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Participación de CIC biomaGUNE en el programa EIC Pathfinder

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The Center for Cooperative Research in Biomaterials CIC biomaGUNE

member of the Basque Research and Technology Alliance (BRTA), is a **non-profit research organization** created to promote scientific research and technological innovation at the highest levels in the Basque Country following the BioBasque policy, to help create a new business sector based on biosciences.

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BASQUE ALLIANCE FOR R&D

We are an alliance of 17 technology centres and cooperative research centres, with the support of the Basque Government, SPRI and the Provincial Councils of Araba, Bizkaia and Gipuzkoa.

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Improve the competitiveness
and support the development of
the **local industrial ecosystem**
through:

1. **Forefront Research in Biomaterials**
2. **Generation and Transfer of knowledge**
3. **State-of-the-Art infrastructures and
Provision of services**

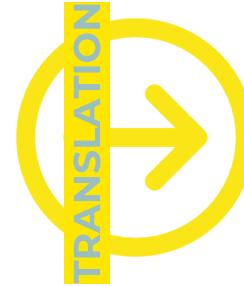
To be recognized as scientific leader and knowledge builder in biomaterials at regional, national and international level

VISION and OBJECTIVES

- 1 Bionanotechnological tools
- 2 Synthetic Bioengineering
- 3 Molecular and Functional Imaging



Nanomedicine
Advanced Therapy
Diagnostic



Clinical
Practice

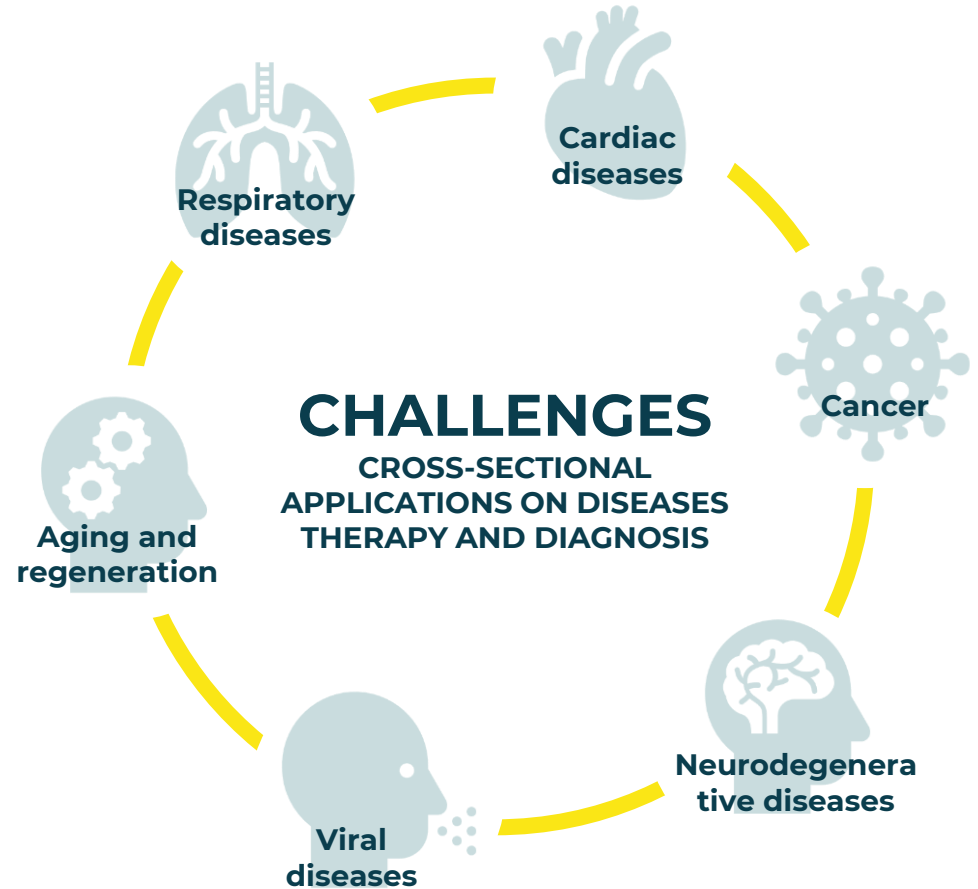
Potentiating stable alliances and formation of multidisciplinary teams (publications, joint collaborations, reseach projects, PhD tesis)

Making possible the transfer of research results to companies (through patents, creation of new companies, providing services to companies)

Favouring translation to clinics and improve peoples HEALTH

3 RESEARCH
AREAS

- 1 BIOFUNCTIONAL
NANOMATERIALS
- 2 SYNTHETIC
BIOENGINEERING
- 3 MOLECULAR &
FUNCTIONAL IMAGING





**BIOMOLECULAR
NANOTECHNOLOGY**
Aitziber L. Cortajarena



BIONANOPLASMONICS
Luis Liz-Marzán



**REGENERATIVE
MEDICINE**
Ander Abarrategi



**HYBRID BIOFUNCTIONAL
MATERIALS**
Dorleta Jiménez de Aberasturi



**HETEROGENEOUS
BIOCATALYSIS**
Fernando López



**CARBON
BIONANOTECHNOLOGY**
Maurizio Prato



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RESEARCH GROUPS

Unveiling the interaction
of materials and biological systems
at the nanoscale



**MAGNETIC
RESONANCE IMAGING**
Pedro Ramos



**SOFT MATTER
NANOTECHNOLOGY**
Sergio Moya



GLYCOTECHNOLOGY
Niels-Christian
Reichardt



**MOLECULAR AND
FUNCTIONAL BIOMARKERS**
Jesús Ruiz-Cabello



**RADIOCHEMISTRY &
NUCLEAR IMAGING**
Jordi Llop

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UNIQUE RESEARCH FACILITIES

ReDIB 
AZPITEK

Molecular & Functional
Imaging Facility and the
Technological
Platforms, which
constitute a
major strength of the
Center are **one of the
most complete
Preclinical imaging
research infrastructure
in Europe.**

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GOOD HEALTH
AND WELL-BEING



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QUALITY
EDUCATION



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INDUSTRY INNOVATION
AND INFRASTRUCTURE



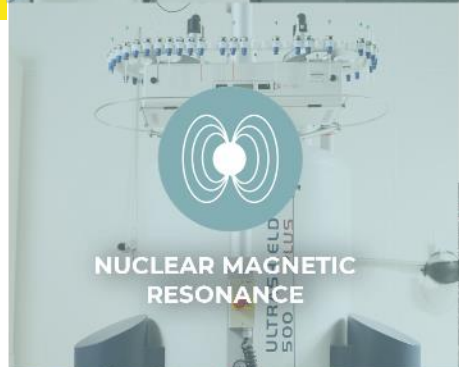
ELECTRON
MICROSCOPY



MASS
SPECTROMETRY



SURFACE ANALYSIS
& FABRICATION



NUCLEAR MAGNETIC
RESONANCE



OPTICAL
SPECTROSCOPY



ANIMAL
HOUSE



RADIOCHEMISTRY
Cyclotron + Radiochemistry Lab



MAGNETIC
RESONANCE IMAGING
MRI (7T y 11.7T MRI)



NUCLEAR
IMAGING
Nuclear Imaging (PET/SPECT/CT)

Potentiating stable alliances and formation of multidisciplinary teams with international research teams

FUNDING

EIC PATHFINDER



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Fondo Europeo de Desarrollo Regional

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3.048.541€

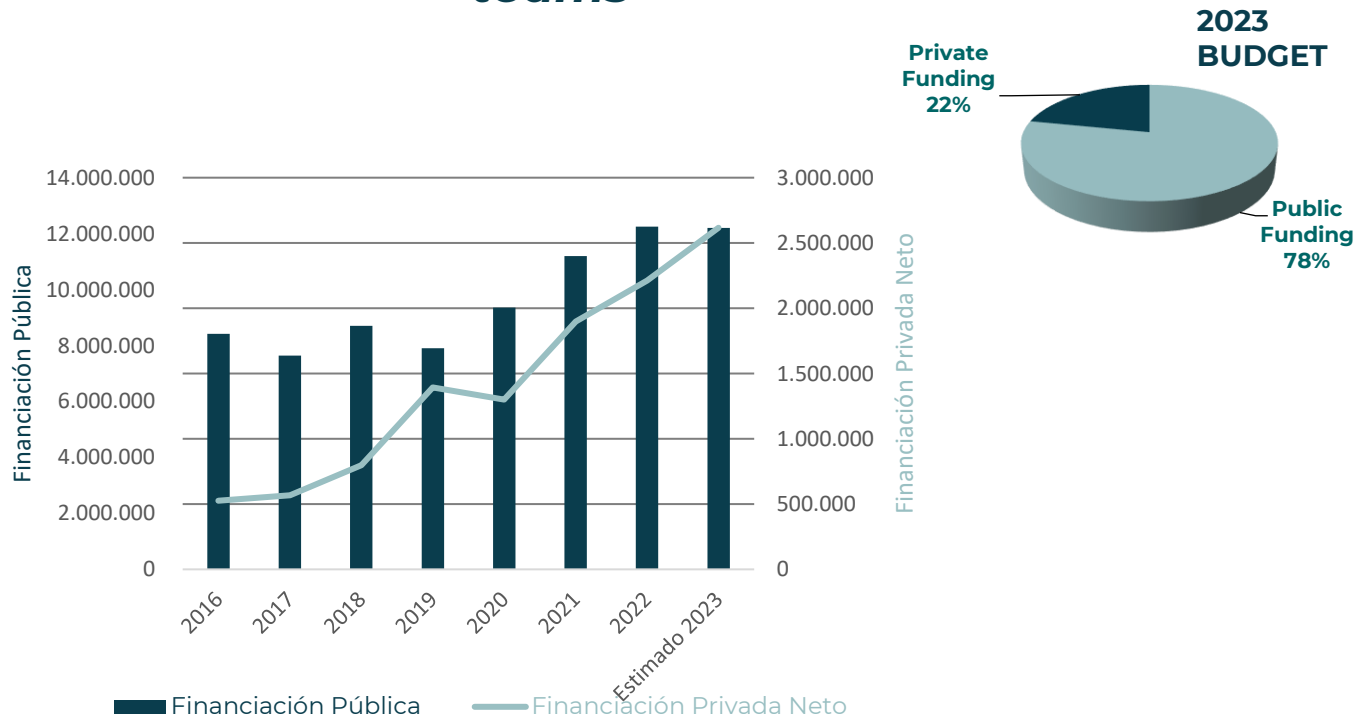
FET OPEN



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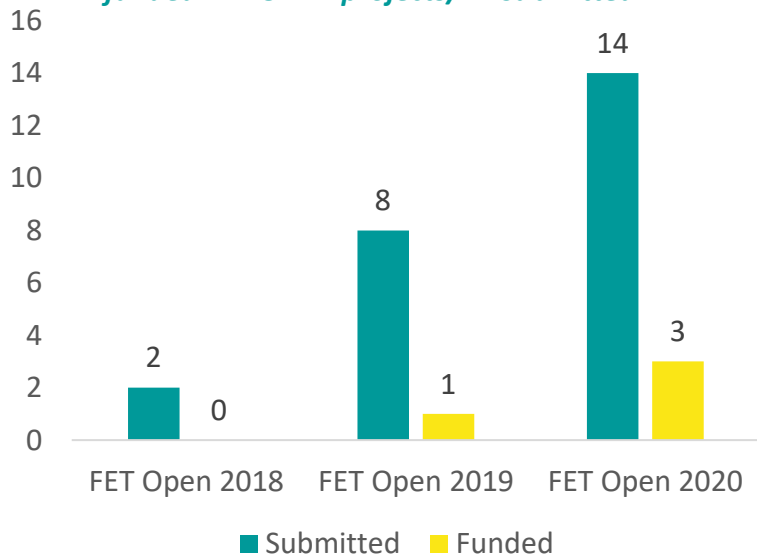
1.694.178€



Participation at FET and EIC Programme

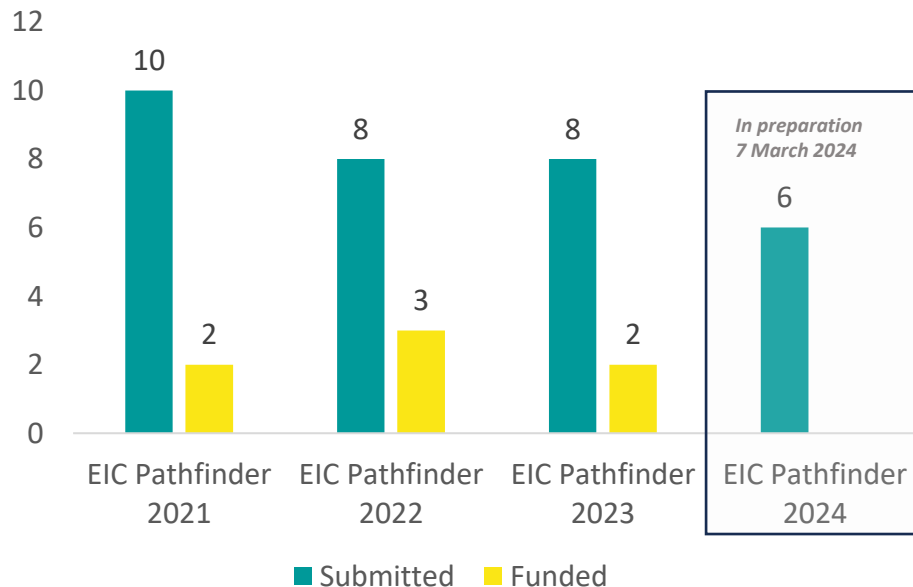
H2020 FET Programme

4 funded FET OPEN projects/24 submitted



Horizon Europe EIC Programme

7 funded Pathfinder projects/26 submitted

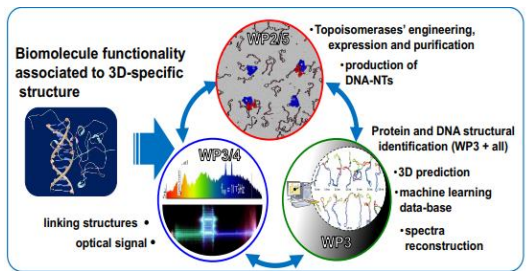


EIC Pathfinder Open projects: some examples



iSenseDNA
Computation driven development of novel in vivo-like-DNA-nanotransducers
*Partner- PI: Aitziber Cortajarena
01/10/2022-30/09/2026 (48M)

Advanced research on emerging technologies



iSenseDNA Consortium – 8 partners

7 universities and research centers and infrastructure facilities

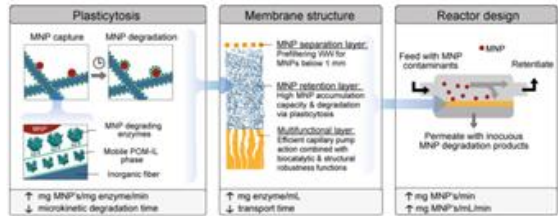


1 SME (biotech company)



BMREx
Biocatalytic membranes for micro/nano plastic degradation within waste-water effluents
Role:
*Partner- PI: Fernando López
01/04/2023-30/09/2026 (42M)

Advanced research on emerging technologies



6 Research Labs and Universities



3 Industrial Partners



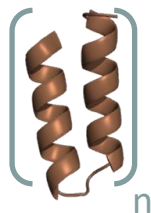
Main research lines/research interests

- ✓ Protein (DNA) engineering
- ✓ Biomolecular assembly
- ✓ Biomolecule-nanomaterial composites
- ✓ Protein-based materials
- ✓ Biomedical applications: therapy and diagnosis
- ✓ Technological applications: catalysis, bioelectronics, data storage, lighting

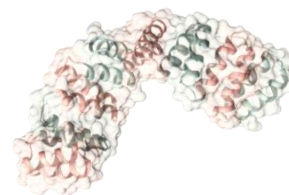
5 Projects EIC Pathfinder & FET Open



Scientific approach:



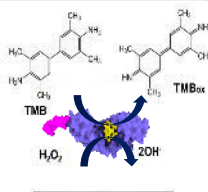
Self
assembly



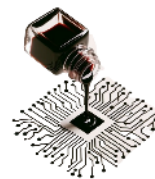
Customizable
module

Engineered protein

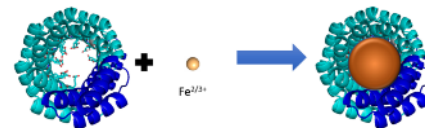
Technological applications:



Catalysis for diagnostics



Conductive inks for
bioelectronics



MRI contrast agents

Engineered Conductive Proteins for Bioelectronics



e-Prot



This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 FET Open under the grant agreement No: 964593

Key facts

about the project:



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Molecular Materials



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Ben-Gurion University
of the Negev

Engineered Conductive Proteins for Bioelectronics

e-Prot vision:

The rational design of efficient conductive protein systems (e-Ps), and the fabrication of *all-protein based conductive* structures and materials, targeting a radical change in design of green electronic and energy storage devices

The problem



Increasing amount of hazardous waste



Low biocompatibility

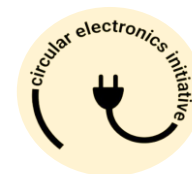


Biodegradability issues

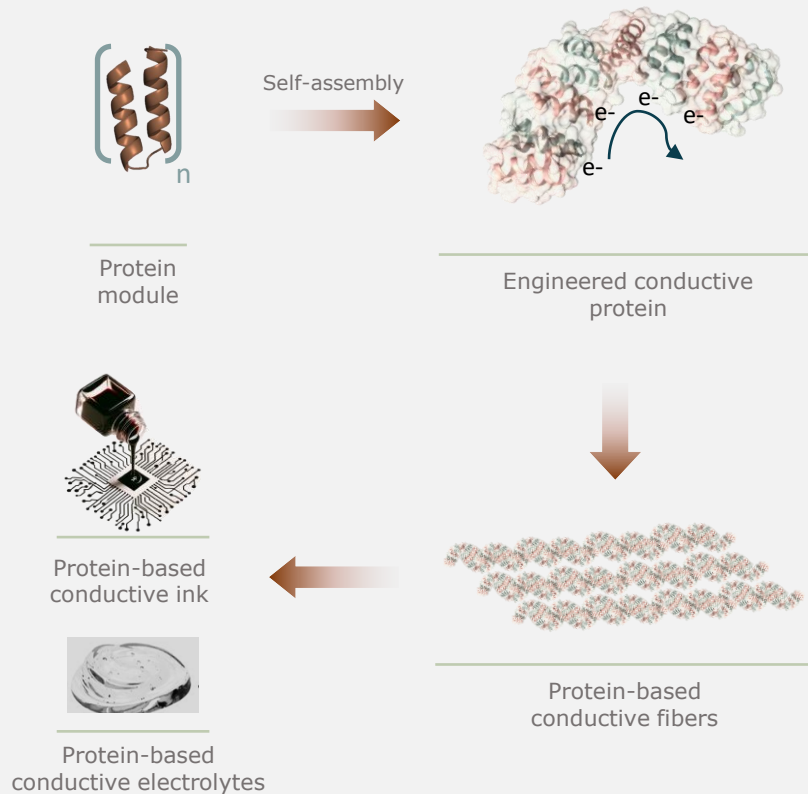
The need and opportunity



Growing demand for green electronics



Our technology



Protein modules self-assembled like LEGO blocks



Modules can be independently engineered to modulate conductivity



Easy scalability



Biocompatible & biodegradable conductive inks, electrolytes

Potential applications

Protein-based conductive devices



Implants



Wearable devices



Tissue
engineering



Biosensors

Increasing impact of eProt Project outcomes

IPR and Exploitation

- CIC biomaGUNE as coordinator has nominated an “**Innovation Manager**” dedicated to the eProt project.
- Innovation manager will receive specific Training in Entrepreneurship from EIC “**Innovation Discovery Training**” modules (first training on the 12Feb 2024).
- Monitor the progress of the eProt innovations and individual exploitation plans. Monitor possible patentability of results

Communication and Dissemination

- Open Science practices
- Preparation of Scientific Publications. Open Access
- Attending to Scientific Conferences and Events
- Stakeholder engagement.
- Increase impact by an attractive **Project Webpage**.
- Social Media and other channels.

Organization of the ESAB 2024 Congress



Registration is open

<https://www.biophysicssansebastian2024.com/>

Satellite Workshop (4th-5th June 2024) for early-stage-researchers- early career researchers will have the opportunity to present their research in topic specific round tables with senior researchers.

Bioelectronics focus session (eProt) will be organized.

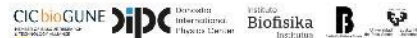
CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS



LOCAL ORGANIZERS

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Collaborators



Lessons learned – EIC Pathfinder Projects

- 1 Disruptive, breakthrough technologies development (low TRL)**
- 2 High IPR potential of research outputs. Need to monitor continuously patent options**
- 3 Explore Market opportunities for your technology: from Lab to commercial settings**
- 4 Highly recommendable to include Industrial partners: exploitation, market analysis**
- 5 Identify future visionary entrepreneurs (Access to EIC training opportunities, Business Acceleration services, Tech to Market trainings)**
- 6 Be active in Communication and Dissemination of results**

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