



Network projects call with SPAIN and FRANCE

FROM 2 MAR 2023 TO 31 MAY 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 following Eureka's Network projects framework based on mutual consent between participating national and regional funding bodies.

The national funding bodies from France and Spain have allocated funding for organisations collaborating on international R&D projects in all technological and application areas.

You can submit your R&D project application for this call for projects between 2 MAR 2023 & 31 MAY 2023.

The partners should include at least one French 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.

Eureka programme: Network projects

Participating countries/ regions

 France

 Spain

Timeframe

2 MAR 2023: Call opens

31 MAY 2023: Submission deadline (date of receipt CE(S)T)

DECEMBER 2023: Eureka label and funding decision (estimated)

Funding details

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:

FRANCE:

Bpifrance will finance industrial research and/or technical development activities of French companies. Universities and research centers could take part as self-funded or subcontractors.

Bpifrance will conduct a first “pre-eligibility check” as soon as the company contact the team before submitting the application. A meeting with both the team in charge of the program (contact at the end of the guidelines) and the “chargé.e d’affaires” is mandatory. Once the Eureka project is uploaded, the French company will have two weeks to submit all the documents needed for the national demand.

Once the national funding application is submitted, the regional relationship manager will evaluate the project and decide of the type of funding and amount.

The French funding scheme (ADI – Aide pour le Développement de l’Innovation) is the following:

- Eligible partner: Innovative company up to 2000 FTE
- Eligible costs: Industrial research and experimental development (industrialization and commercialization costs are not eligible)
- Funding amount: from € 50,000 up to € 3 Million (submitted to financial analysis of the company and financial conditions) for a maximum of 80% of the cost (depending on the profile of the company)
- Funding type: Repayable advance or R&D loan
- Duration: maximum of 36 months

NB: if the company is considered as a deeptech company, the funding could be different. In any case, all the above information could be adapted to the profile and project of the company.

Before the application, the French partner could also apply to a [Diag Partenariat Tech International](#), if they plan on working with an external expert to help them build their consortium, project or application. The Diag is a grant covering up to 50% of the expert’s consultancy services (within the limit of a 25 000€ excluding VAT contract, ie 30 000€ including VAT) and planning on helping companies structuring their international collaborative project.

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 September 7th June. 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:

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

Funding decision is expected within 5-6 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).

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 one French 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.
- No single organisation or country can be responsible for more than 70% of the project budget.

This call for projects has additional criteria for organisations to be eligible to receive funding:

- Organizations from other countries may also participate, but they will not be funded by CDTI nor Bpifrance.
- The French 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 participants are required, prior to obtain the Eureka label endorsement, to have signed a consortium agreement.

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 the NPC 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 (CA). We recommend that you seek legal advice when drafting your CA.

France and Spain founding bodies have additional steps for submitting your application]:

- 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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