

Agroecology Partnerships

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Agencia Estatal de Investigación State Research Agency AEI



- The Spanish's main public agency for funding, evaluating and monitoring scientific research
- Operates under the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities
- Core Goal: Promotes research excellence, innovation & knowledge generation to address social challenges
- Competitive Grants: Manages major state funding call, including research projects, talent grants, and fellowships
- Peer review: use independent expert evaluations to distribute the funding transparently and objectively



Jan 2024 to Dec 2033

Horizon Europe co-funded partnership in Cluster 6

Pool resources of EU and states/regions

Mobilisation of 300 Mio € (50% co-funded)

In-kind: research and networking activities

In-cash: up to **7 transnational calls for proposals**

72 partners from 26 states/regions

RFOs: National/Regional Authorities, ministries, Funding agencies

RPOs: Research performing organisations

<https://www.agroecologypartnership.eu/>



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Aims to accelerate the transition towards resilient, productive and environmentally sustainable farming systems by addressing both on-farm practices and the wider food system.

Core Theme 1: Redesigning Agroecosystems

Advancing the agroecological transition by promoting diversified crop and livestock systems, sustainable landscape management, reduced reliance on external inputs, improved soil health and water management, enhanced climate resilience, and data-driven decision-making.

Core Theme 2: Redesigning Agroecological Value Chains

Connecting sustainable production, markets and consumers through agroecological innovation, sustainable business models, improved traceability, fairer value chains, and stronger local and regional food systems.



AGROECOLOGY
PARTNERSHIP

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Core Theme 3: Living Labs and Research Infrastructures

Advancing innovation through multi-actor collaboration (farmers, researchers, Living Labs; research infrastructures, advisors and other stakeholders)

Core Theme 4: Enablers of Agroecology Transition

Providing the governance and knowledge framework for long-term transformation for effective governance and policy design; Economic regulation; and regulatory incentives; monitoring and assessment of transition or enhanced science-policy dialogue.

CALLs

Call	Main Focus	Projects
Call 1 (2024)	Development and implementation of agroecological practices at farm and landscape scales.	19 funded.
Call 2 (2024)	Assessing agroecology performance and enabling transition through value chains and policies.	19 funded.
Call 3 (2025)	Genetic and social dimensions of agroecological transition.	39 invited to submit full proposals.

Process

INTERNATIONAL
CALL

NATIONAL
PROCESS

PHASE
1

PRE-PROPOSAL
Eligibility check

NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY
CHECK
+
PRE-PROPOSAL
SUBMISSION

NEW

RANKING LIST
Pre-propuestas

ASSESSMENT
PANEL

FULL-
PROPOSALS

NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY
CHECK

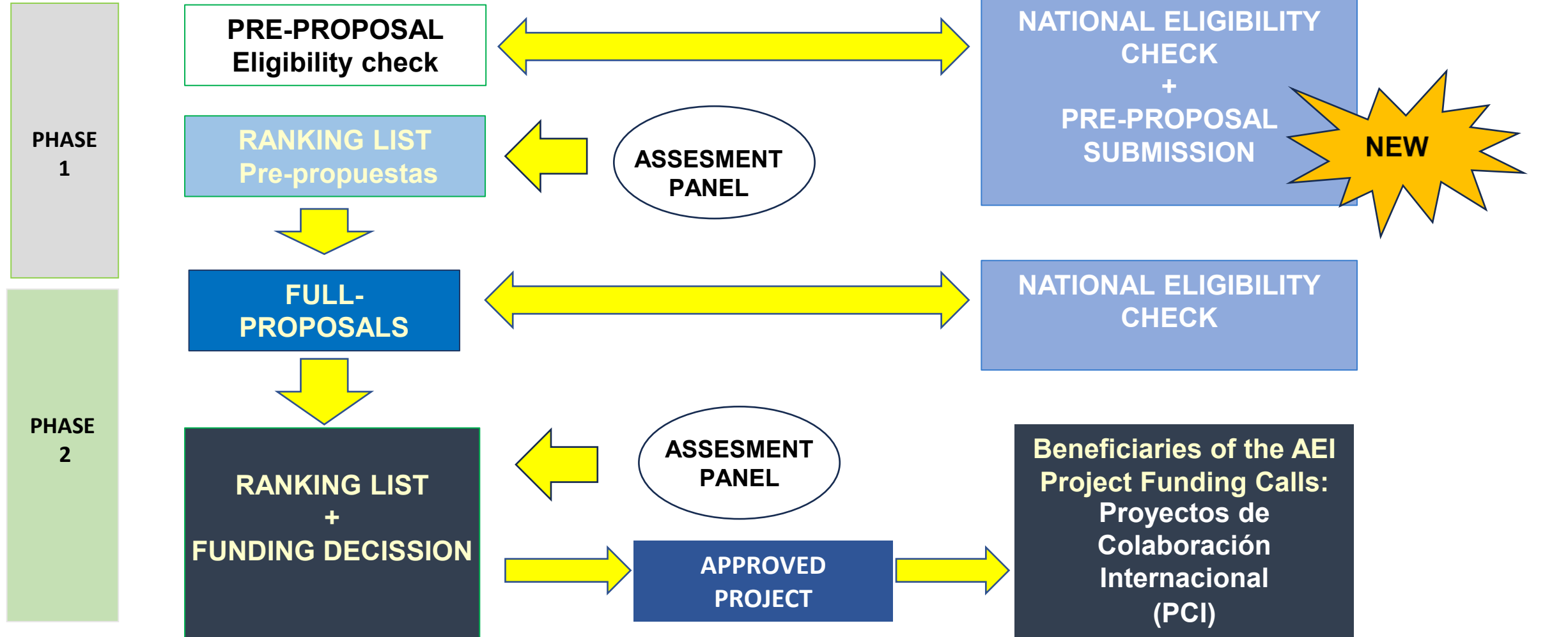
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RANKING LIST
+
FUNDING DECISION

ASSESSMENT
PANEL

APPROVED
PROJECT

Beneficiaries of the AEI
Project Funding Calls:
Proyectos de
Colaboración
Internacional
(PCI)





ANNUAL TRANSNATIONAL CALLs FOR PROPOSALS

1st in February 2024/ 2nd in December 2024/ 3rd in
December 2025/ 4th ...



KEY GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ **Fit with the call scope**
 - Address one of the call topics and at least one corresponding subtopic.
 - Transnational dimension.
- ✓ **Consortium composition**
 - At least 3 eligible partners funded by RFO in the call.
- ✓ **Coordinator**
 - Coordinator eligible for RFO in the call.
- ✓ **Language and submission**
 - Proposals must be submitted in English.



KEY GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ **Two-stage procedure**
 - Submission of a pre-proposal is mandatory. Only consortia invited after the pre-proposal evaluation may submit a full proposal.
- ✓ **Balance of effort among countries**
 - Partners from a single country may not exceed 60% of the total person-months.
- ✓ **Project duration**
 - 24 - 36 months.
- ✓ **Associated Partners** may participate using their own resources or other funding sources.



SPANISH FUNDING ENTITIES IN THE INTERNATIONAL CALL FOR PROPOSAL



AEI GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

✓ Entities

- Public and private non-profit entities whose main activity, as defined in their statutes, is research.
- Must have previously been beneficiaries of at least one AEI R&D&I grant or action.



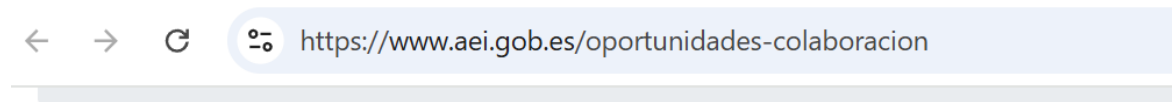
AEI GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS



- ✓ Principal Investigator (PI).
- Be included as coordinator or partner in the proposal.
- Hold a PhD degree.
- Have a contractual link with the applicant institution.
- Submit only one application as PI.
- Incompatible with serving as PI in a PCI call from the previous year or in two PCI projects in the same year.
- Sign the Declaration of Honour confirming compliance with the eligibility requirements.

AEI GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Main documents with reference in the AEI Funding Regulations:



Oportunidades de colaboración

PROGRAMAS EUROPEOS ACTIVOS

La AEI participa en las siguientes convocatorias internacionales a las que se aplican las siguientes condiciones generales de participación:

-  General Conditions Trans Calls 2026 v8.pdf
-  Resolucion 4sept2026 Requisitos PCI.pdf (**Aplicable para las convocatorias transnacionales que abran de septiembre de 2026 en adelante**)



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SOBRE LA
AEI ▾

CONVOCATORIAS ▾

ÁREAS
TEMÁTICAS ▾

EVALUACIÓN ▾

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ARTICLE 8



<https://agroecology.ptj.de/call3>



Joint Call 2022: De...



Ministerio de Cien...



CALL DOCUMENTS



Call Announcement



CV Template



Annex V Work plan template



Annex VIII Financial
commitments template



Annex IX Funder regulations

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY
REQUIREMENTS

NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY
REQUIREMENTS

Other European Agri-food Partnerships with AEI & CDTI

FutureFoodS		Sustainable food systems, food security, and transformation of the agri-food sector
FOREST	OPEN CALL	Sustainable forest management, forest biodiversity, and forest resilience
Water4All		Sustainable water management for agriculture, the environment, and society
PRIMA		Mediterranean agri-food and water systems
AgData		Data and digitalization for agriculture and food systems
SBEP (Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership)		Sustainable blue economy, including aquaculture and aquatic resources
Biodiversa+		Biodiversity, ecosystem restoration, and nature-based solutions relevant to agriculture

OPEN CALL

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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