

Spain - AEI

Name of Funding agency	Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)
Geographical coverage (national/regional)	National
Name of the programme/initiative	Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional
Programme website	Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional Agencia Estatal de Investigación
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Funding Commitment	€1,000,000
Anticipated number of fundable research partners	N/A

Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner

The following funding limits are considered eligibility criteria. Proposals not respecting these limits could be declared non eligible.

IMPORTANT: a maximum of two Spanish Partners requesting funding to the AEI in the same Proposal are allowed.

The following funding limits for direct costs (and additional 25 % of indirect costs can be added) are considered eligibility criteria. Proposals not respecting these limits could be declared ineligible. Please, indicate separately direct and indirect cost and keep amounts multiple of 1000. In any case, the AEI will round the numbers to a multiple of 1000.

Maximum amount per Proposal NOT coordinated by a Spanish partner funded by AEI:

- If there is only one Spanish partner in the proposal, the maximum funding is 140.000€.

If the Consortium is led by a Spanish Coordinator funded by AEI, the maximum funding amounts per proposal are the following:

- if there is only one Spanish Partner in the proposal, acting as Coordinator: 220.000€.
- if there is one Spanish Partner in addition to the Spanish Coordinator: 260.000€.

	Direct Costs (€)	Indirect costs (€)	Total
One Applicant	140.000	35.000	175.000
One Coordinator	220.000	55.000	275.000
One Coordinator + one applicant	260.000	65.000	325.000

Up to additional € 30.000 (direct costs) can be granted for the entire proposal if the work plan includes substantial experimental tasks to be carried out by the Spanish Partners, that must be clearly justified in the budget.

IMPORTANT: Two AEI applicants are ONLY allowed in case one of them is the coordinator. Otherwise, only one AEI-applicant per proposal is allowed.



Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range	All TRLs
Funding rates (approx.)	100% of eligible costs



**Major eligibility criteria
(e.g. types of organisations,
thematic restriction, cost types
and caps)**

The [AEI](#) is the national authority which funds non-profit R&D organizations such as:

- Public Research Centres
- Public and Private Universities
- Other non-profit R&D organizations, in which R&I activities are defined as the main objective.

Entities and Principal Investigators (PIs) must comply with the requirements and incompatibilities included in [Resolución requisitos generales](#).

Such as:

- Entities must have previously been beneficiaries of any R&D&I aid granted by the AEI.
- Spanish Principal Investigators must demonstrate experience as investigators in projects funded by the Plan Estatal I+D+i 2013-2016, or subsequent plans or other relevant national or international programmes.
- Principal Investigators will not be eligible for funding if they apply in more than one proposal of this transnational joint call, in more than one proposal in the same PCI call (or equivalent) and in PCI calls (or equivalent) of consecutive years.
- If the same PI submits two or more proposals to the present call, all but one will be declared ineligible, without the possibility of changing the PI.
- A PI that has been granted a PCI the previous year will be declared ineligible, without the possibility of changing the PI.
- PIs must remain unchanged between the proposal of this transnational joint call and the national PCI call.

Incompatibilities must be taken into account when participating in different ERA-NETs or other international initiatives



The projects granted by the [AEI](#) must be aligned with the main objectives described in the latest State Plan for Scientific and Technical Research and Innovation (more information at: [MICIU](#)).

AEI will fund those applicants involved in tasks indubitably related to research and technology development and innovation, not considering as such if the applicant only participates in mere communication or dissemination or similar activities. Please contact AEI in advance to check eligibility.

The AEI will avoid double funding and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded through other national or EU calls.

Eligible costs are among others: (see Article 8 in [PCI2025-1](#) for reference)

- Personnel costs: Contracts (gross remuneration and contributions to social security) exclusively intended to the funded project implementation. Fellowships are not eligible.

The costs of permanent staff linked to the beneficiary entity or members of the research team will not be considered eligible costs.

- Direct costs such as current costs, disposable materials, travelling expenses, coordination costs, and other costs that can be justified as necessary to carry out the proposed activities.
- Indirect costs (overheads) are eligible costs (25% of total direct costs).

Mandatory acknowledgement:

Any publication or dissemination activity resulting from the granted projects must acknowledge funding by the Agencia Estatal de Investigación: “Project (reference nº XX) funded by the Agencia Estatal de Investigación through the PCI XX call (or its equivalent)”. Otherwise grant reduction could be applied

<p>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</p>	<p>Each Principal Investigator must fill in and sign electronically a “declaración responsable del investigador principal ” regarding requirements compliance. The corresponding template will be available at M-ERA.NET section in Convocatorias Internacionales Agencia Estatal de Investigación</p> <p>IMPORTANT and NEW!</p> <p>Submission of proposals at the AEI are required at pre-proposal phase. Each PI from an AEI eligible institution requesting funding from AEI must complete the submission procedure App Solic Internacional and his/her entity Legal Representative must register the proposal submission within one week after the PO submission deadline. All the information regarding this process will be available and permanently updated at Convocatorias Internacionales Agencia Estatal de Investigación.</p> <p>The PI must upload a copy of the international joint pre-proposal, and the “Declaración responsable del investigador principal” by the AEI submission tool App Solic Internacional.</p>
<p>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</p>	<p>Only for selected projects during project execution.</p> <p>Please consult PCI 2025-1 for specific details of the procedure, since requirements will be similar.</p>
<p>Further guidance</p>	<p>At national level, the Call is managed by the Sub-directorate for Horizontal Programmes and Internationalisation of AEI</p>