

Announcement:

14th German - Israeli Call for Proposals for Joint R&D Projects¹

Deadline for proposal submissions:

February 20th, 2023

Scope

Germany and Israel are announcing a 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 for products, technology-based services, or methods, which have strong market potential for Germany, Israel and Europe. Partners apply for their R&D project for a [EUREKA label](#), a pan European network for market-oriented R&D.

Innovation Authority and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK) will provide access to public funding for joint projects provided by The Innovation Authority and by BMWK's ZIM program (Central Innovation Program for SMEs), respectively. Minimum requirement concerning the project consortium is the participation of at least one company of each of the participating countries.

The program is managed in cooperation and in line with the procedures of the EUREKA initiative. www.eurekanetwork.org/

Innovation Authority and BMWK (supported by the EUREKA-Office, Bonn and the ZIM project management agency AiF Projekt GmbH) will provide all necessary assistance to project partners during the project proposal, evaluation and monitoring phases. In addition, both Innovation Authority and 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.

Call Structure

The call invites partners to present joint proposals for industrial R&D projects till **February 20th, 2023**, according to the following procedures:

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 Israeli 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).
- Companies and/or academia from other countries may also participate. These partners' participation follows EUREKA participation and financing rules and procedures and the funding regulations of these partners' countries of origin.

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- 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 simple online Eureka application form (<https://eureka.smartsimple.ie/>) must be submitted by 20th of February 2023, 17:00 (CEST). The forms must be legally signed by all participating companies. The signatures must be scanned and sent **electronically** together with the EUREKA application form. The final EUREKA status is only granted if the funding of all project partners has been secured.

The EUREKA project application will be screened and evaluated by Innovation Authority in Israel and the German EUREKA Office.

Simultaneously all partners must 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).

- Israeli partners will be invited to submit **in addition and at the same time as the short project outline** their funding applications to the Innovation Authority using this link: <https://innovationisrael.org.il/>
- A provisional consortium agreement among project partners is needed at the moment of proposal submission in this phase.
- **Submission to the Innovation Authority:** 20th February 2023 till 12:00.

Each country will fund its eligible participants within the EUREKA framework. Funding conditions and eligibility criteria vary between participating countries. Up-to-date information in relation to bilateral projects in education and research is available [here](#).

As a summary, main aspects of the criteria are explained below

Germany

German companies with less than 1.000 employees (or consortia of such enterprises) which carry out R&D for the development of innovative products, processes or technological services – also in cooperation with a research institution/university – have the right to apply. However, companies with 500 or more employees need to cooperate with at least one SME. There are no restrictions to specific technologies or branches. More detailed criteria can be found on the ZIM website www.zim.de/kooperationsprojekte (in German). The application has to be in line with the regulations of the ZIM guideline and be written in the German language. Support is rendered in the form of a conditional grant amounting up to 60% of the project costs, which are restricted to 450,000 € per industrial partner.

The final approval is made by the ZIM project management agency. It is possible to begin a research project at the applicant's own risk after receiving a confirmation of the receipt of the funding application from AiF

Projekt GmbH. We recommend contacting AiF Projekt GmbH before the application to clarify open questions and to hand in a project sketch up until 6 weeks before deadline. German research institutes/universities are accepted as additional partners according to the rules available on the ZIM website. The proposal form is available on www.zim.de/formularcenter

Israel

An Israeli R&D performing company which initiates a single or multi-year program that will provide know-how, processes or methods for the manufacture of a new product, application, technology-based service or process is eligible to apply. The product must have a sizeable potential for export sales. Research institutes or other participants may apply as a subcontractor to a company. The support is in the form of a conditional grant amounting generally up to 50% (+ *regional incentives for companies located in "development zone "*) of the eligible R&D budget. Further details regarding grants and payment of royalties are available at the Innovation Authority web site: <https://innovationisrael.org.il/>

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