



National Annex: Spain – MEC

Partner: Ministerio de Educación y Ciencia (MEC) - Ministry of Education and Science

Notice: The MEC is offering financial support within the 1st Call for Proposals of the Plant Genomics ERA-NET, closely related to its funding activities within the “Programa Nacional de Biotecnología -Acción Estratégica de Genómica y Proteómica-” and as a continuation of the former trilateral call in cooperation with the corresponding French and German Ministries. The MEC funding will be available only to support Spanish participants / bodies / entities participating in Sub-Call B “Trilateral partnership and beyond – The future of European public/private partnership in plant genomics”. It is expected that the total MEC budget available for this Sub-Call B will not exceed € 3 million. The official announcement of the national call for Spain will be published by the MEC on its web page –ERA-NET related calls section- (www.mec.es) and it will be distributed through additional information sources.

Eligibility and national funding modalities: The entities eligible for MEC funding are universities and other public research institutions, as well as industrial enterprises and other private entities that realize R&D activities in Spain. The participation of industrial enterprises and private entities will only be considered within consortia involving a public research or private non-profit making Spanish institution. Consortia that consist exclusively of public bodies may apply to Sub-Call B, although priority will be given to *Collaborative Research Projects* that involve both public research institutions and industrial enterprises. The aim of these joint public-private consortia is to favour the establishment of networks and to make more efficient use of the combined available resources.

The following categories of expenses can be financed within this programme: personnel costs for temporary contracts offered to personnel not already associated with the institution; and current costs such as those incurred in purchasing small scientific and IT equipment, disposable materials, travelling expenses and other costs that can be properly justified as necessary to carry out the proposed activities. For public research institutions, up to 100% of the marginal costs of the project can also be financed. For industrial enterprises and other private entities the EC “Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development” must be observed.

After evaluation and selection, the procedure for which is described in the common text of the call, the final decision to finance proposals will be made by the funding agency in accordance with the funds available.

Additional national regulations and guidelines: Once the final decision on funding has been made and communicated to the participants, the Spanish applicants from public institutions that are offered funding will be invited to formally apply to the call for “Acciones Complementarias” of the ‘Dirección General de Investigación’ (MEC) in accordance with its specific rules. Industrial enterprises and other private entities that are to be funded will be invited to apply to the corresponding calls of the “Plan Nacional de I+D+i”, launched by the ‘Dirección General de Política Tecnológica’ (MEC), in accordance with its specific rules.

Consortium Agreement and Intellectual Property Rights: Prior to the making a decision regarding the funding of *Collaborative Research Project*, the cooperating partners must draw up and conclude a Consortium Agreement addressing current and anticipated postures regarding IPR, both within and outside the consortium.

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