

Spanish-German Technology and Innovation Cooperation: Call for Proposals for Joint EUREKA Projects

EUREKA Project Applications will be accepted from now until: **11.01.2019**

Introduction

EUREKA (www.eurekanetwork.org) is a European intergovernmental network facilitating trans-boundary market-oriented R&D projects aiming at new products, processes and services with a civilian application. Founded in 1985, EUREKA now includes 39 European countries, Israel and the European Commission. Canada, South Korea, South Africa and Chile are associated countries. Following a bottom-up approach, EUREKA has been the driving force of innovation in Europe for 30 years, boosting productivity & competitiveness of EUREKA members.

Within the cooperation practices existing between Spain and Germany in the fields of industrial and technological research and development (hereinafter called “R&D Cooperation”) in the framework of the EUREKA program, in which both countries are full and active members, participants from both countries are invited to submit joint project proposals for EUREKA Network Projects.

Call description

Spain and Germany are announcing this 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 or projects which have strong market potential for Spain and Germany.

The submission of proposals and the approval of collaborative projects will be evaluated in line with EUREKA procedures (see Call Structure below).

Announcement Structure

The announcement invites partners to present EUREKA joint industrial R&D projects until 11.01.2019 according to the following procedures:

National Authorities

Respective National Authorities responsible for this call are as follows:

DLR-Project Management Agency: The DLR Project Management Agency, part of the German Aerospace Center, is a research funding organisation supporting the Federal

Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi), along with other Federal Ministries, in the implementation of programme-related project funding.

AiF Projekt GmbH: AiF Projekt GmbH is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Cologne-based German Federation of Industrial Research Associations “Otto von Guericke” e.V. (also known as simply AiF). On behalf of Germany’s Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi), AiF Projekt GmbH is responsible for managing the cooperative projects within ZIM, the Central Innovation Programme for SMEs.

The Spanish National Authority is the Centre for Industrial Technological Development, EPE (CDTI), responsible for fostering the technological development of Spanish companies.

These organizations will also provide access to public funding for labelled joint projects. The support will be given to each partner by its respective National Authorities in accordance with their national laws, rules, regulations and procedures in effect, on a non-exchange of funds basis, and subject to budgetary availability in each country.

Applying the EUREKA structure, project participants will finance their costs by applicable national, regional or international public funding schemes or by own resources.

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 partners should include at least, one Spanish and one German commercial company though participation of research institutes/universities is welcome as additional participants or subcontractors according to each country’s funding regulations.
- Organizations from other countries may also participate, but they will not be funded by Spain or Germany.
- 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 completed EUREKA [Project Application Form](http://www.eurekanetwork.org/eureka-project-application-form) download: <http://www.eurekanetwork.org/eureka-project-application-form> for the whole consortium should be submitted electronically by the applicants to their national EUREKA Contact Offices: the EUREKA-Bureau in Germany and CDTI. in Spain (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 financing of all project partners has been secured. Proposals shall be submitted until submission deadline 11.01.2019.

Simultaneously all partners have to 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).

Each country will fund its eligible participants within the EUREKA framework. Funding conditions and eligibility criteria vary between participating countries. Main aspects of the national funding criteria are briefly explained below:

Germany

The Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi) in Germany will provide access to public funding for joint selected projects. BMWi (supported by the EUREKA-Office and the AiF Projekt GmbH) will provide all necessary assistance to project partners during the project proposal, evaluation and monitoring phases. In addition, 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.

All German SMEs with up to 500 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 web site (<http://www.zim-bmw.de/kooperationsprojekte> - in German). The application has to be in line with the ZIM regulation, e.g. it has to be in the German language. The support is in the form of a conditional grant amounting up to 55% of the project costs, which are restricted to 380,000 € per industrial partner.

It is possible to begin a research project **at own risk** after receiving a confirmation of the receipt of the funding application from AiF Projekt GmbH. We recommend contacting the AiF Projekt GmbH before the application to clarify open questions and to hand in a project sketch max. 6 weeks before deadline. German research institutes/universities are accepted as additional partners according to the rules available on the ZIM web site. Deadline for the submission of the ZIM-application forms is 11.01.2019.

The proposal form is available on: www.zim-bmw.de/kooperationsprojekte/download-kooperationsprojekte-zim-ab-2015

Spain

CDTI will finance industrial research and/or technological development activities of Spanish companies. Universities and research centers could take part 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>

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