Germany call for projects on the "Organisation of Work in European Collaboration Networks" (EuKoNet)

FROM 27 MAR 2023 TO 01 AUG 2023

Eureka is the world's biggest public network for international cooperation in R&D and innovation, present in over 45 countries. It is a decentralised intergovernmental organisation aiming to boost the productivity and competitiveness of industries by funding and supporting international collaborative market-driven R&D projects.

This call for projects has been launched by the German Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) following Eureka's Network projects framework.

The German Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) has allocated funding for organisations collaborating on international R&D projects in the fields of work organization and value creation in European collaboration networks.

You can submit your R&D project application for this call for projects between 27 MAR 2023 and 01 AUG 2023. Your project consortium must include several independent organisations from science and industry, SME participation is strongly welcomed. European research collaborations under Eureka are expected.

Eureka programme: Network projects

Participating countries/ regions

GERMANY   Other EUREKA member countries*

* Other Eureka member countries may not have the resources necessary to evaluate the Eureka Network project. Contact your national funding body for Eureka to see about this, and see what funding opportunities are available for your organisation. If your national funding body has no allocated funds for the Network projects programme, you may be eligible for other national funding programmes or you can participate in a project by self-funding.

Scope

This call is for R&D projects in all technological fields and application domains. Results must be developed in the following two areas:

- Innovative methods and instruments for collaboration in international networks
- Comprehensive concepts for the competence-enhancing organization of work in collaboration networks

For full information on scope, funding details (only for Germany) **and eligibility** please refer to the original call text (in German) and the English translation which can be found **here** for download.

Timeframe

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27 MAR 2023: Call opens
01 AUG 2023: Submission deadline (date of receipt)
01 APR 2024: Projects can begin (expected)
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Funding details

GERMANY. In Germany, this call for projects is offered through the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF). Funding of R&D costs for German project partners participating in this call is provided by BMBF and the European Social Fund (ESF Plus): grant up to 60 % of project costs for SMEs, 50% for large companies, 100% for universities, and 100% for research organisations. The call is part of the Research Programme "The Future of Value Creation – Research on Production, Services and Work" which is managed by the Project Management Agency Karlsruhe (PTKA).

Other countries' participants: If there is no allocated budget for your organisation type in your country and you want to participate in a project consortium, contact your national funding body using the form below to see whether there are other funding opportunities available or talk to them about self-funding.

Eligibility

Eureka has limited eligibility criteria for organisations participating in a Network projects consortium:

- Your project idea must represent international cooperation in the form of a specific project.
- The project must be directed at researching or developing an innovative product, process or service with the goal of commercialisation.
- The project must have a civilian purpose.
- Your consortium must include at least two mutually independent legal entities from a minimum of two Eureka countries.
- No single organisation or country can be responsible for more than 70% of the project budget.

Germany has additional criteria for organisations to be eligible to receive funding:

- The prerequisite for funding is the collaboration of several independent partners from science and industry in joint research projects.
- Only proposals will be considered that include the concrete implementation of the solutions during the course of the project with at least two use cases.

For all criteria, please refer to the original call text (in German).

Evaluation

Your project application will be reviewed according to our Network projects evaluation methodology.

1. Impact

- Is the market properly addressed (i.e. size, access and risks)?
- Is the value creation properly addressed (i.e. employment opportunities and environmental and societal benefits)?
- What are the competitive advantages of your project (i.e. strategic importance, enhanced capabilities and visibility)?
- Are your commercialisation plans clear and realistic (i.e. return on investment, geographical and sectoral impact)?

2. Excellence

- What is the degree of innovation? (i.e. is the proposed product, process or service state-of-the-art? Is there sufficient technological maturity and risk)?
- How is the new knowledge going to be used?
- Is your project scientifically and technically challenging for consortium partners?
- Is the technical achievability and risk properly addressed?

3. Quality and efficiency of implementation

- What is the quality of your consortium (i.e. balance of the partnership and technological, managerial and financial capabilities of each partner)?
- Is there added value through international cooperation?
- Is your project management and planning realistic and clearly defined (i.e. methodology, planning approach, milestones and deliverables)?
- Is your cost structure reasonable (i.e. costs and financial commitment for each consortium partner)?

4. Overall perception

Experts will list three positive and negative points to your application and finally state whether they recommend your project for public investment.

Your national funding body may carry out a further evaluation (performed by the national project coordinator and technical experts) according to national rules before allocating funds to successful applicants.

Applying

1. Contact your national funding body using the contact form on Eureka's website to discuss your project idea, financial viability, eligibility and national procedures.

2. Create an account on our application portal (one per consortium) and select the funding opportunity you want to apply to.
3. Using the portal, complete one application form per consortium (in English) and invite other consortium partners to fill in a partner form.
4. Upload a GANTT chart (one per consortium), a signed and completed co-signature form (which you can download from the platform) and any additional required annexes.
5. Your application will be checked for completeness and eligibility before being reviewed using a standard evaluation procedure. If successful, your project will receive a Eureka label.
6. Your national funding body may carry out a further evaluation (performed by your national contact and technical experts) according to national rules before allocating funds to successful applicants.
7. The final step is to complete and sign a consortium agreement. We recommend that you seek legal advice when drafting your consortium agreement.

Germany has additional steps for submitting your application:

1. The Project Outline has to be submitted via the easy-Online system.
2. A copy of your Eureka application should be uploaded on easy-Online, together with the project outline (both as PDF-files).

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