

# INDIA - SPAIN PROGRAMME OF CO-OPERATION ON INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

A Bilateral Framework providing financial support for collaborative R&D ventures between Indian and Spanish Industry and Academia

## - Request for Proposals Fact Sheet-

### GITA – CDTI Joint Request for Proposals (RFP) for Collaborative Industrial R&D Projects (November 2013)

<p>Indian Implementation Agency</p>  <p><b>GLOBAL INNOVATION &amp; TECHNOLOGY ALLIANCE</b></p>	<p>Indian Funding Ministry/Department</p>  <p><b>Department of Science &amp; Technology Government of India</b></p>	<p>Spanish Funding Ministry/Department - Spanish Implementing Agency</p>  <p><b>MINISTERIO DE ECONOMÍA Y COMPETITIVIDAD</b> <b>CDTI</b> Centro para el Desarrollo Tecnológico Industrial</p>
Name of the Programme	<b>India-Spain Programme of Co-operation on Industrial R&amp;D</b>	
Applications invited for	Funding support for industry-driven and close to market R&D Projects between India and Spain.	
Important Dates	<p>Official Launch of Request for Proposals: <b>November 12th, 2013</b>                  Submission Date for Full Application Form / Proposal: <b>March 15th, 2014</b>                  Release of Request for Proposals Results: <b>July 15th, 2014</b></p>	
Who Can Apply?	<p>Application must be led by the industry from India and Spain and the participation of research institutes and the academia in the projects is strongly encouraged. <u>Minimum Eligibility Criteria: one qualified partner from each country (1 Indian Company + 1 Spanish Company).</u></p> <p>The spirit of the Programme is to promote co-operation between companies in a voluntary basis, meaning cooperation between independent companies.</p> <p><b><u>Eligible Indian Applicants</u></b></p> <p>Eligible <b><u>Indian Project Lead (IPL)</u></b> Applicants from the industry are Indian companies, registered in India under the Indian Companies Act 1956 with a minimum of 51 percent Indian ownership. <b><u>Other Eligible Indian applicants</u></b> include: researchers and managers from academic institutions, research hospitals or other R&amp;D institutions (including not-for-profit research institutes recognized by DST/GITA) that are headquartered and operate in India. Sole proprietors, partnership firms and subsidiaries of firms headquartered and owned outside India are not eligible for support under this programme.</p> <p><b><u>Eligible Spanish Applicants</u></b></p> <p>Eligible <b><u>Spanish Project Lead (SPL)</u></b>. Applicants from the industry are companies, either private or public, operating and registered in Spain and holding a valid Spanish company tax code (CIF). No minimum Spanish capital percentage ownership is required. Spanish subsidiaries of companies headquartered outside of Spain may also be eligible for support.</p> <p>As per CDTI's internal regulations, the Spanish consortia should be led by a Spanish Company. Collaboration with other entities such as research centres, technological centres, universities, hospitals and other R&amp;D-performing organisations is permitted under CDTI's regulations, as subcontractors of the Spanish companies present in the consortia.</p>	
Eligible technology sectors	<p>Scope: Present RFP is open to joint industrial R&amp;D projects between Spanish and Indian partners in any of the following thematic areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b><u>Water Technologies</u></b></li> <li>2. <b><u>Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)</u></b></li> </ol> <p>Subsectors of interest within the referred thematic areas are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b><u>Water Technologies - Management of the Water Cycle</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b><u>Water Resources Management</u></b></li> </ul> </li> </ol>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b><u>Use and Consumption of Water</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Collection, pumping and water transportation, distribution</li> <li>– Water Supply and Sanitation (Desalination, water quality treatment technologies, treatment and purification of drinking water)</li> <li>– Water and Agriculture, efficient use of water for irrigation in agriculture</li> <li>– Water and Energy Efficiency</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ <b><u>Wastewater Treatment</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Water recycling and renovation for multiple uses, Biotechnology and Nanotechnology options for water recovery and renovation. New treatments (water and energy - harvest energy from the organic material while supplying clean water)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>2. <u>Information and Communication Technologies (ICT), including:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Future Internet Technologies (novel services and architectures, cloud computing, trustworthy ICT, internet of things, etc..)</li> <li>▪ Digital Content Technologies</li> <li>▪ Mobile technologies and services</li> <li>▪ Smart Cities</li> <li>▪ ICT as enabling technology in societal challenges such as Energy, Health, Safety, Education, Transport, etc</li> </ul>
Project funding support	<p><b>Funding support will be given to each partner by its own Implementing Organisation (GITA in India, CDTI in Spain) in accordance with their internal regulations.</b></p> <p><b><u>In India</u></b> GITA will fund the awarded Indian project partners. Successful projects will have at least 50% industry R&amp;D component. The active participation of industry will be assessed from the project budget and the R&amp;D performed by the company.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Funding will be limited to 50% of the total eligible national cost of the project with a limit of <b><u>INR 150 Lakhs (INR 15,000,000) per project.</u></b></li> <li>○ Public funded academic and research organisation applicants may receive grants-in aid up to 100% of its part of eligible national cost in the project.</li> <li>○ Industry may receive up to 50% of its part of eligible national cost by way of soft loan repayable upon successful completion of the project</li> </ul> <p><b><u>In Spain</u></b></p> <p>CDTI will fund the Spanish Companies in the awarded projects. CDTI can only provide funding to Spanish companies subject to budget availability and as per the financing conditions valid at the time of signature of the financing commitment between CDTI and the awarded companies.</p> <p>Collaboration with other entities such as research centres, technological centres, universities, hospitals and other R&amp;D-performing organisations is permitted under CDTI regulations, but CDTI will not fund them directly, but may finance them indirectly as external collaborations of the Spanish Companies involved in the projects.</p> <p>CDTI's financing conditions valid on the date of the official launch of the Call are as follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ As per CDTI's regulations eligible costs will include amortisation of capital assets, outsourced technical collaborations, material costs, technical personnel costs and other costs (indirect costs, audit costs).</li> <li>○ CDTI will only consider proposals of Spanish Companies with a minimum budget of 175,000 euros or 500,000 euros in cases when Spanish consortium formed by and Economic Interest Grouping.</li> <li>○ Soft loan of up to 75% (exceptionally up to 85%) of the eligible costs of the Spanish Co/s in the awarded project at an annual fixed interest rate equivalent to Euribor (Euro Interbank Offered Rate) + 0,1%. This fixed interest rate will be calculated at the time of approval of the financing commitment between CDTI and the awarded companies. Soft loan must be paid back to CDTI in 10 years with initial moratorium from 2 to 3 years.</li> <li>○ Out of the 75% of the soft loan granted to the awarded Companies, up to 18% may be considered a grant in aid, and therefore non reimbursable.</li> </ul>
Selection Criteria	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The project should be innovative aiming to lead to a new or substantial improvement of a product, process or service with clear commercial potential</li> <li>2. The project must show balanced effort of R&amp;D activities and resources both in India and in Spain</li> <li>3. Duration of projects will be from 1 to a maximum of 3 years.</li> <li>4. The industry partners from India must contribute at-least 50% of their participation cost in the project with own economic resources. Industry partners from Spain must contribute at least 30% of their participation cost in the project with own economic resources.</li> <li>5. The application will be strengthened by the participation of academic and institutional researchers as a component of the R&amp;D project</li> </ol>

**For more information & Guidelines for Applications visit:**

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