

**OBLIGATION TO ACKNOWLEDGE ERDF FUNDING / Ministry of the Economy, Industry and Competitiveness (MINECO) in projects that form part of the National Plan 2015-2016**

According to the Regulations,

*Equipment and materials, contracts, publications and other results that may arise from the subsidised project must mention the **Ministerio de Economía, Industria y Competitividad** (Spanish Ministry of the Economy, Industry and Competitiveness) as the funding entity and the **reference number assigned to the project**. If the project is jointly funded by **ERDF**, this must also be explicitly stated, in accordance with articles 115, 116 and 117 of Regulation (EC) 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and the European Council of 17 December 2013)" [<link>](#).*

This obligation applies to all projects that form part of the National Plan from 2015 onwards, regardless of whether they have received funding from the ERDF or not.

The regulations governing projects from 2016 onwards that cite the *Spanish Research Agency (SRA)* are not yet available.

**!! Beneficiaries who fail to comply with this requirement may be required to return the full amount of the grant.**

**Specific examples:**

1) **SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS:** The project must explicitly acknowledge funding from the Ministry/SRA and ERDF in one of the following manners:

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Before 2016: "This project (reference number) has been funded by the Spanish Ministry of the Economy, Industry and Competitiveness and by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)"

After 2016: "Project reference followed by (SRA/ERDF, EU)"

**OTHER FORMS OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: WEBSITES, SEMINARS, CONFERENCES** IP

In general, all forms of acknowledgement should show the following elements:

- Emblem of the European Union - reference to the ERDF Fund
- The logo of the Ministry
- Project reference number



These elements must be show in:

▪ **Symposia, conferences, seminars:**

- Conference programme, conference website and any other promotional activity prior to the conference.
- Conference presentations and any other document intended for the public or participants
- Publications resulting from the conference (e.g. conference proceedings), on paper and in other formats.

During the conference, a poster should be placed on public display and should provide information on the project, the thematic objective and the logos of the Ministry/ERDF.

- **Project website:** this should contain the logos and project reference.

**For further information, contact the UGAD**

**OTHER OBLIGATIONS REGARDING ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**



▪ **Contracting processes and purchases of over €18,000:**

Documents relating to contracting processes (in particular the initial clauses and the contract) should show the corresponding logos and information on funding sources.

A photo should sent showing all equipment with the corresponding stickers

- **Administrative staff contracting processes:** logos should appear on the call for applications and the contract.
- **Acquisition of equipment and materials:** Stickers with the logo of the funding body will be attached to any IT equipment, laboratory equipment or any other such equipment, as is current practice.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

**Legislation:** The regulations governing the management of these funds can be found in Regulation (EU) no. 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006. [<link>](#)

**MINECO instructions for complying with the 2007-2013 ERDF Communication Plan for jointly funded projects (Plan for 2014-2017 pending publication):** [<link>](#)

**Logos:**

EU: [<link>](#)

MINECO: still unavailable on MINECO website