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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 GlobalStars framework based on mutual consent between participating national and regional funding bodies.

The national funding bodies from Kenya, Austria, Belgium (Flanders), Estonia, France, Finland, South Africa and Spain have allocated funding for organisations collaborating on international R&D projects within all technology fields. The participating countries especially hope receiving applications in the fields of sustainability or health.

You can submit your R&D project application for this call for projects between January 31 2023 and April 30 2023. Your project consortium must include **at least one enterprise from one of the Eureka member countries participating in the call and a research organisation/university combined with a company from Kenya.**

Eureka programme: GlobalStars

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## Scope

This call invites consortia to apply high quality R&D projects within **all technology fields**. However, the participating countries in particular welcome project proposals in the fields of:

- Sustainability
  - circular and bio-based economy
  - clean energy
  - clean water and sanitation
  - agro economy
- Health
  - improving life style and living environment
  - shift curative to preventive

Your project should:

- address preferably one of the fields mentioned in the call description and
- demonstrate the potential to research or develop a product, service or process for commercialisation.

## Timeframe

31 January 2023 Call opens

30 April 2023 Submission deadline 12:00 CEST

12 May 2023 Consensus meeting on eligibility

Please note that additional national applications might be required (see text below for more details)

Onwards 15 September 2023 Applicants informed on evaluation results

Onwards September 2023 Eureka label procedure and approval.

Onwards September 2023 National funding decision

Onwards September 2023 – early 2024 Project Start

## Funding details

The participating funding organisations may have additional criteria for their national organisations to be eligible to receive funding:

### Kenya

#### National Eligibility

- Kenyan public and private research centers and institutes, training institutions, departments of R&D, industrial establishments and relevant implementing bodies are eligible to apply;
- Applicants must have wide knowledge and experience in the National Research Priority areas;
- The applicants must have demonstrated competence and experience in their grant application areas;
- Applicants must be in possession of at least a master's degree or equivalent experience in a relevant area or be innovators recognized by the Kenya National Innovation Agency;
- The Principal Investigator must be a Kenya citizen;
- Non Kenyans may apply under a Kenyan Principal Investigator;
- All applicants must be affiliated to a recognized Kenyan research institution and in case of a university or research institution, they must not be on an extended unpaid leave;
- Partnering and collaborative institutional or corporate entities must formally indicate willingness to release staff involved in the project, have the facilities to implement the project or indicate how the facilities will be availed.

Funding R&D at industry level will be to researchers in institutions who will have identified specific products within a formal firm for further development. Such grant proposal will be accompanied by the industry approval specifying clearly the roles between the researcher and the industry in an effort to enhance Research to Commercialisation in Kenya. Grants will be channelled through the researcher's institution and accounted for by the particular institution.

### **Research-related costs:**

Researchers may request for funds for the following categories of expenditure:

- Daily Subsistence Allowance for field activities for professional and non-professional personnel;
- Research equipment;
- Consumables;
- Essential infrastructure/upgrading;
- Costs of prototype production;
- Project management costs must not exceed 7.5%;
- Project mobility costs must not exceed 20% of the total budget.

### **Budget**

The total amount available for this call is 595,000 Euros. Each project will be funded up to a maximum of 85,000 Euros. Funding will be made available for a maximum of 3 years.

For more information, please refer [www.researchfund.go.ke](http://www.researchfund.go.ke)

### **Austria (FFG - Austrian Research Promotion Agency)**

Grant of up to 60% of eligible project costs for small companies, up to 50% of the eligible costs for medium-sized companies or up to 40% of the eligible costs for large companies.

#### **Specific National rules**

Eureka projects can be submitted for funding to the General Programme (Basis program) of FFG which provides the Eureka funding scheme illustrated below.

- Rules, procedures, and other national criteria: [www.ffg.at/programm/basisprogramm](http://www.ffg.at/programm/basisprogramm)
- Guideline eligible costs: [www.ffg.at/recht-finanzen/kostenleitfaden](http://www.ffg.at/recht-finanzen/kostenleitfaden)

The deadline for the national application is at least three months before the national cut-off date preceding the Eureka label decision ([www.ffg.at/content/basisprogramm-f-rdersitzungen-und-beirat](http://www.ffg.at/content/basisprogramm-f-rdersitzungen-und-beirat)).

Project applications must be submitted online via FFG eCall: <https://ecall.ffg.at>. Joining a project on self-funded basis is possible, you are required to contact the Eureka NPC at FFG.

#### **Eligible costs and funding rates**

In addition to the Eureka application, the Austrian participant has to submit a separate national full project proposal to FFG General Programme (Basisprogramm) via eCall. All companies registered in Austria are eligible for funding, universities and research centers can be funded as subcontractors only. The evaluation of the Austrian project part is carried out by internal experts at FFG. The project must fulfil the national criteria. 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.

General Programme provides grants for Austrian SMEs 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

## Belgium (Flanders-VLAIO)

### Specific National rules

In Belgium-Flanders for this call we will only accept [development projects](#) (an innovative idea that can lead to successful business in the short term, but there are still some challenges to overcome in developing this innovation)

Only companies can apply for funding via subsidies. Flemish or foreign academic partners or research institutes can be funded by VLAIO if their expertise is crucial for the Flemish partner (company) and if they are subcontracted by this company.

General information: [www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/ontwikkelingsproject](http://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/ontwikkelingsproject)

### Eligible costs and funding rates

Staff and other costs related to the development project can be funded with a 25 to 50% subsidy of the project budget, with a minimum budget equivalent to support of € 25.000. Information can be found via [this link](#). For this call the maximum funding (subsidy) per project is € 500.000.

### Additional documents required

In addition to the centrally submitted EUREKA Project Application Form, partners from Flanders [need to submit](#) an application to VLAIO, including a project plan and budget. We invite Flemish partners to contact us for a pre-check of their project ideas and get support by [our team VLAIO advisors](#). The deadline for submission the VLAIO application is May 26 2023 – 12:00 CET.

## Estonia

In Estonia the funding body for Estonian participants is Estonian Business and Innovation Agency. Estonia funds only the R&D costs of SMEs.

Estonian Business and Innovation Agency covers up to 60% of project costs in grants for small companies and up to 50% of project costs in grants for medium-sized companies.

Maximum amount of grant is 300 000 euros per project.

The eligible costs are:

- personnel costs, to the extent employed on the project;
- travelling costs (calculated on the basis of unit costs);
- costs of instruments and equipment to the extent and for the period used for the project. Where such instruments and equipment are not used for their full life for the project, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the project, as calculated on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles are considered as eligible;
- costs of contractual research, knowledge and patents bought or licensed from outside sources at arm's length conditions, as well as costs of consultancy and equivalent services used exclusively for the project;
- cost of materials, instruments to the extent used in the project.

### More information:

Applicants in Estonia are strongly recommended to contact Estonian Business and Innovation Agency for consulting about the terms and conditions of the financing before submitting the application to EUREKA platform.

## Finland

The general Business Finland eligibility criteria and rules for funding apply for this call.

Different rules apply for small and medium-sized enterprises, midcap companies (large companies with turnover < 300 M€), large companies, and research organisations. The impact of the international cooperation should be clear, and the participating companies should have a credible internationalization plan and business goals including export targets. If public research organisations are involved in a Co-innovation project, minimum three companies must also participate, at least two of which apply for Business Finland funding.

The applicants will be advised in detail about the applicable rules by Business Finland contact persons prior to submitting the Eureka application.

### More information:

Funding from Business Finland is intended for challenging and innovative research, development and innovation projects. For more information on eligible costs and funding rates, please see [www.businessfinland.fi/en/for-finnish-customers/services/funding](http://www.businessfinland.fi/en/for-finnish-customers/services/funding) and, for example, [www.businessfinland.fi/en/for-finnish-customers/services/funding/research-and-development/research-development-and-piloting](http://www.businessfinland.fi/en/for-finnish-customers/services/funding/research-and-development/research-development-and-piloting) thereunder.

Enterprises can apply for grant funding for research projects or loan funding for development and piloting projects. A grant can cover up to 50 % of the eligible costs for SMEs and 40 % for large and midcap companies. A loan can cover up to 50 % (70 % in certain cases) of the eligible costs. Public Research Organisations can receive up to 70 % funding, specific national co-innovation project funding rules apply. There is no specific Euro limit for the project size

In certain cases, applicants may also apply for additional funding for co-creation with local partners in Kenya, as well as support services, such as matchmaking.

## France

Bpifrance is the Innovation Agency of France and is responsible of programmes encouraging R&D cooperation between French and foreign companies.

### Eligible costs and funding rules

Main information for the French partners: SMEs and Midcap up to 2000 FTE can apply for a repayable advance or a loan up to 3M€ per company per project, in the limit of own equity. French universities can only join as subcontractor or on a self-funded basis, as additional partner.

NB: If the company and project are considered “deeptech”, the funding can mix grant and repayable advance.

### Additional documents

In addition to the Eureka application, French participants must submit a national demand on Bpifrance en Ligne within the week following Eureka’s application deadline (an email will give you access to the platform once you have applied to the Eureka programme). The evaluation will be conducted by both the International Collaborative Innovation team and the company’s Chargée d’Affaires. It is mandatory for the company to contact and discuss the project with these two teams



before submitting the project. If the funding application's documents are not submitted in time, the project can be rejected.

## South Africa

South Africa, through the Department of Science and Innovation will allocate a budget of 600 000 Euro for the call. Total budget for each project will be at maximum funding of between 150.000 and 200.000 Euro per project.

### Specific National/ Regional rules

Funding is available to registered companies and SMEs as per South African definition. Science Councils and Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) are also eligible to apply and should collaborate with SMEs as partners. Projects are to be led by SMEs. The DSI will prioritise funding to SMEs and project teams with blacks, women and young innovators/scientists as part of the South African transformative targets.

Potential applicants must inform the National Project Coordinator of their interest to submit a proposal and share the project outline before submitting the project.

### Eligible costs and funding rates

Each project will go through a financial negotiation process with the national funding body, (DSI) to finalise the exact percentage funding. The funding will be transferred in tranches in accordance with the project duration. Co-funding between the SA participants and the DSI to be as follows:

- SMEs - Up to 75%
- Science Councils and Universities – up to 80%
- Large Companies - Up to 50%

### Additional documents required

To be considered for national funding the applicants will be required to submit a national funding application form and submit to the DSI as per closing date of the EUREKA call. The application can be obtained at the following website: <https://esastap.org.za/applications/> (SA-Eureka national co-investment Application)

## Spain

The Centre for the Development of Technology and Innovation, EPE (CDTI) is the Spanish National Authority, responsible for fostering the technological development and innovation of Spanish companies.

Main features of the funding for Spanish partners are: Soft loan up to 85% of eligible costs (Euribor 1 year interest fee) Minimum budget 175.000 euros (no maximum budget). Long recovery period (10 or 15 years) where 24,75% of the eligible costs have not to be repaid.

CDTI will finance industrial research and/or technological development activities of Spanish companies. 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: [www.cdti.es/index.asp?MP=100&MS=802&MN=2](http://www.cdti.es/index.asp?MP=100&MS=802&MN=2)

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

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 GlobalStars 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, service or process with the goal of commercialisation;
- The project must have a civilian purpose;
- Your consortium must include at least two independent legal entities from one Eureka country and a specified GlobalStars country;
- 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:

- The consortium should include at least two organisations that are independent from each other, one enterprise from one of the Eureka member countries participating in the call and a research organisation/university combined with a company from Kenya;
- The product, service or process must be innovative, and there must be a technological risk involved for all involved partners;
- The project must benefit all involved partners;
- The project should have an obvious benefit and added value resulting from the technological cooperation between the participants from the different countries (e.g. increased knowledge base, commercial leads, access to R&D infrastructure, etc.);
- The product, service or process must be innovative and with the potential to create impact;
- The maximum duration of a project may not exceed 36 months.

A signed consortium agreement is required upon approval, before the actual start of the project. It ought to include, amongst others, the ownership and use of know-how and IPR settlements

## 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.

In parallel to the submission of the Eureka project application form, all project partners are requested, if required, to submit a related national funding application to their respective funding agencies, taking into account all relevant procedures and submission rules. Deadline for submission

might differ between the participating funding agencies, see below for detailed information for each funding agency.

- Applicants in **Kenya** are requested to contact the National Contact Persons before submitting a proposal in order to clarify eligibility of the thematic scope and the funding rates to be applicable, should the proposal be recommended for funding.
- Applicants in **Austria** have to submit a separate national full project proposal to FFG General Programme (Basisprogramm) via eCall. All companies registered in Austria are eligible for funding, universities and research centers can be funded as subcontractors only. The deadline for the national application is at least three months before the national cut-off date preceding the Eureka label decision ([www.ffg.at/content/basisprogramm-f-rdersitzungen-und-beirat](http://www.ffg.at/content/basisprogramm-f-rdersitzungen-und-beirat)).
- Applicants in **Belgium (Flanders)** must submit their regional application online via [www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/ontwikkelingsproject](http://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/ontwikkelingsproject) the latest on May 26 2023 – 12:00 CET.
- Applicants in **Estonia** are strongly recommended to contact Estonian Business and Innovation Agency for consulting about the terms and conditions of the financing before submitting the application to EUREKA platform.
- Applicants in **Finland** apply funding from Business Finland’s national application. Business Finland will give detailed advice including guidance on timetables for the national applications, when contacted by the applicants. The national application is submitted through Business Finland online service.
- Applicants in **France** must submit their national demand on Bpifrance en Ligne within a week after their Eureka submission. The link to Bpifrance en Ligne will be send by email after the Eureka submission.
- Applicants in **South Africa** are requested to contact with the National Project Coordinator before submitting a proposal in order to clarify eligibility of the thematic scope and the funding rates to be applicable, should the proposal be recommended for funding. Applicants should note that the DSI funding will cover the following;  
**Direct costs:**  
Travel and daily subsistence allowance including accommodation costs in line with the guidelines of South African government regulations.  
**Consumables and supplies:**  
Any consumables necessary for the implementation of the project may be considered as direct eligible costs. Consumables are only eligible costs under the project if bought after the start date of the project.  
**Costs of personnel:**  
DSI will cover personnel cost to be incurred during project implementation.  
**Sub-contracting:**  
Sub-contracting is not encouraged, however if needs be, not more than 20% of the project can be sub-contracted. The subcontracted work should not be core/substantial parts of the project work.
- Applicants in **Spain**: 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 submit mid-May 2023. If the funding applications are not submitted in time, the international project could be rejected. Funding decision is expected within 5 months after submitting an eligible funding application.

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