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Funding organisation	Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness – through the State Research Agency
Funding programme	Programa Estatal de Investigación, Desarrollo e Innovación Orientada a los Retos de la Sociedad, Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica y Técnica y de Innovación 2013-2016. <u>Enlace a Plan Estatal</u>
	The instrument for funding the Spanish groups will be the Spanish Call on International Joint Programming Actions 2018 (<i>Acciones de Programación Conjunta Internacional 2018</i>) or its equivalent. Only as a reference, the beneficiaries are advised to read the call. <u>APCIN 2017</u>
	The Spanish legal entities granted are obliged by the regulations established in this APCIN call (or its equivalent) and by the funding limits specified below.
	ERANet-LAC 3rd Multi-Thematic Joint Call 2017/2018 will be managed by the <u>Subdivisión de Programas Científico-Técnicos</u> <u>Transversales, Fortalecimiento y Excelencia</u> .
Purpose of funding	The projects granted by the State Research Agency must be aligned with the main objectives described in the <u>Programa Estatal</u> .
Initial funding pre-commitment	 Maximum funding for the ERANet-LAC 3rd Multi-Thematic Joint Call 2017/2018: 650.000 € The Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness – through the State Research Agency is funding two topics: Observatories' net-work on biodiversity and climate change: Coordinating data acquisition and fostering data access and transfer: 150.000 € Ocean energy: Development of technologies for the energy valorization of marine resources within existing large research infrastructures: 500.000 €
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Eligible	The eligible entities for the State Research Agency funding are:
institutions	Non-profit research organizations according to the APCIN call 2018 or its equivalent (Acciones de Programación Conjunta Internacional 2018 o su equivalente).
	Important: Eligible entities for ISCIII will not be eligible for the State Research Agency funding. Please read the ISCIII Annex.
	In the event of exhaustion of funds by one funding organization, ISCIII and the State Research Agency reserve the right to transfer the affected project to the funding organization with remaining funds.
	Final rules on eligibility will be defined in the APCIN 2018 call (or its equivalent), to be published here
Additional eligibility criteria	Mandatory: Spanish Principal Investigators must be eligible according to the APCIN 2018 call or its equivalent and must have experience as investigators in projects funded by the <i>Plan Nacional I+D+i 2008-2011</i> , the <i>Plan Estatal I+D+i 2013-2016</i> , ERC Grants, European Framework Programmes or other relevant international programmes.
	Incompatibilities: These must be taken into account when participating in different ERA-Nets or other international initiatives.
	- <u>Principal Investigators</u> are not allowed to apply for funding in more than one proposal of this ERANet-LAC 3rd Multi-Thematic Joint Call 2017/2018.
	- Principal Investigators will not be allowed to apply for funding in more than one proposal in the APCIN 2018 call or its equivalent.
	- <u>Principal Investigators</u> who obtained funding in the APCIN 2017 call are not allowed to apply neither in APCIN 2018 or its equivalent nor in this transnational ERANet-LAC 3rd Multi-Thematic Joint Call 2017/2018.
	- <u>Principal Investigators</u> have to remain unchanged between the pre-proposal stage, the full proposal stage, and the National APCIN 2018 call or its equivalent.
	The State Research Agency will avoid double funding (overlapping with other EU or National funding), and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded.
Eligible costs	- Personnel costs for temporary employment contracts (scholarships are not eligible).
	- Current costs, small scientific equipment, disposable materials, travelling expenses and other costs that can be justified as necessary to carry out the proposed activities.

	- Indirect costs (overheads) or clinical trials (proofs of concept, proofs of principle) are not eligible for funding in the APCIN call.
Funding rates (approx.)	The following funding limits are considered eligibility criteria. Proposals not respecting these limits can be declared ineligible.
	For the topic "Observatories' net-work on biodiversity and climate change: Coordinating data acquisition and fostering data access and transfer": the maximum amount of funding is 75,000 € per legal entity (additional 20,000 € could be considered if the Spanish group leader is the coordinator of the international consortium).
	The maximum amount of funding of the AEI for Spanish legal entities in a single proposal is 125,000 €.
	For the topic "Ocean energy: Development of technologies for the energy valorization of marine resources within existing large research infrastructures": the maximum amount of funding is 100,000 € per legal entity (additional 25,000 € could be considered if the Spanish group leader is the coordinator of the international consortium).
	The maximum amount of funding of the AEI for Spanish legal entities in a single proposal is 250,000 €.
	The final funding decision of the AEI will take into account the transnational evaluation of the collaborative proposal, the scientific quality of the Spanish group, the added value of the international collaboration, the participation of the industrial sector and the financial resources available.
Further instructions	Any publication or dissemination activity resulting from the granted projects must acknowledge the State Research Agency funding: "Project (reference nº XX) funded by the State Research Agency through APCIN 2018 (or its equivalent)".