



National Annex: Spain – MEC

Partner:

Ministerio de Educación y Ciencia / Ministry of Education and Science (MEC)

Purpose of funding:

This call for research proposals, jointly implemented by the MEC in Spain, the BMBF in Germany and the ANR in France intends, on the one side, the further development of the former Trilateral Cooperation on Plant Genomics into a Mutual Research Programme to support the “Transnational **Plant alliance for novel technologies** - toward implementing the Knowledge Based Bio-Economy (**PLANT-KBBE**) in Europe”. On the other side, the MEC is attending the main objectives described in both the **Programa Nacional de Internacionalización de la I+D** and the **Acción Estratégica de Biotecnología** of the **Plan Nacional de I+D+I 2008-2011**. In this context, the reinforcement of public-private collaboration in research and the participation of Spanish groups in international cooperative research projects are among the most remarkable purposes of this action.

Eligibility and legal basis for funding:

The MEC will support research institutions located in Spain and will be responsible for taking the final decision regarding the awarding of funds to the Spanish partners, taking fully into account the transnational evaluation of the cooperative project and the financial resources available. The entities eligible for MEC funding are universities and other public research institutions and *centros tecnológicos*, as well as private non-profit institutions and industrial enterprises that develop R&D activities in Spain. Although industrial private companies can participate in this call as full members of the transnational consortia, they must do it together with at least one Spanish public research or private non-profit institution in the same consortium.

The following categories of expenses can be financed within this programme: 1) personnel costs for temporary contracts; 2) current costs necessary to carry out the proposed activities; 3) indirect costs (overheads). For public research institutions, up to 100% of the marginal costs of the project can be financed. Funding rates for the industrial enterprises will be in accordance with the European State Aid Rules. The MEC intends to support this call with up to 5 million Euros, although this budget is subject to the scientific quality of the proposals and the availability of the respective financial resources.

Further instructions:

As stated in the call text, the project leader of each consortium must submit the full proposal electronically to the Call Secretariat (in the MEC, Spain). Once the transnational evaluation procedure has been completed and the researchers involved have been notified, the Spanish applicants from public institutions that are offered funding will be invited to formally apply to the call of the **Programa Nacional de Internacionalización de la I+D** that will be implemented by the **Dirección General de Investigación-MEC**. The institution to which the Spanish public research partner or private non-profit partner belongs will then submit the corresponding national application. Spanish industrial enterprises will participate in the project as sub-contracted by the Spanish public research institutions or private non-profit institutions in the same consortium. In cases when more than one Spanish partner take part in the same consortium, they all will apply to a “coordinated project”, and one of them will be nominated as the national project coordinator. The Spanish partners awarded in this call should submit an annual interim report in accordance with the regulations established in the corresponding national call.

Call Secretariat: MEC

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