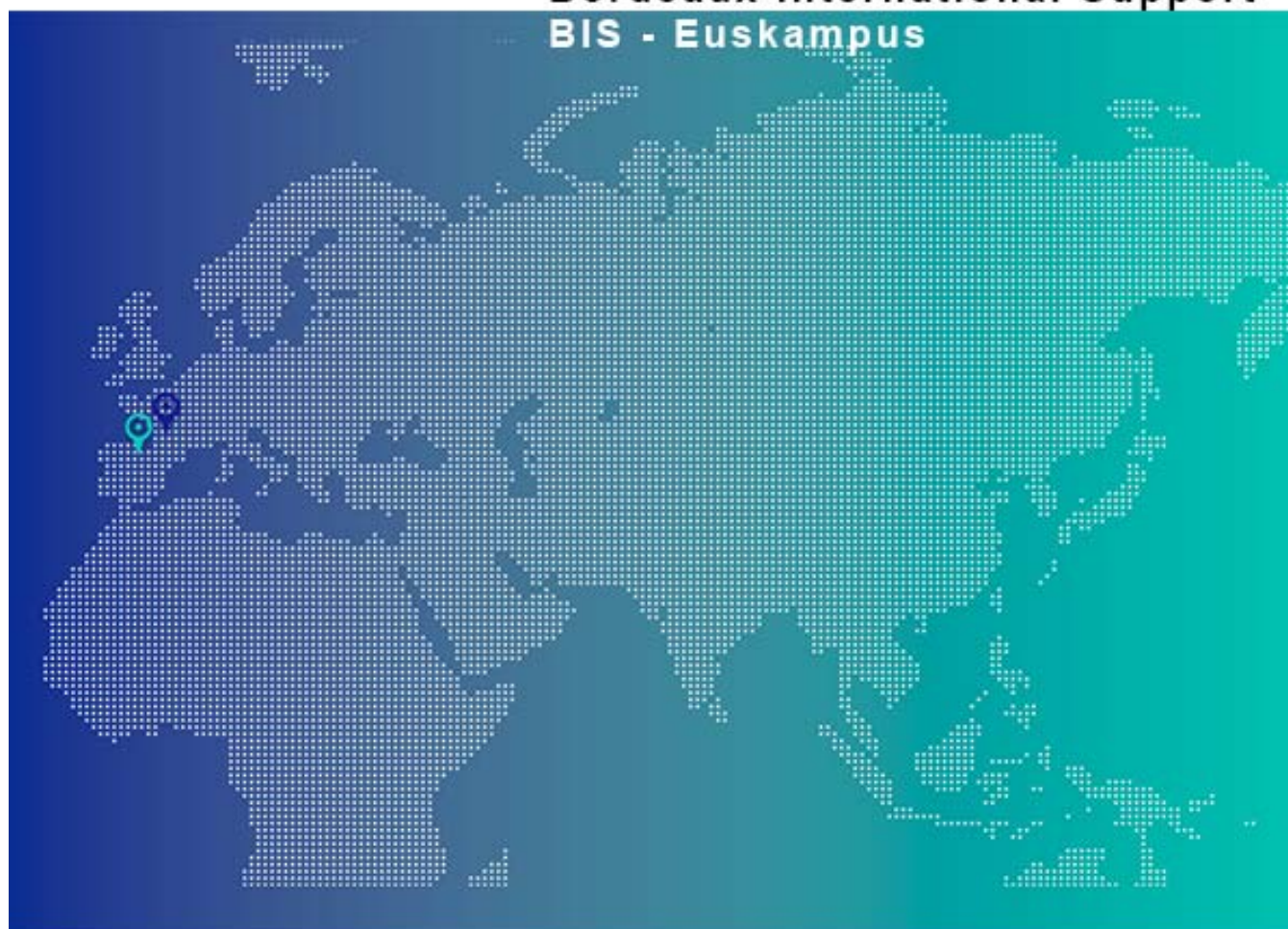


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E-BIS

Call for projects related to joint initiatives between the University of Bordeaux – University of the Basque Country in the context of Campus Euro-regional Bordeaux / Euskampus

Context

Since 2011 the University of the Basque Country and the University of Bordeaux have been engaged in a strategic alliance for the development of a cross-border campus in the context of their strategic projects **Euskampus**¹ and **IdEx Bordeaux**², respectively. In November 2014, both universities institutionalized their alliance by the signing of a Framework Agreement that recognizes the work done and that provides long-term cover for the development of a Euro-regional Campus of International Excellence focused on strengthening the international reputation built on a joint action plan covering training, research, transfer and communication. This plan targets in particular the mobility of university actors (students, academics, researchers, support staff) to bring synergies (including knowledge exchange) and encourage the emergence of projects with high added value.

Expected outcomes are:

- extending the academic offer to students, encouraging mobility between both universities and a wider internationally appealing joint offer;
- setting up a leading research space in Europe, promoting more synergies in research and development structures and dynamics;
- boosting the generation of value in the socio-economic make-up of Aquitaine, the Basque Country and the Euro-region as a whole, sharing innovation and knowledge transfer strategies and connecting with their bodies;
- increasing the international projection of each University via mutual international networks and joint participation in international projects;

¹ Euskampus is the brand-name of the Project of Campus of International Excellence led by the UPV/EHU together with Tecnalia Technology Corporation and the Donostia International Physics Center (DIPC)

² (IdEx Bordeaux is the brandname of the “Investissements d’avenir” project between Université de Bordeaux (merging Université Bordeaux 1 Sciences et Technologies (UB1), Université Bordeaux Segalen (UBS), Université Michel de Montaigne Bordeaux 3 (UB3), Université Montesquieu - Bordeaux IV (UB4)), l’Institut Polytechnique de Bordeaux (IPB), Sciences Po Bordeaux, Bordeaux Sciences Agro, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), Institut National de la Santé et de la Recherche Médicale (INSERM)

What is E-BIS?

Euskampus and IdEx Bordeaux have created “Euskampus Bordeaux International Support”, E-BIS, a helpdesk intended to provide both communities with information, support, assistance, and eventually funding in order to stimulate new collaborations, or to significantly develop existing ones, in the framework of the Euro-regional Campus of International Excellence.

Different kind of support may be offered,

- Integration of the project to existing programs driven by Euskampus or IdEx Bordeaux (For example, the IdEx campaign for international PhD, UPV/EHU doctoral grants, FidEx international, Poles of knowledge, or any other program for international support in each university);
- Engineering support to the project, provided by the operational teams of Euskampus and IdEx Bordeaux; this may include, for example, identification of partners, sources of external funding at the European level, help in the formalization of the project, organization of events, etc.
- Financial contribution for the development of joint action that serves the goals of the collaboration, when involving the following actions:
 1. Networking activity (research, education, exchange of good practice)
 2. First steps for project building (seed money)
 3. Staff exchanges (researchers, teachers, and support staff)
 4. Student group projects aiming at strengthening their creativity and sense of initiative.
 5. Internship for students (short stays, in laboratories or companies)
 6. Any other action that fosters the cross border cooperation involving mobility of people in a limited time frame.

Proposals can be transmitted on a continuous base using a web-based form (see below for details). Proposals requesting financial support will be evaluated on a regular basis (every two months) by a joined piloting committee. Doing so, this is intended to procure a flexible framework in order to promote joint initiatives.

Financial support provided in the framework of E-BIS is never primary funding for the execution of a research project.

Priorities for 2015

In 2015, BIS Euskampus will be focus on the projects built as a result of the scientific and administrative sessions during the Symposium and these projects will be supported in priority but not as a principle.

Projects in other thematics may also be presented.

Beneficiaries*

Beneficiaries may be researchers, administrative staff and students of the following institutions:

- University of the Basque Country /Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea
- TecNALIA Corporación Tecnológica
- Donostia International Physics Center (DIPC)
- University of Bordeaux
- University Bordeaux Montaigne
- The Bordeaux Polytechnic Institute (IPB)
- Sciences Po Bordeaux (IEP)
- Bordeaux Agro Sciences
- National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS)
- National Institute of Health and Medical Research (INSERM)
- National Institute for Research in Computer Science and Control (INRIA)
- Scientific Institute of Agronomic Research (INRA)
- Commissioner for Atomic Energy and Alternative Energies (CEA)
- Research Institute for Engineering Agriculture and the Environment (IRSTEA)
- French Research Institute for Exploitation of the Sea (IFREMER)
- Optical Science Institute – Graduate School Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes (School of Higher Studies)

** Others actors of higher education and research in Aquitaine can also be involved, according to the projects, this participation is subject to previous consultation of the governing board.*

Submission of applications

Applications (preferably in English, alternatively in French, and Spanish or Basque) will be sent via an online form on the following website:

For each application, applicants should indicate the beneficiaries of the action (CV of the people involved), the objective of the action, expected results. When a request of funding is involved, a full budget must be detailed, including potential additional source of external funding.

Timeschedule

Applications may be sent continuously. They will be examined according to the following schedule:

	Deadline for application	Evaluation of the projects	Notification
Period 1	1 st April 2015	From 2 nd April to 14 th April	End of April 2015
Period 2	29 th May 2015	From 1 st June to 9 th June 2015	End of June 2015
Period 3	3 rd July 2015	From 6 th July to 10 th July	End of July 2015
Period 4	4 th September 2015	From 7 th September to 14 th September	End of September 2015

Examination criteria

Examination of demands will involve the following criteria:

- Actions eligible for another funding framework in IdEx and Euskampus, or in the supporting institutions, will be directed and accompanied to this alternative source.
- It matches the Euro-regional Campus priorities.
- It is an action with a long-term perspective.
- There is an existing cooperation between partners from both regions on a new project.
- It is a new cooperation between partners in the two regions that have never worked together that contribute to the expected outcomes of the Alliance.
- There is a clear added value of the action for the beneficiaries.
- The number of people involved.
- The budget is in accordance with the objectives of the action.

These dimensions will be assessed by a technical committee composed of members or Euskampus and IdEx team, under the surveillance of their respective governing boards. When needed, any external expert may be solicited to assess the impact of the proposed project: each of them will be required to fill-in a non-disclosure agreement regarding any information they have through this examination process.

Publication

Applicants are informed that the list of projects selected for direct or indirect funding through E-BIS, and from a general point of view through Euskampus or IdEx Bordeaux programs, will be published on the respective websites, as well as on the common web portal EHUBAq³. These projects will also be required to mention the support in their communications, and to comply with any demand related to the follow-up of actions, including regular statement of expenses.

³ EHUBAq is the acronym for Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea / Université de Bordeaux – Aquitaine that is only being used as domain for the web site of the Euroregional Campus.