreement between the State Research Agency and the DANONE Institute, dated 6 September 2016.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of the 3rd call for grants from the DANONE Institute for the implementation of scientific research projects and the 23rd call for the DANONE Institute award for scientific career "DR. Carles Martí Henneberg".

Duration: until 31/12/2016.

Amount: 5,342.75 euros.

33.- Specific collaboration agreement between the State Research Agency and the University of Cantabria, of 12 September 2016.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of the 2016 call for grants to carry out projects to promote the creation and consolidation of emerging research groups.

Duration: until 31/12/2016.

Amount: 8,170 euros.

34.- Specific collaboration agreement between the State Research Agency and the Institut d'Investigacions Biomèdiques August Pi i Sunyer (IDIBAPS), of 13 September 2016.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of researchers who are in the last year of their Ramón y Cajal or Miguel Servet contracts.

Duration: until 31/12/2016.

Amount: EUR 408.50.

35.- Specific collaboration agreement between the State Research Agency and the National Institute of Cybersecurity of Spain, S.A., of 20 September 2016.

Purpose: Scientific and technical evaluation of the programme of support for excellence of advanced research teams in cybersecurity.

Duration: until 31/07/2017.

Amount: 7,965.75 euros

36.- Specific collaboration agreement between the State Investigation Agency and the Fundación Caja Canarias, 26 September 2016.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of the call for research project grants Fundación Caja Canarias 2016.

Duration: until 31/03/2017.

Amount: 4,696.75 euros.

37.- Specific collaboration agreement between the State Research Agency and the University of Zaragoza, of 3 October 2016.

Purpose: Scientific and technical evaluation of the 2016 "Enrique Coris Gruat" research prize.

Duration: until 31/05/2017.

Amount: 1,956.50 euros.

38.- Specific collaboration agreement between the State Research Agency and the Regional Ministry of Economy and Infrastructures of the Government of Extremadura, of 23 December 2016.

Purpose: scientific-technical evaluation of its scientific and technological policy actions promoted by the Regional Ministry of Economy and Infrastructures of the Government of Extremadura.

Duration: until 23/12/2019.

Amount: 75,809 euros.

2. Management entrustments.

1.- Management entrustment agreement of the Secretary of State for Research, Development and Innovation, dated 6 July 2016.

Commissioned entity: STATE RESEARCH AGENCY (SRA).

Object: The management by the State Investigation Agency of:

1. The calls for public aid for R&D&I belonging to the State Plan for Scientific and Technical Research and Innovation 2013-2016, which are financed with credits from chapter VIII of the expenditure budget of the State Secretariat for Research, Development and Innovation.
2. The actions pending execution and monitoring arising from calls for R&D&I grants under the 5th National Plan for Scientific Research, Development and Technological Innovation 2004-2007 and the 6th National Plan for Scientific Research, Development and Technological Innovation 2008-2011, which were financed with credits from Chapter VIII of the expenditure budget of the State Secretariat for Research, Development and Innovation or other bodies to which it has succeeded.

3. The collaboration agreements that were signed for the selection of projects for the construction and equipping of R&D&I centres, allocating funding from appropriations from Chapter VIII of the expenditure budget of the former Directorate-General for Scientific and Technical Research and in respect of which the obligations and rights of the beneficiaries of the aid financed from the aforementioned appropriations have not been finalised.

Duration: until the end of the period of validity of the State Plan for Scientific and Technical Research and Innovation 2013-2016, currently extended.

Amount: The amount to be borne by the expenditure budget of the SRA shall be that incurred for the material management which is the subject of this entrustment.

2.- Management entrustment agreement of the state research agency, dated 26 September 2016.

Commissioned entity: NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH AND AGRARIAN TECHNOLOGY AND FOOD (INIA).

Purpose: The management of the process of granting public aid for R+D+I that INIA had been carrying out until the creation and implementation of the SRA and the actions pending monitoring, justification and economic and scientific-technical verification of the aid granted by INIA in previous years.

Duration: Until the approval of the PGE for 2017.

Amount: The INIA's budget will be responsible for the expenses arising from the material management object of this entrustment.

3.- Management assignment of the State Investigation Agency, for the custody of certain documentation and other services in the administrative documentation storage centre, of 23 November 2016.

- a) **Entity entrusted:** SOCIEDAD ESTATAL DE GESTIÓN INMOBILIARIA DE PATRIMONIO, S.A. (SEGIPSA).
- b) **Purpose:** custody and consultation of the boxes of documentation in the containers deposited in the Administrative Documentation Storage Centre (Las Rozas, Madrid) corresponding to documentation managed by the State Investigation Agency.
- c) **Duration:** 1 December 2016 to 30 November 2017.
- d) **Amount:** €81,260.21 including VAT.

3. Agreement Modification: modification of the ERDF co-financing rate established by European Commission Decision C (2012)7821 of 31/10/2012

1. Agreement between the General State Administration (Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness), the Autonomous Community of the Region of Murcia, through the Regional Ministry of Education and Universities, and the Instituto Murciano de Investigación y Desarrollo Agroalimentario (IMIDA), amending the Collaboration Agreement between the Ministry of Science and Innovation, the Autonomous Community of the Region of Murcia, through the Regional Ministry of Universities, Enterprise and Research, and the Instituto Murciano de Investigación y Desarrollo Agroalimentario (IMIDA) in the selection and implementation of scientific infrastructure projects co-financed by ERDF in the field of Biotechnology and Biomedicine, signed on 20 February 2009.

Purpose: Modification to take account of changes in the amounts allocated in the initial budget, without increasing the initial eligible amount or altering the general objectives of the project.

Total cost: 2,100,000

Updated ERDF assistance: 1.680.000

Change ERDF amount: 210.000

Duration: 2/10/2019

2. Agreement between the General State Administration (Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness), the Autonomous Community of the Region of Murcia, through the Regional Ministry of Education and Universities, and the University of Murcia amending the collaboration agreement between the Ministry of Science and Innovation, the Regional Ministry of Universities, Enterprise and Research of the Region of Murcia and the University of Murcia, in the selection and implementation of scientific infrastructure projects co-financed by the ERDF "Construction of a multidisciplinary research centre in biosciences (PLEIADES)", signed on 30 June 2009.

Purpose: Modification to undertake a restructuring of the location forecasts that initially existed in the project, which help to meet the objectives initially foreseen.

Total cost: 5.800.000,000,00

Updated ERDF assistance: 4.640.000,00

Change ERDF amount: 580.000,00

Duration: 2/10/2019

3. Agreement between the General State Administration (Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness), the Generalitat Valenciana and the Energy Technology Institute (ITE) amending the Agreement between the Ministry of Science and Innovation, the Generalitat Valenciana and the Electrical Technology Institute (ITE), for the selection and execution of the project "Construction of new scientific and technological facilities for research and development in the field of new renewable energy sources and their equipment", co-financed by the ERDF, signed on 15 December 2009.

Purpose: Modification to adjust the budget items listed in Annex I of the Agreement, without increasing the initial eligible amount or altering the general objectives of the project.

Total cost: 3,535,245.98

Updated ERDF assistance: 2.828.196,78

Change ERDF amount: 353.524,59

Duration: 2/10/2021

4. Agreement between the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness, the Regional Ministry of Economy and Knowledge of the Andalusian Regional Government and the University of Seville amending the agreement signed between the Ministry of Education and Science, the Regional Ministry of Innovation, Science and Enterprise and the University of Seville, to collaborate in carrying out research and development activities through the construction and equipping of the animal experimentation centre (CEA) in the biomedicine campus of the University of Seville, signed on 21 December 2007.

Purpose: Modification to adjust the budget items listed in Annex I of the Agreement, without increasing the initial eligible amount or altering the general objectives of the project.

Total cost: 10,019,600.00

Updated ERDF assistance: 8.015.680,00

Change ERDF amount: 1.001.960,00

Duration: 31/12/2018

Agreement to amend the agreement (without fee change):

4. Agreement between the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness, the Regional Ministry of Education, Training and Employment of the Autonomous Community of La Rioja and the University of La Rioja, amending the agreement between the Ministry of Science and Innovation, the Regional Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport of the Autonomous Community of La Rioja and the University of La Rioja, in the selection and implementation of scientific infrastructure projects co-financed by the ERDF ("Construction of the Mathematics and Computing Research Centre and Computing Centre"), signed on 26 August 2009.

Purpose: Modification to improve the use of the resources necessary for the development of the project by reducing the total eligible amount, to improve the infrastructure required for research work in mathematics and computing and not to alter the general objectives of the agreement initially signed.

Total cost: 3.956.560,7

Updated ERDF assistance: 1.978.280,37

Change in total amount: -489.771,26

Change in ERDF amount: -244.885,63

Duration: 2/02/2019

**ANNEX II. Participation and representation on national
and international boards, events and forums.**

International boards, commissions and forums.

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.
2. **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.
3. **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.
4. **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.
5. **FINANCIAL COMMISSION OF INL.** Spain has two representatives on the INL financial control commission. M^a del Carmen Peñas has been one of these representatives since 2014.

International Events.

1. **SPANISH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL R&D POLICY. WHAT FROM NOW?**
Meeting of the Governing Board of JPI Water
Málaga, 13 April 2016
2. **RESEARCH POLICY GROUP (RPG) MEETING**
Rome, 14-15 April 2016
3. **TECHNOLOGICAL FORUM: THE FUTURE OF QUANTUM TECHNOLOGIES IN EUROPE**
Amsterdam, 4 May 2016
4. **OPEN SCIENCE: A FRAMEWORK FOR ACCESSIBILITY, TRANSPARENCY AND INTEGRITY OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. New incentives and practices to align with scientific values and societal needs**
RISE High Level Workshop
Palma de Mallorca, 24 May 2016

- 5. SPANISH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION STRATEGY** Meeting of Spanish Centres of Excellence with those of the Pacific Alliance Countries
Lima, 26-27 May 2016
- 6. POLISH INFO DAY - FECYT**
Madrid, 21 September 2016
- 7. COST MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE**
Bratislava, 22 September 2016
- 8. THE WHITE HOUSE ARCTIC SCIENCE MINISTERIAL**
Washington, 28-29 September 2016
- 9. EC COMMUNICATION CAMPAING HORIZON 2020 FINANCIAL RULES**
Madrid, 4 October 2016
- 10. SCIENCE DIPLOMACY**
European Research Council
Brussels, 26 October 2016
- 11. RESEARCH POLICY GROUP (RPG) MEETING**
Prague, 16-17 November 2016
- 12. ERANETMED MULTI-TASK EVENT**
Malaga, 18 November 2016
- 13. ARCTICNET ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS**
Winnipeg, 8-9 December 2016
- 14. RENEWABLE ENERGIES & RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES. PILOT PROGRAM**
EU-CELAC Common Research Area
Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, 12 December 2016
- 15. PREPARING FUTURE FET-FLAGSHIPS**
Brussels, 15 December 2016

National events.

1. THE SPANISH POLAR PROGRAMME

Scientific dissemination conference. Inmaculada Concepción School Madrid, 2 February 2016.

2. PRESENTATION OF THE 2016 STATE PLAN CALLS

Polytechnic University of Barcelona
Barcelona, 30 March 2016

3. OPPORTUNITIES IN RESEARCH ACTIVITY. HORIZON 2020 AND THE NEW STATE RESEARCH AGENCY

Materials Week. Polytechnic University of Madrid
Madrid, 27 April 2016.

4. THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM IN THE AEROSPACE FIELD

II Air Force Aerospace Days
Madrid, 10 May 2016

5. EUROPEAN LINEAR COLLIDER

European Linear Collider Workshop
Santander, 2 June 2016

6. OVERVIEW OF KNOWLEDGE GENERATION IN BIOECONOMICS

INIA Course: Management and Financing of Bioeconomy Projects. Financing the Bioeconomy (EU and Autonomous Regions).
Madrid, 15 June 2016

7. THE STATE RESEARCH AGENCY

Annual meeting of the IGU Network
Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, 16 June 2016

8. THE STATE RESEARCH AGENCY

Annual Meeting IMDEA Materials
Madrid, 17 June 2016

9. EVOLUTION OF RESULTS AND IMPACT IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE SPANISH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY AND IN THE PROGRAMMES OF THE STATE PLAN.

ISCIU-UIMP Course: The economic and social evaluation of health research
Santander, 29 June 2016

10. WHAT IS THE STATE RESEARCH AGENCY AND WHAT ARE ITS FUNCTIONS?

FECIES Forum on Quality in Research
Granada, 30 June 2016

11. SCIENCE POLICY INTEREST IN THE PROMOTION OF SCIENCE IN SPANISH

11th Medes Conference: Medical Spanish and Biomedicine in
Spanish Complutense Summer Courses
El Escorial, 7 July 2016

**12. COMMEMORATION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROTOCOL TO
THE ANTARCTIC TREATY ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

Madrid, 20 September 2016

13. LV CONGRESS OF THE SPANISH SOCIETY OF CERAMICS AND GLASS

Seville, 6 October 2016

14. STRATEGIES TOWARDS ACHIEVING A TOP LEVELS OF SCIENTIFIC EXCELLENCE

Centre de Recerca en Agrigenomica (CRAG)
Barcelona, 17 October 2016

15. CBRN SYSTEMS - INTELLIGENT PREVENTION AND RESILIENCE

Conference of Defence and Security Technology Fundación Círculo
Madrid, 25 October 2016

**16. THE ARCTIC: AN UNKNOWN UNIVERSE IN THE LIGHT OF ITS WOMEN, THE INUIT
WOMEN**

Círculo de Bellas Artes
Madrid, 10 November 2016

17. ROYAL SPANISH SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY AWARDS 2016 CEREMONY

Madrid, 10 November 2016

**18. STRUCTURE OF THE NATIONAL R&D&I PLAN. THE FUTURE OF RESEARCH IN
SPAIN**

Transversal Doctoral Courses. Doctoral School of the University of Cantabria
Santander, 14 November 2016.

19. STATE RESEARCH AGENCY. MISSION AND EXPECTATIONS

ScarceNet Annual Meeting
Barcelona, 15 November 2016

20. REDFUE AWARDS CEREMONY

Madrid, 21 November 2016

21. CASER FOUNDATION AWARDS CEREMONY

Madrid, 29 November 2016

22. STATE RESEARCH AGENCY. MISSION AND EXPECTATIONS

Fair Highlights
Castellón, 25 November 2016

23. PRESENTATION OF THE MAGAZINE MÈTODE

University of Valencia
Valencia, 21 December 2016

National boards, commissions and forums.

1. Governing Board and Control Commission (Presidency) of the AGENCIA ESTATAL CONSEJO SUPERIOR DE INVESTIGACIONES CIENTÍFICAS (CSIC)
2. Governing Board of the CENTRO DE INVESTIGACIONES ENERGÉTICAS, MEDIOAMBIENTALES Y TECNOLÓGICAS (CIEMAT)
3. Governing Council and Delegate Commission of the INSTITUTO DE ASTROFÍSICA DE CANARIAS (IAC)
4. Governing Council of the CARLOS III HEALTH INSTITUTE (ISCIII)
5. Governing Board of the SPANISH INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHY (IEO)
6. PEDRO PASCUAL BENASQUE SCIENCE CENTRE Board of Trustees
7. JESÚS USÓN MINIMAL INVASION SURGERY CENTRE Board of Trustees
8. Board of Directors of GRAN TELESCOPIO DE CANARIAS (GRANTECAN)
9. Governing Council ANFACO-CECOPESCA
10. CIEN Foundation Governing Board and Executive Committee
11. Governing Council and Executive Committee of the CNIO Foundation
12. Governing Board and Executive Committee of the CNIC Foundation
13. Governing Council of the FOUNDATION FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (FECYT)
14. Governing Board of the IMDEA NANO SCIENCE Foundation
15. Board of Trustees of the Security and Defence Technologies Foundation
16. Executive Committee of the Interministerial Commission for the commemoration of the VIII CENTENARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SALAMANCA
17. Interministerial collegiate body managing (presidency) of the YEAR OF BIOTECHNOLOGY IN SPAIN
18. Follow-up Commission of the IGME-SEIDI Commission for the SPANISH POLAR COMMITTEE
19. SPANISH POLAR COMMITTEE (Presidency by delegation of SEIDI)
20. Drafting Group of the SPANISH ROADMAP FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA (National Action Plan for ERA)
21. CASER FOUNDATION AWARDS Jury

Representation of the State Research Agency on Boards, Committees and Commissions.

ENTITY	POSITION
ALINNE Alliance	Executive Committee
	Working groups
ALINSA Alliance	Executive Committee
	Working groups
ENRESA	Member of the Board of Directors
CDTI	Member of the Board Administration
PROFARMA Programme	Member of the Board
Andalusian Wetlands Committee	Member of the Board
GBIF Node Monitoring Committee	Member of the Board
CNH2 (National Hydrogen Centre)	Member of the Governing Board
FLOTPOL	Member of the Commission executive
I2C2 Settlement Commission	Member of the Board
Climate Change Policy Coordination Commission	Member of the Board
COCSABO	Member of the Board
Spanish Metrology Centre	Member of the Board
CEPAFIC. Spanish Committee for the Protection of Animals Used for Scientific Purposes	Member of the Board
State Council for Natural Heritage and the Biodiversity	Member of the Board

ENTITY	POSITION
CIOMG (Inter-Ministerial Council of genetically modified organisms)	Representative at DG level
Working Group on the Internationalisation of Universities	Member of the Board
CIOA (Interministerial Commission for the Management food)	Representative at DG level
CNB (National Biosafety Commission)	4 Members
AESAN (Institutional Commission of the Spanish Food Safety and Nutrition Agency)	Member of the Board
Interministerial Marine Science Commission	Member of the Board
National Water Council	Member of the Board
Spanish Committee of the MaB programme (Man and UNESCO Biosphere Programme).	Member of the Board
NCC (National Climate Council)	2 Members