

National Annex: Spain – MICINN

Partner:

Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovación / Ministry of Science and Innovation (MICINN)

Purpose of funding:

This call for research proposals jointly implemented by the MICINN in Spain, the BMBF in Germany, the ANR in France, the FCT in Portugal, and Genome Prairie in Canada intends, on the one side, the further development of the former Trilateral Cooperation on Plant Genomics into a Mutual Research Programme to support the "Transnational **Plant alliance for novel technologies - toward implementing the Knowledge Based Bio-Economy (PLANT-KBBE)** in Europe". On the other side, the MICINN is attending the main objectives described in both the *Programa Nacional de Internacionalización de la I+D* and the *Acción Estratégica de Biotecnología* of the *Plan Nacional de I+D+I 2008-2011*. In this context, the reinforcement of public-private collaboration in research and the participation of Spanish groups in international cooperative research projects are among the most remarkable purposes of this action.

Eligibility and legal basis for funding:

- The MICINN will support research institutions located in Spain and will be responsible for taking the final decision regarding the awarding of funds to the Spanish partners, taking fully into account the transnational evaluation of the cooperative project and the financial resources available. The entities eligible for MICINN funding are universities and other public research institutions, *centros tecnológicos*, private non-profit institutions, and private companies that develop R&D activities in Spain.
- Industrial participants are encouraged to join the consortia as actual partners for development and/or valorisation of the research results (companies providing only materials and/or services are not eligible as project partners). Nevertheless, Spanish private partners must participate together with at least one Spanish public research or private non-profit institution in the same consortium.
- Research proposals within the thematic field of biomass production for energy in crops, must exclude first generation plants (i.e. plants primarily used for food).
- The following categories of expenses can be financed within this programme: 1) personnel costs for temporary contracts; 2) small equipment; 3) current costs; and 4) sub-contracting necessary to carry out the proposed activities. For universities and other public research institutions, *centros tecnológicos*, as well as private non-profit institutions up to 100% of the marginal costs of the project can be financed. For private industrial partners, it can be funded up to 50% on the basis of actual costs; at least 50% of the actual costs must be its own contribution to the project.
- It is strongly recommended not to exceed 180.000 € per partner. The total costs of the Spanish part should not exceed 400.000 € per project. The MICINN will avoid double funding and will not finance projects or parts of projects that have been funded through other calls.

Further instructions:

As stated in the call text, the project leader of each consortium must submit the full proposal electronically to the Call Secretariat (in the Project Management Jülich, Germany). Once the transnational evaluation procedure has been completed and the researchers involved have been notified, the Spanish applicants from public institutions that are offered funding will be invited to formally apply to the 2010 call of the ***Programa Nacional de Internacionalización de la I+D***, that will be implemented by the ***Dirección General de Cooperación Internacional y Relaciones Institucionales-MICINN***.

The Spanish partners awarded in this call should submit an annual interim report in accordance with the regulations established in the corresponding national call.

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