



Resolution of the Presidency of the State Research Agency, approving the call for early processing for the year 2025 of the procedure for granting grants to encourage the incorporation of consolidated talent "ATRAE Programme", within the framework of the State Human Resources Programme, of the State Plan for Scientific, Technical and Innovation Research for the period 2024-2027.

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The grants subject to this call correspond to actions of the State Plan for Scientific, Technical and Innovation Research 2024-2027 (hereinafter, State Plan), integrated into the Spanish Strategy for Science, Technology and Innovation 2021-2027, approved by Agreement of the Council of Ministers at its meeting of 7 May 2024.

The State Plan has a structure based on five vertical programmes directly related to the general objectives of the Spanish Strategy for Science, Technology and Innovation: the Human Resources Programme; the Program for Research and Experimental Development; the Transfer and Collaboration Program; the Innovation Program; the R+D+I Infrastructure Program. This call is part of the State Human Resources Program.

One of the objectives of the State Human Resources Programme is to enhance the capacity of the Spanish System of Science, Technology and Innovation (SECTI) to train, attract and retain talent, prioritising stable employment and adequate working conditions (Specific Objective 1) and encouraging and recognising the development of scientific, technical and technological careers (Specific Objective 2). To this end, as part of the aforementioned State Programme, the Sub-programme for Training, Attraction and Retention of Research and Innovative Talent is configured, within which the grants subject to this call are framed. The actions of this sub-programme are aimed at the development of an attractive scientific, technological and/or innovative career and for this purpose differentiated instruments are available from training in initial phases (pre-doctoral and post-doctoral), to the stabilisation of research and innovative staff, both in the public and private spheres.

This call was previously framed in the State Program to Develop, Attract and Retain Talent, contemplated in the State Plan for Scientific, Technical and Innovation Research 2021-2023. One of the objectives of this State Program was to improve the retention and attraction of talent through the implementation of a predictable and stable scientific career. These objectives are shared and have continuity in the State Human Resources Program, of the State Plan for the period 2024-2027.

The single transitional provision of Order CIN/1025/2022, of 27 October, published in the "Official State Gazette" of 29 October, approving the regulatory bases for the granting of public aid corresponding to various programmes and sub-programmes of the State Plan for Scientific and Technical Research and Innovation 2021-2023, whose management corresponds to the State Research Agency, amended by Order CNU/1459/2023, of 26 December, and Order CNU/307/2024, of 4 April, published in the "Official State Gazette" of 12 January and 9 April

2024, respectively, establishes that once the State Plan that replaces the current one is approved and until the regulatory bases of the new plan are approved, This Order will apply to new calls for applications for those programmes and sub-programmes that maintain continuity or equivalence.

As indicated above, this 2025 call for grants to encourage research consolidation is approved under Order CIN/1025/2022, of 27 October.

The objective of this call is to facilitate the incorporation of consolidated research talent, of recognized international prestige, so as to promote progress towards a more competitive Spanish System of Science, Technology and Innovation (SECTI) at a national and international level. It is, therefore, a matter of promoting the circulation of knowledge and excellent research staff, incorporating them in a stable way in the SECTI, supporting their careers and stimulating the generation and consolidation of top-level research teams.

In order to enhance the participation of scientific personnel from research entities located in the territory of the United States of America, one of the leaders in the field of research worldwide, the maximum amount of aid they can apply for is increased.

The State Research Agency, created by Royal Decree 1067/2015, of 27 November, which creates the State Research Agency and approves its Statute, is attached to the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities, through the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Universities and has among its functions, in accordance with Article 5 of its Statute, among others, the management of the programmes, instruments and actions awarded to it within the framework of the State Plans for Scientific and Technical Research and Innovation, any other that is expressly assigned to it by the General State Administration or those that derive from collaboration agreements entered into with other entities or other actions, through the objective and impartial allocation of available resources.

The State Research Agency will respond to the principles of transparency and efficiency, while guaranteeing the adoption of an effective management model that simplifies procedures and reduces administrative burdens for citizens.

This resolution, which approves the call for applications for the year 2025 of the procedure for granting aid to encourage the incorporation of consolidated talent "ATRAE Programme", is issued in accordance with the provisions of Articles 10 and 23 of Law 38/2003, of 17 November, General Subsidies, and Articles 17 and 18 of Order CIN/1025/2022, of 27 October.

This resolution is also issued under the provisions of Article 149.1.15 of the Constitution, which attributes to the State the exclusive competence in the promotion and general coordination of scientific and technical research.

By virtue of the foregoing, and with the prior authorization of the Council of Ministers, I order:

CHAPTER I

General aspects

Article 1. *Object and purpose of the aid.*

1. The purpose of this resolution is to approve the call for applications for the year 2025 of the procedure for granting grants to encourage the incorporation of consolidated talent "ATRAE Programme", included in the State Human Resources Programme, within the framework of the State Plan for Scientific, Technical and Innovation Research for the period 2024-2027.

2. The purpose of these grants is to facilitate the incorporation of consolidated research talent, of recognised international prestige and who have recently developed a relevant period of their professional activity abroad, to promote progress towards a more competitive Spanish System of Science, Technology and Innovation (SECTI) at national and international level. It is, therefore, a matter of promoting the circulation of knowledge and excellent research staff, incorporating them in a stable way in the SECTI, supporting their careers and stimulating the generation and consolidation of top-level research teams.

3. Consolidated researchers, of recognised international prestige, are considered to be people who meet criteria such as being among the 10% of most outstanding researchers in their area of specialisation at a global level, being a researcher in charge of an active European Research Council (ERC) project, having the highest level of the academic/research career in the country of origin, or having directed as PI a significant number of research projects in competitive calls, whether national from any country or international, having made contributions of great relevance and impact in their area of specialization throughout their career.

Article 2. *Concession regime and applicable regulations.*

1. The granting of aid will be carried out on a competitive basis, in accordance with the principles of publicity, transparency, objectivity, equality and non-discrimination, as well as those of effectiveness in meeting the objectives and efficiency in the allocation and use of public resources, established in Article 8.3 of Law 38/2003, of 17 November, General Subsidies and its Regulations, approved by Royal Decree 887/2006, of 21 July.

2. The grants subject to this call will be subject to the provisions of this resolution and Order CIN/1025/2022, of 27 October, published in the "Official State Gazette" of 29 October, which approves the regulatory bases for the granting of public aid corresponding to various programmes and sub-programmes of the State Plan for Scientific and Technical Research and Innovation 2021-2023, whose management corresponds to the State Research Agency (hereinafter regulatory bases), amended by Order CNU/1459/2023, of 26 December, and Order CNU/307/2024, of 4 April, published in the "Official State Gazette" of 12 January and 9 April 2024, respectively.

3. The following regulations will apply to the grants subject to this call, among others:

a) General Law 38/2003, of 17 November, on Subsidies and its implementing regulations, approved by Royal Decree 887/2006, of 21 July.

b) Law 14/2011, of 1 June, on Science, Technology and Innovation, amended by Law 17/2022, of 5 September.

c) Law 39/2015, of 1 October, on the Common Administrative Procedure of Public Administrations.

d) Law 40/2015, of 1 October, on the Legal Regime of the Public Sector.

e) Organic Law 3/2018, of 5 December, on the Protection of Personal Data and guarantee of digital rights.

f) Royal Decree-Law 1/2023, of 10 January, on urgent measures regarding incentives for employment and improvement of the social protection of artists.

4. In accordance with Article 2.1.1 of the Commission Communication on the Framework for State aid for Research and Development and Innovation (2022/C 414/01), published in the

Official Journal of the European Union C 414 of 28 October 2022, the provisions of Article 107.1 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union shall not apply to the aid provided for in this resolution, which will be granted to research organizations for non-economic activities. Beneficiary entities that, in addition to non-economic activities, carry out economic activities, must separately indicate the respective financing, costs and income.

When the research organisation carries out almost exclusively non-economic activities, they may be excluded in their entirety from the scope of Article 107.1 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union provided that their economic activities are purely ancillary; that is, they must correspond to an activity that is directly related to its operation or is necessary for the operation of the research organisation or is closely linked to its main non-economic use, and has a limited scope.

This shall be considered to occur when economic activities consume the same inputs (such as material, equipment, labour and fixed capital) as non-economic activities and the capacity allocated each year to such economic activities does not exceed 20% of the total annual capacity of the entity concerned.

5. In application of the provisions of the previous paragraph, the aid contemplated in this resolution will not be considered State aid.

6. The implementation of actions subject to the aid provided for in this call must comply with the provisions of international principles and the regulations in force that are applicable to them in accordance with the field of knowledge and action in which they are carried out, in accordance with the provisions of Annex III. It is the responsibility of the beneficiary entities to ensure compliance.

7. The beneficiary entities must comply with Law 31/1995, of 8 November, on the prevention of Occupational Risks and its implementing regulations, in particular Royal Decree 171/2004, of 30 January, which implements Article 24 of Law 31/1995, of 8 November, on the Prevention of Occupational Risks, in terms of the coordination of business activities. Likewise, they must comply with the obligations in terms of gender equality established in the regulatory framework in force, which is applicable to them, especially those included in Organic Law 3/2007, of 22 March, for the effective equality of women and men, and in Law 14/2011, of 1 June, amended by Law 17/2022, of 5 September.

8. The Recommendation of the European Commission (2005/251/EC) of 11/03/2005 ('Official Journal of the European Union' L75 of 22/03/2005), on the European Charter for Researchers and Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers, shall apply to the grants announced in this resolution.

Article 3. *Competent bodies for the investigation and resolution of the procedure.*

1. The body competent to instruct the procedure for awarding the grants subject to this call is the Planning and Administrative Management Subdivision of the State Research Agency.

2. The competent body for the resolution of the award procedure is the Presidency of the State Research Agency.

Article 4. *Communications between the Administration and interested persons.*

1. All communications and notifications made in the procedure for granting the aid contemplated in this call, during its implementation period and in its justification and monitoring,

as well as in any reimbursement procedures that may be initiated, will be made through electronic means.

2. The use of the established electronic means shall be mandatory both for the notification or publication of the administrative acts issued and for the submission of applications, documents and communications, which must always be attached in "PDF" format and with a maximum size of 4 MB, by the interested parties.

3. By virtue of the provisions of Article 45 of Law 39/2015, of 1 October, the notification of the procedures for rectification, withdrawal resolution, exclusion resolution, proposal for provisional resolution, proposal for final resolution and decision to grant will be made by publication on the Agency's website, having all the effects of notification made.

4. The rest of the procedures provided for in this call may be notified by publication on the Agency's website or by means of the electronic appearance procedure at the electronic headquarters of the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities (hereinafter, the Ministry's electronic headquarters), provided for in Article 43.1 of Law 39/2015, of 1 October.

5. Without prejudice to the specific provisions contained in Article 21 regarding the economic and scientific-technical justification, the notification of the procedures for correcting the justification and any reimbursement procedures shall be made through the Virtual File Folder-Facilit@ (hereinafter Facilit@).

In turn, the electronic submission of the supporting account of the grants (the scientific and technical monitoring reports and the justifying economic reports) must be done through direct access to the Telematic Justification of Aid procedure (Justiweb), located at the Ministry's electronic headquarters.

6. Without prejudice to the specific provisions contained in Article 12 with regard to the submission of applications, both the actions arising from the procedures described in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 above and the submission by the interested parties of any other type of application, document or communication must be made through Facilit@, in the manner established in the following sections.

7. Both the proposed principal investigator (hereinafter, PI) and the person who holds the legal representation of the applicant entity must be previously registered in the RUS (Unified Registry of Applicants), available at the Ministry's electronic headquarters, registering, respectively, in the "Researcher Registry" or "Representative Registry" sections.

8. When the actions to be carried out in Facilit@ have a specific period in accordance with the provisions of this call, this period will be the only one for the provision of the documentation and for the electronic signature and registration of the person who holds the legal representation of the applicant entity, so the documentation will not be considered submitted until it is sent in the manner provided for in the following section.

9. All documents, including those to be provided by the PI when so determined, must be submitted through the electronic signature and registration by the person who holds the legal representation of the entity applying for the aid, in the applications provided for this purpose in the electronic headquarters of the ministry and through an advanced electronic signature system.

The electronic certificate necessary to carry out the electronic signature and registration must meet two requirements:

- a) Belong to a person accredited in the RUS as the legal representative of the applicant entity.
 - b) Correspond to one of the digital certificates admitted on the "@firma" platform, which can be consulted at the Ministry's electronic headquarters, in the "Digital certificate" section. The filing made using a digital certificate that meets the above requirements will be automatically registered through the electronic registry of the General State Administration, in accordance with the provisions of Article 16 of Law 39/2015, of 1 October.
10. Applicant entities may consult the status of their administrative file at any time in Facilit@.

CHAPTER II

General participation requirements

Article 5. *Requirements of the beneficiary entities.*

1. The following legal entities that are validly constituted and have tax residence or permanent establishment in Spain may be beneficiaries of the aid subject to this call, in accordance with Article 3 of the regulatory bases:

- a) Public research organisations as defined in Article 47 of Law 14/2011, of 1 June, on Science, Technology and Innovation.
- b) Public universities, their university institutes, and private universities with demonstrated capacity and activity in R+D+i, in accordance with the provisions of Organic Law 2/2023, of 22 March, on the University System, which are registered in the Register of Universities, Centres and Degrees, created by Royal Decree 1509/2008, of 12 September, which regulates the Register of Universities, Centres and Degrees.
- c) Public health entities and institutions, linked or agreed with the National Health System, which carry out R+D+i activities.
- d) Accredited health research institutes, of a public nature, in accordance with the provisions of Royal Decree 279/2016, of 24 June, on the accreditation of biomedical or health research institutes and complementary regulations.
- e) Other public R+D+i centres, with their own legal personality, which in their statutes or in their corporate purpose or in the regulations that regulate them, have R+D+i as their main activity.

2. In accordance with Article 3.2 of the order of bases, the R+D centres referred to in the fourteenth additional provision of Law 14/2011, of 1 June, and the public R+D+i centres for agricultural or food research dependent on the Autonomous Communities, may also be beneficiary entities. integrated into the INIA (CSIC)-CCAA system and other similar bodies that carry out R+D+I activities. If any of them does not have its own legal personality, the public administration to which it belongs will be listed as the beneficiary.

3. The regime applicable to applicant and beneficiary entities will be that established in Article 13 of Law 38/2003, of 17 November, and in the specific provisions contained in the regulatory bases and in this call.

4. The applicant and beneficiary entities must comply with the definition and conditions to be research and knowledge dissemination organisations, in accordance with the provisions of points 1 and 2 of Annex I of the regulatory bases.

5. Entities in which any of the circumstances established in Article 13 of Law 38/2003, of 17 November, occur, may not be applicants or obtain the status of beneficiary. The beneficiary entities must comply with the obligations set out in Article 14 of Law 38/2003, of 17 November, and the concordant obligations of its implementing regulations.

6. Entities that are involved in an aid recovery procedure because they have been declared illegal and incompatible with the internal market by the European Commission may not be applicants or obtain the status of beneficiary.

Article 6. *Requirements of the proposed principal investigator.*

1. The financed actions will be led by a person who will act as PI and who must meet the following requirements:

a) To be in possession of a doctorate degree. The date of obtaining the doctorate degree must be before January 1, 2018. The date of obtaining the doctorate degree will be understood as the date of the act of defense and approval of the doctoral thesis. For those who hold more than one doctorate, this requirement will refer to the first of the doctorates obtained.

b) Have been professionally linked to foreign research organisations for at least 5 years, in the period between 1 January 2019 and the start date of the application submission period.

c) Not belong to any of the bodies of university teaching staff of public universities, nor be career civil servant research staff in the service of the Public Research Bodies of the General State Administration, nor be hired in a Spanish public university as a contracted professor with a doctorate or permanent work professor (or under equivalent figures of regional agencies). This requirement must be met throughout the processing, from the time the application is submitted until its resolution.

d) Not having passed a selection process or having been proposed in a competition for entry or access to any of the corps, scales or posts listed in section c). This requirement must be met throughout the processing, from the time the application is submitted until its resolution.

2. In relation to the link between the PI and the applicant entity, it will not be necessary during the procedure for granting the aid.

On the other hand, it will be necessary for the PI to be linked to the applicant entity, through an employment relationship, from the date of the start of the period of execution of the action until the date prior to the date of coverage of the permanent job, in accordance with the provisions of section 7.2. The electronic signature of the application submitted by the person who holds the legal representation of the applicant entity will imply the commitment of the entity to establish and/or maintain the relationship during said period.

The employment relationship must be carried out through the modality of distinguished researcher contract, provided for in article 23 of Law 14/2011, of 1 June. Part-time dedication will be allowed for a maximum of the first year of the contract, with full-time dedication being mandatory for the rest of its validity.

3. The regime of participation and compatibility of PIs is established in the following terms:

1. The PI may not appear in more than one application submitted to this call or appear as a PI in an application for the 2025 call for grants to encourage research consolidation by the State Research Agency.

2. Not to appear as a PI in an application funded in a previous call for this action or for the grants to encourage research consolidation by the State Research Agency.

3rd. Not appear as PI in an application submitted to the 2024 call for this action, whose total score has not reached 80 points.

4. Failure to comply with the requirements of the PI that is detected during the procedure for the investigation of the call will determine the exclusion of the application. If the non-compliance occurs once the aid has been granted, it may lead to the interruption of the action and the initiation of the procedure for total or partial reimbursement of the subsidy granted.

CHAPTER III

Characteristics and economic regime of the actions

Article 7. *Characteristics of the actions.*

1. Actions that facilitate the stable incorporation of consolidated research talent, under the terms described in Article 1, will be eligible for aid.

The eligible activities included in the actions, to be carried out on a mandatory basis, are:

a) The execution of an own R+D+i project led by the PI of the action.

b) The hiring of the PI of the action.

Likewise, the adaptation of spaces, renovation of the laboratory and similar, necessary for the start or consolidation of the line of research of the PI of the action, will be financed, this activity not being mandatory in the execution of the actions.

2. In addition, it will be mandatory that, before the end of the period of execution of the action, the beneficiary entities create a permanent job in the field of knowledge of the PI and proceed to cover it, understood as the effective incorporation into the post of the person who is awarded in the corresponding selection process.

For the purposes of this call, permanent positions are those that respond to a civil servant or employment relationship, of an indefinite or permanent nature, and with a full-time working day.

For state or regional public sector entities, only jobs occupied by career civil servants and contract staff, created by virtue of the respective annual public employment offers, regulated in Royal Legislative Decree 5/2015, of 30 October, approving the revised text of the Law on the Basic Statute of Public Employees (TREBEP), will be considered valid.

For the rest of the entities not subject to the regulations of the state or regional public sector, only positions covered through contracts entered for an indefinite period, regulated by Royal Legislative Decree 2/2015, of 23 October, approving the revised text of the Workers' Statute Law, will be considered valid. amended by Royal Decree-Law 32/2021, of 28 December, on urgent measures for labour reform, the guarantee of stability in employment and the transformation of the labour market.

Positions that, although indefinite, are linked to external funding or from calls for public aid, or those corresponding to permanent-discontinuous contracts, are not considered to be of a permanent nature.

3. The actions will be carried out individually by a single beneficiary. The duration of the actions may be 3 or 4 years, as indicated in the application for aid. The start date of the execution period will be specified in the concession resolution, which, in any case, will not be earlier than 1 April 2026.

4. The actions that are financed may receive up to 1,000,000.00 euros, which includes both direct and indirect costs.

This amount may be increased to 1,200,000.00 euros if the principal investigators proposed by the beneficiary entities have been linked to research organisations located in the territory of the United States of America for at least 5 years, in the period between 1 January 2019 and the start date of the application submission period.

Article 8. *Eligible concepts.*

1. The budget for the action will be presented only in the marginal cost modality, regardless of the legal nature of the beneficiary entity. The aid may finance up to 100% of the marginal costs requested.

The grants provided for in this call will be used to cover the costs directly and unquestionably related to the development and execution of the activities for which they have been granted, under the terms provided for in Article 31 of Law 38/2003, of 17 November.

2. In accordance with the provisions of Article 8 of the regulatory bases, the financing will be applied to the items of direct and indirect cost expenditure.

3. The following sub-items may be eligible for aid, within the concept of direct implementation costs:

a) Costs of hiring the PI. The costs derived from the hiring of the PI of the action are eligible for financing, including salary and the employer's Social Security contribution.

The costs derived from the hiring of the PI will be eligible for financing from the date of the start of the period of execution of the action until the date prior to the date of coverage of the permanent job, in accordance with the provisions of section 7.2. The costs arising from the incorporation of the PI into a permanent job, in accordance with the provisions of said article, will not be attributable.

The minimum salary that must be indicated in each full-time contract will be 80,000 euros gross per year, and the equivalent in the case of part-time dedication. Recruitment will be carried out through the distinguished researcher contract modality, provided for in Article 23 of Law 14/2011, of 1 June. The maximum eligible recruitment cost will be 150,000 euros for the number of annual instalments of the action, without prejudice to the fact that the salary remuneration that appears in the contract may result in a higher recruitment cost.

Within this expense, the cost that may be incurred by compensation at the end of the contract, and which corresponds to the cost imputed during the period of execution of the action, will be financed.

The employment contract must indicate the identification codes of the action, as follows: Action REFERENCE OF THE ACTION financed by MICIU/AEI/10.13039/501100011033, with ACTION REFERENCE being the reference that appears in the concession resolution; MICIU, the acronym for the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities, AEI, the acronym for the

State Research Agency; and 10.13039/501100011033 the DOI (*Digital Object Identifier*) of the Agency.

Likewise, the following logos must be included, in the order in which they are cited: logo of the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities and logo of the State Research Agency.

b) Costs of execution of the R+D+i project, which include, among others, the following:

1. Personnel cost. Expenses derived from the hiring of the rest of the personnel dedicated to the project (not including those derived from the PI), including salary and the employer's Social Security contribution.

Personnel may be hired under any type of contract in accordance with current legislation and with the rules to which the beneficiary is subject.

In the case of public sector bodies and entities, the staff will be hired under any type of contract in accordance with current legislation and with the rules to which the beneficiary is subject, adjusting to the limits that may be established at any time in the corresponding laws of the General State Budget and other regulations that regulate personnel in the service of the public sector. without this implying any commitment as to their subsequent incorporation into said body or entity. In the case of bodies and entities that are not in the public sector, the amount attributable to the aid for each contract will be, at most, that established in the Single Collective Agreement for the staff of the General State Administration with an equivalent job category.

In the case of public sector bodies and entities whose budgets are consolidated with the General State Budgets or with those of the Autonomous Communities, the costs of own personnel financed by Chapter I "Personnel Costs" of the body or entity will not be eligible for aid, unless they are expenses derived from contracts formalised under Article 23.bis of Law 14/2011, of 1 June. For the rest of the entities that do not fall within the aforementioned case, the costs of permanent staff contractually linked to the beneficiary entity prior to the publication in the BOE of the extract of the call will not be financed.

Within this expense, the cost that may be incurred for compensation at the end of the contract will be financed, and which corresponds to the cost of personnel charged in the period of execution of the project.

Employment contracts must indicate the sources of financing and the identification codes of the action, as follows: "This contract is part of the action ACTION REFERENCE financed by MICIU/AEI/10.13039/501100011033, with ACTION REFERENCE being the reference that appears in the concession resolution; MICIU, the acronym for the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities, AEI, the acronym for the State Research Agency; and 10.13039/501100011033 the DOI (Digital Object Identifier) of the Agency.

Likewise, the following logos must be included, in the order in which they are cited: logo of the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities and logo of the State Research Agency.

The following shall not be imputable:

i. Expenses derived from contracts that are in turn subsidized by calls for proposals of the State Human Resources Program, or by equivalent programs of the previous state R+D+i plans.

ii. Personnel expenses incurred prior to the approved date for the start of the project execution period.

iii. The additional cost not covered by recruitment aid obtained in public calls for state or Autonomous Communities or other public entities or co-financed with the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) or with the European Social Fund (ESF or ESF+).

iv. Non-working practices.

2. Mobility costs directly linked to the project:

i. Travel and accommodation expenses of the PI, and of the rest of the personnel who participate in the execution of the project and appear in the final scientific-technical justification report, as well as travel expenses of the person acting as PI for the face-to-face interview, when required by the scientific-technical monitoring committee referred to in article 23.

ii. Except in the case of sampling or data collection campaigns or the stays detailed in point iii, the eligible expenditure will be limited according to the following detail:

- The maximum duration of the eligible trip may not exceed 30 calendar days in Spanish territory or three months in the case of stays abroad.

- In the case of public entities, the amounts of compensation for accommodation and subsistence allowances, as well as compensation for travel expenses, will be at most those derived from their own regulations. For accreditation, the aforementioned regulations and a declaration of responsibility signed by the person who holds the legal representation of the beneficiary entity certifying its application must be provided. If the entity does not provide specific regulations or that a specific expense is not regulated in said regulations, the provisions of the following paragraph will be applied subsidiarily.

- In the case of private entities, the amounts of compensation for accommodation and subsistence allowances, as well as compensation for travel expenses, will be at most those established for group 2 of Royal Decree 462/2002, of 24 May, on compensation for service. In the compensation for the use of a private vehicle, the amount per mileage will not exceed that provided for in Order HFP/793/2023, of 12 July.

- The use of a rental vehicle will require an express justification of its need or convenience.

For the purposes of the provisions of this point 2, public entities are entities that, regardless of their legal nature, are part of the institutional public sector and are registered in the Inventory of State, Regional and Local Public Sector Entities, all in accordance with the provisions of Title II of Law 40/2015, of 1 October. The public administrations that are beneficiaries in accordance with the provisions of Article 5.2 will also be considered as beneficiaries.

iii. Travel expenses of a duration longer than those indicated in point ii will be eligible for financing when their purpose is to carry out sampling or data collection campaigns, or to carry out research stays in R+D centres other than the one from which the commissioner originates, whose purpose is to carry out activities related to the research project that are beneficial for the achievement of its objectives. Eligible expenses will be limited according to the following detail:

- These expenses will be admissible if these stays are not financed by any other call or grant.

- The amounts of food and accommodation will be limited to 1,500 euros per month (50 euros/day) in the case of stays in national R+D centres, and 1,950 euros per month (65 euros/day) in the case of stays in foreign R+D centres. In the case of stays, the expenses will

be accredited with the certification of the stay issued by the host R+D centre and, in the case of sampling campaigns or data collection, by the beneficiary centre.

- Compensation for transport or locomotion expenses shall be governed in the same way as that provided for in point ii.

iv. The activity carried out during the trip or stay must be detailed in the final scientific-technical justification report.

v. Subsistence allowance expenses associated with oceanographic campaigns and Antarctic campaigns during the stay on board oceanographic vessels managed by the Commission for the Coordination and Monitoring of the Activities of Oceanographic Vessels (COCSABO) or at Antarctic bases will not be eligible for funding.

vi. Without prejudice to the living expenses that may correspond to the concept of travel and subsistence allowances mentioned in the previous paragraphs, expenses for working lunches and dinners and hospitality of a protocol nature will not be eligible.

vii. Insurance and visa expenses of the PI and the rest of the staff participating in the execution of the project and appearing in the final scientific-technical justification report: the cost of medical assistance insurance will be eligible, in those cases in which the travel is to countries where the European Health Insurance Card or the Provisional Replacement Certificate of the European Health Insurance Card is not valid. The cost of insurance other than those indicated, or travel expenses to obtain the visa, will not be considered eligible expenses.

3. Property, plant and equipment costs, which may include the following expenses:

i. Acquisition of instruments and scientific-technical equipment, including customs fees, necessary for the execution of the action, as well as their amortization.

The depreciation cost of the equipment and instruments acquired will be subject to the rules established in article 31.6 of Law 38/2003, of 17 November.

ii. Rental or leasing of instruments and scientific-technical equipment.

iii. Assembly, transport, installation, commissioning, maintenance, repair, improvement, updating of scientific-technical equipment.

4. Costs of acquiring consumables, supplies and similar products, excluding in all cases office supplies and computer consumables.

5. Acquisition and/or depreciation costs of intangible assets, including technical computer programs, directly linked to the financed project.

6. Costs of applying for industrial and intellectual property rights generated in the project and other costs derived from their maintenance. The expenses of extension or renewal of those patents not generated during the period of execution of the project will not be eligible.

7. Costs of contractual research, knowledge and patents acquired or obtained by licence from external sources, provided that the operation has been carried out at arm's length.

8. Costs of feasibility studies, detailed design, equipment, advanced scientific instrumentation, components with a high technological content or infrastructure construction projects for their subsequent location and operation in an international or national facility.

9. Costs of support and advice on innovation such as management consultancy, technological assistance, technology transfer services, consultancy on the use of standards, manuals, working documents and model documents, market research, labelling, quality, testing and certification services.

10. Costs of using databases, use and management of research data repositories and technical libraries related to the project.

11. Project-related computing costs.

12. Other costs derived from advice, carrying out studies in the field of R+D+i, dissemination, publicity and sponsorship, internationalisation of scientific and technical activities and preparation of international proposals.

13. Costs of publication and dissemination of the results of the funded project, including those that may arise from publication in open access journals that have internationally recognised peer review procedures. Manuscript review expenses and expenses derived from incorporation into open access repositories are included. Also included are the expenses derived from the publication of doctoral theses that have been generated in the project and the expenses of publications derived from scientific-technical conferences financed by the project.

In publications that derive directly from the scientific activity carried out in the project, the provisions of Article 5 of the regulatory bases regarding communication and publicity must be complied with.

In publications that derive directly from the scientific activity carried out in the project, the instructions for the communication and publicity of the grants granted by the AEI must be followed, and the reference of the project and the funding by the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities and the Agency must be stated (Project PROJECT REFERENCE financed by MICIU /AEI /10.13039/501100011033).

14. Costs of renting rooms, translation, organising conferences, events, congresses and seminars or other actions aimed at the development and execution of the activities for which they have been granted.

The scientific-technical reports must indicate and briefly explain their need within the framework of the project. Fees for participation in scientific-technical activities or payments to lecturers will not be attributable in this action.

15. Registration costs for congresses, seminars, conferences, technical conferences and the like, for the PI and the people participating in the execution of the project, if they appear in the scientific-technical report or in the monitoring reports, and that they are linked to entities that meet the requirements of article 5 of this call.

16. Costs of using the body's central services for actions related to the project, if they have public rates calculated in accordance with their cost accounting.

Only the amount that is not financed against another eligible expenditure item may be charged. Salary expenses of the company's own staff may not be passed on.

17. Costs of use and access to Unique Scientific and Technical Infrastructures (ICTS) and large national and international scientific facilities, provided that such access is not free of charge.

18. Compensation costs for experimental subjects who are not linked to the beneficiary entity when they participate in the execution of the actions subject to the subsidy. These compensations will be made by bank transfer with the corresponding tax deductions. Remuneration in kind will not be admitted.

19. In those cases in which during the execution of the project there is a change of beneficiary entity and requires the presentation of an auditor's report, it will be eligible for subsidies with a limit of €1,200. In those cases, in which the beneficiary entity is obliged to audit its annual accounts by an auditor subject to Law 22/2015, of 20 July, on Auditing of Accounts, the review of the supporting account will be carried out by the same auditor, or by another, provided that it is registered in the Official Register of Auditors of Accounts.

20. Other costs not contemplated in the previous sections that undoubtedly correspond to the nature of the subsidised activity, are strictly necessary, are carried out within the period of execution of the activity, and result from circumstances of force majeure.

c) Costs of establishing and/or improving facilities. Expenses for the adaptation of spaces, renovation of laboratories and improvement of facilities, necessary for the start or consolidation of the line of research of the PI of the action. This cost may not exceed 30% of the amount justified as the cost of executing the R+D+i project.

4. Indirect costs that are considered as general expenses assigned to the action, but that by their nature cannot be directly allocated, are eligible for financing. The indirect costs shall be determined in the concession resolution and shall be calculated, in accordance with good accounting practices, as a fixed percentage of 25% of the direct costs set out in sections 3.b) and 3.c), relating to the execution of the project and the establishment and/or improvement of facilities, without the need to provide supporting documents.

5. Contracts entered into within the framework of the aid to which Law 9/2017, of 8 November, on Public Sector Contracts is applicable, must be subject to the provisions of the same.

6. Otherwise, and in accordance with Article 31.3 of Law 38/2003, of 17 November, when the amount of the eligible expenditure exceeds the amounts established in Law 9/2017, of 8 November, for the minor contract, the beneficiary entity must request at least three offers from different suppliers, prior to contracting the commitment for the work, the provision of the service or the delivery of the good, unless due to their special characteristics there is not a sufficient number of entities in the market that carry out, render or supply them.

The choice between the offers submitted, which must be provided in the justification, or, where appropriate, in the subsidy application, will be made in accordance with criteria of efficiency and economy, and the choice must be expressly justified in a report when it does not fall on the most advantageous economic proposal.

7. Only those expenses that unquestionably correspond to the nature of the activity to be financed and are strictly necessary based on the description provided in the scientific-technical report and in the application may be considered eligible for funding. Any expenditure not justified by the beneficiary shall be withdrawn from the eligible budget of the action.

8. Those activities that are part of the subsidised action but that cannot be carried out by the beneficiary entity itself may be subcontracted, which must be accredited in the technical report or in the scientific-technical reports. In general, the activities subject to aid may be subcontracted for up to 25% of the amount of the aid granted corresponding to sections 3.b) and 3.c) of this article, which may be increased to the limit of 50%, in duly justified cases and upon a reasoned request, accompanied by a report justifying its need for the achievement of

the objectives of the action subject to the aid. In no case may the expenditure corresponding to the same object and the same supplier be split up.

The subcontracting of subsidised actions may not be carried out in any of the cases specified in article 29.7 of Law 38/2003, of 17 November. However, the authorisation referred to in letter d) of the aforementioned article 29.7 of Law 38/2003, of 17 November, will be understood to have been granted with the granting of the aid, unless expressly excluded therein, when the application has identified the person or entity with which the subcontracting of activities of the subsidised action is planned and their status as linked to the entity benefiting from the aid.

Article 9. *Financing modality and amount of aid.*

1. The financing of the aid provided for in this call will take the form of a subsidy charged to the General State Budget.

2. The grants may finance all or part of the budget requested in the proposals submitted. The amount of the aid will be 1,000,000.00 euros per action, which includes both direct and indirect costs, as long as the real eligible cost of the action allows it. In the event that the principal investigators proposed by the beneficiary entities have been linked to research organisations located in the territory of the United States of America for at least 5 years, in the period between 1 January 2019 and the start date of the application submission period, The amount of the aid will be 1,200,000.00 euros per action, including both direct and indirect costs, provided that the real eligible cost of the action allows it.

Article 10. *Budget of the call.*

1. The maximum total amount of the aid amounts to 40,000,000.00 euros, which will be allocated to the budgetary applications equivalent, in the years 2026 and 2027, to the current 28,303,463B.750 of the General State Budget, in accordance with budgetary availability, according to the following breakdown:

Budget application	2026	2027	TOTAL
28.303.463B.750	19.000.000,00	21.000.000,00	40.000.000,00
TOTAL	19.000.000,00	21.000.000,00	40.000.000,00

The concession will be made under Chapter 7, in accordance with the corresponding budgetary application according to the nature of the beneficiary entity.

2. The maximum amount provided for in section 1 may be increased with an additional amount of up to €5,000,000.00 when, as a result of the occurrence of any of the circumstances provided for in Article 58.2.a) of the Implementing Regulation of Law 38/2003, of 17 November, there is an increase in the credit available before the grant of the aid.

3. In any case, the declaration of the credits finally available and their final distribution shall be published in the Official State Gazette (BOE) and in the National Database of Subsidies (BDNS) prior to the decision to grant the grant, without such publication implying the opening of the period for submitting new applications, or the start of a new calculation of the period for resolving the decision.

Article 11. *Concurrence and accumulation of aid.*

1. The total amount of the subsidies awarded may in no case be of such an amount that, alone or in concurrence with others, it exceeds the total cost of the eligible budget of the action.
2. In the event that the cost considered eligible for financing is less than the total cost of the action, the receipt of the aid will be compatible with the receipt of other subsidies, aid, income or resources, from any public or private administrations or entities, national or international organisations, for the same subsidised activity and the same eligible costs, for the non-subsidised amount, up to the limit of the cost of the subsidised activity, and provided that it does not imply a reduction in the amount of own financing required of the beneficiary, where appropriate, to cover the financed activity, without allowing an increase in the cost above the amount of the budget requested.
3. In the event that the beneficiary entities receive other aid or other types of public or private income for the same subsidised activity and with similar expenditure concepts, they must state this at the time of the concurrence, in the manner determined in Article 4, using the form available on the Agency's website.

CHAPTER IV

Instruction procedure

Article 12. *Deadline and form of submission of the application.*

1. The application submission period will begin on April 24 and end on June 5, 2025, at 2:00 PM (Spanish peninsular time).

Applications shall be submitted by the entities, in accordance with the procedure described in this article.

2. Prior to submitting the application, both the proposed PI and the person who holds the legal representation of the applicant entity must be registered in the RUS in the manner established in Article 4.

3. The person holding the legal representation must verify that the entity they represent is registered in the System of Entities (SISEN), located in the electronic headquarters of the ministry, and that their accreditation as the legal representative of said entity appears in the SISEN. If the entity is not registered, it must be registered by providing the document accrediting the power of attorney or representation of the person who holds the legal representation, as well as the documentation relating to the constitution and legal nature of the entity it represents.

If the entity is registered, but the details of the person acting as legal representative have changed, the new accreditation must be provided. In the event of any modification of the applicant entity that affects the application, after the submission of the application and prior to the publication of the granting resolution, it must notify it in the manner provided for in Article 4. The applicant entity must keep the SISEN data updated from the time of submission of the application until the end date of execution of the project.

4. Applications shall be submitted electronically through the application application and the electronic signature and registration application, which shall be accessed by the person who holds the legal representation of the applicant entity. Both applications will be available at the ministry's electronic headquarters.

5. First, the person who holds the legal representation of the applicant entity will access the application application, where they must complete the electronic form and provide the documents required in Article 13.

Once the application has been completed, it will be validated and sent electronically. This submission does not imply the actual submission of the application, which must be made in accordance with the following sections.

Applications that do not complete and send electronically in accordance with the provisions of this section will not be accepted.

6. Next, the person who holds the legal representation of the applicant entity, prior to the electronic signature and registration of the application, must expressly declare their consent or opposition so that the investigating body can verify or obtain from other bodies, administrations or information providers, by electronic means, the information on compliance with tax and Social Security obligations, in accordance with the provisions of article 22.4 of the Regulations implementing Law 38/2003, of 17 November, in which case the applicant must not provide the corresponding certificates.

In the event of opposition, you will be required, at any time during the granting procedure, the certificates accrediting compliance with such obligations, issued by the State Tax Administration Agency or by the corresponding Provincial Treasuries and by the General Treasury of the Social Security.

Likewise, other transfers of tax information may be required for the fight against tax crime and fraud in aid charged to public or European Union funds, as provided for in section d) of article 95.1 of Law 58/2003, of 17 December, General Taxation.

7. The electronic signature and registration of the application by the person who holds the legal representation of the applicant entity entails the following responsible declarations that contain the express declaration that the entity they represent complies with the requirements established in the regulations in force to obtain the recognition of a right and also reflect the entity's commitment to maintain compliance with them during the granting procedure and the period of implementation of the aid and the commitment to communicate any changes in the circumstances set out in such declarations at the time they occur, through Facilit@:

a) It meets the requirements established for research organisations in the Communication from the Commission on the State Aid Framework for Research, Development and Innovation (2022/C 414/01), in accordance with the definition and conditions set out in points 1 and 2 of Annex I to the regulatory bases and, where applicable, that it complies with point 3 of Annex I to the regulatory bases or, otherwise, that the aid will be dedicated solely and exclusively to the non-economic activity of the entity and that it has an accounting that allows distinguishing the costs and financing of its economic activity from its non-economic activity.

b) It meets the requirements to access the status of beneficiary entity, under the terms established in Article 5, as well as with the obligations of the beneficiary entities, established in Article 14 of Law 38/2003, of 17 November and in Article 3 of the regulatory bases.

c) It is not incurred in any of the circumstances set out in article 13.2 of Law 38/2003, of 17 November, in compliance with the provisions of articles 26 and 27 of the Subsidies Regulations, approved by Royal Decree 887/2006 of 21 July.

d) It is not a debtor in enforcement proceedings of obligations due to a final resolution of the reimbursement of subsidies.

e) It has not requested the declaration of voluntary bankruptcy, it has not been declared insolvent in any procedure, it has not been declared bankrupt unless an agreement has become effective in this one, it is not subject to judicial intervention and has not been disqualified in accordance with Royal Legislative Decree 1/2020, of 5 May, approving the revised text of the Insolvency Law, without the period of disqualification set in the judgment qualifying the bankruptcy having expired.

f) It has not received concurrent subsidies, in accordance with the provisions of Article 33 of the Implementing Regulation of Law 38/2003, of 17 November, or, where appropriate, declares the exhaustive list of other subsidies, aid, income or public or private resources that could affect the compatibility for the same actions subject to aid in accordance with the provisions of Article 34 of Law 38/2003, of 17 November.

g) It is not involved in a procedure for the recovery of aid, as it has been declared illegal and incompatible by the European Commission.

h) Has checked the documentation submitted, certifies the veracity of the data contained in the application and certifies that the proposed PI meets the requirements of the call, especially those relating to scientific and professional information, as well as that he/she has express authorisation, duly signed, from the proposed PI for the inclusion of his/her candidacy in the application.

i) It undertakes to carry out the action and has sufficient administrative, financial and operational capacity to comply with the conditions of the aid, undertaking to present, at the time of having them, all the licences, authorisations and permits necessary for the project.

(j) It undertakes to carry out all the necessary actions for the proper linking of the PI, as well as for the creation and coverage of a permanent position in the area of knowledge of the PI of the action before the end of the period of execution of the aid.

8. Likewise, and prior to the electronic signature and registration of the application, the applicant entity must have express authorisation, duly signed, from the proposed PI for the inclusion of its candidacy in the application. This authorisation will not be submitted with the application, and the applicant entity will be the depositary of the same, and it may be required to be presented at any time during the granting procedure.

9. Finally, the person who holds the legal representation of the applicant entity, after supervising the online application and the documents attached to it, and taking charge of the express authorisation given to him or her by the PI with his/her original signature, as well as having carried out the requirements of section 6, complete the submission of the application by means of its electronic signature, as established in Article 4.

Applications that do not have the electronic signature and registration of the person who holds the legal representation will be considered not submitted.

10. The State Research Agency is responsible for the processing of the personal data provided within the framework of this call.

The submission of the application for aid entails the authorisation of the applicant entity and the participants to process said data in an automated manner and transfer them to the competent instruction, evaluation, resolution, monitoring and control bodies, as well as to publicise the acts of rectification, exclusion resolution, proposals for provisional and final resolution and resolution granting the aid, as well as any other notification necessary for the processing of the concession, justification or monitoring procedure. Likewise, the submission

of the application for aid entails the authorisation of the applicant entity and the persons participating in the application to receive communications and surveys from the State Research Agency. The applicant entity will be responsible for obtaining the relevant authorisations from the people participating in the application.

In any case, the submission of the application entails the consent of the applicant entity and the participants for the communication to third parties of the data collected therein, for the purpose of the subsequent processing of the data for historical, statistical, scientific or communication purposes, within the framework of the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016, on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC, and Organic Law 3/2018, of 5 December, on the Protection of Personal Data and Guarantee of Digital Rights.

The submission of the application entails consent to verify or obtain from other bodies, Administrations or suppliers, by electronic means, the information on the circumstances of the participants or the applications that, in accordance with the call and the applicable regulations, are relevant for the processing of the procedure for granting the aid, its justification or monitoring.

The legitimacy of the processing is based on the fulfilment of a mission of public interest and on the exercise of public powers conferred on the Agency, in accordance with article 6.1.e) of the General Data Protection Regulation.

Personal data will be kept for the time necessary to comply with the legal obligations related to this call. Subsequently, they will be archived or deleted in accordance with the applicable regulations.

Article 13. *Content and documentation of the application.*

1. The electronic application form shall contain, among others, the following information:

a) Identification of the area and the thematic sub-area selected for the evaluation of the action, the list of which appears in Annex II of this resolution. The investigating body, at the reasoned proposal of the Coordination and Evaluation Branch, may change the action to another thematic area *ex officio*.

b) Summary, in Spanish and English, of the performance and review of the curriculum of the proposed PI, preferably in English. This information may be made public for dissemination purposes in the event that the action is financed. To this end, the beneficiary entity undertakes to explicitly obtain authorisation from the proposed PI. This authorisation will not be submitted with the application, and the applicant entity will be the depositary of the same.

c) Description of the actions that will be carried out for the creation and coverage of a permanent position in the area of knowledge of the PI of the action, before the end of the period of execution of the aid.

d) Identification data of the PI, including their ORCID (*Open Researcher and Contributor ID*) identification code.

e) The indicators to carry out the *ex-post* evaluation of the action, the ethical and biosecurity implications, use of ICTS and other relevant information on the application for aid.

f) The budget requested, by type of expenditure, detailing the description and justification of each of them. It is recommended that the description and justification be written in English.

2. The person who holds the legal representation of the applicant entity must attach to the electronic application form the following mandatory documentation, which will be considered an integral part and minimum content of the application, for the purposes of the provisions of article 19.2 of the regulatory bases:

a) Scientific-technical report of the action. The maximum length will be 12 pages, with the content described in Annex IV of this resolution. The application will not accept reports with an extension greater than that mentioned. It is recommended to use the form available on the Agency's website to fill it in.

The scientific-technical report will be presented in English. It is recommended to complete the scientific-technical report in Times New Roman, Calibri or Arial font of a minimum size of 11 points; side margins of 2.5 cm; upper and lower margins of 1.5 cm; and simple minimum spacing.

b) Abbreviated curriculum vitae (CVA) of the proposed PI, which will be submitted in the standard form available on the Agency's website, or in the one that is automatically generated from the standardised "Curriculum vitae" application available on the website of the Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology (FECYT), using the abbreviated resume generation option.

The CVA will be presented in English.

It is recommended to fill in the CVA in Times New Roman, Calibri or Arial font with a minimum size of 11 points; side margins of 2.5 cm; top and bottom margins of 1.5 cm; and simple minimum spacing. The maximum length will be 4 pages. The application application will not support CVAs longer than 4 pages.

The CVA may include merits obtained at any time during the scientific career. Likewise, those situations that have affected the research activity may be included, according to the list set out below:

1. Situations of temporary disability.

2º Periods of time dedicated to the enjoyment of leave, leave, flexible working hours and leaves of absence due to pregnancy, pregnancy, birth, adoption, guardianship for the purpose of adoption, foster care, risk during pregnancy, pregnancy and breastfeeding, breastfeeding, or similar situations related to the above, as well as for reasons of conciliation or care of minors, relatives or dependents, and due to gender violence.

It will not be necessary to present accreditation of the circumstances set out in the CVA at the time of submitting the application. However, at any time during the granting procedure, accreditation may be requested.

3. In addition, the following documents must be attached to the application, where applicable:

a) Projects that require the use of offshore platforms, oceanographic vessels or other vessels must attach the following documents, available on the Agency's website:

1. Campaign plan.

2. Accreditation of the application for time of use.

b) Projects to be developed in the area covered by the Antarctic Treaty, which must comply with the Madrid Protocol (BOE of 18 February 1998), must attach the following documents, available on the Agency's website:

1. Campaign plan and request for infrastructure in the Spanish bases.
2. Request for logistical support.
3. Data for the environmental impact assessment study.
4. Access to bases in other countries.
5. Commitment to accept the activities in the bases.

In the event that the project requests an oceanographic campaign, it must also attach the documents of section a) above of vessels.

c) Letters of reference or expressions of support for the candidacy of the proposed PI. They will be added in a single document.

4. For the purposes of the evaluation process, only the information contained in the CVA, in the scientific-technical report and, where appropriate, in the letters of reference or expressions of support, on the closing date of the application submission period will be considered. In the event that correction, rectification, or clarification of such documents is requested, it will not be possible to subsequently update the information contained in said documents or to alter the content of the document originally submitted.

Article 14. *Review of applications.*

1. The examining body will review the applications submitted and verify compliance with the requirements established in the call, the verification of which does not require any scientific or technical assessment.

If, as a result of this review, non-compliance with any of the requirements established in the call is detected or correctable errors are detected in the application, the applicant will be required in the manner provided for in Article 4, within 10 working days, through Facilit@, to make allegations, correct the lack or provide the mandatory documentation, with a warning that if they do not do so, they will be excluded from the procedure or will be considered to have withdrawn their application in accordance with the provisions of Article 20 of the regulatory bases and Article 68 of Law 39/2015, of 1 October, respectively.

Without prejudice to the above, in order to guarantee competitive concurrence, the scientific-technical report documents and the CVA of the proposed PI must comply with all the requirements established in the call, as they are considered essential documents to complete the application for aid and therefore may not be improved at a time after the end of the application period. nor will the inclusion of information that was not contained in the application be accepted.

However, when the CVA of the proposed PI and/or the scientific-technical report is not submitted in English as described in Article 13.2, the entity will be required to rectify the deficiency by providing a translation into English and a declaration of responsibility signed by the person who holds the legal representation of the applicant entity. in which it declares that

it is a faithful translation of the content of the corresponding document submitted in application, in accordance with the provisions of the third paragraph of this section.

2. The investigating body shall carry out *ex officio* any actions it deems necessary for the determination, knowledge, and verification of the data on the basis of which the proposal for a resolution must be formulated. If the examination of the applications and the documentation submitted shows that they omit essential information for the evaluation process or contain inaccurate, contradictory, inconsistent or false information or data, the investigating body may exclude said application from the procedure, by means of a resolution in which this circumstance will be recorded, without prejudice to administrative responsibilities, civil or criminal as appropriate. As many reports as deemed necessary to resolve the procedure may be obtained, including the scientific-technical evaluation reports, referred to in Article 15.

Article 15. *Evaluation and selection of applications.*

1. The evaluation of applications will be carried out in one phase, in accordance with the provisions of article 21.3 of the regulatory bases and will be the responsibility of the Coordination and Evaluation Branch and will comply with internationally accepted good practices for evaluation. The evaluation will be carried out by technical commissions of experts and by a selection committee.

2. The technical committees of experts, constituted according to the areas and/or thematic areas, shall put the assessments made by the experts for each application in the context of all the applications submitted, and adopt by consensus for each application a single assessment for each of the criteria and sub-criteria set out in Annex I, as well as a single overall assessment. In addition, these committees will draw up a scientific-technical report for each application in which the final result of the assessment will be collected. The reports of the experts are therefore considered working documents of the technical commissions of experts.

3. In accordance with the provisions of Annex I, the maximum total score for each application will be 100 points. In order for an application to be eligible for subsidies, it must achieve a total score equal to or greater than 90 points.

4. The selection committee, in view of the scientific-technical assessment reports issued by the technical committees of experts, in accordance with the criteria and thresholds established in Annex I, shall prepare:

a) A prioritised list of the actions that are considered eligible, detailing the proposed funding for each application, in accordance with the budgetary availability.

b) A prioritised list of the actions that have obtained a total score equal to or greater than 90 points and that, in view of their priority and budgetary availability, have not been proposed for funding.

c) A list of the actions that are considered ineligible.

5. Composition of the technical commissions.

The technical committees will be made up of scientific collaborators of the Agency, appointed by virtue of the provisions of Article 19 of Law 14/2011, of 1 June, amended by Law 17/2022, of 5 September, and other experts from the thematic area or sub-area in which the projects are framed.

The technical committees will be appointed by the granting body, will not be considered a collegiate body and therefore the provisions of section 3 of chapter II of the Preliminary Title of Law 40/2015, of 1 October, will not apply to them. They will have the following composition:

- a) Chair: a scientific-technical collaborator of the Agency in the corresponding thematic area.
- b) Vice-Presidency: a scientific-technical collaborator of the Agency in the corresponding thematic area.
- c) Members: a panel composed of experts appointed by the granting body, selected according to the nature of each thematic area.

The secretariat of the technical commissions will be exercised by a civil servant of the State Research Agency, who will act with voice, but without vote.

6. Composition of the selection committee.

It will be appointed by the granting body and will have the following composition:

a) Chair: the head of the Agency's Scientific and Technical Coordination, Evaluation and Monitoring Division, or the corresponding deputy or similar.

b) Vice-Chair: the person in charge of the Agency's Economic and Administrative Programming and Management Division, or the corresponding deputy or similar.

c) Members:

1. Three officials of the Agency.

2. A person representing the Centre for Technological Development and Innovation (CDTI).

3. Three people from among the Agency's scientific and technical collaborators who have participated in the technical committees, in each of the following thematic areas: Mathematical, Physical, Chemical and Engineering Sciences (CMIFQ); Social Sciences and Humanities (CSH); and Life Sciences (CV).

The secretariat of the selection committee will be exercised by a civil servant from the Agency's Scientific and Technical Coordination, Evaluation and Monitoring Division, who will act with voice, but without vote.

In matters not expressly provided for in this call or in the regulatory bases, the operation of the selection committee will be governed by the provisions of section 3 of chapter II of the Preliminary Title of Law 40/2015, of 1 October.

7. The technical committees and the selection committee will comply with the principles of composition and balanced presence between women and men established in Organic Law 3/2007, of 22 March, all in accordance with the provisions of article 21.6 of the regulatory bases.

8. Without prejudice to the provisions of the next call for this action, those PIs whose applications do not reach the total score of 80 points in this call, will not be able to participate as PIs in the next call.

Article 16. *Proposal for resolution and hearing procedure.*

1. Once the applications have been evaluated in the manner provided for in this call, the examining body will formulate a reasoned proposal for a provisional resolution. The proposed applications for granting shall indicate the amount and distribution of the proposed financing and the conditions and deadlines for its implementation.

The applicant entities will have a period of ten working days to express their acceptance or withdrawal of the proposed aid, or to present the allegations they deem appropriate. Within the indicated period, the necessary documentation may be required, in the legally required cases, to prove compliance with the requirements established to acquire the status of beneficiary entity.

If no allegations are made or an express withdrawal is made within this period, it will be understood that the proposal has been accepted, unless the required documents are not provided within the established period, in which case the application will be excluded because it does not meet the requirements to be a beneficiary entity. The submission of allegations to a proposal will defer the process of acceptance or withdrawal of the aid until the allegations presented are resolved.

In the event of withdrawal or exclusion, in accordance with the provisions of the previous paragraph, the award may be proposed to those applications that, having obtained a score equal to or greater than 90 points, have not been proposed for financing in the proposal for a provisional resolution, provided that budgetary availability allows it and respecting the priority established by the selection committee.

2. With regard to those applications which, following the provisions of paragraph 1, have been proposed for financing, the investigating body shall notify them of the proposal for a final decision so that, within a period of ten working days, they may express their acceptance or withdrawal of the proposed financing and, in the legally required cases, submit the necessary documentation to prove compliance with the requirements established to acquire the status of entity Beneficiary. If an express withdrawal is not made within this period, it will be understood that the proposal has been accepted, unless the required documents are not provided within the established period, in which case the application will be considered withdrawn.

3. Withdrawals from the aid proposal that are communicated after the end of the period established by the proposal for the final resolution for the acceptance or withdrawal of the same will not be taken into account for the purposes of not including them in the granting resolution. In the event that the proposal for a final resolution does not differ from the proposal for a provisional resolution, the period will be considered to end on the day of notification of the proposal for a final resolution.

4. Finally, the investigating body will submit the proposal for a final resolution to the competent body to resolve the decision, so that the decision to grant the aid can be issued.

5. Proposals for provisional and final resolutions do not create any right in favour of the proposed beneficiary entity vis-à-vis the Administration, until it has been notified of the concession resolution.

6. The notification of the proposed resolutions established in this article to the applicant entities shall be made by publication on the Agency's website and the acceptance of the proposal or the withdrawal of the aid, as well as the submission of allegations, shall be made through Facilit@.

CHAPTER V

Resolution on the granting and payment of aid

Article 17. *Decision on the granting of the grant and the system of appeals.*

1. In view of the proposal for a final resolution, the body competent to make a decision shall issue the corresponding decision to grant the aid requested. The concession resolution will have the content referred to in article 24.2 of the regulatory bases and will expressly mention the eligible budget, the amount granted in the concepts of direct and indirect costs and the period of execution of the action. In the case of rejected applications, the reason for rejection will be indicated, and if applicable, it will be mentioned if the threshold established in the evaluation criteria has not been reached.

2. The maximum period for the resolution of the procedure and its notification shall be six months from the day following the start of the application submission period.

The deadline for the resolution may be suspended, in accordance with the provisions of Article 22.1 of Law 39/2015, of 1 October, during the period of the evaluation, which may not exceed three months, as well as during the period used for the correction of deficiencies and the provision of documents.

If, after the resolution and notification period has elapsed, the body competent to resolve has not notified said resolution, the applicant entities will be entitled to consider the application rejected.

3. An appeal for reconsideration may be lodged against the decision of the concession procedure, which puts an end to the administrative procedure, before the body that issued it within a period of one month, in accordance with the provisions of Articles 123 and 124 of Law 39/2015, of 1 October; or directly a contentious-administrative appeal before the Contentious-Administrative Chamber of the National High Court, within two months, in accordance with the provisions of Articles 11.1.a) and 46.1 of Law 29/1998, of 13 July, Regulating the Contentious-Administrative Jurisdiction.

When the resolution of the concession procedure has been appealed for reconsideration, a contentious-administrative appeal may not be filed until the appeal for reversal has been expressly resolved or has been dismissed due to administrative silence.

Article 18. *Obligations of the beneficiary entities.*

1. In general, the beneficiary entities must comply with the obligations established in Article 14 of Law 38/2003, of 17 November, as well as the specific conditions established in Article 5 of the regulatory bases and in the specific implementing provisions contained in this resolution.

2. The beneficiary entities must enter into a contract with the proposed PI, under the modality of a distinguished researcher contract, which extends from the start date of the period of execution of the action and is in force until the date prior to the filling of the permanent job. In this regard, they must provide a responsible declaration, through Facilit@ and within 20 working days from the date of the start of the period of execution of the action, stating that the PI is contracted by the beneficiary entity, with the characteristics and requirements established in this call and in the concession resolution.

3. The beneficiary entities must, before the end of the period of execution of the action, create a permanent job in the field of knowledge of the PI and proceed to cover it, understood as the

effective incorporation into the position of the person who is awarded in the corresponding selection process.

4. The person who holds the legal representation of the entity benefiting from the aid shall be responsible for the conservation and custody of the documentation that must be in the possession of the beneficiary entity and shall keep it available to the verification and control bodies during the period resulting from the application of Article 39 of Law 38/2003, of 17 November. The place of custody must be reflected in the information to be sent to the Agency on the occasion of the submission of the corresponding reports.

Without prejudice to the responsibilities that may correspond in accordance with Law 38/2003, of 17 November, the person who holds the legal representation of the beneficiary entity of the aid will be responsible for the veracity of the content of the documents that he signs and presents to the granting administration.

5. The beneficiary entities must promote that the results of the research, including scientific publications, data, codes and methodologies, resulting from the funding granted under this call are available in open access, in accordance with Article 37 of Law 14/2011, of 1 June, amended by Law 17/2022, of 5 September.

When it is decided to disseminate research results in scientific publications, a copy of the final version accepted for publication and the data associated with them must be deposited in institutional or thematic open access repositories, simultaneously with the date of publication.

To this end, authors of scientific papers that have been accepted for publication in serial or periodical publications must self-archive a copy in institutional or thematic open access repositories, collected on the RECOLECTA platform, of the Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology (FECYT), or in other repositories promoted by the institutions themselves.

The beneficiaries of these grants will ensure that they retain the intellectual property rights necessary to comply with the open access requirements.

The data generated by the research should be deposited in institutional, national and/or international repositories as soon as possible, and always within two years of the end of the project, in order to facilitate and promote the free access and management of research data from the funded grants, following the international principles FAIR (from English, "*Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable*").

The foregoing will be compatible with the possibility of taking the appropriate measures to protect, prior to scientific publication, the rights over the results of research, development and innovation activity, in accordance with national and European regulations on intellectual and industrial property, plant varieties or trade secrets.

6. In the case of specific projects, listed in Annex III, the beneficiary entities must ensure compliance with the obligations described in said Annex. The documents referred to in the annex shall remain in the possession of the beneficiary entity, without prejudice to the submission to the verification actions that may be carried out by the granting body, as well as any other verification and financial control actions that may be carried out by the competent control bodies. The beneficiary entities must provide all the information required in the exercise of the above actions.

Article 19. *Payment of aid.*

1. The payment of the aid provided for in this resolution will be made in accordance with the provisions of Article 26 of the regulatory bases and under the terms specified in the granting resolution.
2. The amount of the aid will be released in annual instalments. In general, the payment of these annuities will be made in advance, without the need to constitute guarantees, as established in Article 10 of the regulatory bases.
3. The first payment will be processed on the occasion of the concession resolution. The investments and expenses of the actions may be made throughout their execution period.
4. In any case, the payment, both of the first and successive annuities, will be conditional on the management body certifying that the beneficiary entity complies with the requirements set out in Article 34.5 of Law 38/2003, of 17 November.

In the event that the situation of the beneficiary entity with respect to such obligations is not recorded, it will be required to provide the appropriate certificates within a maximum period of fifteen working days from the day following the notification of the requirement. If, after one year from the aforementioned notification, compliance with the requirements referred to in this section is not demonstrated, the right to receive the aid will be lost.

CHAPTER VI

Management, justification, monitoring and control of aid

Article 20. *Modification of the concession resolution.*

1. The actions must be carried out in the time and manner determined in the concession resolutions. The body responsible for authorising the modifications to the concession resolution is the granting body. Its processing corresponds to the Branch of Transversal Scientific and Technical Programs, Strengthening and Excellence.
2. Any change in the content of the granting resolution shall simultaneously require:
 - a) That it is requested at least two months before the end of the period of execution of the action and that it is expressly authorised by the granting body.
 - b) That the change does not affect the objectives pursued with the aid, its fundamental aspects or that have been decisive for the granting of the aid, the determination of the beneficiary entity, and that it does not damage the rights of third parties.
 - c) That the modifications are due to supervening causes that could not have been foreseen at the time of the application.
3. The decision to grant the grant may be modified, in the manner indicated in paragraph 7, in the following cases, provided that they are duly justified:
 - a) Changes of beneficiary entity. Only changes related to the merger, absorption and spin-off of entities will be admitted.
 - b) Extension of the period for the execution of the action, when there are duly accredited circumstances that have prevented its execution within the initially established period.

Duly accredited causes are considered to be situations of temporary incapacity, for periods of time dedicated to the enjoyment of full-time leave due to pregnancy, pregnancy, risk during pregnancy, pregnancy and breastfeeding, birth, maternity, paternity, adoption by guardianship for the purpose of adoption or foster care, or accumulated full-time breastfeeding, or for similar situations related to the above, as well as for the enjoyment of leave on time for reasons of conciliation or care of minors, family members or dependents, and for the time spent on leave to care for a child, family member or gender violence.

In the case of temporary incapacity during pregnancy for reasons related to it, an extension of the period for the execution of the aid may be requested for the duration of said temporary incapacity. In all other cases of temporary incapacity, an extension of the period for the execution of the aid may be requested when such temporary incapacity is for a period of at least 2 consecutive months.

The request for extension of the execution period must be made within a maximum period of 2 months from the date on which the event causing the situation occurs and always before the end of the execution period.

Applications will be made in accordance with the instructions published on the website of the State Research Agency and attaching to your application, where appropriate, the addendum to the contract or document justifying its extension, which covers said extended period in order to maintain the due employment relationship with the beneficiary entity throughout the execution period. except in cases where the PI has already filled the permanent position.

4. The change of the person acting as IP will not be admitted.

5. The modification of the concession resolution will not require the modification of the concession resolution and will be authorized by the Subdivision of Transversal Scientific and Technical Programs, Strengthening and Excellence, the increase in the maximum percentage of subcontracting of the activities subject to aid established in this call, within the limits regulated in article 9 of the regulatory bases and in article 8.8 of this call.

6. No transfers may be made between the three categories of types of expenditure within the concept of direct costs set out in Article 8.3, with the exception set out in the following paragraph. However, the amount approved in the concession resolution under the concept of direct costs as costs of execution of the R+D+i project may be allocated to any of the eligible expenses established in article 8.3.b), with the established limits and in accordance with the needs of the action, provided that the link with it is demonstrated. No transfers may be made between the concepts of direct costs and indirect costs.

The approved amount that, within the sub-concept of hiring costs of the PI, is not executed as a result of the creation and coverage of the permanent job, in accordance with the provisions of articles 7.2 and 8.3.a), respectively, may be transferred to the sub-concept of costs of execution of the R+D+i project. However, the amount approved in the concession resolution for indirect costs and in the sub-concept of costs of establishment and/or improvement of facilities, within the concept of direct costs, will not be modified by such transfer.

7. The request for any modification shall be submitted through the means established in Article 4, using and completing all the sections of the forms available on the Agency's website, for each type of modification requested.

Article 21. *Justification regime.*

1. The justification of the aid received must be effective, transparent and based on the quality and scientific-technical and socio-economic impact of the actions financed, and will be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Article 27 of the regulatory bases, by means of an economic justification and a scientific-technical justification, as indicated in this article.

The PI and the person who holds the legal representation of the beneficiary entity must mandatorily submit the scientific-technical and economic justification in the Justweb application for telematic justification of the grants, available at the Ministry's electronic headquarters, and following the models available on the Agency's website.

2. The economic justification, in accordance with the eleventh additional provision of Law 14/2011, of 1 June, will be carried out by means of the simplified justification account modality, with the content and verification method provided for in Article 75 of the Regulations implementing the General Law on Subsidies.

3. The granting body may draw up explanatory execution and justification instructions, which develop the provisions of the regulatory bases and this call. These instructions will be made public on the Agency's website.

4. As established in article 70.3 of the Regulations implementing the General Law on Subsidies, once the established period for justification has elapsed without having submitted it to the competent administrative body, the latter shall require the beneficiary entity to submit it within a non-extendable period of fifteen days. Failure to submit the justification within the period established in this section will entail the requirement of reimbursement, in accordance with article 92.1 of the Regulations implementing the General Law on Subsidies, which regulates reimbursement for non-compliance with the obligation to provide justification.

Article 22. *Economic monitoring.*

1. The economic monitoring of the actions shall be the responsibility of the Agency's Aid Monitoring and Justification Branch, without prejudice to the provisions of point four.

2. The financial report justifying the actions shall be submitted between 1 January and 31 March of the year immediately following the end of the execution period.

3. For the purposes of monitoring and controlling the activities financed, the beneficiary entities must have the accounting books, completed records and other documents in the terms required by the legislation applicable to the entity, as well as the invoices and other receipts of expenditure of equivalent probative value and the corresponding proof of payment. This set of documents constitutes the supporting document for the subsidy granted, and guarantees its adequate reflection in the accounts of the beneficiary entity.

In any case, the beneficiary entities must keep all the invoices and other documents that prove the expenses and payments subject to the aid that they have incurred, and have them available to the granting body and the verification and control bodies that may require them for verification until the end of the verification and control procedure of the aid.

4. The granting body shall verify, by means of sampling techniques, the supporting documents so determined, in accordance with the provisions of the Annual Action Plan of said body, referred to in article 85.1 of the Regulations of the General Law on Subsidies, and which allow reasonable evidence to be obtained on the proper application of the subsidy, for which purpose it may require the beneficiary entity to submit the selected expenditure receipts.

When the beneficiaries of the grants are Public Research Bodies of the General State Administration or foundations, consortia and other implementing agents of the Spanish System of Science, Technology and Innovation of the General State Administration that are subject to the permanent financial control of the General Comptroller of the State Administration, sampling and other economic-administrative verification activities may be carried out by internal bodies of said entities, in accordance with the provisions of the eleventh additional provision of Law 14/2011, of 1 June.

The execution instructions will determine the procedure to be followed in each case.

5. The Agency's Aid Monitoring and Justification Subdivision may open a correction period ex officio when it is considered that the data entered in the telematic application on the occasion of the justifications submitted are not adequate.

Article 23. *Scientific-technical monitoring.*

1. Scientific and technical monitoring shall be the responsibility of the Agency's Branch of Cross-Cutting Scientific and Technical Programmes, Strengthening and Excellence, which may designate individual experts or committees of experts to carry it out. The committees that may be appointed will comply with the principles of composition and balanced presence between women and men established in Organic Law 3/2007, of 22 March, all in accordance with the provisions of article 21.6 of the regulatory bases.

2. The scientific-technical justification will be made through the presentation of scientific-technical reports for intermediate and final monitoring, which will be provided, using the standardised models available on the Agency's website, by the PI, through the justification application (Justiweb), accessible at the Ministry's electronic headquarters, and signed and registered electronically by the person who holds the legal representation of the beneficiary entity.

a) The supporting documentation will be as follows:

1. An interim monitoring report within a maximum period of three months from the time when half of the period of execution of the action is completed.

2. A final report to be submitted within three months from the end of the period of execution of the action.

b) The scientific-technical justification reports must contain, among others, the following information:

1. Development of the activities, compliance with the objectives proposed in the action, activities carried out and results achieved. The relevance and impact of the results obtained will be evidenced, among others, through the dissemination of results in publications, scientific journals, books and presentations at conferences, transfer actions, patents, internationalization of activities, collaborations with national and international groups and the training of research staff.

2. Gender dimension in research, analysis of gender integration in the research carried out and actions to promote gender equality in the execution of the project.

3. The main expenditure incurred in each of the sections of the budget executed, as well as any change in the expenditure included in the initial application, adequately justifying their necessity for the achievement of the scientific-technical objectives of the subsidised action.

4. List of people participating in the R+D+i project, indicating the date of incorporation and the activities in which they participate.

5. Projects using Spanish or foreign genetic resources and traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources, covered by Regulation (EU) No 511/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 on compliance measures for users of the Nagoya Protocol, must complete, in the interim monitoring report, the registration number that justifies the submission, through the electronic headquarters of the Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge, of the due diligence declaration in accordance with article 14.1 of Royal Decree 124/2017, of 24 February, on access to genetic resources from wild taxa and the control of use.

6. The final reports shall indicate the level of impact of the action, as well as its socio-economic impact on the State and the region in which it is carried out. To quantify this impact, the form of the indicators defined by the Agency must be completed.

c) With the interim and/or final monitoring report, the competent body may request the authorisations and documentation that accredits compliance with the specific conditions for the execution of certain projects described in Annex III.

d) The final report will be accompanied by the documentation accrediting the creation and coverage of a permanent job in the field of knowledge of the PI, in accordance with the provisions of article 7.2 and article 18.3. Failure to comply with this obligation will give rise to reimbursement, in accordance with article 24.3.

3. As a result of the scientific-technical monitoring, the Agency's Transversal Scientific-Technical Programmes, Strengthening and Excellence Branch will validate the assessment report of the Agency's scientific-technical collaborators assigned to this purpose, the result of which may be very satisfactory, satisfactory, acceptable, unsatisfactory and unsatisfactory.

The report must include, where appropriate, those items of expenditure that cannot be considered manifestly linked to the performance of the action.

4. Failure to submit or the scientific-technical assessment of the interim monitoring report as unsatisfactory may lead to the interruption of the action, as well as the total or partial reimbursement of the aid.

Failure to submit or the scientific-technical assessment of the final report as unsatisfactory may result in the total or partial reimbursement of the aid.

5. In addition, face-to-face conferences for the presentation of results and any other type of activities related to the scientific-technical monitoring of the grants awarded may be organised. To this end, the appropriate bodies or experts may be appointed, the submission of complementary information may be requested and the necessary assessment reports may be drawn up. Participation in these activities will be mandatory for those actions that are called. Thus, non-attendance for unjustified reasons may lead to the interruption of the action, as well as the total or partial reimbursement of the aid.

6. Subsequent scientific-technical monitoring (*ex-post* monitoring) may be carried out in order to evaluate the effectiveness and general impact of the call, for which the beneficiary entities may be required to provide new indicators.

Article 24. *Control of aid.*

1. The beneficiary entities shall be subject to the control actions carried out by the institutions empowered to do so by Law 38/2003, of 17 November, as well as to provide any information required by the General Comptroller of the State Administration and the Court of Auditors.
2. The voluntary return of the aid received will comply with the provisions of Article 90 of the Implementing Regulation of Law 38/2003, of 17 November. To make it effective, the granting body will be requested to provide a letter of payment of non-tax income.
3. The system for the reimbursement of aid as a result of non-compliance with the conditions of granting shall be that established in Article 30 of the regulatory bases. In addition to the criteria for grading non-compliance contemplated in article 31 of these bases, non-compliance with the provisions of article 18.3 will be cause for reimbursement of 25% of the amount approved in the concession resolution in the sub-concept of contracting costs of the PI, within the concept of direct costs.

However, in the event that during the execution of the action and before the creation of the permanent position, the contract of the PI is terminated due to the occurrence of any of the situations provided for in article 49 of the Consolidated Text of the Workers' Statute Law, and in the event that the termination occurs due to the dismissal of the worker, the labour jurisdiction determines that it is considered to be fair, the non-creation and/or non-call for the coverage of the permanent position will not be considered a breach and the reimbursement of the aid will not be required. In the same way, the reimbursement of the aid will not be required if the position has been created in accordance with the obligations of this resolution, but is not covered because it is deserted or vacant.

4. The applicable regime of administrative infringements and penalties shall be that established in Title IV of Law 38/2003, of 17 November.

CHAPTER VII

Appeals regime and effects of the call

Article 25. *Appeals against the call.*

1. This decision to call for applications, which puts an end to the administrative procedure, may be appealed against for reconsideration or may be challenged directly before the contentious-administrative courts.
2. The optional appeal for reconsideration may be lodged with the body that issued it, within a period of one month from the day following the publication of the extract of this call resolution in the Official State Gazette, in accordance with the provisions of Articles 123 and 124 of the Law on the Common Administrative Procedure of Public Administrations.
3. The contentious-administrative appeal may be lodged with the Contentious-Administrative Chamber of the National High Court, within two months from the day following the publication of the extract of this call resolution in the Official State Gazette, in accordance with the provisions of Articles 11.1.a) and 46 of Law 29/1998. of 13 July.
4. When the call for reconsideration has been appealed, a contentious-administrative appeal may not be filed until the appeal for reconsideration has been expressly resolved or has been dismissed due to administrative silence.



Article 26. *Effects.*

This resolution will take effect from the day on which the deadline for submitting applications begins.

The President of the State Research Agency, Juan Cruz Cigudosa García.

ANNEX I. Evaluation criteria

1. The evaluation criteria, scores and thresholds to be applied, detailed in Annex III.7 of the regulatory bases, are as follows:

Criteria and sub-criteria	Assessment	Threshold
1. Scientific-technical career of the principal investigator.	0-50	35
2. Novelty, quality and viability of the project	0-50	30
2.1. Novelty and quality of the proposal	0-20	
2.2. Feasibility and budget	0-15	
2.3. Expected impact of results	0-15	

2. The description of the evaluation criteria and sub-criteria is as follows:

Criterion 1.- Scientific-technical career of the principal investigator.

The quality of the scientific-technical contributions, their relevance and contribution to the generation of knowledge, the generation of ideas and hypotheses and results obtained, the contributions to society, such as technological development and innovation activities, development of software tools, the open access data management strategy, dissemination activities, etc. collaboration with industry and with public or private entities, as well as with other end users of the research and other results obtained in the period defined by the call for the principal investigator, the management and participation in national and international R+D+i projects, both public and private, and experience in technology transfer, the training capacity accredited by the doctoral theses carried out or in progress, and international leadership, in aspects such as leadership of international projects and/or consortia, participation in prestigious international committees, the organization of relevant international scientific congresses and meetings, invitations to international conferences of high scientific level, awards and other recognitions of international prestige.

Criterion 2.- Novelty, quality and viability of the project.

Sub-criterion 2.1. Novelty and quality of the proposal.

The scientific, technological and innovative quality of the proposal will be assessed in terms of relevance, clarity, novelty of the initial hypothesis, the novelty and independence of the proposal in relation to the theme developed by the host group, the adequacy of the objectives set out in the proposal and its contribution to the generation of knowledge. When relevant, the inter- and multi-disciplinary nature of the proposal may be assessed.

Sub-criterion 2.2. Feasibility and budget.

The definition, novelty and suitability of the proposed methodology and its adequacy, the work plan and the schedule to achieve the proposed objectives, the quality and impact of the

previous results obtained related to the subject matter of the proposal that allow the viability of the proposal to be endorsed, the identification of critical points and contingency plans will be assessed. as well as the human, material and equipment resources available to carry out the proposal. The clarity, justification and adequacy of the requested budget in relation to the objectives to be achieved and the activities to be carried out will be assessed.

Sub-criterion 2.3. Expected impact of results

The expected impact of the results will be assessed, including the generation of scientific and technical knowledge, the plan for the scientific communication of the results in terms of publications, presentations and communications at congresses and other mainly international forums, the plan for the transfer and valorisation of results, the social and economic impact of the planned activities and the plan and scope for disseminating the results to society. The expected impact of the incorporation and consolidation of the researcher in the institution will be assessed, as well as the expected impact on the strengthening and/or diversification of the institution's lines of research. Where relevant, the research data management plan, the inclusion of the gender dimension in the research content or the associated impact on the field of disability and other areas of social inclusion will be assessed.

Tiebreaker

In the case of applications that obtain the same score, for the purposes of resolving the tie, this will be settled in favour of the application that has the highest score in the assessment of criterion 1. If the tie still continues, it will be resolved in favour of the application that has the highest score in the assessment of sub-criteria 2.1 and 2.2, in this order. If the tie persists, it will finally be arbitrated in favour of the application whose principal investigator is a woman. If it continues to persist, the tie will be resolved in favor of the application that was first submitted.



ANNEX II. Thematic areas

Thematic area: Mathematical, Physical, Chemical and Engineering Sciences (CMIFQ)			
Code and name of the thematic areas		Code and name of the thematic sub-areas	
CTQ	Chemical sciences and technologies	IQM	Chemical engineering
		QMC	Chemistry
EYT	Energy and transport	JAN	Energy
		TRA	Transport
FIS	Physical sciences	GOVERNNESS	Astronomy and astrophysics
		ESP	Space research
		FPN	Particle and nuclear physics
		FAB	Applied physics and biophysics
		FCM	Quantum and Matter Physics
MAT	Materials Science and Technologies	MBM	Biomedical materials
		MONTH	Materials for energy and the environment
		MONTH	Structural materials
		MFU	Materials with electrical, magnetic, optical or thermal functionality
MTM	Mathematical Sciences	MTM	Mathematical Sciences
PIN	Industrial production, civil engineering and engineering for society	IBI	Biomedical Engineering
		ICA	Civil engineering and architecture
		IEA	Electrical, Electronic and Automatic Engineering
		INA	Mechanical, naval and aeronautical engineering
TIC	Information and communication technologies	INF	Computer Science and Information Technology
		MNF	Microelectronics, nanotechnology and photonics
		TCO	Communications technologies
Thematic Area: Social Sciences and Humanities (CSH)			
Code and name of the thematic areas		Code and name of the thematic sub-areas	
CSO	Social sciences	COM	Communication
		CPO	Political science
		FEM	Feminist, Women's and Gender Studies
		GEO	Geography
		SOC	Sociology and social anthropology
DER	Right	DER	Right
ECHO	Economy	EYF	Business & Finance
		EMA	Economics, methods and applications
EDU	Education Sciences	EDU	Education Sciences
FLA	Culture: philology, literature and art	ART	Art, fine art, museum
		LFL	Literature, Philology, Ancient Languages and Cultures, and Cultural Studies
MLP	Mind, language and thought	FIL	Philosophy
		LYL	Linguistics and languages
PHA	Studies of the Past: History and Archaeology	ARQ	Archaeology
PSI	Psychology	HIS	History
		PSI	Psychology
Subject Area: Life Sciences (CV)			
Code and name of the thematic areas		Code and name of the thematic sub-areas	
BIO	Biosciences and Biotechnology	BIF	Integrative Biology and Physiology
		BMC	Molecular and Cell Biology
		BTC	Biotechnology
BME	Biomedicine	DOG	Cancer
		PTD	Diagnostic, prognostic and therapeutic tools
		ESN	Diseases of the nervous system
		FOS	Pathophysiology of organs and systems
		IIT	Immunity, Infection, and Immunotherapy
CAA	Agricultural and agri-food sciences	ALI	Food Science and Technology
		AYF	Agriculture and forestry
		GYA	Livestock and aquaculture
CTM	Environmental Science and Technology	BDV	Biodiversity
		CTA	Earth and water sciences
		CYA	Climate and atmosphere
		SEA	Marine Science and Technology
		POL	Polar Research
		TMA	Environmental technologies

ANNEX III. Specific regulations and conditions for the execution of certain projects

1. The implementation of the projects subject to the grants provided for in this call must comply with the provisions of international principles and current regulations applicable to them in the field of bioethics, animal experimentation, biosecurity, biological safety, environmental protection, natural heritage and biodiversity, historical and cultural heritage and data protection. and to respect the fundamental principles set out in the Declaration of Helsinki (World Medical Assembly), the Council of Europe Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine and the UNESCO Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights.

2. The projects shall comply with the legal and regulatory provisions in force and those that modify or develop them, and specifically:

a) Projects that involve research on humans or the use of biological samples of human origin must comply with the provisions of Law 14/2007, of 3 July, on biomedical research and other legislation in force on the subject.

b) Projects involving animal experimentation must comply with the provisions of current legal regulations and, in particular, Law 32/2007, of 7 November, for the care of animals in their exploitation, transport, experimentation and slaughter, amended by Law 6/2013, of 11 June, and Royal Decree 53/2013, of 1 February, establishing the basic rules applicable to the protection of animals used in experimentation and other scientific purposes, including teaching, amended by Royal Decree 118/2021, of 23 February.

c) Projects involving the use of genetically modified organisms must comply with the provisions of Law 9/2003, of 25 April, on the contained use, voluntary release and marketing of genetically modified organisms, and Royal Decree 178/2004 of 31 January, which approves its Regulations and subsequent amendments.

d) Projects involving the use of biological agents must comply with the provisions of Law 31/1995, of 8 November, on the prevention of occupational risks, and the royal decrees that develop it.

e) Projects must comply with the provisions of Royal Decree 1090/2015, of 4 December, which regulates clinical trials with medicines, the Ethics Committees for Research with medicines and the Spanish Register of Clinical Studies.

f) Projects involving the use of human embryonic stem cells or cell lines derived from them, as well as research projects involving the use of cells and tissues of human origin in the field of regenerative medicine must comply with the provisions of Law 14/2007, of 3 July, on biomedical research and Royal Decree 2132/2004, of 29 October, which establishes the requirements and procedures for applying for the development of research projects with stem cells obtained from surplus pre-embryos and in Royal Decree 1527/2010, of 15 November, which regulates the commission of guarantees for the donation and use of human cells and tissues and the registration of research projects, as well as the rest of the legal regulations in force.

g) Projects involving research with human cells and tissues must comply with the provisions of Royal Decree-Law 9/2014, of 4 July, which establishes the quality and safety standards for the donation, procurement, evaluation, processing, preservation, storage and distribution of human cells and tissues and approves the coordination and operation rules for their use in humans.

h) Projects that use Spanish or foreign genetic resources, and traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources, must comply with the provisions of Royal Decree 124/2017, of 24 February, on access to genetic resources from wild taxa and the control of their use. They must also comply with Regulation (EU) No 511/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 on compliance measures for users of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization in the Union.

i) Projects that involve the acquisition or exchange of genetic material must comply with the provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and the provisions of Royal Decree 199/2017, on Nursery Seeds and Plant Genetic Resources. In the case of plant genetic resources, the collections of genetic material must comply with national and regional provisions that affect possible taxa that are considered threatened.

j) When applicable, depending on the nature of the project, Law 42/2007, of 13 December, on Natural Heritage and Biodiversity, amended by Law 7/2018, of 20 July.

k) Projects that aim to conserve or recover cultural and historical heritage must comply with the provisions of Law 16/1985, of 25 June, on Spanish Historical Heritage, Royal Legislative Decree 1/1996, of 12 April, approving the revised text of the Intellectual Property Law, regularising, clarifying and harmonizing the legal provisions in force on the matter, as well as the regional legislation in force on this matter.

l) Projects developed in the marine environment must comply with Law 41/2010, of 29 December, on the protection of the marine environment.

m) Projects carried out in areas within the Natura 2000 Network must comply with Law 21/2013, of 9 December, on environmental assessment.

n) When applicable, depending on the nature of the project, Royal Decree 183/2015, of 13 March, amending the Regulations for the partial implementation of Law 26/2007, of 23 October, on Environmental Liability, approved by Royal Decree 2090/2008, of 22 December.

ñ) When applicable, depending on the nature of the project, Law 2/2011, of 4 March, on Sustainable Economy.

o) Projects developed in the Antarctic Treaty area (below the 60° S parallel) must comply with the rules established by the Antarctic Treaty itself (BOE of 26 June 1982) and by the Protocol to the Antarctic Treaty on Environmental Protection and its Annexes (Madrid Protocol, BOE of 18 February 1998), collected by the Spanish Polar Committee.

p) Projects that involve carrying out studies by means of quantitative surveys in the field of social sciences with data collection must comply with the provisions of Law 37/2007, of 16 November, on the reuse of public sector information and the recommendation of the European Commission of 17 July 2012. on scientific information and its preservation, as amended by Commission Recommendation (EU) 2018/790 of 25 April 2018.

3. Projects with implications in the field of bioethics, animal experimentation, biosecurity and biological safety must have the legally established authorisations and/or reports as activity requirements and in view of their nature.

4. The PI of projects that use genetically modified organisms must submit the application for authorisation/notification to carry out activities with genetically modified organisms through the

electronic headquarters of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, in accordance with the provisions of Articles 14 and 24 of Royal Decree 178/2004, of 30 January.

5. Projects involving actions on board oceanographic vessels and in polar campaigns must meet the following requirements for their activity:

a) Projects to be developed in Antarctic campaigns must be planned within the limit of the duration of the project. All activity at Antarctic bases will be conditioned by logistical possibilities and the availability of space and time.

b) To participate in Antarctic campaigns, researchers must pass a medical examination in accordance with the protocol established by the Spanish Polar Committee. The procedure for this protocol will be available on the website of the Spanish Polar Committee.

c) In accordance with the provisions of the Spanish Polar Committee, each of the researchers participating in the Antarctic campaign must confirm in writing, prior to the start of the campaign, their full and unreserved acceptance of the Code of Conduct available on the website of the Spanish Polar Committee. This code will be mandatory throughout the campaign. The absence of written confirmation will be understood as a voluntary refusal to such acceptance and will prevent participation in the campaign.

d) Research projects that require access to polar areas for their development, either by accessing Spanish scientific infrastructures or those of other countries, must be subject to the examination, evaluation and authorisation processes determined by the Spanish Polar Committee or competent authority, and must be subject to the requirements established by the entities owning such infrastructures. Failure to comply with any of these conditions that makes access to the planned polar area impossible may lead to the need to rethink the objectives of the project or its eventual cancellation.

e) In accordance with the provisions of the Spanish Polar Committee, the PIs of the polar actions must contact the National Polar Data Centre (CNDP) to manage the sending of the raw data and those of the instrumental calibrations, within a maximum period of three months after the end of the campaign and in accordance with the referral protocol. storage and dissemination of Antarctic data in Spain.

f) The PIs of the polar actions must send a report of the same at the end of the campaign.

g) Those projects that are financed must send to the Technical Secretariat of the Spanish Polar Committee the application forms for Sampling and access to Antarctic Specially Protected Areas, if they are going to carry out these activities in the month of September prior to each Antarctic campaign.

h) Any activity on oceanographic vessels will be conditioned by logistical possibilities and the availability of space and time. Applicants must consult the planning of the previous campaigns approved in the COCSABO, which is available on the ministry's website (<https://www.ciencia.gob.es/gl/Ministerio/Mision-y-organizacion/Organismos-consultivos/COCSABO.html>) and propose a campaign date, within the existing availability. The non-availability of space and time for the vessel, as well as the non-viability of the campaign due to logistical problems, may mean that the project will not be subsidized.

i) Projects to be developed on board oceanographic vessels must consult the Ship Access Protocol document, available on the COCSABO website.

j) The PIs of the projects that involve the implementation of oceanographic campaigns will be responsible for the preparation of the metadata of the campaign, and for this purpose they will have at their disposal on board the vessel the necessary tools and the support of the technical staff on board. The metadata will be incorporated by the ship operators into the Catalogues of campaigns available on the Ministry's website. The raw data acquired during the campaign will be of a restricted nature (except for the basic data collected automatically and continuously) and will become public within 2 years of the end of the corresponding project.

k) The PIs of the projects that involve the implementation of oceanographic campaigns must submit a campaign report to the vessel operator. Likewise, this report must be incorporated into the final scientific-technical report of the project.

l) Researchers who carry out their activities in the Marine Protected Waters Network or RED NATURA 2000 must have, whenever necessary, prior to the start of the campaign, the corresponding environmental impact report, in accordance with the procedure published on the Agency's website.

m) PIs who carry out their oceanographic activities in foreign waters must apply seven months before the start of the campaign for permission to work in foreign waters. Areas of known diplomatic conflict must also be taken into account and any action that could involve such action must be avoided.

n) The PIs of polar actions and those that involve the carrying out of oceanographic campaigns must send, both during the period of validity of the project and once it has ended, the scientific-technical publications generated as a result of these activities.

6. Projects that involve the carrying out of studies by means of quantitative surveys in the field of social sciences with data collection must meet the following requirements:

a) The PIs of these projects must transfer, within a maximum period of 12 months from their completion, the microdata comprising the study to the Specific Data Bank for Social Studies which, for this purpose, is located at the Centre for Sociological Research, in compliance with the provisions of the fourth additional provision of Law 37/2007, of 16 November on the re-use of public sector information, and Commission Recommendation (EU) 2018/790 of 25 April 2018 on access to and preservation of scientific information.

b) To this end, prior to the submission of applications for these projects, the PIs must submit to the Sociological Research Centre of the Ministry of the Presidency, Justice and Relations with the Courts an Initial Deposit Plan, the content of which will consist of a commitment to comply with the obligation to transfer microdata referred to in paragraph a).

c) In order to comply with the obligations set out in the previous sections, the standardised forms made available to researchers by the Centre for Sociological Research will be used, through its website.

7. Projects involving the carrying out of archaeological activities must have authorisations for their realisation, issued by the competent authorities and comply with any other requirement required by Law 16/1985, of 25 June, on Spanish Historical Heritage, as well as the regional legislation in force on the matter that is applicable to them.

8. The PIs of projects that use Spanish or foreign genetic resources and traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources must submit, through the electronic headquarters of the Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge, the declaration of diligence in accordance with article 14.1 of Royal Decree 124/2017, of 24 February.

ANNEX IV. Description of the content of the scientific-technical report of the action

Maximum number of pages: 12.

1. Details of the proposal:

- a) Name of the person listed as the IP
- b) Performance title and acronym in Spanish
- c) Performance title and acronym

2. Justification and novelty of the proposal.

The following aspects will be included, among others:

- Justification and contribution of the proposal in the context of the scientific-technical knowledge of the specific subject of the project or line of research.
- Description of the starting hypothesis.
- Previous results and contributions of the PI that endorse the proposal.

3. Objectives, methodology and work plan.

The following aspects will be included, among others:

- Description of the general and specific objectives, listing them briefly, clearly, accurately and realistically.
- Description of the proposed methodology in relation to the objectives and the state of the art, highlighting those critical stages whose result may affect the viability of the planned work plan or require a readjustment of it.
- Description of a contingency plan to resolve possible difficulties. Description of the material means, infrastructures and/or unique equipment and human resources available to the project that allow the proposed methodology to be addressed.
- Clear and precise schedule of the phases and milestones foreseen in relation to the objectives set out in the proposal.
- In the case of inter- or multidisciplinary projects, the inter- or multidisciplinary strategy envisaged and the details of the objectives and activities related to it, justifying the other thematic areas with which the proposal would be related.

4. Scientific-technical contributions of the Principal Investigator.

A selection of a maximum of 10 contributions from those included in the CVA of the proposed PI must be included. For each of them, the personal contribution to the contribution must be explained, as well as the relevance of the contribution within their scope of work.

5. Justification of the requested budget.

The following aspects will be included, among others:

- Qualitative justification of the need for the budget requested for the execution of the project, in relation to the activities to be carried out in it.

- Justification of the need and budget requested for the improvement of facilities.

6. Expected impact of the results.

The following aspects will be included, among others:

- Description of the expected impact of the results derived from the project to achieve advances in knowledge and/or technological development, and to solve problems or needs
- Description of the social and economic impact of the planned activities, as well as the impact and benefits that may be derived from the results of the proposal and its applications in terms of generating tangible and intangible value for the economy, society, culture or public policies, including job creation.
- Expected impact of the consolidation and activity that the researcher will develop in the strengthening and/or diversification of the entity's lines of research.
- Plan for scientific communication and internationalization of the expected results of the project, including the forecast of open access publications.
- Plan for the dissemination of the results to the most relevant groups for the project theme and to society in general.
- Summary of the data management plan planned during and at the end of the project.
- Plan for the transfer and valorisation of the results, including, where appropriate, collaborations with possible end users of the results.
- Description of the benefits of the inclusion of the gender dimension in the content of the proposed research or the associated impact in the field of disability and other areas of social inclusion, or any other aspect of the proposed activities for society.

7. Specific conditions for the execution of certain projects (see annex III).

This section will only be completed if the online application for applications answers affirmatively to any of the aspects related to the conditions or implications set out in said Annex III. The following aspects will be included, among others:

i. Description of the aspects related to the proposed research.

ii. Explanation of the considerations, procedures or protocols that it intends to apply in the project in compliance with the regulations in force, in each case.

iii. Indication of the facilities that are mandatory and those available in your institution for the execution of the project. And, where appropriate, its forecast for those facilities that it does not have.

iv. List of mandatory authorisations that it already has, or that are in process, for the activities foreseen in the project.