

SPAIN'S AGRIFOODTECH SANDBOX

Access programme to scientific-technical capabilities for testing and technical and regulatory evaluation of agri-food innovations

Programme features

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Introduction

Spain's AgriFoodTech Sandbox is a working and experimentation space designed to drive the development and implementation of innovations in the agri-food sector by mitigating frictions, barriers, and limitations of a regulatory nature.

This "Access programme to scientific-technical capabilities for testing and technical and regulatory evaluation of agri-food innovations" aims to provide organizations in the sector with access to a controlled environment for testing new products, processes, practices, and services under real or representative conditions. Its objective is to generate scientific-technical evidence and regulatory learnings that reduce uncertainties or barriers and, where appropriate, support proposals for regulatory actions or improvements.

Spain's AgriFoodTech Sandbox is promoted and supported by the Government of Spain's Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities (MICIU), the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAPA), the Regional Government of Navarra through the Department of University, Innovation and Digital Transformation (DUIITD), the Government of La Rioja through the Department of Economy, Innovation, Enterprise and Self-Employment, and CNTA (National Centre for Food Technology and Safety), under the general cooperation protocol signed on 17 March 2025.

Eatex Food Innovation Hub by CNTA (hereinafter Eatex) is responsible for managing the programme. Eatex is an open, collaborative innovation space created by CNTA to promote technology transfer and implementation in the agri-food industry; it does not have its own legal personality.

This document outlines the characteristics of the second call for projects of the programme, corresponding to 2026, funded by the Regional Government of Navarra, the Government of La Rioja and the Spanish Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAPA).

1. Definitions

For the purposes of these conditions for the selection and participation of projects in the Spain's AgriFoodTech Sandbox programme, the following shall be understood as:

- **Promoting entity:** Any natural or legal person, public or private, responsible for developing an innovation project for the agri-food sector (new product, process, practice, or technology) and applying to participate in this programme.

A consortium of several entities (under different legal forms) intending to conduct a collaborative project within the framework of Spain's AgriFoodTech Sandbox may be considered a single promoting entity. In such cases, a coordinator must be appointed to represent the consortium.

- **Managing entities:** Entities involved in the definition, execution, and management of the Spain's AgriFoodTech Sandbox programme: CNTA, the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities, the Spanish Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Government of Navarra, and the Government of La Rioja.
- **Evaluation Team:** Internal team made up of technical representatives from the managing entities of the Spain's AgriFoodTech Sandbox programme, responsible for evaluating and selecting the applications submitted. When necessary, and depending on the nature of the project, independent professional technical experts may provide additional support.
- **Project Data:** All technical data, experimental results, measurements, analyses, interim reports, metadata, process parameters, and any other evidence generated or obtained during the execution of the projects within the Testing Environment of Spain's AgriFoodTech Sandbox, regardless of their format, medium or degree of elaboration.

2. Promoting entities

Promoting entities wishing to participate in the programme must meet the following requirements:

- Have proposals for innovations in the agri-food sector that face regulatory frictions, barriers, or limitations and that, when appropriately evaluated within the experimentation space, can generate learnings of value for the organization, public administrations, regulatory authorities, and/or the sector. These must be innovative solutions that provide added value compared with current practices and that demonstrate market potential and relevance for the agri-food sector and society.
- Entities may access the programme regardless of their area of activity or size. In terms of location, the promoting entity must have a development and/or production center in Spain or in any other European Union country.

- The promoting entity must play a relevant role and have the real capacity to implement the results obtained—whether through industrialization, commercialization or by using them to improve its regular operations or expand its business.
- The promoting entity must not be in any of the situations listed in Article 13.2 of Law 38/2003, of 17 November, on subsidies, which constitute mandatory conditions for obtaining beneficiary status for public funding.

If the promoting entity is a consortium, the application must include a consortium agreement that shall contain, at a minimum (see Annex 3):

1. Identification of all entities forming the consortium, including, where applicable, the type of legal relationship between them.
2. The resources contributed and the activity-delivery commitments assumed by each consortium member.
3. The single representative or authorized agent of the consortium, with sufficient powers to act on behalf of the consortium and to fulfil the obligations that, as the promoting entity, correspond to the consortium.
4. The internal organization of the consortium, along with a contingency plan and provisions for resolving internal disputes.
5. Agreements between participants regarding liability, indemnification, and confidentiality.
6. Provisions concerning the ownership of results. This agreement must be electronically signed by the legal representatives of all consortium members and must explicitly state that all members assume the commitments and obligations implied by applying for access to the programme.

3. Project types

The Programme is aimed at projects that meet the following criteria:

- Projects offering innovative solutions in the strategic areas described in this section, which address frictions, challenges, and regulatory barriers in the agri-food sector, such as:
 - Interpretative uncertainty regarding existing regulations, arising from ambiguities, legal gaps, or the absence of clear criteria.
 - Lack of specific or harmonized regulatory frameworks.

- Absence of guidelines or precedents to support evaluations and/or decision-making.
- Lack of alignment with, or non-compliance under, current regulations.
- Lengthy evaluation and authorization timelines, which are often incompatible with innovation cycles, or disproportionate regulatory compliance costs, especially in initial stages, associated with generating evidence, conducting trials, or developing complex dossiers.
- These projects must have as their main objective the generation of scientific-technical evidence and regulatory, normative, or procedural learnings that can inspire and inform the design of new regulations or support the adaptation, revision, clarification or streamlining of existing ones, facilitating the market introduction of the products or processes under study.
- Proposed projects must focus on a clearly defined challenge that allows the necessary testing activities to be conducted using CNTA's capabilities (see Annex 1) during the programme's execution period. This period begins once the promoting entities are notified of their access to the experimentation space and will end no later than 31 December 2026.

If the project proposals do not clearly demonstrate the existence of a regulatory challenge, they will be rejected.

Below are the innovation areas to which the projects must be directed. A description and illustrative examples of projects are provided for each area, without intending to exhaust the range of possibilities.

<p>NEW INGREDIENTS, ADDITIVES AND PROCESSING AIDS Identification or development of new raw materials or alternative ingredients, additives, and processing aids, as well as the systems used to obtain them.</p>	<p>Such as: Alternative proteins, plant proteins, cellular agriculture, biomass and precision fermentation, algae, fungi, clean-label solutions, new processing aids.</p>
<p>NEW FOODS AND BEVERAGES FOR SUSTAINABLE AND HEALTHY NUTRITION Optimization or development of new foods and beverages with an improved nutritional and functional profile, whose innovation contributes to both human and planetary health.</p>	<p>Such as: Solutions for reducing fat, salt, or sugar; new functional ingredients; plant-based products; solutions tailored to specific consumer needs.</p>
<p>INNOVATION APPLIED TO FOOD PRESERVATION AND PACKAGING SYSTEMS</p>	<p>Such as:</p>

<p>Optimization or development of new food preservation and packaging strategies across the entire value chain—from raw material origin, production, and packaging to distribution—aimed at safely extending shelf life and reducing losses and waste.</p>	<p>Alternative preservatives, biocontrol solutions, non-thermal preservation treatments, new or improved packaging materials, recycled plastics, active packaging.</p>
<p>RESOURCE OPTIMISATION AND CIRCULARITY Application of solutions that enhance sustainability and reduce the environmental impact of processing raw materials, ingredients, and foods.</p>	<p>Such as: Processes and strategies to reduce energy/water/raw-material use; reuse of process water; minimization of losses; upcycling; new ingredients and foods derived from waste streams and by-products.</p>

4. Programme features

The Spain’s AgriFoodTech Sandbox programme has a budget allocation for this second call for projects that will allow for the selection of up to six projects.

The programme includes the following features:

- Selected promoting entities will receive a non-monetary grant corresponding to the cost of the services provided by CNTA—in relation to the capabilities described in Annex 1—or by any external collaborators engaged by CNTA to complement those capabilities. The cost of these services will be covered by Eatex through the available funding.
- Promoting entities will assume their own costs required for the execution of the project, such as staff participation, generation and shipment of samples or raw materials, participation in certain analyses, as well as any other associated costs or services that cannot be provided by CNTA or its external collaborators.
- Participation in Spain’s AgriFoodTech Sandbox is compatible with receiving other financial aid that may allow promoting entities to cover these costs. The in-kind support received through the programme will be quantified, and the amount must be considered by the promoting entity when applying for other funding, to avoid over-financing of the project.
- Promoting entities must own, co-own or play a relevant role in the industrialization, use or commercialization of the product, service or process that will be subject to research and testing. Intellectual or industrial property derived from the results obtained during each trial will belong to the promoting entity. However, the promoting entity grants CNTA/Eatex and the programme’s

managing entities a non-exclusive, free-of-charge, irrevocable and perpetual license to store, process, analyze and reuse the Project Data (as defined in Section 2) for the following purposes: (a) methodological and scientific-technical improvement of the programme and CNTA's services; (b) generation of regulatory learnings, sectoral reports, guidelines and recommendations; (c) creation and maintenance of internal databases of Spain's AgriFoodTech Sandbox for comparative, prospective and longitudinal analysis; and (d) any other purpose of public or sectoral interest aligned with the objectives of the programme. This license shall remain in force after the completion of each project and after the programme itself has been concluded.

- The regulatory conclusions obtained following the execution of the projects will be published by Eatex and shared with public and private stakeholders in the agri-food ecosystem, as deemed appropriate by the managing entities of Spain's AgriFoodTech Sandbox based on the nature of each project and the learnings generated. Likewise, CNTA/Eatex and the managing entities may use the Project Data—either in anonymized and aggregated form, or, where necessary for methodological or scientific-technical purposes, in an individualized manner—for the development and dissemination of guidelines, best practices, recommendations, sectoral reports, benchmarks and comparative analyses, as well as for building and maintaining the longitudinal databases of Spain's AgriFoodTech Sandbox. When dissemination is conducted in a non-anonymized form, prior authorization from the promoting entity will be required. All such uses shall observe the necessary safeguards regarding industrial or intellectual property, in accordance with the provisions of the testing protocol signed with the promoting entity.

Commitments and obligations of the promoting entity

- Provide the information and materials necessary for the execution of the project.
- Actively participate in the follow-up meetings required for the proper development of the project.
- Collaborate in the communication and dissemination activities of the Spain's AgriFoodTech Sandbox Programme and the benefits obtained through it.
- Comply with the visibility requirements established by MICIU, MAPA, the Government of Navarra, and the Government of La Rioja regarding the origin of the funds financing the Spain's AgriFoodTech Sandbox.
- Contribute to the preparation of the report on the project's results and impact once the testing phase has been concluded.

- This report must specifically describe the regulatory learnings generated during the project—regardless of any intellectual property protection that may arise—and identify the competent authorities that may have an interest in such learnings. Additionally, one year after the completion of the project, the promoting entity must respond to a questionnaire on the status and exploitation of the innovation evaluated.
- Provide accurate, truthful, and complete information throughout the entire participation process.
- The managing entities may deny access if the information provided is found to be false or inaccurate.
- Assume responsibility for the proposals submitted, ensuring that their content does not infringe any rights, particularly third-party intellectual property rights.
- In this regard, both the programme and its managing entities shall be exempt from any liability arising from third-party claims.

Benefits of participating

Promoting entities of the selected projects may:

- Benefit from the technological capabilities of CNTA and its external collaborators, both for the definition of the tests and for their execution.
- Have a direct communication channel with the managing entities of Spain's AgriFoodTech Sandbox to share the regulatory learnings obtained.
- Benefit from project dissemination activities conducted as part of the programme's communication actions.
- Use Eatex's facilities free of charge, upon prior request, to conduct certain project-related activities: coworking office work, meetings, sample preparation and presentation in kitchen or laboratory areas, and demonstration activities.

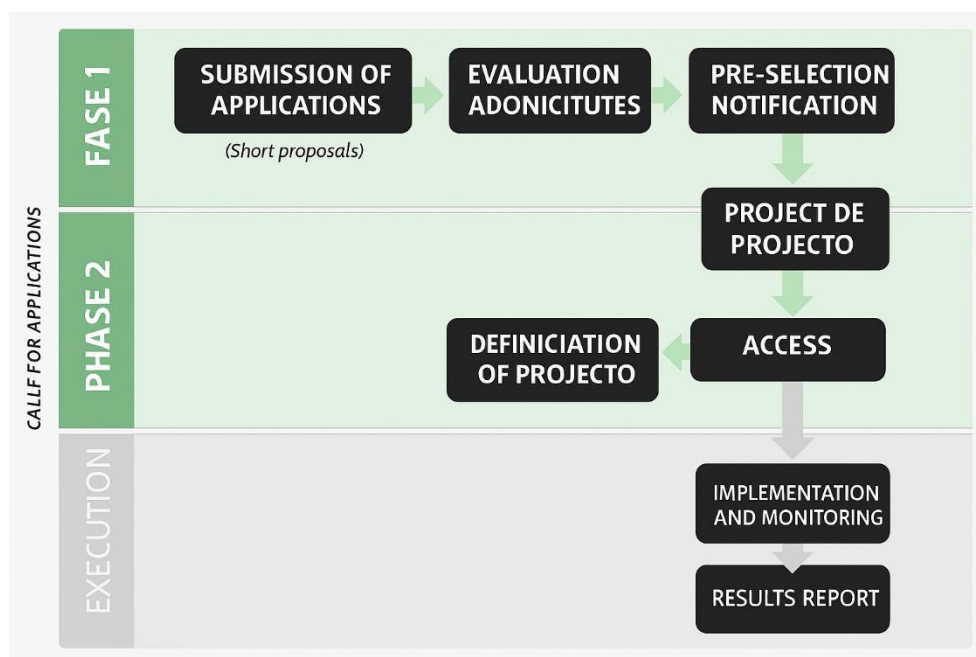
5. Phases for participating in the Spain's AgriFoodTech Sandbox programme

To facilitate participation in the Spain's AgriFoodTech Sandbox programme, the submission process is structured incrementally in a two-phase procedure:

- Phase 1: A brief proposal must be submitted within the established deadline, following the structure detailed in Annex 2, through the online project-call

management system available on the Spain's AgriFoodTech Sandbox website: www.sandboxagrifoodtech.es.

- Phase 2: Successfully pre-selected proposals will be invited to submit a full proposal, providing a detailed workplan including the testing protocol to be followed.



5.1. Submission of applications

In Phase 1, the promoting entity must submit a **proposal** of no more than fifteen pages, containing the information requested in Annex 2.

To do so, the completed and signed application form must be submitted through the dedicated section on the website.

Applications may be submitted from **20 March 2026** until **15 May 2026**. Eatex reserves the right to modify this deadline.

5.2. Evaluation of applications

Once the submission period has closed, the Evaluation Team designated by the programme's managing entities will conduct the evaluation process.

The evaluation will be conducted on a 0 to 100-point scale, based on the following criteria:

Evaluation criteria	Aspect evaluated	Points (max.)
Excellence	Relevance of the challenge the innovation aims to address, degree of innovation and/or technological complexity.	10
	Description of the regulation involved. Impact of existing regulation (or the lack of it) in slowing down technological development or implementation.	15
	Clarity and suitability of the proposal. Clarity of project objectives to maximize expected results and impacts.	5
Impact	Ability of the project to generate evidence that contributes to regulatory improvement and to learning by regulatory authorities and other actors in the agri-food sector.	15
	Sectoral relevance and business potential of innovation: estimated market (sector, number of companies) that could emerge in the niche identified by the project (economic impact).	15
	Additional impacts related to sustainability and resource-efficiency.	5
	Scalability of the solution. Feasibility of large-scale deployment.	5
	Capacity to generate benefits for consumers and society, including those related to innovation uptake, gender equality, and contribution to R&D&I promotion.	5
Quality and effectiveness of implementation	Alignment between project needs and the capabilities of the Testing Environment (Annex 1).	10
	Collaboration with other promoting entities to share risks and benefits.	5
	Technical capacity of the promoting entity to develop and implement the project	10

To be selected and advance to the next phase of the process, the following thresholds must be met:

Overall score	>60 points
Excellence	> 18 points
Impact	>27 points
Implementation quality	> 15 points

The managing entities of the Spain’s AgriFoodTech Sandbox Programme (CNTA, MICIU, MAPA, the Government of Navarra and the Government of La Rioja) reserve the right to prioritize those projects which, having met the required thresholds, are considered to be more closely aligned with the reference policies of the entities themselves: the Spanish Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy 2021–2027, the National Food Strategy, and the Smart Specialization Strategies of Navarra and La Rioja.

Once the evaluation process has been completed, a list of selected projects will be drawn up, ordered according to the score obtained, along with a reserve list for use in the event of withdrawals.

5.3. Notification of pre-selection

The managing entities of the Spain’s AgriFoodTech Sandbox programme (CNTA, MICIU, MAPA, the Government of Navarra and the Government of La Rioja) reserve the right to prioritize those projects which, having met the required thresholds, are considered to be more closely aligned with the reference policies of these entities: the Spanish Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy 2021–2027, the National Food Strategy, and the Smart Specialization Strategies of Navarra and La Rioja.

Once the evaluation process has been completed, a list of selected projects will be drawn up, ordered according to the score obtained, along with a reserve list for use in the event of withdrawals.

5.4. Project definition

The promoting entities selected in Phase 1 will be invited to begin Phase 2, working jointly with CNTA to develop the full proposal that will grant access to the Testing Environment. This document must be completed within one month from the Phase 1 pre-selection notification and shall include:

- Objectives and expected results.
- Required testing protocol and detailed project plan.
- Budget.
- Number and type of participants involved in the tests (where applicable).

- Guarantees and safeguards to protect the safety and physical integrity of users or participants in the tests, as well as any other resources or assets involved. Advisory support will be provided by the programme where needed.
- Identification of potential risks during project implementation and corresponding mitigation measures.
- Description of how gender perspective will be addressed, including monitoring indicators.
- Provisions on intellectual and industrial property, data protection, confidentiality, and governance of Project Data, including delivery formats, the scope of the license granted to CNTA/Eatex, and applicable anonymization conditions.
- Actions for disseminating the results.

The final document resulting from these iterative sessions will constitute the full proposal developed by CNTA together with the promoting entity. The project will not proceed if, during the preparation of the proposal, all conformity criteria are not met. Specifically:

- If the potential risks during project development are high and mitigation measures do not sufficiently reduce their impact, the project will be rejected.
- If the experimentation needs described by the promoting entity exceed the capabilities that CNTA and its external collaborators can provide, the project will be rejected. Likewise, if no agreement is reached between the promoting entity and CNTA on methodology, planning or budget, the project will be rejected.
- If the detailed project proposal for Phase 2 is found not to be technically feasible given the capacity of the promoting entity, the project will be rejected.

5.5. Access

Once an agreement has been reached between the promoting entity and CNTA, it will be formalized through a contract between the parties. This contract will govern the development of the testing activities, based on the agreed testing protocol—which will be attached as an annex—as well as all aspects related to confidentiality, ownership, use and dissemination of the results generated, expressly including the conditions for storing, processing and reusing the Project Data by CNTA/Eatex and the managing entities, in accordance with the license established in Section 5 of these rules.

Once the terms of the agreement are finalized, Eatex will coordinate access to the capabilities of CNTA and its external collaborators. In addition, promoting entities must submit at least the following mandatory documentation to initiate the project:

- Statement confirming compliance with tax and Social Security obligations.

This documentation may be supplemented with any additional requirements depending on the funding sources involved.

The required documentation must be submitted within a maximum of ten working days from the email notification granting access to the sandbox. Eatex will provide both the declaration templates and the document setting out the agreements reached for the development of the project, which must be signed by the promoting entity.

Once all documents have been submitted by the promoting entity and validated by Eatex, Eatex will notify the promoting entity by email of the successful completion of Phase 2 of the call for projects, and access to Spain's AgriFoodTech Sandbox will be granted.

5.6. Project execution and monitoring

During project execution, Eatex will monitor progress to ensure that the work advances in accordance with the agreed testing protocol, maintaining continuous communication with the promoting entities. Eatex will inform the programme's managing entities of the progress of each project, paying particular attention to any potential incidents or risks that may hinder the achievement of the project's objectives, to support timely decision-making.

5.7. Report

After the completion of the testing activities, CNTA will prepare—together with the participating company—a report summarizing the results obtained, with special emphasis on the regulatory learnings derived from the experimentation. CNTA/Eatex will retain a copy of the Project Data and the results report, which may be incorporated into their databases for the purposes established in these rules.

Additionally, one year after the project's completion, Eatex will send a questionnaire to the promoting entity to assess the status, evolution and exploitation of the innovation developed.

6. Dissemination and communication

The results report will be submitted to Eatex, which will synthesize the main regulatory conclusions and disseminate them, in various formats and channels, to the managing entities of Spain's AgriFoodTech Sandbox, the competent regulatory authorities and other agri-food sector stakeholders deemed relevant and beneficiaries of the

information. All dissemination will respect the confidentiality of protected information and the intellectual and industrial property rights of the promoting entities, without prejudice to the license for the use of Project Data granted in accordance with Section 5.

Additionally, Eatex may use information related to approved projects for reporting programme activities to the other managing entities: the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities; the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; the Government of La Rioja; and the Government of Navarra.

The promoting entity shall be willing to collaborate in the dissemination and promotion of the Programme through participation in events and media appearances. In turn, Eatex and CNTA will be willing to support, as appropriate, specific dissemination actions agreed with the companies, with the aim of strengthening their positioning and reinforcing the joint promotion of innovation.

If participating entities publish or publicly reference the project, they must acknowledge the origin of the funds in accordance with the guidelines and materials provided by Eatex.

Eatex may request that the beneficiary promoting entities complete a satisfaction and outcomes survey. Only aggregated results from this survey will be made public.

All information provided during the application, execution and monitoring of the projects will be treated as confidential, without prejudice to the uses expressly authorized in these rules, particularly those relating to the storage, processing, and reuse of Project Data in accordance with Section 5 and the access contract.

7. Consent and acceptance of the participation conditions

Completion and submission of the application form shall be deemed acceptance of the programme's participation conditions. The promoting entity accepts that the information provided for the assessment of its application may be shared with any of the managing entities throughout the participation process.

The managing entities reserve the right to modify the Programme's conditions at any time, including the possibility of cancelling it before its start date, provided there is justified cause. They commit to communicating any new conditions—or, where

applicable, the definitive cancellation—with sufficient notice. Participants may withdraw from the programme because of such changes.

8. Processing of personal data

Eatex will process the data provided in the application form for the purpose of managing registration and/or participation in the programme, and to respond to any information request or enquiry submitted. The data provided may be shared with the managing entities solely for the purposes of managing participation in the programme, for which authorization will be requested from the promoting entities. You may exercise your rights of access, rectification, erasure, and portability. You will also have the right to request the restriction of or object to the processing of your data.

Regarding non-personal Project Data, its processing shall be governed by the provisions set out in Section 5 of these rules and, where applicable, by the corresponding access contract. Where Project Data includes personal data, its processing shall comply with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR) and Organic Law 3/2018 (LOPDGDD). Eatex's data protection policy may be consulted on its website.

9. Applicable legislation

The programme shall be governed by the legislation applicable to the funding sources from which this call for projects is financed.

10. Notifications

All relevant communications will be sent to the following email address: info@sandboxagrifoodtech.es. Participating entities must provide at least one valid email address per entity for the purpose of receiving communications and must respond to any communications that require action.

ANNEX 1. CAPABILITIES OF THE TESTING ENVIRONMENT

Below are the most relevant capabilities available at CNTA, along with examples of potential capabilities contributed by external collaborators, related to the innovation areas to which the projects in this 2026 call must be directed (see Section 3).

This list is not exhaustive. For additional information, please consult CNTA's website at www.cnta.es or request it via email at info@sandboxagrifoodtech.es.

CNTA CAPABILITIES:

- Physicochemical characterization of water, foods, extracts, bioactive compounds, ingredients, additives (macronutrients, micronutrients, contaminants, allergens).
- Sensory evaluation of water, foods, extracts, bioactive compounds, ingredients, additives.
 - Specific tasting protocols with trained panels and consumers for non-authorized food products.
- Technological evaluation of ingredients: solubility, emulsifying capacity, foaming capacity.
- Static invitro digestion system: simulation of oral, gastric, intestinal, and colonic fermentation phases for digestibility, bioavailability, and related assays.
- In-vitro (cell culture platform) and in-vivo (C. elegans platform) functional evaluation of properties such as viability, cytotoxicity, oxidative-stress inhibition, anti-ageing effects, fat accumulation, immunomodulatory response, intestinal epithelial adhesion, and intestinal permeability.
- Targeted and untargeted metabolomics platform
- Shelf-life studies
- Packaging characterization: global and specific migration.
- Development of food prototypes: plant-based, animal-based or mixed; fresh, semi-processed, fourth-range, fifth-range, frozen, cured, fermented.
- Production of extracts, bioactive compounds, ingredients, proteins, and additives:
 - Extractive routes (various technologies available) at laboratory and pilot scale
 - Biotechnological / fermentation routes at laboratory and pilot scale

- Evaluation of equipment and technologies applied to food processing and preservation.
 - Risk assessment
 - Microbiological analyses and challenge tests
 - Impact on physicochemical, sensory, nutritional, and functional characteristics
- Evaluation of rapid food-control systems compared to conventional methods.
- Validation of thermal processes, HACCP.

EXAMPLES OF ADDITIONAL CAPABILITIES THROUGH EXTERNAL COLLABORATORS:

- Toxicity assessment
- Nutritional intervention studies
- Other omics technologies (metagenomics, transcriptomics) and bioinformatics

ANNEX 2. ACCESS APPLICATION FORM (PHASE 1)

1. Information about the promoting entity

1. Registered company name:
2. Trade name (if applicable):
3. Tax ID number:
4. Full address of the work center submitting the application:
5. Legal representative:
6. Email address:
7. Contact phone number:
8. Type of entity:
9. Brief description of the entity (main activity, size, team, etc.):
10. Individual project / Cooperative project with other entities
11. If it is a cooperative project, please provide information about the collaborating entities:
 - a. Name
 - b. Registered company name
 - c. Tax ID number
 - d. Description

2. Proposal:

Considering the evaluation criteria outlined in Section 6 of this document, promoting entities are required to follow and complete the following structure:

1. Presentation of the innovation (max. 3 pages)

- Description of the new product, process, practice, or technology being developed, and its application sector or area.
- Feasibility potential of the solution. Main challenges and risks for its implementation and adoption.
- Current challenges and problems justifying the need for innovation. Benefits of its development and implementation compared with current practices.
- Role of the entity in the development, scaling, industrialization, or commercialization of innovation. Other actors were involved.

2. Regulatory barriers and suitability of the project for Spain's AgriFoodTech Sandbox (max. 2 pages)

It must include:

- A detailed description of the regulatory challenges faced by the promoting entity and the innovation being proposed.
- The project's potential contribution to reducing the regulatory frictions, barriers and limitations identified.

3. Development and expected result (max. 4 pages)

It must include:

- Explanation of the tests proposed for the project, including a high-level outline of the potential workplan and timeline.
- Identification of the capabilities, services and infrastructures needed to conduct the tests, distinguishing those required from CNTA and external collaborators from those that can be provided by the promoting entity itself.
- Identification of potential risks to the safety of users or participants during test execution.
- Capabilities and experience of the promoting entity for the execution of the project.
- Participation and collaboration with other promoting entities or partners.
- Expected results and success indicators.

4. Relevance (max. 4 pages)

It must include:

- Impact on the mitigation of regulatory challenges.
- Expected impact on the target sector and related sectors.
- Potential economic impact in terms of business generation and/or cost savings.
- Expected benefits for consumers and society, including those related to gender equality.
- Contribution to innovation and sustainable development.
- Potential for replication or adaptation to other contexts.

File format and submission requirements to be considered:

- **Maximum length:** 15 pages (including graphics and images if needed).
- **File format:** PDF.
- **Font:** Arial, size 11.
- **Line spacing:** 1.0.

ANNEX 3. CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT CONTENTS FOR COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS

- 1. Description of the entities participating in the consortium**
 - Registered company name
 - Legal representative
 - Description of activity
- 2. Details of the consortium's representative or authorized agent**
- 3. Legal framework governing the relationship between the participating entities.**
- 4. Resources contributed by each entity**
 - Staff
 - Technical resources
- 5. Description of the activities to be conducted in the project by each entity participating in the consortium**
- 6. Internal organization of the consortium**
 - Governance mechanisms
 - Internal dispute-resolution mechanisms
 - Contingency plan
 - Liability, indemnification, and confidentiality agreement.
- 7. Provisions concerning ownership of the results obtained in the project.**

All legal representatives of the participating entities must electronically sign the consortium agreement. The agreement must explicitly state that the entities participating in the consortium assume all commitments and obligations associated with submitting an access request to Spain's AgriFoodTech Sandbox.