

SPAIN/ASTURIAS – AGENCIA DE CIENCIA, COMPETITIVIDAD EMPRESARIAL E INNOVACIÓN ASTURIANA (SEKUENS) – FUNDACIÓN PARA EL FOMENTO EN ASTURIAS DE LA INVESTIGACIÓN CIENTÍFICA APLICADA Y LA TECNOLOGÍA (FICYT)

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Information on the Funding Organisation in the Call

Budget	200.000 €. The indicative call budget may be increased, subject to the availability of surplus funds from other SEKUENS calls supporting similar objectives.
Anticipated number of projects to fund	2-3 projects
Website	https://www.idepa.es/internacionalizacion/redes-y-proyectos-europeos/partenariados-europeos-cofinanciados/cetp
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National/regional requirements and guidelines on proposals

Call Modules and topics	All
Proposal submission	- Applicants are strongly advised to contact the Regional Contacts before the submission of the proposal. - Applicants will need to submit a request of funding to SEKUENS-FICYT once the project has been selected after evaluation of the full proposal stage.
Project Consortium Partners	- Only actions to be carried out by applicants located in the Principality of Asturias will be eligible for funding. - The eligible beneficiaries are: - Micro, small, medium and large enterprises

	- Public universities, their departments, and university institutes - Research organisations																											
Project duration	Max. 36 months.																											
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Funding request	Minimum budget: 100.000€ per regional partner and per project. Typical average budget: 125.000€ per partner. Maximum funding: 150.000€ per regional partner and per project.																											
Funding rates (%)	<table><tr><td>Basic research</td><td>Industrial/ applied research</td><td>Experimental develop- ment/innovation</td></tr><tr><td>Large enterprises</td><td>0</td><td>75%</td><td>50%</td></tr><tr><td>Medium enterprises</td><td>0</td><td>80%</td><td>60%</td></tr><tr><td>Small enterprises</td><td>0</td><td>80%</td><td>70%</td></tr><tr><td>Universities, public re- search organisations</td><td>0</td><td>100%</td><td>100%</td></tr><tr><td>Public authorities</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>Associations without economic activities, NGOs</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr></table>	Basic research	Industrial/ applied research	Experimental develop- ment/innovation	Large enterprises	0	75%	50%	Medium enterprises	0	80%	60%	Small enterprises	0	80%	70%	Universities, public re- search organisations	0	100%	100%	Public authorities	0	0	0	Associations without economic activities, NGOs	0	0	0
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Types of cost to be funded	The following costs are eligible if related to the project: - Personnel costs: - New researchers and/or technicians hired for the project. - Only in the case of companies: - Own staff under Group 1, 2 or 3 will be eligible. Supporting staff will be eligible only in case of coordination of the proposal. - Only personnel costs corresponding to the gross annual salary are eligible for funding. - The following limits for own staff are applicable:																											

	Contribution group	Professional category	Maximum cost (€/h)
	1	Technical project manager	64,97
		Principal investigator or senior scientist	53,61
		Associate researcher or junior scientist	42,27
	2	Specialized technical staff	36,60
	3	Support or technical assistance technician	22,11
	For self-employed people who have an employment relationship with the beneficiary, the maximum eligible costs/hours are determined taking into account only the professional category in the table above. - Costs of materials and supplies. - Small equipment expenses of up to 15.000,00€ are eligible when the applicant is a public university, including its departments, university institutes, or research organizations. Costs for instruments and equipment are not eligible for companies. - Costs of contractual research, knowledge and patents bought or licensed from outside sources at arm's length conditions, as well as costs of consultancy and equivalent services used exclusively for the project. Any consultancy services related to the management and processing of the requested funding application are excluded. Subcontracting costs cannot exceed 50% of the total project budget. - Travel, accommodation and subsistence costs with a maximum limit of 8.000€/project. - Audit fees with a maximum limit of 3.000€ per year and per beneficiary. - Indirect costs: 15% of eligible personnel costs.		
RDI approaches and TRLs	The contribution of the regional partner to the proposal must fall under the categories of Industrial Research and/or Experimental Development. Participation solely as an end user or beneficiary of the project's outcomes will not be considered an eligible contribution. TRL 3 – 8.		
Other requirements/guidelines	Additional information of the regional requirements: link		

All relevant national and regional legal requirements apply, including the exclusion of undertakings in difficulty, measures to prevent late payment, and the prohibition of subcontracting to related parties, except in the case of technology centres.

Research Priorities:

The projects granted by SEKUENS must be aligned with at least one research area of those described in the Smart Specialization Strategy of Asturias (S3) for Energy and Circularity (<https://www.idepa.es/innovacion/s3-asturias/s3-asturias-2021-2027>).

Projects:

The contribution of the regional partner to the proposal must comprise a coherent set of joint activities with a clear project dimension at the regional level.

The eligible project activities cannot start before the submission of the application at regional level.

Limits on the number of applications:

Enterprises may submit up to two proposals. All other applicants are permitted to submit only one proposal per Principal Investigator/Call.