

Asturias. Spain – SEKUENS Agency

Name of Funding agency	<p>AGENCIA DE CIENCIA, COMPETITIVIDAD EMPRESARIAL E INNOVACIÓN DEL PRINCIPADO DE ASTURIAS -Agencia SEKUENS</p> <p>(Asturian Agency for Science, Business Competitiveness and Innovation - SEKUENS Agency)</p>
Geographical coverage (national/regional)	Regional
Name of the programme/initiative	Grants for participation in international joint calls
Programme website	Cliquez ou appuyez ici pour entrer du texte.
Contact person(s) (e-mail, tel.)	Ana E. Fernández Monzón – anae@sekuens.es
Funding Commitment	250.000,00€ The budget could be increased if any similar remaining funds become available.
Anticipated number of fundable research partners	2-3
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner	150.000,00€
Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range	3-8 The contribution of the regional partners to the international project must fall within the category of Industrial Research or Experimental Development as described in the Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014.

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Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)	<p>Only companies (of any size) are eligible. R&T Centres & Universities are welcome as subcontractors. Only activities to be carried out by applicants based in Asturias will be eligible.</p> <p>Eligible costs:</p> <p>(a) Personnel costs (experienced researchers and technicians). Only own personnel under contracts in Grupo 1, 2 or 3. Social Security contributions are not eligible.</p> <p>(b) Cost of contractual research: technical knowledge and patents bought or licensed at market prices, and costs of consultancy and equivalent services used exclusively for the research activity. Subcontracting costs up to 50% of the budget.</p> <p>(c) Costs of materials, supplies and similar products directly linked to the research activity.</p> <p>(d) International travel costs incurred directly as a result of the project.</p> <p>(e) Cost of the project audit fee.</p> <p>(f) 15% of the personnel cost as a flat rate</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Contribution group to Social Security</th> <th>Professional category</th> <th>Maximum cost/hour</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td rowspan="3">Contribution group 1</td> <td>Technical project manager</td> <td>64,97 €/h</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Principal investigator or senior scientist</td> <td>53,61 €/h</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Associate researcher or junior scientist</td> <td>42,27 €/h</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Contribution group 2</td> <td>Specialised technical staff</td> <td>36,60 €/h</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Contribution group 3</td> <td>Support or technical assistance technician</td> <td>22,11 €/h</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For self-employed persons who have an employment relationship with the beneficiary, the maximum eligible cost/hour is determined considering only the professional category in the table above. <p>Minimum budget per regional applicant and project: 100.000€ (expected budget 125.000€)</p> <p>Thematic scope: The activities to be carried out by the regional partners must be aligned with the S3 strategy.</p> <p>Other eligibility criteria: The project will not start before the submission of the application at regional level.</p>	Contribution group to Social Security	Professional category	Maximum cost/hour	Contribution group 1	Technical project manager	64,97 €/h	Principal investigator or senior scientist	53,61 €/h	Associate researcher or junior scientist	42,27 €/h	Contribution group 2	Specialised technical staff	36,60 €/h	Contribution group 3	Support or technical assistance technician	22,11 €/h
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Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)	<p>SEKUENS will usually require partners to submit a regional application form once, after the final international decision has been made.</p> <p>Additionally, SEKUENS may request further information from the Asturian partners after the deadline of each step, generally by email, to facilitate eligibility checks.</p>
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	<p>At regional level, only one final report is required at the end of the project.</p> <p>No pre-financing except in exceptional cases.</p>
Further guidance	<p>All national and regional legal requirements apply, such as the exclusion of undertakings in difficulty, measures to prevent late payment and the prohibition of subcontracting with related parties except in the case of technology centres.</p> <p>This grant may impact the eligible budget submitted by an applicant for other R&D calls launched by SEKUENS in the same year.</p> <p>Applicants are advised to contact SEKUENS as soon as possible they decide to participate.</p>