

**Austria – Spain****2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Proposals for Joint R&D Projects**

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**Time Schedule**

<b>Opening of the Call</b>	1 February 2018
<b>Deadline for EUREKA Application</b>	16 April 2018
<b>Consensus meeting of funding agencies and label</b>	3 September 2018
<b>Funding Decision and Project Start</b>	October 2018

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Within the cooperation practices existing between Spain and Austria 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.

**1. Call description**

Spain and Austria are announcing the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Austria.

**2. National Authorities**

Respective National Authorities responsible for this call are as follows:

- The Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) is the national funding agency for industrial research and development in Austria. As a "one-stop shop" offering a diversified and targeted program portfolio, the FFG gives Austrian businesses and research facilities quick and uncomplicated access to research funding.
- CDTI-EPE: The Centre for the Development of Industrial Technology (CDTI), E.P.E. is a Public Business Entity, attached to the Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness, which fosters the technological development and innovation of Spanish companies. It is the entity that acts as Eureka Office and National Funding Body.



These organizations will also provide access to public funding for labeled 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.

### 3. Scope

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This call invites projects **in ALL thematic areas**, reflecting the bottom-up approach of the Eureka Network projects.

### 4. Eligibility criteria

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In order to apply to the present call, partners must meet the following qualifications:

- The partners should include at least, one Spanish and one Austrian (for profit) company. 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 the participating parties of this call.
- The Austrian and Spanish partners must express their will to cooperate in 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 must be significant for both partners.
- The project should have an obvious advantage and added value resulting from the technological cooperation between the participants from the two countries (e.g. increased knowledge base, commercial leads, access to R&D infrastructure etc.).
- Partners are required, prior to obtaining the Eureka label, to have previously signed a consortium agreement on the commercialization of the product, process or service once the phase of research and development has been completed which includes the ownership and use of know-how and IPR settlements ("Consortium Agreement").

Any partner whose cooperative R&D project is consistent with the aforesaid criteria can apply to the present call in accordance with the national laws, rules, regulations and procedures in effect in each country.



**5. Submission and approval procedures** Submission and approval procedures consist of one phase.

Partners will be asked to submit a short project outline via the Eureka Project Application Form. The completed electronic form (the Eureka Project Application Form, available on <http://www.eurekanetwork.org/eureka-project-application-form>) must be submitted simultaneously to FFG and CDTI-EPE by 16 April 2018.

The forms have to be legally signed by all participating companies.

The signatures must be scanned and sent together with the form as an integral part of the application. The forms must be completed in English, signed by both project partners and sent to the program managers.

- In AUSTRIA: The Eureka Project Application Form and the signatures must be scanned and sent together as an integral part of the application to: [eureka@ffg.at](mailto:eureka@ffg.at) until 16 April 2018. The partners of the consortium should also fill in the national full proposal until 16 April 2018. The National proposal should describe in detail the work of the respective partner by using eCall [www.ffg.at/ecall](http://www.ffg.at/ecall)
- In SPAIN: Spanish partners should submit a formal R&D international project application through CDTI-EPE's website (<https://sede.cdti.gob.es/>) including the EUREKA application form and the draft consortium. Additional documents in Spanish, containing detailed information on the Spanish participants, could be requested depending on the specific type of funding requested by the company..

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

**Deadline for submission to FFG and to CDTI-EPE: 16 April 2018 (12:00 h. local time)**

Each country will fund its eligible participants according to its national procedures and funding rules laws, rules and regulations, on a non-exchange of funds basis, and subject to budgetary availability in each country:

## **6. Funding details**

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National funding provided to approved project proposals will be considered under the normal national funding schemes for the respective programs. There is no additional budget allocated to this call for projects.

### **a. In Austria**



All companies registered in Austria are eligible for funding, universities and research centers can be funded as subcontractors only. In addition to the EUREKA project form the Austrian participant has to submit a separate national full proposal to the General Program (Basisprogramm) via e-Call at the FFG webpage. The evaluation of the Austrian project part is carried out by internal experts. The project must fulfill the national criteria (“Basisprogramm-Leitfaden”). There is no dedicated budget for this call.. Funding in Austria is provided on an annual basis only, therefore follow-on applications must be submitted for the max. duration of 3 years. The funding provided by FFG are grants:

- max. 60% of the eligible costs for small companies,
- max. 50% of the eligible costs for medium-sized companies and
- max. 40% for large companies,

Detailed information on national rules and procedures [www.ffg.at/eureka](http://www.ffg.at/eureka)

**b. In Spain:**

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

- Funding conditions for Spanish partners may vary depending on the nature of the project. For more information please access:

<http://www.cdti.es/index.asp?MP=7&MS=563&MN=3>

Spanish tasks in the project can only start after submitting the funding application to CDTI-EPE. For further information, please contact directly with CDTI-EPE.

Participants are invited to contact their national project coordinators before submitting the documents in order to check the eligibility of the project idea and consortium.

Funding at this extent will be provided only to projects positively evaluated by both public funding agencies: CTDI-EPE and FFG.

**7. Contacts for details:**



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