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National programme	The Strategic Action for Health Research (= <i>Acción estratégica en Salud ["AES"]</i>) of the R&D&I National Plan of Spain 2008-2011
Funding commitment	0.5 M€
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	3-5 Neuron II transnational project partners
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	Only one 3 year grant per fundable project partner : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 250,000 € if the Spanish Applicant is the Neuron II transnational project consortium coordinator. • Up to 100,000 € if the Spanish Applicant is not the Neuron II transnational project consortium coordinator.
Eligibility of projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 year transnational projects with 3 or more eligible project consortium partners and from at least 3 different Neuron II joint transnational call 2011 funding countries. • Translational projects are encouraged. • A researcher of a Spanish project partner can only be involved in one submitted proposal. Additional proposals will be rejected.
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Public R&D centres: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospitals, other health care settings as well as other public organisations with a health mission. [Any of them within the National Health System that manages Research through a Foundation (according to the Act 50/ 2002, of December 26th) must also present

	<p>the foundation's statutes].</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A CIBER (= Biomedical Research Center in network with legal personality), just only if it is the consortium coordinator partner in a NEURON transnational project proposal. <p>Private R&D centres, non for profit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospitals or other health care settings. [They must submit their statutes in which it must be stated a mission and aims in relation to a capacity and activities in R&D actions on a non for profit basis].
<p>Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Each researcher of a Neuron transnational project consortium can only be a research team member of one alive Neuron I project in 2012. Compatibility regarding to alive projects or parallel applications within the R+D+I National Plan of Spain, European Union or international frameworks, is subjected to the specification stated in the corresponding calls for proposals. Further over submission of any Spanish project partner as applicant within other transnational project consortium will be rejected after, according to the date and time of reception of the respective application in the corresponding call secretariat. - Private R&D centres must present a proof of the legal link between it as a project consortium Spanish partner and every respective researcher included as research team. - Each researcher of the core research team of a project consortium Spanish partner (other than the Principal Investigator) must have a job contract with or a fellowship with such a Spanish project partner or a documented relationship with a CIBER, lasting until the end of the project or beyond. - The Principal Investigator of the research team of a project consortium Spanish partner must be a senior researcher having a job contract with such a project partner or a documented relationship with a CIBER, lasting until the end of the granted project or beyond.. - Excluded personnel as Principal Investigator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those on training as Health Specialist. • Those on research training (e.g. PhD students, or on contracts "Rio Hortega"). • Research personnel contracted by a CIBER (if such a CIBER is not the project coordinator partner), a RETICS or a CONSOLIDER. • Those on post-doctoral improving training (e.g. contracts "Sara Borrel" or contracts "Juan de la Cierva").
<p>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenses can only be committed and invoices charged with dates within the time the Spanish grant is alive. • [Small] Equipment (up to 40,000.00 € of the Spanish funds per project Spanish partner grant). • Consumables. • Commissions [Subcontracts]: up to 50% of the Spanish funds per project Spanish partner grant. • Travel and allowance just only for the partner research team members, if for presenting results (with a maximum cap of 10,000.00 €) and for field studies and coordination. • Hiring technical manpower (other than core research team members, excluded: Students or fellowships). Prefixed bulk cost (salary + taxes + socials security, etc.) per contract up to 3 years: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical expert, higher degree: 27,550.00 € • Technical expert, medium degree: 22,800.00 € • Technical expert, FP II: 19,000.00 €

	Overheads (ex officio): up to + 21% of the Spanish national funds over the approved grant.
National phase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission of the proposal at a national level will be carried out (by using an on-line application) once the international evaluation and the ranking list have been performed and endorsed by the Call Steering Committee (CSC) and the Spanish project partner IP has been informed by the project consortium coordinator and invited by ISCIII to submit the proposal to it.
Grant delivery of awarded funds by ISCIII to projects partners and its requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every year pre-financing, to the beneficiary (Neuron II transnational project consortium partner) with legal address placed in Spain: after report of scientific progress and justification of expenses charged to this one, as well as to previous grant pre-financing, their checks and assessments.
Further guidance	<p>The Strategic Action for Health Research (= <i>Acción estratégica en Salud</i> ["AES"] call 2011.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation guidelines and rules are published in the corresponding issue of the Official Gazette of Spain (= "Boletín Oficial del Estado" ["BOE"]). http://aes.isciii.es <i>Legal frame</i> [mandatory to fulfil as other applicable legal requirements, as appropriate]: Act 14/2007 of July 3rd, 2007, of Biomedical Research. Organic Act 3/2007, of March 22nd, for Effective equality of Men and Women [of Spain]. Act 40/2002, of December 26th, on Foundations Act 30/1992, 26 November 1992, on the Legal System of the Public Administrations and Common Administrative Procedure Act 30/2007 of 30th October, for Public Sector Contracts Annual General Budget Acts. General Act 47/2007, of November 26, for Budgeting. General Act 38/2003, of November 17 th, 2007, of Grants. Among other issues: to be up to date in payments of taxes and social security contributions: This requirements must be fulfilled just before paying. Legal requirements to obtain the beneficiary status of collaborative institution: according to articles 12, 13.2, 15 and 16. Subcontracting: according to articles 29.2 and 29.7. Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation (2006/C 323/01).
Spanish funding delivery by ISCIII and its grant pre – and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ISCIII may be unable to award with a grant for a partner placed in Spain of a successfully assessed "Neuron II" transnational project, if the final decision concerning all consortium partners' grants is taken after October 2nd, 2011, and the administrative documents required for funding have not been provided to ISCIII before October 20 th, 2011

post- requirements

- Just in this case, it may be applied as appropriate the provisions referring to transnational projects with partners with unavailability of funds due the corresponding "Neuron II" funding body partner's funds are exhausted.
- If the "Neuron II" transnational project after awarded does not start or after starting is cancelled or no project partners' consortium agreement copy is provided to ISCIII in due term or project partner consortia or research team composition is changed, the grant awarded by ISCIII also stops and the remaining Spanish national funds must be returned, exception made of a specific ISCIII's permission for the project partner's continuation and within the boundaries of such a permission.
- Granted projects must state "Awarded within ERANet Neuron II framework by ISCIII (grant nº ...) upon the AES (R+D+I National Plan of Spain)"