

#innovacion
#ayudascdti
#asesoramiento
#internacionalizacion



14th MEETING SEAL OF EXCELLENCE COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

Experience and Plans of the Spanish National Scheme

21st October 2022
Lucía Íñigo-Paarmann



Horizon Europe - Support of EICA Seal of Excellence holders

SoE Programme

- Next Generation EU as source of funds.
- Including two EICA cut-off dates: June + October 2021.
- 16 ES SME with EIAC SoE.

20 M€
2021

Horizon Europe - Support of EICA Seal of Excellence holders

SoE Programme highlights I

- Applying **GBER Amendment, article 25a**.
- Funding the grant part of the EICA project (TRL5-8), up to 2,5M€.
- #NextGenerationEU Funds.
- Call opened in November and closed in December 2021
- Managed by the Innovation Agency, including evaluation and technical and financial review of funded projects.

Horizon Europe - Support of EICA Seal of Excellence holders

SoE Programme highlights II

- SoE in 2021 as eligibility criterion
- Call evaluation: no need of technical evaluation, only legal and financial checks, including checks of costs eligibility
- Delays due to late issue of the SoE certificates by EC
- Call resolution published in September 2022
- 15 ES companies applied (out of 16 eligible), asking for a total of 25,6M€. **14 projects to be financed, consuming 20M€.**

Horizon Europe - Support of EICA Seal of Excellence holders

SoE Programme future

- SoE 2022: 30M€ for the 2022 EICA SoE.
- 31 eligible SoE projects from first and second 2022 cut-offs, requesting 64,25M€ in grant.
- Call to be published and closed in Q4 2022.
- End of #NextGenerationEU source of funds.
- No current plans to extend it with national funds in the future.

30 M€
2022

Horizon Europe - Support of EICA Seal of Excellence holders

SoE Programme challenges I

- No SoE **ranking** → additional criteria to rank proposals in case of total budget exceeding available budget.
 - Gender/previous SoE in 2020 (with ranking)/previous national Aid...
- #NextGenerationEU funds require compliance with **DNSHP** → DNSH is now an eligibility criteria in EICA 2022.

Horizon Europe - Support of EICA Seal of Excellence holders

SoE Programme challenges II

- **Unpredictability:** number of Seals, timing...
 - Companies that submitted in March 21 and got results in June 21 only had their SoE certificates end April 22 (10 months after notification)
 - “Sealed proposal”: SoE certificate + Business Plan, end August 22 (14 months)
- SoE **certificates** needed to close the call process: need to wait until rejection letter? Companies losing opportunities when national funding is not guaranteed?
- “Sealed proposals” already available for **project/costs checks.**

+info sobre programas y ayudas CDTI para proyectos de I+D empresarial e innovación



@CDTI_innovacion