

Korea – Spain Call for EUREKA joint R&D projects

Deadline for submission: 31st March 2021 (1st submission), 31st August 2021 (2nd submission).

Within the cooperation practices existing between Korea 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)

Scope

Korea Institute for Advancement of Technology (KIAT) from Republic of Korea and the Centre for the Development of Industrial Technology, 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 Republic of Korea and Spain.

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

- Bio including Health
- Green technologies, including Energy
- Smart city and Transportation
- Information and Communication technologies
- Nanotechnology and Materials
- New Production technologies
- Aerospace

National Authorities

The Korean National Authority is KIAT, which is a Public Legal Entity under the Ministry of Trade, Industry, and Energy of Korea responsible for the promotion of industrial technology innovation and support of innovation related policy development through efficient and project initiation.

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

Both KIAT 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 criteria

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 Korean and one Spanish company. Participation of research institutes/universities and other organizations is welcome as additional participants or subcontractors according to each country's funding regulations.
- The Korean 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 at international level

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

Step 1: Submit the EUREKA application through EUREKA SMARTSIMPLE PLATFORM

Partners will have to submit their EUREKA applications through the Eureka Application portal Smartsimple, https://eureka.smartsimple.ie/s_Login.jsp, and put their digital signatures through the system.

Step 2: Submit the application to each National Authority

- In Korea, the participants will have to submit a formal national application through KIAT Project Advanced Smart System (<https://www.k-pass.kr>) including the EUREKA application form (in English). Additional documents in Korean language, containing

detailed information on the Korean participants, could be requested depending on the specific type of funding request by the company.

- In Spain, the participants will have to submit a formal R&D international project aid application through CDTI's website (<https://sede.cdti.gob.es/>) including the Eureka Application Form (in English) and the 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.

Timetable

Call Launch: 29 January-2021:

- **1st submission**
 1. Deadline for 1st submission of international application : 31 March-2021
 2. EUREKA label(estimated) : July – 2021
- **2nd submission**
 1. Deadline for 2nd submission of international application : 31 August-2021
 2. EUREKA label(estimated) : December – 2021

Funding conditions and procedures at national level

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. The information regarding funding for each country is explained below:

Korea:

The Korean dedicated budget provided by the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (MOTIE) and managed by KIAT is open to all applications from companies with registered R&D laboratories, research institutes and universities. A company must be lead organization on the Korean side while universities or research institutes may participate as participating organizations only.

Project funding is comprised of government contributions and civilian dues (cash and in-kind). The amount of government contributions will vary depending on the type of executing organizations and project in accordance with Article 24 (Funding criteria) and Article 25 (Civilian dues) of the Common Operational Regulations for the Industrial Technology Innovation Programs. Be aware that the total costs for each of the partners in the consortium should also be reflected in the Smartsimple application form and match with the national application.

Funding decision is expected within 4 months from the deadline of the call.

Spain:

CDTI will finance industrial research and/or technological development activities of Spanish companies. The full funding proposal and necessary attachments must be submitted before April 30, 2021 (1st submission), at the latest or September 20, 2021 (2nd submission), at the latest. These documents are crucial and their quality will determine the funding granted to the project. A funding proposal for the international project submitted within this call will only be approved if it complies with the aforementioned minimum conditions. Otherwise, the international project will be rejected.

Universities and research centers could take part as subcontractors.

Funding conditions for Spanish partners may vary depending on the nature of the project and the beneficiaries. For more information please access to [Proyectos de investigación y desarrollo](#).

Funding decision is expected within 3 months after submitting an eligible funding application.

It is mandatory that project activities do 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).

Monitoring and impact

Applicants will be requested to provide information during the lifetime of the project at international level to make sure the project has been developed as expected. Additionally, they will have to provide information regarding the impact of the project once it has been finished.

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