

Country	Spain																				
Funding organisation	Agencia Estatal de Investigación																				
National contact person	Ana Revilla Era4Health@aei.gob.es																				
Funding commitment	800.000 €																				
Anticipated number of fundable proposals	4-5																				
Maximum/ Minimum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	The following funding limits for a three-year project are considered eligibility criteria. Proposals not respecting these limits could be declared ineligible. Two partners per project asking to the AEI are allowed only if one of them is the coordinator of the international proposal. The budget distribution in this case should be balanced. <table><tr><th>Maximum funding per project</th><th>CD (€)*</th><th>CI (25%) (€)*</th><th>TOTAL (€)*</th></tr><tr><td>One AEI applicant (partner)</td><td>140.000</td><td>35.000</td><td>175.000</td></tr><tr><td>One AEI applicant – (coordinator)</td><td>220.000</td><td>55.000</td><td>275.000</td></tr><tr><td>One coordinator and one applicant- (balanced budgets)</td><td>260.000</td><td>65.000</td><td>325.000</td></tr><tr><td>Additional funding for substantial experimental tasks (per project)</td><td>30.000</td><td>7.500</td><td>37.500</td></tr></table> * The direct costs must be rounded to the thousands in the application. Indirect costs are 25% of direct costs requested. Only excellent proposals with exclusively RDI activities will be funded by the AEI. Entire communication work packages, without research associated, are not eligible costs for AEI. 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.	Maximum funding per project	CD (€)*	CI (25%) (€)*	TOTAL (€)*	One AEI applicant (partner)	140.000	35.000	175.000	One AEI applicant – (coordinator)	220.000	55.000	275.000	One coordinator and one applicant- (balanced budgets)	260.000	65.000	325.000	Additional funding for substantial experimental tasks (per project)	30.000	7.500	37.500
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Eligibility of partners	Eligibility for organizations (please read carefully) The AEI will fund non-profit research organizations (such as universities, research centres, technological centres and other private non-profit institutions performing RDI activities in Spain). They must have been previously beneficiaries of any of the AEI calls, and they must ensure contractual relationship with the Principal Investigator (PI) during the whole duration of the project. Be aware that applicants from the Accredited Health Research Institutes (IIS), hospitals, primary health care or public health administration of the																				

Spanish National Health System (SNS) and CIBER must apply for funding to the Instituto de Salud Carlos III (ISCIII), also participating in this call.

After the evaluation process and based on their budgetary availability and requested funding of selected projects, AEI and ISCIII reserve the right to exchange applicants to each other to optimize the available funds, provided the respective eligibility rules are met.

IMPORTANT: Spanish legal entities which are part of mixed centres will be considered as a unique beneficiary, and thus the maximum funding should not exceed the limits per proposal established above.

Although not fundable by the AEI, the private sector is encouraged to participate in consortia with Spanish academic groups, using their own funds or applying to national or regional calls by CDTI or regional innovation agencies. This is especially encouraged when there are for profit companies from other countries in the consortium or for projects coordinated by Spanish PIs.

Eligibility criteria for PIs

The Spanish Principal Investigators (PIs) must hold a PhD degree.

PIs must be eligible according to the [PCI general requirements](#) of the corresponding PCI call (read [PCI2025_2 call](#) as an example) and must have experience as investigators (not necessarily as PIs) in projects funded by any of the National Plans of I+D+i from 2013 onwards, ERC Grants, European Framework Programmes or other relevant national or international programmes.

Incompatibilities (these must be considered when participating in different ERA-Nets, partnerships or other international initiatives funded by PCI):

- PIs will not be eligible for funding if they apply as PIs to more than one proposal in this transnational joint call (including those requesting to the ISCIII), to more than one proposal in the same Spanish PCI call and/or to PCI calls 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 future changes. Changing PI will not be allowed.
- PI granted the previous year with a PCI will be declared ineligible, without the possibility of changing the PI.
- PIs must remain unchanged between the pre and full proposal of this transnational joint call, and the national PCI call.
- The AEI will avoid double funding and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded through other national or EU calls.

Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	○ Please, consult “<i>Artículo 8. Conceptos financiados</i>”, especially letter a) Costes de Personal, in PCI2025_2 call resolution as a reference, since eligible costs will be similar. ○ Contracts for supporting personnel (gross remuneration and social security contributions) related to the implementation of the funded project are eligible costs. The contract must specify the percentage of the hired person's time dedicated to the project. 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 are eligible. ○ Indirect costs (overheads) are eligible costs (25% of total direct costs, including subcontracting). ○ Subcontracting should not exceed 25% of total requested budget. ○ Clinical trials are eligible up to phase 1, with a maximum of 50% of the total budget.
Submission of the proposal at the national level IMPORTANT and NEW!	Funding Programme: The framework for this funding action is the “Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica, Técnica e Innovación 2024-2027”. On a national level, the call will be managed by the “Subdivisión de Programas Científico-Técnicos Transversales, Fortalecimiento y Excelencia (STRAN)” of the AEI. Instrument for funding The instrument for funding the Spanish groups is the call for “Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional (PCI)”. Please, read carefully PCI2025_2 call resolution as an example. Submission of the pre and full proposal at the national level: PIs and beneficiaries are strongly encouraged to check eligibility before submitting a pre-proposal, since no changes will be accepted afterwards. No PI or beneficiary changes will be accepted between pre and full proposal as well as during the national call phase. Submission of proposals at the AEI application website 1) Within one week after the pre-proposal submission in the partnership website, the Spanish PI must ALSO submit a copy of the international joint pre-proposal at the new AEI application website. 2) Maximum one week after the deadline of the call, the Spanish PI must send duly signed the “Declaración Responsable”* to era4health@aei.gob.es. *This document can also be downloaded from the AEI application website.

	Applicants should include both the PI's full name (with both surnames, if applicable) and the full legal name of their institution as it is stated in the Sistema de Entidades (SISEN) .
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level	Financial and scientific reports are required as indicated in the national PCI2025 2 call resolution since will be similar.
Further guidance	Acknowledgement: Any publication or dissemination activity resulting from the granted projects must acknowledge funding by the “Agencia Estatal de Investigación” according to AEI’s web guidelines. Beneficiaries are obliged by these requirements and those of the international call. Data Protection: By submitting a grant application, 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.