

6th RUSSIAN-SPANISH JOINT CALL FOR R&D&I PROJECTS 2021

FASIE-CDTI CALL FOR PROPOSALS UNDER THE RUSSIAN-SPANISH INNOVATION PROGRAMME (RUSSIP)

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On January 15th 2016, a Joint Programme for Co-operation was established by FASIE and the CDTI E.P.E. (CDTI), to promote and fund market - driven research and technology development as well as to encourage partnerships and business-led R&D&I collaborative projects between entities from both countries. Within this Programme, CDTI and FASIE agreed to launch joint calls for proposals.

This call for proposals aims to launch ambitious joint R&D projects of a high international standard between Russian and Spanish organizations. Potential projects will be funded by FASIE in Russia and CDTI in Spain.

CALL GUIDELINES:

1) NODAL IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES

The Foundation for Assistance to Small Innovative Enterprises (FASIE), and the CDTI E.P.E., Ministry of Science and Innovation, Government of Spain, are the nodal implementing agencies from the Russian and Spanish sides, respectively.

FASIE was created in 1994 in order to support the national strategy through applied research and innovation. The aim is to ensure fast-track technology transfer and translation of research results into innovative products in the fields of science and technology.

The CDTI is a Public Entity under the Ministry of Science and Innovation, Government of Spain, which fosters the technological development and innovation of Spanish Companies.

2) THEMATIC AREAS

This Call for proposals is open to collaborative R&D projects in all thematic areas.

3) TYPE OF PROPOSALS

Industry-driven and market-oriented R&D projects, joint technological co-operation projects between industrial partners (start-ups and SMEs) and Universities or Research Centers in Russia and industrial partners (start-ups, SMEs and large companies), in Spain consisting in the development or substantial improvement of new products, processes or services will be considered.

Duration of projects: from 18 up to 24 months.

The proposals have to cover all the thematic areas to enhance bi-regional co-operation and develop new partnerships as well as strengthen existing ones.

4) TIMETABLE

- Launch of Call for Proposals: February 17, 2021
- Deadline for Submission of applications: May 12, 2021
- Eligibility feedback to applicants: May 26, 2021
- Deadline for Submission of complete projects (CDTI): June 25, 2021
- Final Decision (estimated): October 29, 2021

5) WHO CAN APPLY?

Eligible Spanish Applicants

Spanish consortia should include at least one company. Participation of research institutes/universities and other organizations are welcome as self-funded participants or subcontractors.

Funding conditions for Spanish partners may vary depending on the nature of the project. Detailed information can also be reached from [here](#).

Spanish tasks in the project cannot start before 48 hours submitting the funding application to CDTI E.P.E. For further information, please contact directly with CDTI E.P.E.

Eligible Russian Applicants

According to FASIE funding rules, Russian enterprises must be small companies according to the Russian law (Federal Law N°209, Article 4): up to 100 personnel, up to 800 mln RUB turnover and less than 49% participation of public, foreign and large companies. Detailed information can also be reached from [here](#)

The funding modality for the project will be a grant up to 15 mln RUB (equivalent of 200.000 EUR), 30% of the amount of the grant provided by FASIE should be co-financed (at least 4.5 mln RUB).

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6) HOW TO APPLY?

First stage - Joint International proposal + FASIE application:

- Joint R&D&I proposals must be submitted by the 12th May, 2021, in order to consider the eligibility. Unilaterally submitted proposals shall not be considered.

In Russia, the projects will be supported under the program INTERNATIONALIZATION. Russian applicant must submit a national application via the electronic submission system: [FASIE ONLINE](#). A financing decision will be taken within four months after the receipt of a complete application.

In Spain the participants will have to submit a formal R&D international project application through CDTI's website (<https://sede.cdti.gob.es/>)

Documents:

- Russian and Spanish co-applicants must elaborate a single project proposal application (Annex 1 – **Application Form**). The Bilateral Co-operation Form must emphasize how the proposed collaboration adds value, main technology highlights and innovations, activities to be developed by the Parties involved underlining the collaborative work being carried out on each side, their expertise, etc.

Please note that this Application Form must be sealed and signed by all co-applicants at the end of the document, expressly indicating name and designation of the authorized signatory in the organisation. Any other relevant information not expressly mentioned on the form and that the applicants consider relevant may be included as Annexes.

- In addition to the Application Form, co-applicants have to submit the following documents as relevant appendices.

- **Consortium Agreement** in English whereby the co-applicants should agree upon the ownership, access rights and exploitation of intellectual property generated during the co-operation, to be submitted to CDTI and FASIE. The Consortium Agreement needs to be sealed and signed by all co-applicants.

Second Stage - National level (for Spanish applicants/ CDTI only)

Only those proposals which have positive eligibility by CDTI will be able to submit the individual R&D&I proposal

- The funding Proposal in Spanish required by CDTI:

Only industrial partners, individually, are able to submit the funding proposal and other required documents through the electronic services at <https://sede.cdti.gob.es/>. The complete details of the Call are available on FASIE's and CDTI's websites: <http://www.fasie.ru> and <http://www.cdti.es>

Application must be submitted before the 25th of June 2021, after receiving the notification of eligibility.

Applicants are recommended to contact the nodal representatives at their national funding organizations whose contact details are given below:

Russian side (FASIE)

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Spanish side (CDTI)

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Centre for the Development of Industrial Technology - CDTI

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Mr. Carlos Quintana

International Programs Coordinator

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7) ELIGIBLE COSTS AND FUNDING

The project must clearly specify the costs of each and all the activities pertaining to the project and specify the costs to be respectively borne by the Spanish and Russian partners. The cost of the Russian and Spanish partners must be eligible under the laws that may be applicable in each country and under internal regulations of CDTI and FASIE, respectively.

The funding conditions from FASIE are set in rubles and the ones from CDTI in €. Budgets must be expressed in the local currency of each applicant. All figures and budgetary conditions in this Call refer to the value of both currencies on the date of the launch of the Call (February 17th, 2021).

None of the countries' budget (namely the budget of its entities participating in the proposal) can have more than 70% of the global budget.

The Spanish company will be funded according to the International Technological Cooperation Projects' conditions identified on CDTI's website. CDTI can only provide funding to Spanish companies subject to budget availability.

FASIE funding conditions are explained in www.fasie.ru/fund/normativnye-dokumenty.

8) REVIEW PROCESS AND EVALUATION

All received proposals are peer reviewed and processed independently by both sides. After having received the recommendations of the respective evaluation panels, FASIE and CDTI will jointly arrive at a mutual understanding on the projects to be funded.

9) FUNDING DECISIONS

FASIE and CDTI will, after having formed their mutual understanding on the projects to be funded, make their funding decisions according to their normal procedures and rules and on a non-exchange of funds basis. CDTI and FASIE will inform the beneficiaries about the funding decisions according to their normal practice estimated October 2021.

10) REPORTING AND PROJECT OUTPUT

Funding granted by FASIE and CDTI will be governed by the general terms and conditions of each funding organization, respectively. Both parties will carry out an international follow-up until the completion of the projects and inform the counterpart about the success or failure of the international cooperation at the end of the project.

If required, each participant should submit financial and technical reports to their national funding organisations, according to national regulations. The progress and final results of each individual contract/letter of grant will be monitored by the respective national funding organisations.