

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	Initial budget: 200.000 euros
Anticipated number of projects to fund	2–3 projects
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National/regional requirements and guidelines on proposals

Call Modules and topics	All
Proposal submission	Applicants are encouraged 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 • University of Oviedo • Research organisations
Project duration	Max. 36 months.
Project budget	Minimum budget: 100.000€ per regional partner. Typical average budget: 125.000€ per partner. Maximum funding: 150.000€ per regional partner and per project.

Funding rates (%)	Basic research*	Industrial/ applied research*	Experimental develop- ment/innovation*
Large enterprises	0	65%	40%
Medium enterprises	0	75%	50%
Small enterprises	0	80%	60%
Universities, public re- search organisations	0	100%	100%
Public authorities	0	0	0
Associations without eco- nomic activities, NGOs	0	0	0
Notes	* Subject to changes according to the publication of the regional call.		

Types of cost	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.		
	The following limits for own staff are applicable:		
	Contribution group	Professional category	Maximum cost (€/h)
	1	Technical project manager	63,14
		Principal investigator or senior scientist	52,10
		Associate researcher or junior scientist	41,08
2	Specialised technical staff	35,57	
3	Support or technical assistance technician	21,49	
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.			
Social security costs are excluded.			

Types of cost (cont.)	- Costs of materials and supplies. - Costs of instruments and equipment are not eligible, except for small equipment up to 15.000€ when the applicant is the University of Oviedo or a research institution. - Costs of contractual research, knowledge, patents and consultancy services (subcontracting costs up to the maximum limit of 50% of the budget). - Travel, accommodation and subsistence costs. - Other direct costs, like audit fees. - Indirect costs: 15% of eligible personnel costs. * Subject to changes according to the publication of the regional call.
RDI approaches and TRLs	Industrial Research and Experimental Development. TRL 3 – 8.
Other requirements/guidelines	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 fall under the categories industrial applied research and experimental development. 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. For companies only: This grant could affect to the eligible budget submitted by an applicant to other R&D calls launched by SEKUENS in the same year.