



Council of Ministers

Convention with twelve Autonomous Regions on the Promotion of Research Activity.

28 December 2012.-The Council of Ministers has approved an agreement confirming the provisional authorisation for the signing of specific agreements for collaboration **between the Ministry of Economy and Competition and the Autonomous Regions of Andalucía, Aragón, Canarias, Cantabria, Castilla-La Mancha, Castilla y León, Cataluña, Comunidad Valenciana, Galicia, Islas Baleares, Madrid and the Chartered Community of Navarra** for the development of general protocols concerning the incentive programme for the incorporation and intensification of research activities for the year 2011 (FY 2012).

These specific collaboration agreements with twelve Autonomous Regions, which conform to a model authorised at the time, involve the general development of protocols signed in 2008 by the abolished Ministry of Science and Innovation with these Autonomous Regions for the implementation of the National RD&I Plan 2008-2011.

Specifically, it aims to undertake a programme from 2005 called 'Programa I3' that aims to promote the hiring of researchers on stable contracts, encouraging the recruitment and recovery of Spanish and foreign researchers, encouraging the incorporation of young researchers into the national R&D system, and promoting the intensification of permanent teacher-researcher activity.

Through these specific agreements, the Ministry of Economy and Competition will fund permanent employment positions for a period of three years, and each Autonomous Region will receive 130,000 euros for each position for the three year period. Of this amount, 50% is paid upon the signing of the agreement and 50% the following year. The Autonomous Regions, among other things, will assist in identifying researchers and the management of the aid.

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