



Announcement:

16th German - Israeli Call for Proposals for Joint R&D Projects¹

**Deadline for proposal submissions:
July 29th, 2025**

Scope

Germany and Israel are announcing a 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 for products, technology-based services, or methods, which have strong market potential for Germany, Israel, and Europe. Partners apply for their R&D project for a [EUREKA label](https://www.eurekanetwork.org/), a pan European network for market-oriented R&D.

The Israel Innovation Authority and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK) will provide access to public funding for joint projects provided by the Innovation Authority and by BMWK's ZIM program (Central Innovation Program for SMEs), respectively.

The program is managed in cooperation and in line with the procedures of the EUREKA initiative.
www.eurekanetwork.org/

The Israel Innovation Authority and BMWK (supported by the EUREKA-Office, Bonn, and the ZIM project management agency) will provide all necessary assistance to project partners during the project proposal, evaluation, and monitoring phases. In addition, both the Israel Innovation Authority and the EUREKA-Office will facilitate the EUREKA application process and acquisition of the EUREKA label for accepted proposals and will accompany the progress of the respective EUREKA projects.

Call Structure

The call invites partners to present joint proposals for industrial R&D projects till **July 29th, 2025**, according to the following procedures:

Project content and evaluation for national funding request

Expected project results will have to contribute to the development of commercial products, applications and / or technology-based services. The project proposals must comply with the following guidelines:

The German applicant must be represented by a R&D performing company in collaboration with a non-profit research institution (university, Fraunhofer institute, research center, etc.) to facilitate technology transfer by the conclusion of project.

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The Israeli applicant must be an R&D performing company, which will be able to generate future revenue based on the developed or transferred IP post the project. The industrial partner must be technologically and scientifically accompanied by an Israeli research institution (university, research center, etc.).

The outcome of research activities (product or service) must display clear potential for improving existing products or creating new marketable products that guarantee sale profits to the participating company.

The Technology Readiness Level (TRL) of the proposed project should be within the range of TRL 2 - TRL 5, where TRL 5 is the highest TRL that is expected to have been reached by the end of the project. The final goal of the project must include company's validation of processes previously tested in the laboratory, or leveraging academic expertise to meet specific company needs.

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, new fields of application, etc.).

The project should demonstrate the contribution of the participants from both countries.

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.

Submission and approval procedures

The simple online Eureka application form (<https://eureka.smartsimple.ie/>) must be submitted by 29th of July 2025, 12:00 (CEST). The forms must be legally signed by all participating companies. The signatures must be scanned and sent **electronically** together with the EUREKA application form. The final EUREKA status is only granted if the funding of all project partners has been secured.

The EUREKA project application will be screened and evaluated by Innovation Authority in Israel and the German EUREKA Office.

Simultaneously all partners must submit in addition their funding applications according to national procedures. **Companies should contact the national funding organizations before submission!** (See national contact information at the end of the document).

- Israeli partners will be invited to submit in addition and at the same time as the short project outline their full funding applications to the Innovation Authority using this link: <https://innovationisrael.org.il/>
- A provisional consortium agreement among project partners is needed at the moment of

proposal submission in this phase.

- **Submission to the Innovation Authority:** 29th July 2025 till 12:00.

Each country will fund its eligible participants within the EUREKA framework. Funding conditions and eligibility criteria vary between participating countries. Up-to-date information in relation to bilateral projects in education and research is available <http://www.bmbf.de/en/1531.php>

As a summary, main aspects of the criteria are explained below:

Germany

All German companies with up to 1.000 employees (or consortia of such enterprises) which perform R&D to develop an innovative product, process or technological service – also in cooperation with a research institution/university – have the right to apply. There are no restrictions to specific technologies or branches. More detailed criteria can be found on the ZIM website www.zim.de/kooperationsprojekte (in German). The application must be in line with the ZIM regulation, e.g. it has to be in the German language. Support is rendered in the form of a conditional grant amounting to 60% of the project costs, which are restricted to companies: up to 560,000 euros per sub-project and for research institutions: up to 280,000 euros per sub-project

The final approval is made by the ZIM project agency. It is possible to begin a research project at the applicant's own risk after receiving a confirmation of the receipt of the funding application from AiF Projekt GmbH. We recommend contacting AiF Projekt GmbH before the application to clarify open questions and to hand in a project sketch up until 6 weeks before deadline. German research institutes/universities are accepted as additional partners according to the rules available on the ZIM website. The proposal form is available on www.zim.de/formularcenter

Israel

The support is in the form of a conditional grant of 60% of the eligible R&D budget. The budget will not exceed 5.000.000 NIS for the total program with the maximum duration of 3 years.

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).

For further information regarding funding mechanisms of IIA see here: <https://innovationisrael.org.il/node/4698/rules>

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