

Argentina and Spain call for EUREKA joint R&D&I projects

Deadline for submission: 18th June 2020.

Within the cooperation practices existing between Argentina and Spain in the fields of industrial and technological research and development in the framework of the EUREKA programme, in which both countries are active members, participants from these 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

The Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MINCyT) from Argentina , 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 Argentina and Spain.

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

National Authorities

MINCyT is the national authority and through its National Directorate for Cooperation and Institutional Integration (DNCEII) is responsible for participation in international cooperation programmes involving companies.

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

All national authorities will provide all necessary assistance to project partners during project proposal preparation and submission, evaluation and monitoring phase. In addition, all 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 2 independent companies, one from Argentina and one from Spain. Participation of research institutes/universities and other organizations is welcome as self-funded participants or subcontractors according to each country's funding regulations.
- Organizations from other countries may also participate, but they will not be funded by the national authorities formally committed to this call.
- The project 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.

Consortia will have to submit their applications through the Eureka platform (eureka.smartsimple.ie) and additionally each applicant must submit all required documents to their respective national funding authority and meet its due diligence process requirements.

- In Argentina, participants must submit the [Eureka Application form](#) in Spanish, together with an estimated budget from each of the participating Argentinean companies (in Argentinean pesos) and a draft consortium agreement. Additional documents in Spanish may be requested. Argentine applicants should consult the following link where they will find the application form and guidelines: <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/internacional/proyectos-empresariales-entre-argentina-y-espana>. All the required documentation must be submitted through the following e-mail eenarg@mincyt.gob.ar, with the subject "EUREKA 2020 - ARGENTINA-SPAIN Call". Applications will be accepted until the deadline.

The MINCyT may support Argentinean companies by providing the following services:

- Posting searches for partners in the Enterprise Europe Network.
 - Access to a portfolio of patents and services from CONICET.
 - Linkage to other calls and competitions.
 - Coordination with other public and private stakeholders of the scientific and technological system.
- 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.

The draft Cooperation Agreement that regulates the terms of cooperation between all partners must comply with the following requirements:

- Naming all project partners
- Description of the project aims and the differentiation of subprojects by each partner including brief work plans with effort estimated in person-months
- Identifying and naming any 3rd party contractors required in the project
- Regulation of intellectual property rights (background and arising)
- Basic regulation of joint commercialization and apportioning of benefits



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- If research organizations from either country are involved the publishing rights of each party must be agreed to by the parties.

Timetable

1. Call launch: March 2020.
2. Deadline for submission of international applications: 18th June 2020
3. Eligibility feedback to applicants: September 1st 2020
4. EUREKA label (estimated): February 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:

Argentina:

In Argentina the participants will be funded through the National Agency for the Promotion of Research, Technological Development and Innovation (Agencia I+D+i). Agencia I+D+i through Argentine Technological Fund (FONTAR) will finance innovation and technological development projects carried out in a multinational cooperation environment. The conditions and forms are available in <http://www.agencia.mincyt.gov.ar/frontend/agencia/convocatoria/391>.

Spain:

CDTI will finance industrial research and/or technological development activities of Spanish companies. Application must be submitted within 20 working days after receiving the communication of eligibility. 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:

<http://www.cdti.es/index.asp?MP=100&MS=802&MN=2>

It is mandatory that project activities do not start before submitting the funding applications to CDTI. For further information, please contact CDTI.

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

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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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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