



EUREKA Call for Proposals

for Joint R&D Projects
under EUREKA between
Chile, Czech Republic, France, Israel, Spain, Sweden, Turkey

Time Schedule

Opening of the Call	26 September 2017
Deadline for applications	25 January 2018
Selected projects receive EUREKA label	12 April 2018 (at the latest)
Funding Decision	June 2018 (at the latest)



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EUREKA (www.eurekanetwork.org) is an intergovernmental organisation for market-driven industrial R&D. It is a decentralised network facilitating the coordination of national funding on innovation, aiming to boost the productivity & competitiveness of industries. Following a bottom-up approach with projects being in any technological area with a civilian purpose, **EUREKA has been a driving force of innovation for over 30 years.**

Chile, Czech Republic, France, Israel, Spain, Sweden and Turkey are active members of Eureka and support innovation projects through the various Eureka instruments, including Eureka Network Projects. These countries are jointly announcing a Call for proposals for joint R&D projects under the EUREKA program.

1. Scope

Although this call invites projects **in ALL thematic areas**, special focus is given to the following domains:

- Sustainable use of natural resources
- Sustainable Mining
- Agrofood: Aquaculture; Functional and Healthy foods; Wine
- Energy: - Solar energy
- Sustainable construction and buildings
- ICT across all the above areas as an enabling technology





2. National authorities

Respective National Authorities responsible for this call are as follows:

- **BPI France:** Bpifrance offers businesses the benefit of a powerful contact, one who is on hand and able to respond efficiently to their financing needs, during every step of their development.
- **CDTI-EPE:** The Centre for the Development of Industrial Technology (CDTI-EPE) is a Public Business Entity, answering to the Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness, which fosters the technological development and innovation of Spanish companies. It is the entity that channels the funding and support applications for national and international R&D&I projects of Spanish companies.
- **CORFO:** CORFO has the mission to improve the competitiveness and the productive diversification of Chile by encouraging investment, innovation and entrepreneurship, strengthening in addition the human capital and technological capabilities to achieve a sustainable and territorially balanced development.
- **ISRAEL:** The Israel Innovation Authority, formerly known as the Office of the Chief Scientist of the Ministry of Economy (& MATIMOP), which is responsible for the country's innovation policy, is an independent and impartial public entity that operates for the benefit of the Israeli innovation ecosystem and Israeli economy as a whole. Its role is to nurture and develop Israeli innovation resources, while creating and strengthening the infrastructure and framework needed to support the entire knowledge industry.
- **MEYS:** National Funding Authority for international cooperation in R&D between companies, universities, research institutes and others.
- **VINNOVA:** We promote sustainable growth by funding needs-driven research and stimulating collaborations between companies, universities, research institutes and the public sector.
- **TÜBİTAK:** TÜBİTAK is the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK), leading agency for management, funding and conduct of research in Turkey.

All parties will provide all necessary assistance to project partners during project proposal, evaluation and monitoring phase. In addition, all parties will facilitate EUREKA application process and acquisition of the EUREKA label for accepted proposals.

These organizations will also provide access to public funds for jointly labeled projects. Support shall be granted to each partner by its own Authorities, in accordance with existing laws, rules,





regulations and national procedures, on the basis of non-exchange of funds between those Authorities and subject to budgetary availability.

3. Call Launch and Structure

The Call is **launched on 26 September 2017** by all parties.

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

- The project consortia must consist of at least two companies coming from two Eureka Member Countries taking part in this Call (Chile, Czech Republic, France, Israel, Spain, Sweden and Turkey). Participation of research institutes/universities is welcome as partners or subcontractors according to each country's funding regulations.
- Companies from other countries may also participate, but they will not be funded by the participating parties of this call.
- The project partners must express the will to cooperate, on an equal base, to the development of a new product, industrial process or service. The product, process or service must be innovative and there must be a technological risk involved.
- The projects should come up within applied research and experimental development as defined in the Frascati¹ manual.
- The project should have an obvious advantage and added value resulting from the technological cooperation between the participants (e.g. increased knowledge base, commercial leads, access to R&D infrastructure etc.).
- The project should demonstrate the contribution of all the partners from the participating countries, and the project must be significant to them.
- The participants are required, prior the official endorsement of the Eureka High Level Group, to have signed a consortium agreement.

Any partner whose cooperative R&D project is consistent with the aforesaid criteria can apply to the present announcement in accordance with the national laws, rules, regulations and procedures in effect on a non-exchange of funds basis, and subject to budgetary availability in each country.

¹ Frascati Manual: Guidelines for collecting and reporting data on Research and Experimental Development. OECD. www.oecd.org





4. Submission and approval procedures

Submission and approval procedures consist of one phase at international level.

The completed EUREKA Project Application Form: <http://www.eurekanetwork.org/eureka-project-application-form> for the consortium should be submitted by the main participant to the following email indicating in the Subject – **Multilateral Call 09.2017: projects@eurekanetwork.org** by **25 January 2018, 05:00 pm CET**.

The form has to be legally signed by all members of the international consortium. The signatures must be scanned and sent together with the EUREKA form.

In addition, all partners have to submit their national applications according to their own national procedures.

Consultation with the national funding organizations prior to official application is strongly advised (See national contact information at the end of the document).

- **In Chile**, the participants will have to submit a formal national application through Corfo's website (www.corfo.cl), including the signed version of the Eureka application Form and the final consortium agreement.
- **In Czech Republic**, the participants will have to submit formal national project application through MEYS website (<https://www.msmt.cz>) including the signed version of EUREKA Application Form and Draft Consortium Agreement.
- **In France**, French SME's will be invited to contact the appropriate regional office of Bpifrance to submit the national application to general programs at <http://www.bpifrance.fr/Toutes-nos-solutions/Aides-concours-et-labels/Aides-a-l-innovation-projets-individuels/Aide-pour-le-developpement-de-l-innovation>
- **In Israel**, The Israeli partner is required to submit the National Application Form in accordance with the Israel Innovation Authority regulations, through an online system <https://forms.gov.il/forms/Resources/DownloadSetup/AGFormsDownloadToolbar.htm?formid=madaan@moital.gov.il>
- **In Spain**, the participants will have to submit a formal R&D international project application through CDTI-EPE's website (<https://sede.cdti.gob.es/>) including the EUREKA application form, the draft consortium agreement and the national project outline.





- **In Sweden**, the participants apply for funding through VINNOVAs web portal “Intressentportalen” at <https://portal.VINNOVA.se/DynFormNet/CreateForm.aspx?BaseType=ansokan&request=2274>, in the national call “EUREKA nätverksprojekt medfinansiering”. The EUREKA project application form and a budget for the costs on the Swedish side of the project should be annexed to the national funding application.
- **In Turkey**, the participants will have to submit a formal national application through TEYDEB’s website (<https://eteydeb.tubitak.gov.tr/>) including the signed version of EUREKA Application Form.

If the evaluation is positive, projects will obtain the Eureka label by **12 April 2018 at the latest**.

5. Financing

Each country will fund its eligible participants within EUREKA framework. Funding conditions and eligibility criteria may vary from country to country. As summary, main aspects of funding criteria are explained below:

a. In Chile:

Chilean companies participating in the call can apply for funding according to Corfo’s rules for EUREKA Network projects. CORFO will fund R&D projects in form of grants: Micro and small companies up to 70% of eligible Chilean project costs, medium companies up to 60% of eligible Chilean project costs, large companies up to 50% of eligible Chilean project costs; with a maximum of 60,000,000 Chilean Pesos. Universities and Research Institutes are not funded. Please contact CORFO for further information regarding the funding criteria. See section 6 below for contact information.

b. In Czech Republic:

The funding in the Czech Republic will be provided by the MEYS under the national programme INTER-EXCELLENCE and its part INTER-EUREKA.

Czech companies – SMEs and Large companies - are eligible for submitting the project proposal and can be joined by universities and research organizations. MEYS will fund R&D projects by grants: SME’s up to 50% of eligible costs of the Czech project part; large companies up to 30% of eligible costs of the Czech project part and in total limited up to 150,000 € per year (up to 4,000,000 CZK).





c. **In France:**

French funding rules:

According to Bpifrance funding rules, French Enterprises with less than 2000 employees are financed through reimbursable loan with 0 interests. The global funding amount will be partly not reimbursable in case of technical failure. The funding rate is up to 65% (maximum amount 3 M€).

University/Research Organizations are not funded. They are welcomed as subcontractors of a French company. Costs relating to subcontracting are taken into account.

Bpifrance provides funding support to cover French companies needs in the preparation of their project via the Technological Partnership Aid (APT).

d. **In Israel:**

Funding from the Israeli government via the Israel Innovation Authority will not exceed 50% of the eligible and approved costs of the R&D in the form of a conditional grant and in accordance with the R&D Law, national laws and regulations detailed at <http://www.matimop.org.il/>. Additional top-ups may apply to companies operating in developing zones. Funding will be provided in the form of a conditional grant. When a project results in sales of a product, service or process, the financial support must be repaid to the Israel Innovation Authority according to its regulations (in general, royalties are paid at rates beginning at 3% of sales, depending on various criteria. Royalties are payable until 100% of the amount of the grant has been repaid with interest as provided in the applicable regulations). If the project does not result in sales, no repayment is required. For more information on funding conditions, applicants should visit the website of the Israel Innovation Authority:

http://www.economy.gov.il/RnD/Programs/Pages/Mop_Fund.aspx

e. **In Spain:**

CDTI-EPE will finance industrial research and/or technological development activities of Spanish companies. Universities and research centers can be funded as subcontractors. Funding conditions for Spanish partners may vary depending on the nature of the project and the beneficiary. For more information please access:

<http://www.cdti.es/index.asp?MP=7&MS=563&MN=3>

Spanish tasks in the project can only start after submitting the funding application to CDTI-EPE. For further information, please contact directly with CDTI-EPE.





f. **In Sweden:**

Swedish partners participating in the call can apply for funding according to VINNOVA's rules for EUREKA Network projects, see <https://www.vinnova.se/m/eureka/natverksprojekt/>. SMEs can be funded up to 50% of eligible costs, large companies up to 30% of eligible costs and Universities and Research Institutes up to 100% of eligible costs. Please contact VINNOVA for further information regarding the funding criteria. See section 6 below for contact information.

g. **In Turkey:**

All companies which were established in accordance with Turkish law can apply for funding for their international projects. There is no budget limit for international projects and they can be funded by TÜBİTAK without any restriction in project duration. Only companies participating in international projects are funded within this program but universities and research centers can be funded as subcontractors.

Companies receive certain percentage of their eligible costs as a grant in this call. There is no maximum or minimum limit to the budget of project. The percentage is 60% for large companies and 75% for SMEs.

For further information about financing of Turkish participants please directly contact with TÜBİTAK. Detailed information can also be reached from [here](#).





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