

## Israel – Spain 10<sup>th</sup> Call for EUREKA joint R&D&I projects

**Deadline for submission: 14 June 2018.**

Within the cooperation practices existing between Israel and Spain in the fields of industrial and technological research and development in the framework of the EUREKA program, in which both countries are active members, participants from both countries are invited to submit joint project proposals. This call is managed in cooperation and in line with the procedures of EUREKA innovation platform ([www.eurekanetwork.org](http://www.eurekanetwork.org))

### Scope

The Israel Innovation Authority (IIA), formerly known as the Office of the Chief Scientist of the Ministry of Economy from Israel and the Centre for Industrial Technological Development, EPE (CDTI) from Spain are announcing this call for Proposals for joint R&D projects, focusing on developing innovative products and applications in all technological and market areas. Applicants are expected to develop ready to market solutions or projects which have strong market potential for Israel and Spain.

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

- Agrotechnology
- Biotechnology and life sciences
- Cleantech (environmental, new energy sources and natural resource use and Water management technologies)
- ICT (including eHealth & cybersecurity)
- Nanotechnology

### National Authorities

The IIA is responsible for the country's innovation policy. It 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. The Israel Europe R&D Directorate (ISERD) is the National Eureka Office, serving as Israel's national representative in the Eureka Program, while the National Funding Body is the IIA.

The Spanish National Authority is the CDTI, responsible for fostering the technological development and innovation of Spanish companies.

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

These organizations will also provide access to public funding for the joint projects. The support will be given to each partner by its own Authorities 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.

### Call Launch and criteria

The Call is **launched on 12 April 2018** by IIA and CDTI.

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

- The partners should include at least one Israeli and one Spanish R&D performing companies. Participation of research institutes/universities is welcome as subcontractors according to each country's funding regulations.
- Companies from other countries may also participate, but they will not be funded by CDTI or by IIA.
- The Israeli and Spanish partners must express their will to cooperate 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 project should have an obvious advantage and added value resulting from the technological cooperation between the participants from the countries (e.g. increased knowledge base, commercial leads, access to R&D infrastructure etc.).
- The project should demonstrate the contribution of all participants and the project must be significant to them.
- The participants are required, prior to obtain the EUREKA label, 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.

## Submission and approval procedures

Participants are invited to contact the officers from the National Authorities (see contact details at the end of the text) before submitting the documents.

Partners will have to submit their applications according to the procedures of each National Authority:

- 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://bakasha.innovationisrael.org.il/>
- In Spain the participants will have to submit a formal R&D international project application through CDTI's website (<https://sede.cdti.gob.es/>) including the [Eureka Application form](#) (in English), draft consortium agreement. Additional documents in Spanish language, containing detailed information on the Spanish participants, could be requested depending on the specific type of funding requested by the company.

**Deadline for submission to IIA and to CDTI: 14 June 2018 (17:00 h. local time).**

## Funding conditions

The funding support will be given to each eligible partner by its own National Authority. Funding conditions and eligibility criteria may vary from country to country. As a summary, the main funding criteria are explained below:

### 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. 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:

<https://innovationisrael.org.il/#home>

### Spain:

CDTI will finance industrial research and/or technological development activities of Spanish companies. Universities and research centers can be funded as subcontractors.

In Spain, funding conditions for Spanish partners may vary depending on the nature of the project and the beneficiaries. For more information please access:

<http://www.cdti.es/index.asp?MP=100&MS=802&MN=1>

In Spain, project activities shall not start before submitting the funding applications to CDTI. For further information, please contact CDTI.

According to EUREKA's practices, applicants may choose to request a label without public financing (e.g. self-funding is also applicable).

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