



**EUREKA Call for Proposals
for Joint R&D Projects
under EUREKA
between
Chile Finland, France and Spain**

Time schedule	
Opening of the Call	7 th October 2019
Deadline for Phase 1 (Submission international application)	12 th December 2019
Feedback on Phase 1 Applications	17 th January 2020
Selected projects receive EUREKA label	June 2020
Funding Decisions	June 2020



Chile, Finland, France and Spain, call for EUREKA joint R&D&I projects

Deadline for submission: 12th December 2019, 17:00 local time.

EUREKA (www.eurekanetwork.org) is an intergovernmental organisation for market-driven industrial R&D. It is a decentralised network facilitating the coordination of national funding on innovation, aiming to boost the productivity & competitiveness of European industries. Following a bottom-up approach with projects being in any technological area with a civilian purpose, **EUREKA has been the driving force of innovation in Europe for over 30 years.**

Within the cooperation practices existing among Chile, Finland, France and Spain in the fields of industrial and technological research and development in the framework of the EUREKA programme, in which 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)

1. Scope

The Economic Development Agency (CORFO) from Chile, Business Finland from Finland, BPI France from France 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 the countries mentioned above.

This call invites projects with a focus on Sustainability and Climate Change in the following domains:

- Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
- Sustainable Cities and Communities
- Responsible Manufacturing and Energy Supply.
- Mining Industry
- Responsible Production and Consumption
- Climate Action
- Life below Water
- Life on Land



a) **National Authorities**

- **CORFO** is the Chilean National responsible for participation in international technological cooperation programs involving companies. As the Chilean economic development agency, it aims to improve competitiveness and productive diversification by encouraging investment, innovation and entrepreneurship.
- **Business Finland** Finland's national agency providing innovation funding & services for companies. BF promotes, facilitates and funds innovation, and helps Finnish companies grow and go international.
- **CDTI** is the Spanish National Authority, responsible for fostering the technological development and innovation of Spanish companies.
- **Bpifrance** (French Public Investment Bank) is France's one-stop shop for entrepreneurs, favouring the growth of the French economy by helping entrepreneurs thrive

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.

b) **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 2 of the participating countries in the call. 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.

2. Submission and approval procedures

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

- a. **In the first phase**, partners will be asked to present a project outline in English via the EUREKA Project Application Form: <http://www.eurekanetwork.org/eureka-project-application-form>.

The completed EUREKA Project Application Form (and any additional information according to each agency) should be submitted by the main participant to the following email: MultiChileCall2019@eurekanetwork.org; until 12th December 2019, with the subject "Chilean Finish Spanish and French Joint Call December 2019".

- The project forms will be screened and evaluated by EUREKA National Project Coordinators (NPCs) assisted by technical experts in the National Funding Bodies (NFBs).
- Business Finland, CORFO, CDTI and BpiFrance will decide about funding R&D projects according to their national evaluation processes and according to joint priorities by June 2020.

- b. **In the second phase**, each country will follow its funding procedure according to its national rules. Funding conditions and eligibility criteria vary among participating countries. Main aspects of the national funding criteria are briefly explained below.

Chile

In Chile, apart from the EUREKA Project Application (phase 1) the participants will have to submit a formal national application form for international projects including the [Eureka Application form](#) (in English) and a draft consortium agreement.

Additional documents in Spanish language, containing detailed information on the Chilean participants, could be requested depending on the specific type of funding requested by the company. The participants will have to submit a formal R&D international project aid application through CORFO's website (<https://www.corfo.cl/sites/cpp/home>).

Please contact the Chilean EUREKA Office for further information.



Finland

In Finland, for Phase 1, the EUREKA form will be the Project Outline.

Spain

In Spain, in phase 1 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.

France

In France, the participants will have first to contact Bpifrance to confirm their eligibility for funding before submitting the Eureka Application form (in English). If the project is selected, the French companies will have to submit their national funding application form (Aide pour le Développement de l'Innovation).

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

3. 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:

a. Chile:

In Chile, the participants will be funded through the Chilean Economic Development Agency (CORFO). CORFO through Create and Valid Program will finance innovation and technological development projects carried out in a multinational cooperation environment. This program supports the development of new or improved products, processes and / or technology-based



services, from low-resolution prototypes, until validation on an industrial and / or commercial scale. Funding conditions and forms are available in <https://www.corfo.cl/>.

b. Finland:

BF's funding is intended for challenging and innovative research and development projects in SME companies, large companies, universities and research institutes. The main target group are SMEs seeking growth in internationalization. International cooperation and its impact should be visible. Companies should have a credible internationalization plan and real business goals including export targets.

Funding may be a low-interest loan or a grant, depending on the stage of the innovation and the nature of the proposed project. BF uses the same percentages of support as in national projects, but a bonus will be granted if applicable.

Funding may be granted to all areas of technology and there is a continuous call. The national application shall be submitted within 20 working days after receiving the communication of eligibility (17 Jan 2020).

In this multilateral EUREKA call, projects related to the mining and energy sectors are encouraged. Projects should tackle sustainability and/or the digital transformation.

c. 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=1>

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.

d. France:

French companies must submit their national funding application to Bpifrance:

According to BPI funding rules, French enterprises with less than 2,000 employees are financed through reimbursable loan free of interest (commonly called "avances récupérables"). The



global funding amount will be partially non-reimbursable in case of technical failure. The funding rate is up to 65% (minimum amount 50 000€, maximum amount 3 M€ per participant).

French enterprises must make it clear that they have the capacity (equity capital, fund-raising) to finance the proposed activities.

Eligible costs for Bpifrance:

- Personal costs
 - Overheads: 20% of personal costs
 - Costs related to intellectual property, patent extension etc.
 - Feasibility study • Market search • Equipment (depreciation and amortization)
 - Industrial research and experimental development
 - Project management and associated costs (related travel costs of French participants)
 - Implementation and development of prototypes, models, pilot productions, demonstration etc.
 - Universities and research centers are welcomed as subcontractors of a French company. Costs relating to subcontracting are taken into account.
- Project activities shall not start before submitting the funding applications to Bpifrance. For further information, please contact Bpifrance.

4. 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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