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Three IKERBASQUE Foundation researchers secured financing for several other innovative projects through the European Research Council's Starting Grants program, which support young researchers in developing their careers in Europe. Only the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC), Spain's biggest public research body, and which belongs to the Ministry of Science and Innovation, achieved the same number of grants, out of a total of 23 Spanish projects selected by the European body.

The ERC (European Research Council) was created by the European Union in 2007. It's the primary European organisation supporting research projects based on scientific excellence. It manages the "Ideas," programme, one of the four components of the 7th European Research Framework, and every year grants subsidies known as "ERC Starting Grants" to scientists who have demonstrated their capacity to become independent leaders. €580 million were approved for 427 projects submitted by researchers with 39 different nationalities working in 21 European countries.

Rainer Hillenbrand from Germany, Luis Hueso from Madrid and Hungarian Geza Toth, were the three IKERBASQUE researchers whose projects achieved European funding. They will have a joint budget of around five million Euros for nanotechnology-related research and a theoretical study in the field of quantum physics.