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# INCENTIVES AND GRANTS GUIDE

DIGITALISATION, ICT and R&D&I

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This monograph compiles in a single document the public grants aimed at facilitating the processes related to digitalisation, those aimed at the Information and Communication Technologies sector and Research, Development and Innovation (R&D&I) activities in these sectors as well as in any other economic activity.

**Section I** introduces the main national and European public programmes that shape and fund the calls through which these incentives are accessed, namely: the **SME Digitalisation Plan 2021-2025**, which will allocate more than 4.6 billion euros to the digital transformation of Spanish companies; it explains in detail what it is, its main lines of action and the specific measures for each of them; the **Spanish Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy 2021-2027**, designed to maximise coordination and articulation between state and regional planning and programming, and to facilitate the articulation of Spain's R&D&I policy according to the EU's science and innovation framework programme, **Horizon Europe (2021-2027)**, which is also described in detail. Finally, this section also provides a description of the three main entities that issue calls for grants at European and national level in the sectors of interest: **the European Innovation Council (EIC), the Centre for the Development of Industrial Technology (CDTI) and the Official Credit Institute (ICO)**.

**Section II** offers a series of tables containing the grants related to these sectors, with summary information on each grant and its respective call. These grants are classified by geographical area as follows:

- Firstly, the most relevant grants from **European** entities.
- Secondly, grants from national entities aimed at companies established in Spain.
- Thirdly and lastly, grants from regional Administrations (Autonomous Regions) in Spain.

**Section III** of the document contains the detailed information sheets for each call. For this purpose, an **individual file** has been created which is structured as follows:

**Title of the call**

This is the official name of the call.

**Object of the call**

It details the purpose of the grant and what problems or challenges it intends to solve or address.

**Type of support**

It specifies the financial modality of the incentive. For example, whether it is a non-repayable grant, a loan, whether it is possible to combine both alternatives and any other modality.

**Beneficiaries**

It indicates the type of entities that may apply: consortia and joint ventures, companies, individuals, etc.

**Description of the call**

It explains the call and the items and activities it finances. It also contains summarised information on the requirements to be met by the eligible projects.

**Deadline of the call**

It notes the deadline for the submission of applications, indicating the start and end dates, and identifying whether the call is a single or multiple stage. This section also includes a link to the original source for further information.

**Geographical scope**

It specifies whether the call is at European, national, or regional level (in the latter case, also in which Autonomous Region).



**SECTION I**

**Framework Programmes**

# SME DIGITALISATION PLAN 2021-2025

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The SME Digitalisation Plan 2021-2025 is part of the Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan, presented by the Government of Spain in October 2020, and it is a plan designed to bring together in a single document all available public aid and programmes aimed at boosting the digitalisation of companies.

One of the main characteristics of the Spanish economy is the significant portion represented by small and medium-sized enterprises, which is larger than the European average; companies with fewer than 50 employees account for 98.99% of the total number of companies in our country and almost 50% of employment<sup>1</sup>, with their contribution to employment and business gross added value being approximately 5 percentage points above the respective European averages.

Although Spain as a whole registers a positive evolution in the main international digitalisation indicators, especially with regard to connectivity and digital public services, enterprises are not progressing at the same pace in the area of integration of digital technologies. According to a European Commission estimate, only 17% of European SMEs have successfully integrated digital technologies into their business, compared to 54% of large companies.

Accelerating the digitalisation of SMEs is particularly urgent amid the circumstances arisen from the COVID-19 pandemic, which have particularly impacted SMEs due to their greater vulnerability and lower resilience. The SME Digitalisation Plan 2021-2025 promotes, supports and facilitates digital transformation in the short, medium and long term, both for execution-ready projects – mainly involving the integration of existing digital solutions, of minimal complexity and risk –, and other more innovative and medium-term projects focused on disruptive innovation.

Thus, the Plan foresees a public investment of €4.6B (subject to budget availability), of which €1B will be disbursed in the period 2021-2023 to launch a large-scale horizontal programme so that SMEs acquire a package of readily available digitalisation tools (toolkit) addressing aspects such as training, websites, resource management systems, customer management systems, internet sales, digital marketing systems, etc.).

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.ipyme.org/es-ES/ApWeb/EstadisticasPYME/Documents/CifrasPYME-septiembre%202020.pdf>

In addition, support will be given to process automation and technological innovation, as well as digital entrepreneurship. Finally, the Plan also incorporates lines of action to promote more complex and innovative -and thus higher-risk- models based on the integration of more disruptive solutions and the intensive use of data, where the internet of things, cloud services and artificial intelligence should play a leading role. Horizontal actions are complemented by initiatives especially dedicated to boosting digitalisation in the fields of industry, tourism and commerce.

An estimated 1,350,000 to 1,500,000 SMEs could benefit from the different measures included in the Plan as a whole.

### **OBJECTIVES OF THE PLAN**

Having identified the status and challenges of the digitalisation of SMEs, the Plan sets forth the following objectives:

- Establish a set of scalable programmes for basic digitalisation, fostering public-private cooperation.
- Promote business and management training in digital skills.
- Promote disruptive innovation and entrepreneurship in the digital field.
- Establish customised digitalisation programmes in industry, tourism and commerce in the context of the green transition.
- Reduce the gender gap in digitalisation.

To achieve these objectives, the Plan groups the initiatives around four main lines of investment and a fifth horizontal line of action that provides complementary measures to foster coordination, efficiency and reforms. Each line is articulated in a series of measures with specific programmes; additional measures may be implemented in the future, in which case the Administration would incorporate them to this catalogue in due time.

The table of lines of action and their corresponding measures is set out below:

LINES OF ACTION	MEASURES
1 BASIC DIGITALISATION FOR SMEs	<b>Measure 1</b> Digital Toolkit Programme <b>Measure 2</b> SME Connectivity Grant Programme <b>Measure 3</b> Protect your Company Programme <b>Measure 4</b> Accelerate SME Programme
2 SUPPORT FOR CHANGE MANAGEMENT	<b>Measure 5</b> Management Training Programme <b>Measure 6</b> Training for Experts in SME Digital Transformation

**3 DISRUPTIVE INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

**4 SUPPORT FOR SECTORAL DIGITALISATION**

**5 COORDINATION, EFFICIENCIES AND REFORM**

- Measure 7** Change Agents Programme
- Measure 8** Disruptive Innovation for Digital Transformation in SMEs Programme
- Measure 9** Innovative Business Clusters Support Programme
- Measure 10** Support Programme for Digital Innovation Clusters
- Measure 11** Digital Entrepreneurship Support Programmes
- Measure 12** ACTIVA Industry Programmes
- Measure 13** Digital Tourism Programmes
- Measure 14** Commerce Digitalisation Programmes
- Measure 15** Integrated Network of SME Support Capacities
- Measure 16** Digital SME Seal

*\* Detailed information on each measure can be found from page 33 of the Plan onwards.*

**AREAS OF INTERVENTION OF THE DIGITALISATION PROGRAMMES**

Programmes to support SMEs in their digitalisation strategy and planning can provide support and assistance via a number of instruments throughout the three phases of the transformation process:

- Discovery and diagnosis: through awareness programmes, development of guides, recommendations, and success stories, as well as self-diagnosis tools and management training.
- Transformation: through programmes that support the development of the digitalisation plan and its implementation in companies, addressing one or more of the aspects of the transformation process.
- Evaluation and monitoring of the implementation and results of the digitalisation plan.

In general, public support may be provided through different instruments:

- (I)** Advisory and consultancy services.
- (II)** Training programmes.
- (III)** Investment financing instruments (e.g., capex expenses, connectivity bonds, services to companies, or investment funds in start-ups or scale-ups, etc.).
- (IV)** Development of digital tools that can directly serve companies (e.g., for procedures involving public administrations).



The programmes will be designed to include gender equality as a general principle and will facilitate and encourage the participation of women and companies owned or led by women. Likewise, they will pay special attention to the participation of young people, especially in those programmes that seek to increase the number of professionals working in digital transformation.

Below is the table of measures with their corresponding executing institution and budget.

LINES OF ACTION	EXECUTING INSTITUTION	BUDGET (M€)
<b>BASIC DIGITALISATION FOR SMEs</b>		<b>3,118</b>
1. DIGITAL TOOLKIT	MAETD	3,000
2. CONNECTIVITY GRANTS (BONO CONECTIVIDAD)	MAETD	50
3. PROTECT YOUR COMPANY (PROTÉGÉ TU EMPRESA)	MAETD	42
4. ACCELERATE SME (ACELERA PYME)	MAETD	26
<b>SUPPORT FOR CHANGE MANAGEMENT</b>		<b>656</b>
5. MANAGEMENT TRAINING (FORMACIÓN DE DIRECTIVOS/-AS)	MAETD	256
6. SME DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION EXPERTS (EXPERTOS EN TRANSFORMACIÓN DIGITAL DE LAS PYMES)	MAETD	100
7. AGENTS OF CHANGE (AGENTES DEL CAMBIO)	MAETD	300
<b>DISRUPTIVE INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP</b>		<b>439</b>
8. DISRUPTIVE INNOVATION FOR DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION IN SMES (INNOVACIÓN DISRUPTIVA PARA LA TRANSFORMACIÓN DIGITAL DE LAS PYMES)	MAETD	100
9. SUPPORT PROGRAMME FOR INNOVATIVE BUSINESS CLUSTERS (APOYO A LAS AGRUPACIONES EMPRESARIALES INNOVADORAS)	MINCOTUR	115
10. SUPPORT FOR DIGITAL INNOVATION (APOYO A LOS CENTROS DE INNOVACIÓN DIGITAL -DIH-)	MINCOTUR	42
11. DIGITAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP SUPPORT PROGRAMMES (PROGRAMAS DE APOYO AL EMPRENDIMIENTO DIGITAL)	MAETD	182
<b>SUPPORT FOR SECTORAL DIGITISATION</b>		<b>443</b>
12. ACTIVA INDUSTRY PROGRAMME (PROGRAMA ACTIVA INDUSTRIA)	MINCOTUR	38
13. DIGITAL TOURISM (TURISMO DIGITAL)	MINCOTUR	80
14. TRADE DIGITALISATION (DIGITALIZACIÓN DEL COMERCIO)	MINCOTUR	325
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>4,656</b>

Link to the full document: [HERE](#). Source: Ministry of Economic Affairs and Digital Transformation.

# SPAIN'S SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION STRATEGY 2021-2027

The Ministry of Science and Innovation has drawn up Spain's Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy (EECTI for its acronym in Spanish), which is "the multi-annual reference framework for the promotion of scientific, technical and innovation research in which the objectives shared by all the public administrations are established." It has been designed with the purpose of aligning Spain's national R&D&I policy with that of the European Union and to promote maximum coordination between the national and regional initiatives.

It includes activities aimed at solving the problems caused by COVID-19, and therefore places special emphasis on the area of health in the first two years of the plan (2021-2022). It also underlines the importance of consolidating and strengthening science and innovation as tools for the social, economic and industrial reconstruction of our country. Based on the lessons learned and the desire to establish a new economic and social model, budgetary efforts will be distributed over two phases according to the priorities of this EECTI:

- **A first phase, 2021-2023**, which guarantees the stability of the Spanish Science, Technology and Innovation System, strengthening current programmatic planning, infrastructures and human resources. The health sector will be a priority in this phase and will receive clear and strong support. Likewise, investment in green and digital transition will be facilitated by articulating specific programmes and actions to address the challenges of our society to achieve sustainable well-being and inclusive growth.
- Following an evaluation exercise of the first phase, **the second phase, 2024-2027**, will focus on addressing the strategic priorities, initiatives and actions established in the document itself, the development of which will consolidate the Strategy and boost R&D&I to become one of the pillars of our State.

## MAIN OBJECTIVES

1. To position **science, technology and innovation as cornerstones** in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda.
2. To **contribute to EU policy priorities** and align R&D&I programmes.
3. To **prioritise and respond to the challenges of national strategic sectors** through R&D&I, for the local, economic, industrial, and environmental development of our country.
4. To **generate knowledge and scientific leadership**, intensifying our society's capacity for communication and influencing the public and private sectors.

5. **To strengthen Spain's capacity to attract, recover and retain talent.**
6. To **favour knowledge transfer** and develop two-way links between science and business.
7. To **promote research and innovation throughout Spanish enterprises.**

With the implementation of this Strategy, the sum of public and private investment is expected to double current levels and reach the European average by 2027 (from 1.24% of GDP in R&D&I investment in 2018 to 2.12% in 2027). The national strategic lines are framed within the thematic groups of the Horizon Europe programme:

- **Health**
- **Culture, creativity, and inclusive society**
- **Security for society**
- **Digital world, industry, space and defence**
- **Climate, energy and mobility**
- **Food, bioeconomy, natural resources and environment**

Link to the full document: [HERE](#). Source: Ministry of Science and Innovation.

The Strategy does not have its own allocation of funds but it rather establishes objectives and guidelines for achieving them in the 2021-2027 timeframe. The State Plan for Scientific, Technical and Innovation Research 2021-2023, approved in June 2021, is the main instrument of the State Administration for the development and achievement of the objectives of the Strategy. The financing of the actions included in the Plan will be carried out through different instruments that include subsidies, non-refundable or partially refundable aid, loans, public procurement or investment mechanisms. In addition to the funds from the State Budget, the actions put forward in the Plan will be able to draw from other sources of financing such as European funds, especially the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the funds from the Recovery and Resilience Mechanism.

The 2021-2023 Plan is aimed at all agents of the Spanish Science, Technology and Innovation System, both public and private, who will be responsible for the execution of the proposed R&D&I activities, the dissemination and promotion of their results and the provision of R&D&I services for the progress of Spanish society and economy as a whole.

# HORIZON EUROPE 2021-2027 (EIC)

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The European Innovation Council (EIC) aims to **identify and support breakthrough technologies and innovative activities that have the potential to scale internationally and become market leaders**. It supports all stages of innovation, from the scientific foundations of R&D and new technologies to the validation and demonstration of how these innovative technologies work in the real world, as well as the development and growth of companies of all sizes and the scaling up of their activities.

Financial support is provided through three main instruments: **Pathfinder**, for advanced research on breakthrough technologies; **Transition**, to transform research results into innovation opportunities; and **Accelerator**, for companies to develop and scale up high-risk, high-impact innovation.

All EIC-funded projects and companies, as well as applicants that have passed the minimum threshold but have not secured funding, have access to a range of EIC business acceleration services that provide access to leading companies, investors and ecosystem players.

## KEY FEATURES

Following the experience with the EIC pilot project, launched under the Horizon 2020 Plan and with the advice of the Advisory Council, this work programme has the following key features:

- **Integrated and agile support** for any aspect of innovation, from early-stage research to start-up and growth.
- The **balance between open funding and challenge-driven funding**. Open funding is designed to be able to support any type of technology or innovations that cut across different scientific, technological and sectoral fields of application, representing new combinations. Such challenges take into account the EU priorities for the transition to a green, digital and healthy society.
- **Tailored approach to the evaluation of proposals**, which is adapted to the objectives of each of the EIC funding schemes. In particular for the higher levels of technology, business and market.
- **Active management of projects and portfolios** by EIC programme managers, who have a high degree of experience in business development and are technology-oriented, with the aim of identifying, developing, and implementing outlooks that enhance innovative market possibilities.
- **Open access policy and intellectual property rights**. The EIC aims to stimulate cross-fertilisation and exploitation of the results of the projects it supports. The managers of the EIC programmes may at some point request the active sharing of diverse information and results obtained.

## SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

The overall objective of the EIC is to identify, develop and deploy high-risk innovation of all kinds. It aims to support the rapid expansion of innovative technologies and companies at European and international level, thus contributing to technological sovereignty.

It aims to achieve a number of key indicators, those relating to the work programme are:

- **Support impact-oriented companies**, of which more than 90% address the Sustainable Development Goals. This indicator will be particularly addressed through the *Accelerator* call.
- **Provision of investments and co-investments financed** by EICs. This will be done in particular through support to blended finance, as well as the role of the EIC with regard to acceleration of business services in other projects.
- **Effectively promote the transition from research to demonstration**. This indicator will be addressed through all EIC instruments and supported through the proactive management of the EIC Market and business acceleration services.
- **Achieve a balance in the portfolio of all geographical regions with at least 35% of companies led by women**.

## FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

The EIC is set up as an agile organisation, with activities expected to develop in each annual work plan, taking into account the advice of the Advisory Board, following its experiences with implementation and the dynamics of the innovation world. The main funding calls are expected to remain stable over time. The *Transition* call is relatively new and may undergo significant changes.

EIC will organise a number of discussions and events to help identify the most promising emerging themes in relation to existing challenges and programme managers are expected to play a central role in this process.

EIC will seek to develop partnerships with other EU and national initiatives that support disruptive technologies and breakthrough innovation. Where appropriate, there will be the possibility for financial support to be provided through EIC work programmes, e.g., for partner organisations to actively seek out and support innovators to apply for funding in EIC, as well as to provide follow-up support and services.

# *CENTRE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY (CDTI)*

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The Centre for the Development of Industrial Technology is a Public Business Entity, under the Ministry of Science and Innovation, which **promotes innovation and technological development** of Spanish companies. **It is the entity that channels** applications for **aid and support** for **R&D&I projects of Spanish companies** at national and international level. Thus, the objective of the CDTI is to contribute to raising **the technological level** of Spanish companies through the development of the following activities:

- Technical-economic evaluation and granting of public aid for innovation through subsidies or partially reimbursable aid for R&D projects developed by companies.
- Management and promotion of Spanish participation in international technological cooperation programmes.
- Promotion of international business technology transfer and technological innovation support services.
- Support for the creation and consolidation of technology-based companies.

The core of the CDTI's infrastructure is located in Madrid, although it also has a strategic **network of offices or representatives** abroad: Japan (SBTO, Spain Business and Technology Office), Belgium (SOST, Spain Office of Science and Technology, and the Eureka Permanent Secretariat), Brazil (FINEP, Financiadora de Estudos e Projetos), Korea, Chile, Morocco, China, India, Mexico and the USA, **to support them in their international technological activities.**

## **FUNCTIONS**

The CDTI is governed by private law in its relations with third parties. This allows it to offer companies **agility and flexibility** in its support services for the development of business R&D&I projects, the international exploitation of technologies developed by the company and the provision of offers for technological-industrial supplies to scientific and technological organisations. Consequently, the CDTI grants the company its own economic aid and facilitates access to third party aid (EU R&D Framework Programme subsidies, for example) for carrying out both national and international research and development projects. Moreover, it provides support to companies to develop international partnerships, by offering assistance to innovation projects and technology transfer, its foreign network and multilateral (Eureka and Iberoeka) and bilateral cooperation projects with Canada, Japan, China, South Korea, India and South Africa.

In addition, the CDTI has been empowered as the competent body to issue binding reasoned reports on projects to which it has granted aid via any of its lines (Royal Decree 2/2007). These documents will provide Spanish companies with an approved project and with public aid granted by the CDTI with greater legal certainty when it comes to obtaining tax deductions for the expenses incurred in the R&D activities of these projects.

Finally, the CDTI **manages and supports** Spanish companies in obtaining high-tech industrial contracts generated by different national and European organisations, such as the European Space Agency (ESA), the European Laboratory for Particle Physics (CERN), the European Synchrotron Facility (ESRF), Hispasat and Eumetsat.

# OFFICIAL CREDIT INSTITUTE (ICO)

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**The Official Credit Institute (ICO) is a public business entity** as provided for in Article 43.1.b) of Law 6/1997, of 14 April, on the Organisation and Functioning of the General State Administration, attached to the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Digital Transformation, through the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs and Business Support. It has the legal status of a Credit Institution, and is considered a State Financial Agency, with its own legal personality, assets and treasury, as well as management autonomy for the fulfilment of its purposes.

The ICO is a **public bank** and is governed by the regulations contained in the Sixth Additional Provision of Royal Decree Law 12/1995 of 28 December 1995 on urgent budgetary, tax and financial measures and subsequent amendments, by Royal Decree 706/1999 of 30 April 1999, adapting the Official Credit Institute to Law 6/1997 of 14 April 1997 on the organisation and functioning of the General State Administration and approving its statutes. It is financed on national and international markets. The debts and obligations it incurs are explicitly, irrevocably, unconditionally and directly guaranteed by the Spanish State vis-à-vis third parties.

## AREAS OF ACTION

In line with the priorities of the Spanish economy and the objectives established in the **Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan** - moving towards a greener, more digital, more socially and territorially cohesive and more egalitarian country - the ICO, in its roles as national promotional bank, financial instrument of economic policy and financial agency of the State, focuses its activity on the following strategic priorities: **business growth, sustainability and digitalisation**.

- **Business growth:** to boost growth, innovation, business competitiveness and job creation.
- **Sustainability:** to promote sustainability via a three-pronged approach: environmental, social and governance.
- **Digitalisation:** to contribute to the digital transformation of Spain's enterprises.

## PRIORITIES

The ICO works to provide added value to the financing of Spain's enterprises and to address -with flexibility- the needs and challenges posed in the different economic scenarios, in the interest of contributing to boosting economic growth and job creation. By their very nature and purpose, the Sustainable Development Goals are of particular relevance to the ICO Group.

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The Official Credit Institute's priorities are aligned with the SDGs and, therefore, these are reflected in the activities, products and services it develops, both internally and externally.

ICO promotes innovative and sustainable business projects, both in Spain and in third markets. ICO's activity is particularly defined by SDGs 8 and 9, which refer to sustainable economic growth, the generation of quality employment, and the promotion of infrastructure, industrialisation and innovation. Special attention is also paid to all aspects of the goals related to social and environmental sustainability, especially those that promote ecological transformation and contribute to the fight against climate change.

## **SECTION II**

### **Calls at a glance**

# ENTRY SUMMARY TABLES

## 1. European Calls

Title of the call	Application deadline	Geographic scope	Details
EIC Transition – Horizon Europe	Multiple calls 2021-2027 Latest call 22/09/2021	European	<a href="#">Access to data sheet</a>
EIC Accelerator – Horizon Europe	Multiple calls 2021-2027 Latest call 6/10/2021	European	<a href="#">Access to data sheet</a>
Digital, Industry and Space – Horizon Europe 2021/2022	Depending on each call	European	<a href="#">Access to data sheet</a>

## 2. National Calls

Title of the call	Application deadline	Geographic scope	Details
Digital Spain 2025 Agenda	Please refer to each call	National	<a href="#">Access to data sheet</a>
NEOTEC Programme	Annual call Latest call: 8/07/2021	National	<a href="#">Access to data sheet</a>

Funding for Innovation Projects	Open all year	National	<a href="#">Access to data sheet</a>
Cervera R&D Transfer Projects	Open all year	National	<a href="#">Access to data sheet</a>
Funding for Strategic Projects CIEN	Open all year	National	<a href="#">Access to data sheet</a>
EUROSTARS CDTI	Several cut-off dates	National	<a href="#">Access to data sheet</a>
ERA – NET COFUND	Annual call Latest call 4/03/2021	National	<a href="#">Access to data sheet</a>
Science and Innovation Missions Programme 2021 CDTI	Annual call Latest call 6/09/2021	National	<a href="#">Access to data sheet</a>
Sustainable Automotive Technology Programme	Annual call Latest call 2/09/2021	National	<a href="#">Access to data sheet</a>
Aeronautical Technology Programme (ATP)	Annual call Latest call 7/06/2021	National	<a href="#">Access to data sheet</a>
Patent Box	By the end of the year	National	<a href="#">Access to data sheet</a>
R&D&I Tax Incentives	By the end of the year	National	<a href="#">Access to data sheet</a>
Fund FOND - ICOPYME	Until 2022	National	<a href="#">Access to data sheet</a>
ICO Red.es ACELERA Line	31/03/2024	National	<a href="#">Access to data sheet</a>
Programme for Foreign Business Investment in R&D&I 2021	Open all year	National	<a href="#">Access to data sheet</a>

Torres Quevedo Programme	Annual call Latest call 16/02/2021	National	<a href="#">Access to data sheet</a>
Innovation and sustainability plans in the field of Manufacturing Industry	Annual call Latest call 26/08/2021	National	<a href="#">Access to data sheet</a>
Financial Support for R&D&I Projects in Connected Industry 4.0 – 2021	Annual call Latest call 17/08/2021	National	<a href="#">Access to data sheet</a>
R&D Projects in Artificial Intelligence and Other Digital Technologies and their integration in value chains	Annual call Latest call 8/10/2021	National	<a href="#">Access to data sheet</a>
Investgo Programme – SEPE	This will be indicated in each of the calls published in each Autonomous Community.	National	<a href="#">Access to data sheet</a>

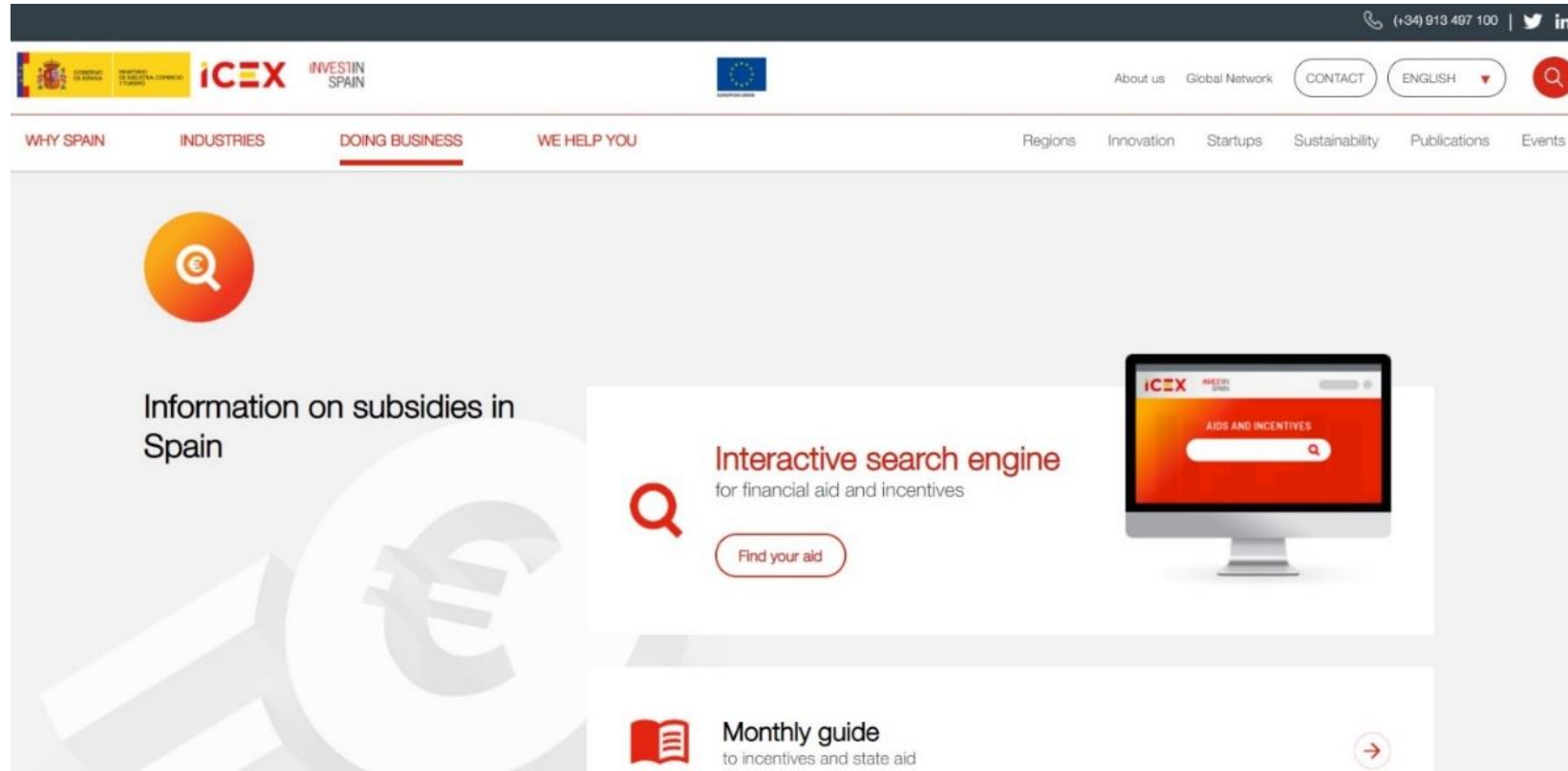
### 3. Calls by Autonomous Regions (Comunidades Autónomas)

The Autonomous Regions issue a variety of calls, some of which may be within ad-hoc initiatives or depending on a number of factors that result in a shorter advance notice. Therefore, we strongly recommend retrieving the most up-to-date calls -by Autonomous Regions, national and European entities- using the search engine provided at Invest in Spain’s website ([HERE](#) in Spanish; and [HERE](#) in English).

# *STEP-BY-STEP GUIDELINES TO USING THE INCENTIVES SEARCH ENGINE*

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When starting at Invest in Spain´s homepage, [www.investinspain.org](http://www.investinspain.org) (select ENGLISH), click on the **DOING BUSINESS** section, scroll slightly down and locate on the right the **INCENTIVES** subsection. Click on “Find out more” to arrive at the page for information on subsidies in Spain, as shown below:



The search engine landing page allows you to perform a keyword search (top section) or to perform an advanced search using filters according to submission stage, geographical area where it applies and sector of activity:

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- Closed (0)

State

- Europe (48)
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Submission deadline	Title	Scope	Region	Sector	View Details
11/15/2030	Grants for the first installation of young farmers and the modernization of agricultural holdings in Cantabria in 2020. Modality B. Modernisation of agricultural holdings through improvement plans	Autonomy	Cantabria	Agrifood	<a href="#">View</a>
9/30/2030	Grants for the promotion of entrepreneurship in the social economy (Program Aprod-Social Economy). Programme I. Promotion of employment in cooperatives and labour societies	Autonomy	Galicia	Multisectoral	<a href="#">View</a>
4/30/2030	The call for aid for compensatory payments in areas with specific limitations is approved by the advance procedure for spending by 2020	Autonomy	Islas Baleares	Agrifood	<a href="#">View</a>



Grants can also be sorted by deadline, title, field, region and sector.

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**SECTION III**

**Calls fact sheets**

# *EUROPEAN CALLS*

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## EIC TRANSITION – HORIZON EUROPE 2021

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### Object of the call

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This programme subsidises innovation activities that go beyond experimental testing in the laboratory. It supports both the maturation and validation of innovative technology and in relevant application environments, as well as the development of business cases and models for the future commercialisation of the innovative project.

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### Type of Aid

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Grant.

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### Beneficiaries

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Legal entities established in a Member State or associated country, SMEs, research organisations. Both for individual applications and for consortia of a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 5 independent legal entities.

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### Description of the call

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The proposed activities should include further technological development on the results obtained in a previous project and follow user-centred methodologies to increase the chances of future success of the innovation in the market. EIC Transition projects should address both the technological and the market/business dimensions in a balanced way, possibly including interactive learning processes based on early feedback from customers and users. These activities should include, depending on the level of technology maturity, an appropriate mix of research, technology development and validation activities. Addressing at all times, market readiness for commercialisation and getting the project, technology and business idea ready for investment. The programme can support various lines beyond fundamental research, from technology development and product design to the commercialisation strategy to reach the market.

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### Deadline of the call

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Until 17h (CEST) on 22 September. [MORE INFORMATION](#)

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### Region in which the Project can be developed

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European scope.

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## EIC ACCELERATOR – HORIZON EUROPE 2021

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### Object of the call

A programme that supports companies, mainly start-ups and SMEs, to scale up high-impact innovative projects with the potential to create new markets or disrupt existing ones. It includes business acceleration services.

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### Type of Aid

Grant.

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### Beneficiaries

SMEs, companies qualified as "small mid-cap" (with a maximum of 500 employees) established in a Member State or associated country, whose application will only be considered for the purpose of rapid scale-up and investment components. Natural or legal persons establishing or investing in an SME in a Member State at the time of the EIC Accelerator agreement are eligible.

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### Description of the call

The Accelerator Programme focuses in particular on innovations that are based on scientific discoveries or technological breakthroughs and where significant funding is needed over a long period of time before profits are generated. These innovations often find it difficult to attract funding because the risks and time period are too high. The funding and support is designed to enable these innovative projects to attract the full investment needed to bring them to scale in a shorter period of time. This programme supports the technology development stages as well as its full-scale implementation. The technological component of the project and its innovation must have been previously tested and validated in a laboratory or other relevant environment.

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### Deadline of the call

With different cut-off dates:  
 - Until 17h (CEST) on 9 June 2021.  
 - Until 17h (CEST) on 6 October 2021. [MORE INFORMATION](#)

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### Region in which the Project can be developed

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## DIGITAL, INDUSTRY AND SPACE – HORIZON EUROPE 2021/2022

### Object of the call

A programme aimed at the digital progress of technology industries, including space industries, which shape all sectors of the economy and society. Those that transform the way industry develops and create new products and services that are fundamental for a sustainable future.

### Type of aid

Grant.

### Beneficiaries

The characteristics of the beneficiaries are included in each of the calls for proposals.

### Description of the call

The green transition and the digital transformation have only just begun. There are great opportunities to position Europe as a technological and industrial leader of this transition. Many of the proposed investments aim to realise Europe's global vision of shaping new competitive and trusted technologies for a world-leading European industry, enabling consumption and production that respects the limits of our planet, maximising benefits for all parts of society and its variety of social, economic and territorial contexts.

Horizon Europe is the programme supporting research and innovation within a European and national system with shared policy objectives. The actions of this Programme in particular support key enabling technologies that are strategically important for Europe's industrial future and will meet six objectives foreseen in the Strategic Plan, through the following themes (each of them has numerous open calls which can be found in the official document):

- Global leadership in clean and climate-neutral industrial value chains, circular economy, digital infrastructures, innovative production and manufacturing processes and their digitisation, new business models, technologies enabling the shift to decarbonisation in all major sectors, including green digital technologies.
- Industrial leadership and greater autonomy in key strategic value chains with security of supply in raw materials, achieved through cutting-edge technologies in areas of industrial partnerships and dynamic industrial innovation ecosystems, with advanced solutions for substitution, resource and energy efficiency, reuse and recycling and leadership in circular economy.
- Sovereignty in digital and future emerging technologies by strengthening European capabilities in those key parts of the digital and future supply chains enabling agile responses to urgent needs, early discovery and industrial take-up of new technologies.

- Attractive and dynamic data economy, developing and enabling the adoption of next generation technologies, computing and data infrastructures, enabling the single European data market with corresponding spaces and a trusted artificial intelligence ecosystem.
- Opening up strategic autonomy in the conception, development, deployment and use of global space-based infrastructures, services, applications and data, while strengthening the EU's independent capacity, ensuring autonomy in the supply of critical technologies and equipment that foster the competitiveness of the EU space sector.
- Ethical and human-centered development of digital and industrial technologies through two-way engagement in the development of technologies, thus empowering end-users and workers through support for social innovation.

The **different categories of calls** in 2021 and 2022 are as follows:

- TWIN GREEN AND DIGITAL TRANSITION 2021
- CLIMATE NEUTRAL, CIRCULAR AND DIGITISED PRODUCTION 2022
- A DIGITISED, RESOURCE-EFFICIENT AND RESILIENT INDUSTRY 2021-2022
- WORLD LEADING DATA AND COMPUTING TECHNOLOGIES 2021
- DIGITAL AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES FOR COMPETITIVENESS AND FIT FOR THE GREEN DEAL
- STRATEGIC AUTONOMY IN DEVELOPING, DEPLOYING AND USING GLOBAL SPACE-BASED INFRASTRUCTURES, SERVICES, APPLICATIONS AND DATA 2021-2022
- A HUMAN-CENTRED AND ETHICAL DEVELOPMENT OF DIGITAL AND INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES 2021-2022

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**Deadline of the call**

Depending on the call. [MORE INFORMATION](#)

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**Region in which the Project can be developed**

European scope.

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## DIGITAL SPAIN 2025 AGENDA

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### Object of the call

The **Spain Digital Agenda 2025** is a framework for promoting Spain's digital transformation, one of the fundamental levers for relaunching economic growth, reducing inequality, increasing productivity, and taking advantage of all the opportunities offered by these new technologies. Specifically, this agenda aims to give a definitive boost to the country's digital transformation through digital connectivity, the deployment of 5G, the reinforcement of cybersecurity, the digitisation of the Administration and companies, the promotion of audiovisual production, the guarantee of citizens' digital rights and, finally, the development of the data economy and artificial intelligence, as a driver of innovation and social, inclusive and sustainable economic growth and the strengthening of competitiveness through R&D activities in all digital enabling technologies.

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### Type of aid

Grant.

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### Beneficiaries

Companies, Research and knowledge dissemination agencies, Business associations.

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### Description of the call

The aim of the projects targeted by this basic order must be the transition towards a data economy, guaranteeing security and privacy and taking advantage of the opportunities offered by artificial intelligence, through measures such as the promotion of artificial intelligence as a driver of innovation and social, inclusive and sustainable economic growth and the strengthening of competitiveness through R&D activities in all AI-related technologies. 2. They will also aim to promote the leadership of Spanish companies in the process of digital transformation of society and the productive sectors, thus exerting a pull effect on the rest of the sectors.

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### Deadline of the call

It shall be established in the calls for applications and may not be longer than 6 months from the publication of the call. [MORE INFORMATION](#)

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### Region in which the Project can be developed

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**NEOTEC PROGRAMME 2021  
NEW BUSINESS PROJECTS OF INNOVATIVE COMPANIES**

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**Object of the call**

Funding for the start-up of new business projects, which require the use of technologies or knowledge developed from research activity and in which the business strategy is based on the development of technology.

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**Type of aid**

Grant.

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**Beneficiaries**

Small innovative enterprises, set up no more than three years before the closing date for the submission of applications for support under this call for proposals, with a minimum share capital, or share capital plus share premium or takeover premium, of 20,000 euros.

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**Description of the call**

New business projects, which require the use of technologies or knowledge developed from research activity and in which the business strategy is based on the development of technology. Technology and innovation will be competitive factors that contribute to the differentiation of the company and serve as a basis for the long-term strategy and business plan, with the maintenance of own R&D lines. There is no restriction as to the sector or technology to be developed. However, business models that are mainly based on services to third parties, without developing their own technology, are not suitable for this call.

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**Deadline of the call**

The deadline for submission of applications and accompanying documents is 15 May until 8 July 2021 at 12:00 noon. [MORE INFORMATION](#)

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**Region in which the Project can be developed**

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## FUNDING INNOVATION PROJECTS

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### Object of the call

Support for projects of an applied nature, very close to the market, with medium/low technological risk and short payback periods, which improve the competitiveness of the company through the incorporation of emerging technologies in the sector.

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### Type of aid

Partially refundable aid.

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### Beneficiaries

Large companies that are not in a situation comparable to a credit rating of at least B- are not eligible.

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### Description of the call

Support for companies with technological innovation projects with one or more of the following objectives:

1. Incorporation and active adaptation of emerging technologies in the company, as well as the processes of adaptation and improvement of technologies to new markets.
2. Application of industrial design and product and process engineering for product and process improvement.
3. Implementation of a new or significantly improved method of production or supply, including significant changes in techniques, equipment and/or software.

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### Deadline of the call

Open all year. [MORE INFORMATION](#)

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## CERVERA R&D TRANSFER PROJECTS

### Object of the call

Funding will be given to applied research and business development projects for the creation or significant improvement of a production process, product or service. Projects must demonstrate a technological aspect that differentiates them from existing technologies on the market.

### Type of aid

Partially refundable aid.

### Beneficiaries

SMEs and mid-cap companies. Companies that collaborate with state-level Technology Centres in Cervera's priority technologies.

### Description of the call

These projects may comprise both industrial research and experimental development activities. The essential characteristic of this type of project is that they must necessarily be developed in a limited group of technological areas and contract certain project activities to Technology Centres.

### Deadline of the call

Open all year. [MORE INFORMATION](#)

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## FUNDING FOR STRATEGIC PROJECTS 'CIEN'

### Object of the call

The CIEN Strategic Programme aims to finance large-scale industrial research projects developed in effective collaboration with business groups and oriented towards carrying out planned research in strategic areas of the future and with potential international projection.

### Type of aid

Partially refundable aid.

### Beneficiaries

Consortia made up of groups of companies, formalised by means of a private collaboration agreement. All the member companies of the consortium will be considered as beneficiaries. Each consortium must be made up of a minimum of three and a maximum of eight enterprises; at least two of them must be autonomous, and at least one must be considered an SME.

### Description of the call

Projects shall be aimed at carrying out industrial research activities involving the acquisition of knowledge and skills that may be useful for the creation of new products, processes or services, or contribute to the significant improvement of existing products, processes or services, provided that they incorporate relevant specific developments. These projects may include the creation of components of complex systems that are necessary for industrial research, in particular the validation of generic technology, except prototypes.

### Deadline of the call

Open all year. [MORE INFORMATION](#)

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## EUROSTARS CDTI

### Object of the call

EUROSTARS is a programme of the EUREKA Initiative and the European Commission that supports R&D projects close to the market, led by innovative SMEs and developed in international cooperation. The CDTI is the body responsible in Spain for the implementation of EUROSTARS and the granting of public aid to Spanish companies participating in the approved projects.

### Type of aid

Grant.

### Beneficiaries

Projects are developed in international cooperation, and the consortium leader must be an SME fulfilling one of the following conditions:

- 5 full-time equivalent staff dedicated to R&D activities, or 10 staff in case of SMEs with more than 100 employees.
- 10% of the total dedication of its full-time equivalent personnel devoted to R&D.
- 10% of its turnover associated with R&D.

### Description of the call

Grants for market-oriented international business projects submitted by a single Spanish company forming part of an international consortium whose EUROSTARS-2 project has received a letter of approval from the EUREKA Secretariat. These projects may include both industrial research and experimental development activities.

### Deadline of the call

Annual calls. First cut-off date from 18 February to 4 March 2021, for projects approved in the 14th call. Second cut-off date from 10 June to 24 June 2021 for projects approved in the 15th call. [MORE INFORMATION](#)

### Region in which the Project can be developed

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## ERA – NET COFUND

### Object of the call

ERA-NETs are European networks of public R&D&I funding agencies at national/regional level, supported by the European Commission, which aim to promote the coordination of European states' research and development programmes and to mobilise resources to jointly address strategic technological challenges in a more focused, coherent and effective way.

### Type of aid

Grant and/or loan.

### Beneficiaries

All sizes of companies in general, confirm on each specific line of support. The sector of industry that can apply for this aid also depends on the initiative.

### Description of the call

ERA-NETs offer opportunities for the internationalisation of R&D with lower risks and a higher success rate, thanks to the decentralisation of the funding they provide, which makes them bridge actions, halfway between national and European calls for proposals. Thanks to these initiatives, Spanish entities can participate in transnational projects incentivised with public funding, through more accessible procedures, given that once a proposal has been approved internationally, it is managed through the usual national/regional programmes and funds.

### Deadline of the call

Annual calls. The 2021 call is open from 18 February to 4 March 2021. [MORE INFORMATION](#)

### Region in which the Project can be developed

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## SCIENCE AND INNOVATION MISSION PROGRAMME 2021 - CDTI

### Object of the call

Support for cooperative pre-competitive research projects, led by companies, to achieve: relevant research that proposes solutions to cross-cutting and strategic challenges facing Spanish society, improve the knowledge and technology base on which Spanish companies rely in order to compete, stimulate public-private cooperation.

### Type of aid

Grant.

### Beneficiaries

Groupings of enterprises in two categories: "Large Enterprise" missions, a grouping of between 3 and 8 enterprises, at least two of which are autonomous. The grouping must be led by a large enterprise and include an SME; "SME" Missions, grouping of between 3 and 6 enterprises, at least two of which are autonomous. All of them must be SMEs, led by a medium-sized enterprise.

### Description of the call

There are nine missions identified in this call: Promoting Spanish agriculture for the 21st century: Sustainable, intelligent, efficient in the consumption of water resources and agricultural inputs and adapted to climate change, Promoting safe, efficient and clean energy for the 21st century, Promoting Spanish industry in the industrial revolution, Promoting the circular economy through new technologies for recycling and recovery of waste polymeric compounds in Spain, Promoting information security, privacy and cybersecurity of the Spanish economy and society of the 21st century, Promoting sustainable intermodal transport, Promoting sustainable intermodal transport in the industrial revolution of the 21st century, Promoting sustainable and intelligent intermodal transport, Promoting the development of tourism by exploiting the possibilities of technology, Promoting the technological advancement of the Spanish biopharmaceutical industry to foster R&D activities in advanced therapies, vaccines, targeted therapies and high-performance computing.

### Deadline of the call

Until 12h on 6 September 2021. [MORE INFORMATION](#)

### Region in which the Project can be developed

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## SUSTAINABLE AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME

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### Object of the call

Support for strategic cooperative R&D projects led by companies in technologies for application in the automotive sector.

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### Type of aid

Grant.

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### Beneficiaries

Groupings of companies made up of between 3 and 8 companies, at least two of which are autonomous. The grouping must be led by a large or medium-sized enterprise and have at least one SME among the partners.

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### Description of the call

These grants are mainly aimed at: the development of components and platforms for electric, plug-in hybrid and hydrogen-powered vehicles. Autonomous driving and connected mobility. Adaptation of production environments with safe and robust systems for human-machine interaction in the smart manufacturing environment, aimed at the manufacture of components and systems for electric, plug-in hybrid and hydrogen-powered vehicles.

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### Deadline of the call

Until 12h on 2 September 2021. [MORE INFORMATION](#)

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### Region in which the Project can be developed

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## AERONAUTICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME (ATP)

### Object of the call

Aeronautical Technology Programme (ATP), which supports strategic R&D projects in aeronautical technologies that contribute to achieving some of the challenges identified in relation to: technologies focused on reducing emissions: zero-emission aircraft; UAVs; new multipurpose aircraft and systems.

### Type of aid

Grant.

### Beneficiaries

Groupings of companies of two categories: PTA "Large Companies", grouping constituted by between 3 and 6 partners, of which at least one must be an SME and led by a Large Company. At least two of the enterprises must be autonomous; ATP "SMEs", grouping constituted by between 2 and 4 partners, all of them SMEs, and led by a Medium Enterprise. At least two of the enterprises must be autonomous.

### Description of the call

These grants are included in the actions and investments included in the National Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan, financed by the EU Recovery and Resilience Mechanism. The following direct implementation costs are eligible: personnel costs, costs of instruments and inventoriable material, costs of contractual research, know-how and patents acquired at market prices, overheads and additional operating costs deriving directly from the project and the cost of the auditor's report.

### Deadline of the call

Until 12h on 7 June 2021. [MORE INFORMATION](#)

### Region in which the Project can be developed

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**PATENT BOX****Object of the call**

The Patent Box is a legal figure that aims to boost the economic growth of companies through intangible assets such as patents, utility models, supplementary protection certificates for medicines and phytosanitary products, legally protected designs derived from research and development and technological innovation activities, and advanced registered software derived from research and development activities.

**Type of aid**

Reduction of the taxable base for corporate income tax.

**Beneficiaries**

All companies.

**Description of the call**

The transferor entity must have created, or at least assumed, the risk or benefit of creating the intangible that is the subject of the right of use or exploitation. The transferee entity must use those rights of use in the conduct of an economic activity, i.e. the use of the assets must result in the production of goods or the provision of services to the market. If the transferor and transferee are related for tax purposes, the results of the use of the intangible assets may not be realised in the delivery of goods or services by the transferee that generate tax-deductible expenses in the transferor entity. The transferee entity may not reside in a country or territory with zero taxation or considered to be a tax haven.

**Deadline of the call**

Annually, at year end. [MORE INFORMATION](#)

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## R&D&I TAX INCENTIVES

### Object of the call

Research and Development and Technological Innovation activities.

### Type of aid

Accelerated depreciation and deduction in the full amount of corporate income tax.

### Beneficiaries

All companies.

### Description of the call

The R&D&I expenses must relate to activities carried out in Spain or in any Member State of the European Union or of the European Economic Area. The company resident in Spain entitled to the deduction may have carried out the R&D&I activities itself or may have commissioned third parties to carry them out at its own expense, in which case the reduction may also be applied provided that the entity carrying out the activities is resident within the EU or the European Economic Area. The Corporate Income Tax Law establishes a limit coefficient for these deductions of 35% of the net tax payable. This limit rises to 60% when the amount deducted exceeds 10% of the gross tax liability. If deductible R&D&I expenses cannot be applied in the year in which they are incurred due to a lack of sufficient profits or because the aforementioned limits have been exceeded, they may be applied in the tax settlements for the tax periods ending in the 15 years immediately following.

### Deadline of the call

Annually, at year end. [MORE INFORMATION](#)

### Region in which the Project can be developed

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## FUND FOND-ICOPYME

### Object of the call

This fund is aimed to companies' resident in Spain which, having passed the first stages of implementation, make investments to boost their growth. The resources invested must be used for the following purposes: the acquisition of new or second-hand productive fixed assets, VAT on investments, the purchase of companies, investments in R&D&I and internationalisation processes. Restructuring of liabilities and, in general, working capital requirements are not eligible.

### Type of aid

Equity loans and equity participations.

### Beneficiaries

SMEs.

### Description of the call

Projects shall be aimed at carrying out industrial research activities involving the acquisition of knowledge and skills that may be useful for the creation of new products, processes or services, or contribute to the significant improvement of existing products, processes or services, provided that they incorporate relevant specific developments. These projects may include the creation of components of complex systems that are necessary for industrial research, in particular the validation of generic technology, with the exception of prototypes. In addition, projects may also include some experimental development activity.

### Deadline of the call

Until year 2022. [MORE INFORMATION](#)

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## LINE ICO RED.es ACELERA

### Object of the call

Granting of aid by RED.es, consisting of loans with a fixed or variable interest rate, plus the margin established by the credit institution according to the repayment term, which refers to between 1 and 7 years, with the possibility of up to 3 years of grace period for the principal depending on the term.

### Type of aid

The financing will be formalised in the form of a loan. Interest rate: Fixed or variable, plus the margin established by the credit institution according to the repayment period.

### Beneficiaries

Companies, foundations, associations, local entities, single-province autonomous communities, autonomous cities, public or private universities, public research organisations, R&D centres, technology centres and technological innovation support centres.

### Description of the call

The loans will finance Projects for which the granting of aid is approved by Red.es, in accordance with the provisions of the corresponding call for aid. By way of example:

- Experimental development projects (creation of prototypes, development of pilot projects, testing and validation of products in technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, 5G technologies, massive data and information processing technologies, Blockchain, robotics, digital content...).
- Projects that foster the development, promotion and adoption of digital technologies.

### Deadline of the call

Until 31 March 2024. [MORE INFORMATION](#)

### Region in which the Project can be developed

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## PROGRAMME FOR FOREIGN BUSINESS INVESTMENT IN R&D&I - 2021

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### Object of the call

The development of new R&D activities by foreign capital companies already established or planning to set up in Spain is encouraged. Investments with a high R&D component are subsidised, favouring investment in plants, equipment, human resources and technology. Two types of actions are financed:

- Greenfield projects: R&D projects aimed at foreign capital companies wishing to establish an R&D centre in Spain.
- R&D projects aimed at foreign capital companies already established in Spain that attract new corporate R&D projects to the subsidiary established in Spain.

### Type of aid

Competitive grant.

### Beneficiaries

Foreign capital companies, whatever their legal form. Groupings of companies in which at least one company with foreign capital participates, which may be beneficiaries in proportion to the percentage of foreign capital participation. The entities may form unions or groupings without legal personality, with a representative body acting as interlocutor for the purposes of the application.

### Description of the call

The amount of aid per beneficiary may amount to an overall maximum of EUR 200,000 during any period of three consecutive fiscal years ("de minimis" aid regulation) and will be a percentage of the investment made (Community Framework for State Aid for R&D&I (2014/C 198/01)). The aided projects must be carried out before 31 December 2021 in one or more of the following Autonomous Communities: Extremadura, Canary Islands, Castilla la Mancha, Murcia and Galicia.

### Deadline of the call

Annual call. Deadline of 2021's call until 15 January 2021. [MORE INFORMATION](#)

### Region in which the Project can be developed

Extremadura, Canarias, Castilla la Mancha, Murcia and Galicia.

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**TORRES QUEVEDO PROGRAMME****Object of the call**

The purpose of this aid programme is to grant aid for a period of three years to companies, state-level technology centres, state-level technological innovation support centres, business associations and science and technology parks for the employment of PhDs to carry out industrial research projects, experimental development projects or preliminary feasibility studies, in order to promote the professional career of researchers, as well as to stimulate demand in the private sector for personnel sufficiently prepared to undertake R&D plans and projects, and to help consolidate recently created technology companies.

**Type of aid**

Non-repayable grant, 25-70% of the recruitment cost.

**Beneficiaries**

Companies, technology centres, technological innovation support centres, business associations and science and technology parks.

**Description of the call**

Projects shall be aimed at carrying out industrial research activities involving the acquisition of knowledge and skills that may be useful for the creation of new products, processes or services, or contribute to the significant improvement of existing products, processes or services, as long as they incorporate relevant specific developments. These projects may include the creation of components of complex systems that are necessary for industrial research, in particular the validation of generic technology, except prototypes.

**Deadline of the call**

From 26 January to 16 February. [MORE INFORMATION](#)

**Region in which the Project can be developed**

National scope.

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## INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY PLANS IN THE FIELD OF MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY

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### Object of the call

Financial support with the fundamental objective of improving competitiveness to ensure that industrial sectors can compete successfully in the global economy. Financing of industrial research, experimental development and innovation projects in the field of organisation and processes in the manufacturing industry.

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### Type of aid

Loan and grant.

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### Beneficiaries

Companies with their own legal personality, legally constituted in Spain and duly registered in the corresponding register, regardless of their size, which carry out an industrial activity and do not form part of the public sector, will be eligible for the aid established.

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### Description of the call

The manufacturing sector contributes significantly to the economy, especially in terms of innovation, productivity and quality jobs. We are at a time when the important role of domestic production capacity in creating innovation and the ability to rapidly scale up the manufacture of new products through the use of advanced technologies is recognised. Innovation, automation and sophisticated production processes are the basis of successful industrial strategies and have proven to be fundamental in maintaining a leading position. One of the following lines of action will be eligible for support:

- Line of Research, Development and Innovation: Industrial research projects, experimental development projects, as well as innovation projects in organisation and processes will be supported.
- Line of Innovation in Sustainability and Energy Efficiency: supporting investments aimed at environmental protection, energy saving measures or renewable energies.

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### Deadline of the call

Latest call of proposals 26 August 2021. [MORE INFORMATION](#)

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### Region in which the Project can be developed

National scope.

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## FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR R&D&I PROJECTS IN CONNECTED INDUSTRY 4.0 - 2021

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### Object of the call

Grants corresponding to the year 2021 for the development of industrial research projects, experimental development projects, as well as innovation projects in terms of organisation and processes, in the field of Connected Industry 4.0 and aimed at fulfilling the objectives of the same.

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### Type of aid

Loan and grant.

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### Beneficiaries

All companies.

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### Description of the call

This action aims to support projects that promote the digital transformation of industrial enterprises, thus complementing business efforts to achieve their evolution to the digital economy and improving their environmental sustainability as a result of their digitisation. In particular, this action aims to support the incorporation of knowledge, technologies and innovations aimed at the digitisation of processes and the creation of technologically advanced products and services with greater added value in industrial companies.

The action is part of the Connected Industry 4.0 initiative, which aims to develop differential competitive levers and the creation of the right conditions to promote the competitiveness of Spanish companies, thus building the Spanish model for the industry of the future.

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### Deadline of the call

Until 17 August 2021. [MORE INFORMATION](#)

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### Region in which the Project can be developed

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## RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND OTHER DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES AND THEIR INTEGRATION IN VALUE CHAINS – RED.ES

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### Object of the call

The purpose of this call is, on one hand, to promote scientific research, technological development and innovation in artificial intelligence and, on the other hand, to promote technological development for the incorporation of artificial intelligence in the production processes of value chains.

### Type of aid

Grant.

### Beneficiaries

All companies and all sizes.

### Description of the call

The purpose of this call for proposals is to select, on a competitive basis, the beneficiaries of grants to finance eligible projects and actions with the following characteristics: "the development of strategic areas of business R&D&I and entrepreneurship in the field of technology. Among other actions, this includes those that address technological development and entrepreneurship in the face of societal challenges, so as to promote the development of the knowledge and technologies needed to address and seek solutions to complex problems associated with these challenges, incorporating research, technological development and innovation in the broadest sense". Projects supported under this Call will be industrial research and Experimental development projects.

### Deadline of the call

From 9 September to 8 October 2021. [MORE INFORMATION](#)

### Region in which the Project can be developed

National scope.

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## INVESTIGO PROGRAMME - SEPE

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### Object of the call

Public subsidies to finance the hiring of young job seekers to carry out research and innovation initiatives, within the framework of the Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan.

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### Type of aid

Grant.

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### Beneficiaries

Public research bodies; public universities, university institutes and private universities with proven R&D&I capacity and activity; public and private non-profit health centres and institutions that carry out R&D&I activities; biomedical research institutes; state-level technology centres and innovation support centres; other private R&D&I centres with their own legal personality; private non-profit R&D&I centres with their own legal personality that have defined R&D&I as their main activity; companies belonging to the public or private sector that are investing in research and innovation initiatives.

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### Description of the call

The Public State Employment Service and the Autonomous Communities will be the executing administrations and will promote and incentive the "Investigo Programme", the purpose of which will be the subsidies regulated in this regulation, for the hiring of young job seekers, aged 16 or over and who have not reached the age of thirty at the time the contractual relationship commences, by research and knowledge dissemination bodies, public universities, technology centres, science and technology parks, public entities subject to private law and private non-profit entities, together with companies that are investing in research and innovation belonging to the public or private sector, to carry out the research and innovation initiatives contemplated in the resolution.

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### Deadline of the call

The form and deadline for submitting applications will be established in the calls for applications by each Autonomous Community. [MORE INFORMATION](#)

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### Region in which the Project can be developed

National scope.

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