



AEI, Spain

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Funding Organisation	Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI - State Research Agency), Spain
Funding program	Instrument for funding the Spanish groups The instrument for funding the Spanish groups is being redesigned for simplification. The current instrument, the Spanish call on RDI projects “International Joint programming (PCI)”, could be replaced in 2021. Nevertheless, applicants are encouraged to consult the PCI 2020 call, since the requirements will be similar. Funding Programme: The framework for this funding action is the Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica, Técnica e Innovación 2021-2023. On a national level, the Call will be managed by the Subdivisión de Programas Científico-Técnicos Transversales, Fortalecimiento y Excelencia of the AEI. Data Protection: By submitting a grant application to the AEI, the applicants consent to communication of the data contained in the application to other public administrations, with the aim of further processing of the data for historical, statistical or scientific purposes, within the framework of the Organic Law 3/2018, of December 5, on Personal Data Protection and Guarantee of Digital Rights.
Funding objective	The projects granted by the State Research Agency must be aligned with the main objectives described in the <i>Programa Estatal</i> . Link to Plan Estatal
Anticipated amount of funding for this call	Indicative funding amount: € 1.000.000 (national contribution)

Anticipated no. of funded research projects	~4-5
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Eligible Institutions	The eligible entities for the AEI funding are: Non-profit research organizations (such as universities, public research institutions, technological centres and other private non-profit institutions performing RDI activities in Spain), as per PCI 2020 call . Although private enterprises are not funded by the AEI, the Spanish industrial sector is welcome to participate in the transnational consortia using their own funds or obtaining funds from the CDTI or other innovation and technological development funding agencies.
Eligible PIs	<u>Mandatory:</u> The Spanish Principal Investigators (PIs) must be eligible according to the PCI calls and must have experience as investigators in projects funded by the <i>Plan Nacional I+D+i 2008-2011</i>, the <i>Plan Estatal I+D+i 2013-2016</i>, the <i>Plan Estatal I+D+i 2017-2020</i>, ERC Grants, European Framework Programmes or other relevant international programmes. <u>Incompatibilities</u> (these must be taken into account when participating in different ERA-Nets or other international initiatives): - 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 of consecutive years. - Principal Investigators must remain unchanged between the proposal of this transnational joint call and the national PCI call (or equivalent). <u>The AEI will avoid double funding and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded through other national or EU calls.</u>
Eligible Costs	<u>Eligible Costs:</u> - Personnel costs for temporary employment contracts - Direct costs (VAT included) such as current costs, small scientific equipment, disposable materials, travelling expenses, coordination costs, and other costs that can be justified as necessary to carry out the proposed activities.

	• Indirect costs (maximum 20%) • Clinical trials (proofs of concept, proofs of principle) are not eligible for funding in the PCI call.
Maximum requested per project	The following funding limits are considered eligibility criteria. Proposals not respecting these limits could be declared ineligible: • If the Consortium is NOT LED by a Spanish Coordinator and: ◦ there is only one Spanish Partner in the proposal: € 175.000 plus indirect costs ◦ there are two Spanish Partners in the proposal, the amount for both Partners is: € 225.000 plus indirect costs • If the Consortium IS LED by a Spanish Coordinator and: ◦ there is only one Spanish Partner in the proposal acting as Coordinator: € 250.000 plus indirect costs ◦ there are two Spanish Partners in the proposal and one is acting as Coordinator, the amount for both Partners is: € 300.000 plus indirect costs IMPORTANT: A maximum of two Spanish Partners requesting funding to the AEI in the same proposal are allowed. Centers formed by different Spanish legal entities will be considered as a unique entity, and thus the maximum funding should not exceed the limits per proposal established above (for example, mixed centers). The final funding will take into account the transnational evaluation of the collaborative proposal, the scientific quality of the Spanish group, the added value of the international collaboration, and the financial resources available.
Mandatory acknowledge	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)".