

Polish - Israeli Call for Proposals for Joint R&D Projects Deadline for Submission – January 15th, 2019

Scope

Poland and Israel are announcing the sixth Call for Proposals for joint R&D projects, focusing on developing innovative products and applications **in all technological and application areas.** Applicants are expected to develop ready to market solutions or projects which have strong market potential for Poland, Israel and Europe.

Israel Innovation Authority and the National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR) will support joint R&D projects involving parties from both countries. The program is managed within the framework of the Agreement between the Government of Poland and the Government of Israel on bilateral cooperation in private sector industrial research and development.

Approved projects will be provided access to the relevant national public funding scheme for joint projects provided by Israel Innovation Authority and by the NCBR respectively.

Call Launch and Structure

The Call is launched on 15 October 2018 by the NCBR and ISERD.

Eligible partners are invited to present joint proposals for industrial R&D projects according to the following procedures:

Qualifications:

The project consortia should include at least one Israeli and one Polish R&D performing commercial company. Participation of research institutes/universities is welcome as additional participants or subcontractors according to each country's funding regulations. Companies from other countries may also participate, but they will not be funded neither by Innovation Authority nor by the NCBR.

- The project should have an obvious advantage and added value resulting from the cooperation between the participants from the two countries (e.g. increased knowledge base, commercial leads, access to R&D infrastructure etc.).

- The project should demonstrate the sustainable contribution of the participants from both countries (minimum 30% of project costs per each country) and the project must be significant to both participants.

Any partner whose cooperative R&D project is consistent with the aforesaid criteria can apply in the present call in accordance with the National Laws, Rules, Regulations and Procedures in effect.

Submission and the approval procedures will be the following:

Submission and the approval procedures consist of one phase. This announcement invites partners to present joint proposals for R&D projects using Eureka form no later than January 15th 2019.

Partners will be asked to present a short project outline via the following [Eureka Project Form](#). The completed electronic form (the Eureka Project Form) must be submitted simultaneously to Innovation Authority and the NCBR by January 15th, 2019.

The forms have to be legally signed by all participating companies.

The signatures must be scanned and sent together with the form as an integral part of the application. The forms must be filled in in English, signed by both project partners and sent to the program managers.

- In ISRAEL: Israeli partners will be invited to submit in **addition and at the same time** as the short project outline their funding applications to the Innovation Authority using this link: <http://www.economy.gov.il/RnD/Pages/default.aspx>
- A provisional consortium agreement among project partners is needed at the moment of proposal submission in this phase.

Submission to the Innovation Authority: January 15th 2019.

- In POLAND: Polish partners should submit the Eureka Project Form to the following e-mail address: izrael@ncbr.gov.pl. In addition to the Eureka Project Form (in English), an Application form in Polish (template available on the NCBR website) and some additional



documents indicated in the call for proposals must be submitted to the NCBR. The call documents and templates are available at the following link:

<http://www.ncbr.gov.pl/programy-miedzynarodowe/wspolpraca-dwustronna/izrael/>

Submission to the NCBR: January 15th 2019.

Companies should contact ISERD and the NCBR before submission in order to receive the submission guidelines (see contact information at the bottom).

Financing

Projects in the frame of this call for proposals will be financed by the respective national authorities in Poland and Israel. Funding conditions and eligibility criteria may vary from country to country. As summary, main aspects of funding criteria are explained below:

Poland:

- Partners eligible for funding in a project consortium are: SMEs, Universities, Research Institutes. Both a company or a research institution can be the leader of a consortium.
- The project should be carried out according to the project contract, consortium agreement and in line with the information given in the Eureka Project Form.
- Maximum project funding levels are stated in the Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education dated 25 February 2015 specifying the conditions and rules of state aid allocated by the National Centre for Research and Development.

Israel:

- An Israeli R&D performing company which initiates single or multi-year program that will provide know-how, processes or methods for the manufacture of a new product, application, technology base service or process.
- The product must have a sizeable potential for export sales.
- Research institutes or other participants may apply as a subcontractor to a company.
- The support is in the form of a conditional grant amounting generally up to 50% (+ regional incentives for companies located in "development zone") of the eligible R&D budget.

Further details regarding grants and payment of royalties are available at the Innovation Authority web site.

Projects selected for funding will be additionally submitted to the Eureka Secretariat in order to obtain a Eureka label according to respective rules and regulations.

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