

Call for Proposals 2014

The EEA-Grants Programme allocates more than 32 million Euros to finance business projects

- **The CDTI manages, in this second call, more than 32 million euros; more than 5 million of them are funds from the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area (EEA-Grants).**
- **The objective of this call is to finance business R&D projects, in the fields of renewable energy, energy efficiency, climate change and environmental technologies**

10th February 2014. The second call of the Programme "Environmental and Climate Change-related Research and Technology", co-financed by the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area (EEA Grants) and the Centre for Industrial Technological Development (CDTI) has been opened today.

In this call, the Center for Industrial Technological Development will manage more than 32 million euros, 5,731,462 euros of them comes from the EEA Grants-funds provided by Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein, as donor countries, and the rest, from CDTI.

These funds have the dual purpose of strengthening bilateral relations between donor countries and Spain and allow participating entities to acquire sustainable competitive advantage through the development and application of technologies in the energy and environmental sectors.

This call will finance applied projects involving the creation and significant improvement of a production process, product or service in the areas of energy efficiency, renewable energy, climate change and environmental technologies. Such projects may include both industrial research and experimental development.

Individual companies, economic interest groupings (AIE) or consortia consisting of at least two companies, may be eligible for these grants.

The eligible budget of each project, which will last at least 12 months, shall be between a minimum of 175,000 euros and a maximum of 5,000,000 euros. In the case of projects carried out in cooperation by Spanish companies, the minimum

budget will be 500,000 euros, and the budget per company should be at least 175,000 euros.

Financing

To finance the approved projects, the CDTI will complement the funds from the European Economic Area with over 27 million in repayable loans to an interest rate of one-year Euribor +0.1 percentage points, fixed the date of approval of the aid by the Executive Board of CDTI.

The financial coverage shall be a minimum amount of 75% of the total approved budget, whenever the limits of maximum intensity allowed by the Community rules on State aid are not exceeded. Moreover, the non-refundable portion will be 20% of that financial coverage.

Additionally, if these intensity limits are not exceeded, ten percentage points more of grant funding may be given (up to 85% of the total approved budget).

The company is allowed to ask for an advance payment of 25% of the aid, up to €250,000, without any requirement of extra guarantee apart from the financial conditions approved for the project funding.

These aids are incompatible with any other international, national or regional, public or private aid, designated for the same project expenditures.

During the evaluation process, it will be positively assessed the collaboration with entities, both public and private, from any of the donor countries. These countries are represented by Innovation Norway, Norwegian governmental entity represented in Spain.

Since its inception, the Programme "Environmental and Climate Change-related Research and Technology" has been widely accepted by the Spanish companies.

In the first call, opened in 2013, 185 proposals were submitted, 97 of them have been approved.

Submission of proposals

The period for submission of proposals will be open from 10th February to 10th April 2014.

The proposals may be submitted via the electronic site of CDTI.

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