

CT-BIO Supporting Programme

1. Background

The CT-BIO project is part of the INTERREG V-A Spain-Portugal Program (POCTEP) 2014-2020 under priority axis 2, "Integrating growth through cross-border cooperation in favour of business competitiveness".

Specifically, CT-BIO confirms to investment priority 3.B, which seeks the "development and implementation of new business models for SMEs, particularly internationalization".

The ultimate goal of the CT-BIO project is to improve business competitiveness and consolidate the biotech sector and the life sciences in the cross-border region with a joint roadmap based on collaboration and cooperation between agents and companies to both sides of the border.

The partnership of this project is integrated by Universidad de Santiago de Compostela (Spain), Associação Portuguesa de Bioindústria (Portugal), Consorcio de la Zona Franca de Vigo (Spain), BIOGA- Cluster Tecnológico Empresarial das Ciencias da Vida (Spain), Universidade do Minho (Portugal) and INL – International Iberian Nanotechnology Laboratory (Portugal).

An internal Jury will be created and the best projects will be selected to be supported at different levels:

- Acceleration Program (Workshops and Mentoring)
- Access to Biotechnological coaching
- Support in Raising Funds
- A Marketplace (web)
- Access to relevant incubation programs (Biotechnological Hubs located in Galicia and North Portugal; CZFV, USC, UMinho and INL).

2. Objective

The main goal of this call is the selection of Projects that will benefit from the Supporting Activities set out in Article 8.

3. Promoting Entity

The Promoting entity is the International Iberian Nanotechnology Laboratory (INL), with headquarters at Avenida Mestre José Veiga, 4715-330 Braga (Portugal).

The initiative is supported by all the partners of the CT-BIO project.

4. Eligibility Criteria

The Call is open to researchers, research teams or legal persons (hereinafter, 'Participants') that meet the following criteria:

- (a) Participants must be placed in the POCTEP Region of the CT-BIO Supporting Program (Galicia and North of Portugal).

- (b) The Project must be developed and implemented in the POCTEP Region of the CT-BIO Supporting Programme (Galicia and North of Portugal).
- (c) The Project must be related to biotechnology.
- (d) Despite not being mandatory, it is highly valued that Projects have demonstrated feasibility at laboratory scale.
- (e) The Project must present sufficiently detailed and justified technical information that demonstrates the effective benefit of the actions to be made available under the CT-BIO Supporting Program as detailed in Article 8 of this regulation.

5. Selection Process

- 5.1. Applications shall be submitted using an electronic form made available by INL, in accordance with terms and conditions establish in this Regulation.
- 5.2. An eligibility check will be carried out by INL, based on the information provided in the application form.
- 5.3. Participants that have passed the eligibility check, will be evaluated by a Jury composed of up to three members that will select the Projects based on the following criteria:
 - Innovation approach
 - Technical feasibility
 - Team complementarity
 - Fit to the program ecosystem and network
 - Market potential and scalability
- 5.4. The final decision of the Jury shall be adopted by a way of a written decision signed by its members (only the winners will be disclosed).
- 5.5. The decision of the Jury will be based on a record signed by all its members.
- 5.6. The decision of the Jury cannot be appealed.

6. Application deadline

The application period for the CT-BIO Supporting Programme - runs until 18th January 2019.

7. Application procedure

- 7.1. The participation in the CT-BIO Supporting Program is free of charge and applications must be formalized through a description of the Project, to be

presented in its own form, available online on the following website (ct-bio.org).

- 7.2. The application process will consist of the correctly filled application form, along with the Participants' curriculum vitae and any other documents that can demonstrate the degree of innovation of the project, its potential impact in terms of competitiveness, its originality and economic value.
- 7.3. Applications must be subscribed by all Participants, who will assume full responsibility for the participation and implementation of the Project.
- 7.4. The complete application for the CT-BIO Supporting Programme must include the following documents in the application form:
 - (a) A technical description of the innovation;
 - (b) A state-of-the-art assessment of the innovation;
 - (c) An account, in general terms, of the market potential for the exploitation of the innovation;
 - (d) The contribution that the Supporting Programme could provide for the exploitation of the innovation of the project/product.
- 7.5. Participants may be asked at a later stage for further documents.
- 7.6. The candidates are responsible, in all legal terms, for their originality and authorship.

8. Supporting Actions

The selected Projects will benefit from the following supporting actions (running till end 2019):

- (1) Acceleration Program Formation - Workshop and Mentoring in the following areas:
 - a. Business Model Development;
 - b. Business Plan;
 - c. Marketing Plan;
 - d. Fund Raising formation;
 - e. Minimum Viable Product
 - f. Internationalization(The sessions will take place in Braga – Portugal).
- (2) Access to Biotechnological coaching.
- (3) Support in Raising Funds (at least addressing one investor group in face-to-face meeting bases) – along the 2019.
- (4) A Marketplace (web), which will include a catalogue/brochure;

- (5) Access to relevant incubation programs (Biotechnological Hubs located in North Portugal and Galicia; CZFV, USC, UMinho and INL).

9. Other Provisions

Publicity — Promoting the CT-BIO Supporting Programme — Visibility of funding

9.1.1. Publicity by the Winners

- (a) The Winners must promote the CT-BIO Supporting Programme and its results, by providing targeted information to multiple audiences (including the media and the public) in a strategic and effective manner.
- (b) Unless the Promoting Entity requests or agrees otherwise or unless it is impossible, any communication activity related to the action (including in electronic form, via social media, etc.) must: (i) display the CT-BIO Project and Interreg emblems and (ii) include the following text: "Winner of the Supporting Programme from the CT-BIO project. This project is co-financed by the Cooperation programme Interreg V-A Spain-Portugal (POCTEP) 2014-2020".
- (c) For the purposes of their obligations, the Winners may use the aforementioned emblems without first obtaining approval from the Promoting Entity. This does not, however, give it the right to exclusive use. Moreover, the Winners may not appropriate the emblems, either by registration or by any other means.

9.2. Publicity by the Promoting Entity and the CT-BIO Project.

- (a) The Promoting Entity and the CT-BIO Project may use, for its communication and publicising activities, information relating to the CT-BIO Supporting Programme, documents notably summaries for publication and deliverables as well as any other material, such as pictures or audio-visual material that it receives from the winners (including in electronic form).
- (b) The Promoting Entity and the CT-BIO Project will publish the name of the winners, their origin, its nature and purpose – unless they have requested to waive such publication (because disclosure risks threatening their security and safety or harm their commercial interest).
- (c) Photos and videos taken by the Promoting Entity are the sole property of the CT-BIO Project.

9.3. Processing of personal data

9.3.1. Processing of personal data by the Promoting Entity and the CT-BIO Supporting Programme.

Any personal data will be processed by the Promoting Entity and the CT-BIO Project beneficiaries under the applicable data protection rules and in accordance with the CT-BIO website privacy notice. The Winners consent that the Promoting Entity and the CT-BIO project beneficiaries publish the following information: (i) name, (ii) Member State of origin (address or NUTS 2 region); (iii) their activities in relation to the award of the CT-BIO Supporting Programme.

9.4. Processing of personal data by the Participants

The participants must process personal data in compliance with applicable EU and national law on data protection (including authorizations or notification requirements, if any)

9.5. Conflict of interests

9.5.1. The participants must take all measures to prevent any situation where the impartial and objective award of the Supporting Programme is compromised for reasons involving economic interest, political or national affinity, family or emotional ties or any other shared interest ('conflict of interests').

9.5.2. They must inform the Promoting Entity without delay of any situation constituting or likely to lead to a conflict of interests and immediately take all the necessary steps to rectify this situation.

9.5.3. The Promoting Entity may verify that the measures taken are appropriate and may require additional measures to be taken by a specified deadline.

9.6. Liability for damages

9.6.1. The Promoting Entity and the CT-BIO Project beneficiaries cannot be held liable for any damage caused to the Participants or to third parties as a consequence of this Supporting Programme, including for gross negligence.

9.6.2. The Promoting Entity and the CT-BIO Project beneficiaries cannot be held liable for any damage caused by any of the participants in the context of this Supporting Programme.

10. Contact

10.1. Any doubts about the CT-BIO Supporting Programme, namely on the eligibility of projects, the submission of applications, their assessment, or other, may be clarified through email to: innovation@inl.int.

11. Confidentiality

- 11.1. The Promoting Entity and all the entities involved in the CT-BIO Supporting Programme application and evaluation process guarantee the confidentiality of the information received during the application and evaluation process, that has been expressly marked by the Participants as 'Confidential', with the exception of any possible interviews and pitch presentations before the Jury.

12. Amendments

- 12.1. This Regulation may be subject to amendments at any time.
- 12.2. The Promoting Entity reserves the right to modify the composition of the Jury, if deemed necessary.