

## Call for Joint Collaborative Project Proposals On Technology & Innovation Cooperation between Spain, Germany, France and the United Kingdom

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**EUREKA Project Applications and funding applications will be accepted until 01.08. 2014.**

### Scope

Spain, Germany, France and the United Kingdom 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 Spain, Germany, France, United Kingdom and Europe. Partners apply for their R&D project for a [EUREKA](http://www.eurekanetwork.org/) (<http://www.eurekanetwork.org/>) label, a pan European network for market-oriented R&D.

The Centre for the Development of Industrial Technology (CDTI) in Spain, the Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi) in Germany, the Technology Strategy Board in the United Kingdom and Bpifrance will provide access to public funding for joint selected projects. Minimum requirement concerning project consortium is the participation of at least two companies from two of the participating countries. The program is managed in cooperation and in line with the procedures of the [EUREKA](http://www.eurekanetwork.org/) initiative (<http://www.eurekanetwork.org/>)

CDTI, BMWi (supported by the EUREKA/COST Bureau and the AiF Projekt GmbH), Bpifrance and the Technology Strategy Board will provide all necessary assistance to project partners during the project proposal, evaluation and monitoring phases. In addition, CDTI, the EUREKA/COST Bureau, the Technology Strategy Board and Bpifrance 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 until 01.08.2014 according to the following procedures:

### Financing

Applying the EUREKA structure, project participants will finance their costs from their own funds, capital market or the applicable national, regional or international public funding schemes.

## 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 have to comply with the following guidelines:

- The consortia should include at least two companies from two of the participating countries (participation of research institutes/universities is welcome as additional participants or as subcontractor according to each country's funding regulations). Participation of companies from three or all four participating countries is of course also possible and welcome.
- Companies and/or academia from other countries may also participate. These partners' participation follows EUREKA participation and financing rules and procedures and the funding regulations of these partners' countries of origin.
- The project should have an obvious advantage and added value resulting from the cooperation between the participants from the named 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 at least two 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

One completed EUREKA [Project Application Form](http://www.eurekanetwork.org/download-project-application-form) (download: <http://www.eurekanetwork.org/download-project-application-form>) for the whole consortium should be submitted electronically by the applicants to their national EUREKA Contact Offices: CTDI in Spain, the EUREKA/COST Bureau in Germany, Bpifrance in France, Technology Strategy Board in the United Kingdom (addresses see at the end of this document). The form has to be legally signed by all participating companies. The signatures must be scanned and sent **electronically** together with the EUREKA form. EUREKA status is only granted when the funding of all project partners has been secured. This proposal must be submitted before 1<sup>st</sup> August 2014.

**Simultaneously** all partners have to submit their funding applications according to national procedures. Consultation with the national funding organizations is strongly advised! (See national contact information at the end of the document).

Each country will fund its eligible participants within the EUREKA framework. Funding conditions and eligibility criteria vary between participating countries. As a summary, main aspects of the national criteria are explained below:

## Spain<sup>1</sup>

Spanish partners will be invited to submit the EUREKA proposal through the submission system. In addition to the application form, a short project outline (template available in the website) and a draft consortium agreement must be attached. The final funding application in Spain will be submitted after the EUREKA phase.

All Spanish enterprises (SME or large companies) which perform R&D to develop an innovative product, process or technological service have the right to apply. Other types of entities (research institutions / universities) willing to participate as partners must commit the funding from its own resources or can be subcontracted (eligible costs for the companies). All technological and application areas are eligible for funding. More detailed criteria can be found on the CDTI web site

(<http://www.cdti.es/index.asp?MP=7&MS=563&MN=3> - in Spanish or under

<http://www.eurekanetwork.org/spain/funding> in English). The application has to be in line with the CDTI regulation, e.g. it has to be in the Spanish language. The support is in the form of a loan (75%) with a non-reimbursable part amounting (20-25%). Minimum budget is 175.000 € per company.

## Germany

All German SMEs (according to EU definition) or consortia of such enterprises which perform R&D to develop an innovative product, process or technological service (also in cooperation with research institutions/universities) are entitled to apply for funding. There are no restrictions to specific technologies or branches. Detailed criteria can be found on the ZIM website (<http://www.zim-bmwi.de/kooperationsprojekte>) in German only. The application has to be in line with the ZIM regulation, e.g. it has to be in the German language. A working schedule of all participating partners is obligatory. The support is in the form of a conditional grant amounting up to 55% of the project costs, which are restricted to 350.000 € per SME. For Research and Technology Organisations (RTOs) the funding rate is either 90% or 100% and funding is limited to 175.000 €. It is possible to begin a research project **at own risk** after submission of the funding application to AiF Projekt GmbH. We recommend contacting the AiF Projekt GmbH before the application to clarify open questions. German research institutes/universities are accepted as additional partners according to the rules available on the ZIM website.

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<sup>1</sup> It is highly recommended to contact our sectorial experts before preparing the application (see contact information at the end of the document).



## France

### **ADICI (Aide pour le développement de l'innovation en collaboration internationale) Requirements**

Partnerships: Two or more industrial partners (a Foreign company and a French company) No country or partner representing more than 70% of the total budget of the project.

Eligible Beneficiaries: French companies up to 2000 FTE

Eligible costs: Industrial research and experimental development (industrialization and commercialization costs are not eligible)

Funding amount: from 50,000 € up to 3 Million € (submitted to financial analysis of the company and financial conditions)

Duration: maximum of 3 years

Funding: zero interest rate loan reimbursable in case of technical success, up to 65% of the eligible costs for an SME and up to 50% for midcap companies

**Any payment is subject to a signed consortium agreement.**

## United Kingdom

UK Companies and organizations are welcome to participate in the EUREKA Call. For UK SMEs seeking funding support for participation the Technology Strategy Board [TSB] Smart grant is the funding vehicle used by the TSB to support UK SMEs. The TSB Smart programme is targeted at SME support, it is a non-thematic call for between £25,000 and £250,000 at a grant rate between 45% and 60% depending on the type of project and size of SME.

UK SMEs can apply for the Smart before or after the EUREKA application. The Smart programme closes every 8 weeks and SMEs find out the result of their application in 4 weeks from the closing date of the submission.

Large companies and academics have to self-fund or have funding in place at the time of application.



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