

Spain

Two funding organizations will grant Spanish applicants to the **Chips JU- ECS R&I** and **Chips for Europe 2025** calls:

1. The Ministry for Digital Transformation and Civil Service (MDTCS) will support enterprises and other private agents.
2. The Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI, State Research Agency) depending on the Ministry of Science and Innovation and Universities (MCIU) will support research centers, universities and non-profit private research entities.

Each Spanish participant in a **Chips JU** Consortium needs to request the national funding from the corresponding funding entity at a later stage, in case the project is approved.

It is strongly recommended that all the possible applicants inform national contact person at the beginning of the proposal preparation.

National contact persons for Chips JU Programme

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Shared conditions between the MDTCS and AEI

It will be mandatory to fulfill all European current legal requirements for applying for public grants:

- Marco Comunitario sobre Ayudas Estatales de Investigación y Desarrollo e Innovación (OJ 2014/C198/01).
- **Council Regulation (EU) 2021/2085 of 19 November 2021 establishing** Joint Undertakings under Horizon Europe (Single Basic Act) and its amending Council Regulation (EU) 2023/1782 of 25 July 2023

- Applicable rules or regulations governing the Chips JU and its 2023-2027 Multiannual Work Program including Appendix 5
- GBER and RDI framework

Moreover, regarding any aspect not included in European regulation, it is mandatory to fulfill other Spanish current applicable legal requirements ruled in the following legal texts:

- Ley 38/2003, de 17 de noviembre, General de Subvenciones.
- Real Decreto 887/2006, de 21 de julio, por el que se aprueba el Reglamento de la Ley 38/2003, de 17 de noviembre, General de Subvenciones.
- Leyes anuales de Presupuestos Generales del Estado.
- Ley 47/2003, de 26 de noviembre, General Presupuestaria.
- Ley 39/2015, de 1 de octubre, del Procedimiento Administrativo Común de las Administraciones Públicas.
- Ley 40/2015, de 1 de octubre, de Régimen Jurídico del Sector Público.
- Ley 9/2017, de 30 de octubre, de Contratos del Sector Público.
- Ley 14/2011 de 1 de junio, de la Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación
- Ley 28/2022, de 21 de diciembre, de fomento del ecosistema de las empresas emergentes,
- Ley Orgánica 2/2023, de 22 de marzo, del Sistema Universitario.

The Spanish legal texts can be found on <http://www.boe.es>

MDTCS

Requirements by the Ministry for Digital Transformation and Civil Service

Legal requirements for the eligibility of a partner or a project

1) Type or nature of participants

The Ministry for Digital Transformation and Civil Service (MDTCS) is the national authority in charge of funding Chips JU calls from the following participants:

- Spanish enterprises (SME, LE, GE¹, [RDL 1/2010, de 2 de julio, Texto refundido de la Ley de Sociedades de Capital](#))
- Private Technology Centers (TC, RD 2093/2008 29th December)
- Private Universities (LOSU 2/2023)

According to the Spanish Regulation, enterprises and Technology Centers (RD 2093/2008 29th December) should follow the rules and procedures for loans and grants.

2) Legal and administrative requirements

Every national participant should be established in Spain, satisfy the Art. 13 of Ley 38/2003, de 17 de noviembre, General de Subvenciones (LGS) and not be in bankruptcy or not have requested the declaration of bankruptcy.

¹ Group of Enterprises

For that reason, every national participant should sign a Statement of Compliance.

Therefore, every national participant should authorize the access and consultation of tax obligations, Social Security payments, fiscal residence, and Full Statement of National Insurance contributions of the workers assigned to the project and/or the verification of any other data provide during the granting and monitoring of the aid.

In case the participant does not authorize the consultation, the participant shall submit the corresponding documentation.

At the Project Outline (PO) stage, the following documentation shall be submitted to the Chips JU:

- Part C (one per project, sent by the coordinator of the national sub-consortium)

Regarding the Full Project proposal (FPP) stage, the following documentation shall be submitted to the Chips JU:

- Part C (one per project, sent by the coordinator of the national sub-consortium).

Templates for the aforementioned documents will be available at the website of the Secretariat of State for Telecommunications and Digital Infrastructures or upon request.

3) Legal and administrative procedures

After signing the Grant Agreement, MDTCS will contact every beneficiary to assist in the fulfillment of forms and documents requested by the Spanish Public Authorities, to sign the National Grant Agreement document.

Payment of the national contribution will proceed regarding national rules in force.

A payment in advance is carried out after the establishment of the National Grant Agreement. This option requires collaterals of 100% of the amount. Collaterals shall be in the form of guarantees provided by credit institutions or mutual guarantee societies.

Proposals may be rejected when:

- It is not considered credible by the Spanish Public Authorities that consortium members could adequately co-finance the project.
- Project deadlines are not considered realistic by the Spanish Public Authorities
- Accredited Technical or financial capacities of Spanish consortium members are not considered realistic to fulfil the project as submitted.
- Spanish partners do not provide enough proof of their capabilities.
- The effect or positive impact on selection and evaluation criteria is considered insufficient by the relevant authorities.
- Not enough relevance of Spanish consortium share.

Eligibility of the costs and funding

1. Consortium configuration

To be eligible, there is no minimum Spanish participation. However Spanish relevance should be detailed and will be assessed by MDTCS: projects considered not relevant for Spain may be rejected.

Participants shall set up a national sub-consortium with the following rules:

- 1) All members shall prove knowledge and expertise, and relevant contributions to the project in their relative project matters.
- 2) There shall be at least one SME in the Spanish consortium.
- 3) Each national sub-consortium will send its own form C
- 4) Each participant shall comply with the stated conditions to be a beneficiary at the moment national grant is awarded.

2. Solvency and Financial Conditions

- **MDTCS** will check if the participants are eligible monitoring that they are not in crisis as defined by EU regulation 651/2014.
- Each Spanish private partner has the necessary financial capacity to carry out the project, and the Spanish Public Authorities will assess it. **MDTCS** shall perform a financial analysis.
- **MDTCS** requires collaterals of 100% the national funding amount.

3. Funding rates

Maximum percentage of costs covered by **MDTCS**
as a percentage of the eligible costs for the ECS calls Chips JU 2024

Type of Organization Type of activity	Large Enterprise / RTO	Medium Enterprise / RTO	Small Enterprise / RTO
RIA (EPS) Research and Innovation Action	Up to 65% - JU%	Up to 75% - JU%	Up to 80% - JU%
IA (EPS) Innovation Action	Up to 40% - JU%	Up to 50% - JU%	Up to 60% - JU%

These percentages are maxima according to the funding provided by the Chips JU and the conditions stated by annex I and articles 25 and 28 of Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 related to definition of enterprise categories and maximum aid intensity.

MDTCS will provide the same funding percentage than the Chips JU if possible, never surpassing the aforementioned limits in any case.

4. Amount of required collateral by MDTCS

MDTCS requires collaterals of 100% of the national funding amount.

5. Additional Information to be provided at submission and other conditions

MDTCS will specifically encourage projects:

- Coordinated by a Spanish entity.
- Where there are SMEs working in the core of the project.
- Contributing to the territorial cohesion in semiconductor sector and industry, according to the III axis of the Spanish Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan
- Promote the presence and participation of women in semiconductor sector and industry, according to the IV axis of the Spanish Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan
- Where Spanish entities that have never participated in previous ECSEL or KDT calls are integrated in order to broaden the range of participants in Chips JU.

AEI

Legal requirements for eligibility of a partner or a project and eligibility of the costs and funding

1. Legal requirements for the eligibility of a partner or a project

a) Type or nature of participants

The [AEI](#) is the national authority which funds non-profit public R&D organizations such as:

- Public Research Centres
- Public and Private Universities
- Other non-profit R&D organizations, in which R&I activities are defined as the main objective.

The [AEI](#) has not defined any limit to the number of Spanish participants per project in the Chips JU calls.

b) Legal, administrative and financial conditions

About the proposal and project

2025 Chips JU ECS R&I and Chips for Europe calls will be managed by the “[Subdivisión de Programas Científico-Técnicos Transversales, Fortalecimiento y Excelencia](#)”.

Applicants requesting national funds from [AEI](#) shall comply with the following regulations on grants:

- General Subsidies Law ([Ley 38/2003](#))
- Science Law ([Ley 14/2011](#))
- AEI Statutes ([Real Decreto 1067/2015](#))
- All other regulation that apply to national PCI calls ([National PCI call](#))

The projects granted by the [AEI](#) must be aligned with the main objectives described in the latest State Plan for Scientific and Technical Research and Innovation (more information at: [MICIU](#)).

The instrument for funding the Spanish groups will be the call “Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional ” (PCI). As a reference, applicants are advised to read the call [PCI 2024-1](#).

Participation in this program means acceptance and compliance with all the conditions stated on this document.

Any publication or dissemination activity resulting from the granted projects must acknowledge [AEI](#) funding even after the end of the project, according to national PCI call (see article 12.2 in [the call text](#) of [PCI2024-1](#) for reference).

Calls supported by AEI in 2025 are according to Work Programme 2023-2027 – Version 10.0

- [ECS R&I Calls · Chips Ju](#)
HORIZON-JU-Chips-2025-IA
HORIZON-JU-Chips-2025-IA FT1
HORIZON-JU-Chips-2025-IA FT2
HORIZON-JU-Chips-2025-IA-HIA
HORIZON-JU-Chips-2025-RIA
- [Chips For Europe · Chips Ju](#)
HORIZON-JU-Chips-2025-IA-EDA
HORIZON-Chips-2025-1-IA-LEAI
HORIZON-JU-Chips-2025-RIA-SUP (TBC)

Additional document. AEI Annex – “Declaración Responsable”

Applicants have to send to the [AEI](#) (to: era-ict@aei.gob.es cc: beatriz.gomez@aei.gob.es) the document “Declaración responsable” duly signed by the Spanish Principal Investigator. They must send it until one week after the deadline of the Project Outline (PO) stage of the call.

Bellow you can find the content of the document to be signed. It is available on the web site [Convocatorias Internacionales | Agencia Estatal de Investigación](#) for download.

c) Consortium configuration

Spanish Principal Investigators must demonstrate experience as investigators in projects funded by the Plan Estatal I+D+i 2013-2016, or subsequent plans or other relevant national or international programmes.

Incompatibility (read carefully)²:

- Principal Investigators can only apply for funding in only one proposal in 2025 ECS R&I Chips and Chips for Europe Calls funded by AEI, including RIA, IA and others. If one PI submits two or more proposals, he/she will be declared ineligible in all but one.
- Principal Investigators will not be eligible for funding in more than one proposal in a PCI call of the same year or consecutive years. This should be taken into account when participating in other ERA-NETS or international programmes funded through the PCI call.
- Principal Investigators must remain unchanged between the proposal in PO stage to this transnational call and the PCI call. Only force majeure reasons will be accepted to change a principal investigator (see point one of incompatibilities).
- To this end, and to avoid any issue, the Principal Investigator must be clearly identifiable in the Chips JU documents as main contact point, when possible, and always with “leading” in “Role of researcher (in the project)” field of the proposal template and must comply with these rules. Otherwise, he/she will be declared ineligible for funding by the [AEI](#).

d) Other conditions

2. Eligibility of the costs and funding

a) Eligibility of costs

AEI will fund those tasks in the work packages indubitably related to research and technology development and innovation, not considering as such if only mere communication or dissemination or similar activities. Please contact AEI in advance to check eligibility.

² See the below “Declaración responsable”.

AEI grants follow the rules of marginal costs, with a maximum request of 350.000 € (including direct + indirect costs) per participant or 50% of the total costs of the Spanish applicant part of the project (whichever amount is lower). In any case, the total grant ([AEI](#) + Chips JU) will be a maximum 100% of the total project costs.

Eligible costs are:

1. Personnel costs: Contracts (gross remuneration and contributions to social security) exclusively intended to the funded project implementation. Fellowships are not eligible.
2. Current costs, disposable materials, travelling expenses and other costs that can be justified as necessary to carry out the proposed activities.
3. Indirect costs (overheads), 25% of the direct eligible costs (see points 1 and 2).

If the Spanish participant is the Chips project coordinator, the maximum request can be up to 500.000€ (including direct + indirect costs) or 50% of the total costs of the Spanish part of the project (whichever amount is lower).

Centers formed by different Spanish legal entities will be considered as a unique entity, and thus the maximum funding should not exceed the limits per proposal established above (f.i. mixed centers).

Chips projects are granted by the Chips JU and [AEI](#) on the basis of a single budget per project, but with two complementary funding sources. This means that both the Chips JU and [AEI](#) finance the total project, not item by item. Double funding (overlapping with other EU or National funding) will be avoided and projects or parts of projects already funded will be not granted. Final funding will take into account the transnational evaluation of the collaborative proposal, the scientific quality of the Spanish group, the benefit of the international collaboration, the participation of the industrial sector, and the resources available.

Every institution funded by the [AEI](#) should justify the total costs of the project regardless of the origin of grants (Chips JU or [AEI](#)). Therefore, every institution funded by the [AEI](#) must submit a valid audit certificate with the total costs of the project.

b) National public funding rates (N/A)

Type of action/Type of Beneficiary	Large enterprise	SME	Public Research Institutes and Universities
Research and Innovation action			

Innovation Action			
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“Declaración responsable” to be sent to AEI (to: era-ict@aei.gob.es cc: beatriz.gomez@aei.gob.es)

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NOTA IMPORTANTE

La presente declaración responsable se atenderá a lo establecido en el artículo 69 de la Ley 39/2015, de 1 de octubre, del Procedimiento Administrativo Común de las Administraciones Públicas.

Según el citado precepto, la inexactitud, falsedad u omisión, de carácter esencial, de cualquier dato o información que se incorpore a una declaración responsable o a una comunicación, o la no presentación de la documentación que sea en su caso requerida para acreditar el cumplimiento de lo declarado, determinará la imposibilidad de continuar con el procedimiento dando lugar a la desestimación de la ayuda o en su caso su revocación, sin perjuicio de las responsabilidades penales, civiles o administrativas a que hubiera lugar.

Asimismo, se recuerda que tal y como establece el artículo 58.a) de la Ley 38/2003, de 17 de noviembre, General de Subvenciones, se considerará falta muy grave la obtención de una subvención falseando las condiciones requeridas para su concesión u ocultando las que la hubiesen impedido o limitado.

DECLARACIÓN RESPONSABLE

D/Dña.....,

NIF.:....., con domicilio

en.....

....., teléfonos de contacto:

en nombre propio y como investigador(a) principal español(a) de la propuesta con título

..... y acrónimo

..... de la convocatoria del año en

la que participa la Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI) como agencia financiadora española.

DECLARO RESPONSABLEMENTE EN NOMBRE PROPIO Y COMO INVESTIGADOR(A) PRINCIPAL DE LA PROPUESTA QUE:

1. Estoy en posesión del grado de doctor/a, o

2. Pertenezco a un centro contemplado en el Directorio de centros tecnológicos y centros de apoyo a la innovación tecnológica regulados por el Real Decreto 2093/20228, estoy en posesión de la titulación universitaria de licenciado/a, ingeniero/a, arquitecto/a o graduado/a, y, además, cumplo con una de las siguientes condiciones:
 - a. Tengo acreditada experiencia en actividades de I+D+i durante al menos cinco años.
 - b. He dirigido proyectos de investigación en el marco de las convocatorias de proyectos de I+D+i del plan estatal de I+D+i 2013-2016 o posteriores
3. Cuento con autorización expresa de la entidad beneficiaria para participar en la solicitud de la propuesta(ACRONIMO).
4. No estoy contratado/a con cargo a los fondos obtenidos en ninguna convocatoria de los planes estatales de I+D+i actual o anteriores, *con excepción* de las correspondientes al Programa Estatal de Promoción del Talento y su Empleabilidad en I+D+i o equivalentes en las que se requiera estar en posesión del grado de doctor/a, o de las ayudas «Severo Ochoa» y «María de Maeztu» de la AEI.
5. Tengo una relación funcionarial, estatutaria, laboral u otro vínculo profesional con la entidad beneficiaria de la ayuda o con otra entidad que cumpla los requisitos de elegibilidad de las ayudas durante toda la duración de la acción³, o
6. En el caso de que el vínculo profesional con la entidad beneficiaria sea menor a la duración de la acción, aporto una declaración de la entidad beneficiaria comprometiéndose a mantener la vinculación durante toda la duración de la acción.
7. En el caso de que mi vinculación laboral no sea con la entidad beneficiaria sino con otra, cuento con la autorización expresa de ésta para participar en la solicitud presentada por la entidad beneficiaria.
8. Cuento con experiencia (no necesariamente como investigador principal) en proyectos financiados por alguno de los Planes Estatales desde 2013, en proyectos del Programa Marco Europeo de I+i, incluidas las ayudas del Consejo Europeo de Investigación u otros programas nacionales o internacionales relevantes tal y como muestran las referencias de proyectos concedidos en los que he participado que se incluyen en el anexo⁴.
9. No soy beneficiario de un ayuda de Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional del año 2025⁵.
10. Solo presento una propuesta a la presente convocatoria⁶.

³ La expectativa de nombramiento o contratación con motivo de haber superado un procedimiento de selección de personal en concurrencia competitiva convocado por cualquier entidad del sector público, según la definición del artículo 2 de la Ley 40/2015, de 1 de octubre, se considerará vinculación suficiente

⁴ En caso de no tener experiencia en proyectos de los planes estatales y nacionales mencionadas, puede informar de proyectos en los que haya participado para su valoración.

⁵ No es compatible tener dos ayudas Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional del mismo año o de dos años consecutivos: 2024-2025, 2025-2026, 2026-2027.

⁶ Si un mismo investigador principal presenta dos o más propuestas a la presente convocatoria, todas podrán ser declaradas no elegibles, sin posibilidad de cambio de IP.

11. No he presentado otra propuesta (incluso que no haya sido evaluada) en convocatorias transnacionales (proyectos bilaterales, ERA-NET, partenariados europeos o *partnerships*, u otros programas internacionales como CRCNS de la *National Science Foundation* estadounidense, los grupos de interés EIG-Concert-Japan y EU-CELAC, entre otros), que puedan ser financiadas por las convocatorias de “Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional” de 2025 o 2026 de la AEI.
12. No he presentado otra propuesta a la convocatoria de “Proyectos de Generación de Conocimiento 2024. **Proyectos tipo I (PID-I)**”⁷.

Anexos:

- Anexo 1. Lista de proyectos más relevantes financiados por los planes nacionales o/y estatales, así como de los programas marco de investigación e innovación de la Unión Europea u otros relevantes en los que he participado.
- Anexo 2. Declaración de la entidad beneficiaria comprometiéndose a mantener la vinculación del investigador principal durante toda la duración del proyecto. *Solo para los investigadores principales que tengan una vinculación con la entidad beneficiaria menor a la duración del proyecto.*

En a de de

Fdo.: (Nombre completo y dos apellidos).

⁷ Los otros tipos de proyectos de PID (no encuadrados en I) no tienen ninguna incompatibilidad con PCI.