

Austria – Spain Call for Eureka joint R&D&I projects

Deadline for submission: 15 September 2021

Within the cooperation practices existing between Austria and Spain in the fields of industrial and technological research and development in the framework of the Eureka program, in which both countries are active members, participants from both 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 Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) 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 Austria and Spain.

Although this call invites projects **in ALL thematic areas or application domains**, special focus is given to the following domains:

- Unmanned Vehicles Systems
- Green Building
- Photonics
- Environmental technologies

National Authorities

The Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) is the national funding agency for industrial research and development in Austria.

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

Both FFG and CDTI will provide all necessary assistance to project partners during project proposal preparation and submission, evaluation and monitoring phase. In addition, both 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 (a typical Eureka project has an average duration of 2-3 years and an average budget of 1-2 million) according to the following criteria:

- The partners should include at least one Austrian and one Spanish company. 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 CDTI or by FFG.
- The Austrian and Spanish 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 (not more than 70% of participants contribution from one country or one company) and the project must be significant to them.
- The participants are required, prior to obtaining the Eureka label endorsement, 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 addition to the Eureka application, the Austrian participants have to submit a separate national full project proposal including the Eureka Application form (in English). Project applications must be submitted online via FFG ecall: <https://ecall.ffg.at>
- 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.

Timetable

1. Call launch: 5 May 2021
2. Deadline for submission of international applications: 15 September 2021
3. Eligibility feedback to applicants: 23 September-2021
4. Deadline for submission of national funding applications: 15 October 2021
5. Eureka label and funding decision (estimated): March 2022

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:

Austria:

Eureka projects can be submitted for funding to the General Programme (Basisprogramm) of FFG.

- Rules, procedures, and other national criteria:
<https://www.ffg.at/programm/basisprogramm>
- Guideline eligible costs:
<https://www.ffg.at/recht-finanzen/kostenleitfaden>

All companies registered in Austria are eligible for funding. Universities and research centers can be subcontracted. The evaluation of the Austrian project part is carried out by internal experts at FFG. The project must fulfil the national criteria.

General Programme provides grants for Austrian companies participating in Eureka projects:

- Up to 60% of the eligible costs for small companies
- Up to 50% of the eligible costs for medium-sized companies
- Up to 40% of the eligible costs for large companies

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. Mapping other funding programmes, e.g., <https://www.ffg.at/thematische-programme> is possible.

Before project submission, it is important to contact the Eureka NPC at FFG.

Spain:

CDTI will finance industrial research and/or technological development activities of Spanish companies. Universities and research centers could take part as subcontractors.

CDTI will check the eligibility of the Spanish applicants after receiving the international application. If it is eligible, funding applications will be generated by CDTI to each Spanish company and it must be completed and submitted by them. A full memory (in Spanish) must be attached to these applications. Deadline to reply 15 October 2021.

If the funding applications are not submitted in time, the international project could be rejected.

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>

Funding decision is expected within 4-5 months after submitting an eligible funding application

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

According to Eureka's practices, applicants may choose to request a label without public financing (e.g. self-funding is also applicable).

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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