



**Thematic Call for Proposals
on Advanced Manufacturing
for Joint R&D EUREKA Network Projects
between:**

**Czech Republic, France, Hungary,
South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden and Turkey**

Time Schedule

Opening of the Call	7 March 2017
Deadline for Phase 1	21 April 2017
Feedback on Project Outlines	10 May 2017
Deadline for Phase 2	8 June 2017
Selected projects receive EUREKA label¹	29 September 2017
Deadline for official endorsement²	31 January 2018 at the latest



¹ Projects positively evaluated by all involved members are granted the EUREKA LABEL – confirming their high innovative quality

² Labelled projects, with 100% secured funding, are submitted for official ENDORSEMENT by the Eureka High Level Group

Eureka (www.Eurekanetwork.org) is an intergovernmental organisation for market-driven industrial R&D. It is a decentralised network facilitating the coordination of national funding on innovation, aiming to boost the productivity & competitiveness of European industries. Following a bottom-up approach with projects being in any technological area with a civilian purpose, **Eureka has been driving innovation in Europe for over 30 years.**

Czech Republic, France, Hungary, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden and Turkey are active members of Eureka and support innovation projects through the various Eureka instruments, including Eureka Network Projects. These countries are jointly announcing a Call for project outlines for joint R&D projects under the EUREKA program. Although Eureka is open for projects within all technology fields, this Call is focused on developing innovative products, processes or service systems in the field of Advanced Manufacturing. Applicants are expected to develop ready-to-market solutions for products, technology-based services or methods in that thematic area.

1. Scope

This thematic Eureka Call for Network Projects on Advanced Manufacturing aims at developing tomorrow's innovation in the field of advanced manufacturing within the following technological areas:

1. Advanced Manufacturing Processes - that includes innovative processing for either new and current material or products.
2. Intelligent and Adaptive Manufacturing Systems - that includes Innovative Manufacturing equipment at components and system levels. Also, including mechatronics, control and monitoring systems.
3. Digital, Virtual and Efficient Companies - that includes Factory design, data collection and management, operation and planning, from real time to long term optimization approaches.
4. Person-Machine Collaboration - that includes the enhancement of the role of people in manufacturing.
5. Sustainable Manufacturing - that includes innovative processes and systems for sustainability in terms of energy and resource consumption and impact in the environment.
6. Customer-based Manufacturing - that includes involving customers in manufacturing value chain, from product process design to manufacturing associated innovative services.

A more detailed definition of these technological areas can be found in the Annex I of this call text.

2. National authorities

Respective National Authorities responsible for this call are as follows:

- **MEYS:** the Department of International R & D Cooperation of the Czech Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MEYS) is the organization in charge of the management of the Eureka Network Projects in Czech Republic.
- **BPI France:** Bpifrance offers businesses the benefit of a powerful contact, one who is on hand and able to respond efficiently to their financing needs, during every step of their development.
- **NRDIO:** The National Research, Development and Innovation Office of Hungary is a national strategic and funding agency for scientific research, development and innovation, the primary source of advice on RDI policy for the Hungarian Government, and the primary RDI funding agency.
- **DST:** The DST is the national government authority responsible for science, technology and innovation policy in South Africa (SA). The DST is a member of strategic platforms such as the Eureka network since June 2014.
- **KIAT:** Korea Institute for Advancement of Technology (KIAT) is a public institution in charge of funding applied R&D projects, formulating industrial technology strategy and policy, and fostering industry-academia cooperation.
- **CDTI:** The Centre for the Development of Industrial Technology (CDTI) is a Public Business Entity, which fosters the technological development and innovation of Spanish companies. It is the entity that channels the funding and support applications for national and international R&D&I projects of Spanish companies.
- **VINNOVA:** Vinnova, the Swedish Innovation Agency promotes sustainable growth by funding needs-driven research and stimulating collaborations between companies, universities, research institutes and the public sector.
- **TÜBİTAK:** TUBITAK is the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey, leading agency for management, funding and conduct of research in Turkey.

All parties will provide any necessary assistance to project partners during project proposal, evaluation and monitoring phase. In addition, all 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 labelled 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 funds³ basis, and subject to budgetary availability.

3. Call Launch and Structure

The Call is **launched on 7 March 2017** by all parties.

Eligible partners are invited to present joint proposals for industrial R&D projects according to the following criteria:

- The project consortiums should consist of at least one company from a Eureka Full Member Country taking part in this Call (Czech Republic, France, Hungary, Spain, Sweden or Turkey) and a second, independent company from any of the countries mentioned in this Call Text. Participation of research institutes/universities is welcome as partners or subcontractors according to each country's funding regulations.
- Partners 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. Notably:
 - **Belgium** is not taking part in this Call, but Belgian partners can contact their project officers to discuss about potential funding alternatives. Please contact Ms Mathilde Reumaux mreumaux@innoviris.brussels
 - **Malta** is not taking part in this Call, but Maltese partners can contact Ms Oxana Mercieca oxana.mercieca@maltaenterprise.com to discuss about potential funding alternatives.
 - **Germany** will not join this call, but open an upcoming national call on production technology to EUREKA proposals.
 - **Austria** is not taking part in this Call, but Austrian partners can contact their project officers to discuss about potential funding alternatives. Please contact Ms Irina Slosar Irina.Slosar@ffg.at
- The project partners must express the will to cooperate, on an equal base, to the development of a new product, industrial process or service in the area of Advanced Manufacturing. The product, process or service must be innovative and there must be a technological risk involved.
- The projects should come up within applied research and experimental development as defined in the Frascati⁴ manual.

³Non exchange of funds: each partner manages the development and procurement of its tasks in the project with the public funding received from the national NFB (and its own resources or other sources of private funding), but this public funding can't be reallocated to the partners in other countries.

- The project should have an obvious advantage and added value resulting from the technological cooperation between the participants (e.g. increased knowledge base, commercial leads, access to R&D infrastructure etc.).
- The project should demonstrate the contribution of all the partners from the participating countries on an equal base, and the project must be equally significant to them.
- The participants are required, prior the official endorsement of the Eureka High Level Group, 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.

4. Submission and approval procedures will consist of two phases:

a. First Phase: Project Outlines

- In the First Phase, partners will be asked to present a project outline in English via the following EUREKA Project Application Form:

<http://www.Eurekanetwork.org/Eureka-project-application-form>

- Prior consultation of every partner with the official relevant contact person in the respective EUREKA offices is strongly advised (see details below).
- The completed EUREKA Project Application Form should be submitted by the main participant to the following email: advancedmanufacturing@eurekanetwork.org until **21 April 2017, 05:00 pm CET**.
- The forms have to be legally signed by all the partners involved in the consortium. The signatures must be scanned and sent together with the EUREKA form as an integral part of the application of the First Phase.

⁴ Frascati Manual: Guidelines for collecting and reporting data on Research and Experimental Development. OECD. www.oecd.org

- The forms will be screened and evaluated by EUREKA National Project Coordinators (NPCs) assisted by technical experts in the National Funding Bodies (NFBs) to check the feasibility of the project outlines and to detect the weaknesses.
- The NPCs will contact the applicants from their respective country participating in every project outline before 10 May 2017 in order to invite them to go ahead to the Second Phase (giving the advice about how to improve the information included in the Eureka Application Form, if necessary) or to explain them why the project outline can't be supported at that stage.

b. Second Phase: Coordinated National Applications

In the Second Phase, partners with approved outlines will submit their updated EUREKA Project Application Form, the Consortium Agreement (signed by all the participants) and their national applications according to its own procedures no later than **8 June 2017, 05:00 pm CET**.

Most of the countries involved in this Call can accept Second Phase applications that weren't sent in the First Phase in a case by case basis. However, contact by email with the officers in charge of this Call, in the countries involved, must be done in advance to verify the feasibility of this procedure.

- **In Czech Republic**, the participants have to submit the national application to the MEYS according to the forms and rules published on www.msmt.cz
- **In France**, French SME's will be invited to contact the appropriate regional office of Bpifrance to submit the national application to general programs at <http://www.bpifrance.fr/Toutes-nos-solutions/Aides-concours-et-labels/Aides-a-l-innovation-projets-individuels/Aide-pour-le-developpement-de-l-innovation>
- **In Hungary**, participants can find detailed information on national rules and procedures in Hungarian at <http://nkfih.gov.hu/palyazatok/hazai-kfi-palyazatok/nkfia-palyazatok/palyazati-felhivasok/2016/Eureka-16>
- **In South Africa**, the participants can apply for funding by submitting a project outline that will be submitted to EUREKA to contact@esastap.org.za at least one month before submitting to EUREKA. The PO should clearly outline the objective of the project, partners and each partners' tasks and budget. The SA applicants will further be invited to deliver a presentation for the national evaluation to a panel Chaired by the DST and also including other national experts in the area. In the presentation the applicant should clearly outline in addition to the info in the PO the strategic relevance of the project to SA, alignment to the SA national priorities, final product and IP share, and research, development and innovation (RDI) output. The SA funding is available to

all RDI performing institutions with projects that are at a close to market stage and relevant to science and technology. There is no fixed rate for SA funding but it will be on a co-funding model also requiring the applicant's own investment in the project, and the applications will be handled case by case

- **In South Korea**, participants have to submit the national application via <http://www.pms.re.kr/>
- **In Spain**, the participants will have to submit a formal R&D international project application through CDTI's website (<https://sede.cdti.gob.es/>) including an updated application form (according to the comments made by the national authorities), draft consortium agreement and national project outline.
- **In Sweden**, the participants can apply for funding through VINNOVAs web portal via the following link:

<https://portal.VINNOVA.se/DynFormNet/CreateForm.aspx?BaseType=ansokan&request=2274>
- **In Turkey**, the participants have to submit the national application to General Programs at <https://eteydeb.tubitak.gov.tr/prodis.htm> including the signed version of EUREKA Application Form.

c. Labelling of Projects

If the evaluation is positive, projects will obtain the Eureka label by **29 September 2017**.

Project proposals that are positively evaluated by all involved members are granted the EUREKA LABEL – confirming their high innovative quality. After the EUREKA LABEL status date, the involved member States have 6 months' time to communicate that the financing of the project is secured, but most of the participating countries in this Call are ready to confirm the funding of their participants.

5. Financing

Each country will fund its eligible participants within EUREKA framework. Funding conditions and eligibility criteria may vary from country to country. As summary, main aspects of funding criteria are explained below, and a table presenting the deadlines for finishing the national funding procedures and the type of participants eligible for funding in each country is included in Annex II.

The funding process of Labelled Projects will start immediately after the Labelling according to the national procedures and timelines in place and will be finished by the end of January 2018 at the latest. Labelled projects with secured funding will be endorsed in the High Level Group meetings that will take place during the Finish Chairmanship of Eureka 2017-18.

a. In Czech Republic:

The funding in Czech Republic will be provided by Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MEYS) under national program INTER-EXCELLENCE- INTER-EUREKA.

The companies are eligible for submitting the proposal as SME's, large companies and can be joined universities and research organizations (recommended applied research).

MEYS will fund R&D projects in form of grants: up to 50% of eligible of the Czech project costs, limited up to 150 000 EUR per year. Large Companies are available to be funded Eureka Network Projects too but under condition the support has lower level up to 30%.

The evaluation procedure is organized after submitting completed application. Generated the "National Green List" with candidates to be labelled. Project Label is necessary condition to be project granted.

b. In France:

French companies must submit their funding application to Bpifrance within two months of receiving their eligibility notice.

The funding application form is available on Bpifrance website. A financing decision will be taken within three months after the receipt of a complete application. According to Bpifrance funding rules, French enterprises with less than 2,000 employees are financed through reimbursable loan with free of interest (commonly called "avances récupérables").

The global funding amount will be partially nonreimbursable in case of technical failure. The funding rate is up to 65% (minimum amount 50 000€, maximum amount 3 M€ per participant). French enterprises must make it clear that they have the capacity (equity capital, fundraising) to finance the proposed activities.

Eligible costs for Bpifrance:

- Personal costs
- Overheads: 20% of personal costs
- Costs related to intellectual property, patent extension etc.
- Feasibility study
- Market search
- Equipment (depreciation and amortization)

- Industrial research and experimental development
- Project management and associated costs (related travel costs of French participants)
- Implementation and development of prototypes, models, pilot productions, demonstration etc.

Universities and research centers are welcomed as subcontractors of a French company. Costs relating to subcontracting are taken into account.

Additionally, Bpifrance can provide funding support to cover French companies' needs in the preparation of their project via the Technological Partnership Aid (APT) - a grant of up to 50 000€.

c. In Hungary:

The Advanced Manufacturing Call has no dedicated budget, it will be financed from the Hungarian national EUREKA call (EUREKA_16). EUREKA_16 has a special budget of cca. 1,3 million euro for the late 2017 – early 2018 period. This Call proposals can be submitted with a 30 September 2017 cut-off date. The application is accepted also in case of EUREKA project proposals and not only with endorsed projects, however the contracts will be concluded with the National Research, Development and Innovation Office as Funding Agency only if the project gets the EUREKA label. The evaluation procedure lasts 2-3 months with the involvement of independent experts. In the support programme application of SMEs, large companies, universities and research institutions are accepted, however the public financed institutions need an industrial partner in order to be eligible. The funding provided by NRDIO Office are grants:

- max. 80% of the eligible costs for small companies
- max. 75% of the eligible costs for medium-sized companies
- max. 50% of the eligible costs for large companies and
- 100% of the eligible costs for universities and research organisations.

(Universities and Research Organisations are eligible for participation and funding only with industrial partners.)

Detailed information on national rules and procedures: <http://nkfih.gov.hu/palyazatok/hazai-kfi-palyazatok/nkfia-palyazatok/palyazati-felhivasok/2016/Eureka-16> (in Hungarian)

d. In South Africa:

DST will finance industrial research and/or technological development activities of South African participants who are based in a legal entity and RDI performing institutions with projects that are at a close to market stage and relevant to science and technology. For further information, please contact directly with DST via Mr Toto Matshediso at Toto.matshediso@dst.gov.za, contact@esastap.org.za, or 012 843 6339.

e. In South Korea:

According to the type of organization, the public funding for Korean partners would be:

Type of organization	Funding % of eligible costs	Maximum Financial Support (in €)
Small Company	67%	Totally 1,000,000€ (1€ = 1500KRW) / project (Max 3 years)
Medium Company	50%	Totally 1,000,000€ (1€ = 1500KRW) / project (Max 3 years)
Large Company	33%	Totally 1,000,000€ (1€ = 1500KRW) / project (Max 3 years)
University & Non-profit Research Organization	100%	Totally 1,000,000€ (1€ = 1500KRW) / project (Max 3 years)

For a non-profit research organization and a university to be eligible to receive funding, the Korean consortium must include an SME.

f. In Spain:

CDTI will finance industrial research and/or technological development activities of Spanish companies. Universities and research centers can be funded as subcontractors.

Funding conditions for Spanish partners may vary depending on the nature of the project and the companies. For more information please access:

<http://www.cdti.es/index.asp?MP=7&MS=563&MN=3>

Spanish tasks in the project can only start after submitting the funding application to CDTI. For further information, please contact directly with CDTI.

g. In Sweden:

Vinnova will fund R&D projects in form of grants. Small enterprises and medium sized companies up to 50%, large companies up to 30% and research organizations up to 100% of eligible project costs. At least one company with a legal entity in Sweden has to be part of the project. Vinnova can fund a maximum of 200 000 Euros to Swedish participants in each project. In the first phase, the application is sent to the EUREKA secretariat only, see instructions above for application to the first phase. A short national evaluation will be performed in the first phase. A more rigorous national evaluation can start after submission of the national proposal in the second phase.

For national information on Network Projects see <http://www.vinnova.se/sv/EU-internationell-samverkan/EUREKA/EUREKA-Natverksprojekt/>

h. In Turkey:

All companies which were established in accordance with Turkish Law can apply for funding for their international projects. There is no budget limit for international projects and they can be funded by TÜBİTAK without any restriction in project duration.

Only companies participating in international projects are funded within this program but universities and research centers can be funded as subcontractors. Companies receive certain percentage of their eligible costs as a grant in this call. There is no maximum or minimum limit to the budget of project. The percentage is 60% for large companies and 75% for SMEs. For further information about financing of Turkish participants please directly contact with TÜBİTAK. Detailed information can also be reached from here:

<http://tubitak.gov.tr/en/funds/industry/international-support-programmes/content-1509-tubitak-international-industrial-rd>

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7. Annex 1: Detailed description of the Technical Areas

In the current economic and social worldwide context, manufacturing companies are daily tackling with their competitors in developed as well as emerging and developing economies. Manufacturing enterprises must deal with increasing globalization and cost pressures while achieving at the same time high quality, short time-to-market, more energy and resource efficiency, higher manufacturing flexibility and product enhancement and customization. Besides this, manufacturing is required to increasingly take a human centric approach in which the person must be considered as a fundamental element at all levels, fostering the continuous update of his knowledge and skills. Moreover, manufacturing is asked to be not only competitive but sustainable under an environmental, economic and social point of view. It will therefore have to develop strategies, methods and tools to implement more sustainable production practices - in terms of environmental, economic and social aspects. These systems must evolve in parallel with markets and enabling technologies, using technology as a competitive lever to achieve these goals.

Per these needs, the thematic EUREKA network Call on Advanced Manufacturing aims at developing tomorrow innovation in the field of advanced manufacturing. It is oriented towards the generation of new marketable advanced manufacturing products, processes and services within all the market sectors.

The call includes a set of six technology areas that will enable to transform the manufacturing industry towards more advanced, efficient and sustainable factories.

1 Advanced Manufacturing Processes

That includes innovative processing for either new and current material or products:

- Production processes for new composites, ceramic and thermoplastic materials
- Integration of Manufacturing Processes: machining, laser, chemical, ultrasonic,
- Resource (material and energy) efficient metal removal processes for advanced metallic alloys.
- Development of low cost composite materials and processes for high volume production, including out of autoclave
- Generation of new part functionalities through surface manufacturing processes.
- Advanced additive manufacturing technologies for optimum light designs and manufacturing aids
- Advanced union of hybrid materials
- New processes and equipment for high efficiency production, with zero defects and high precision
- Advanced modelling and simulation tools for manufacturing process design and optimization, including machine-process interaction.

2 Intelligent and Adaptive Manufacturing Systems

That includes Innovative Manufacturing equipment at components and system levels. Including mechatronics, control and monitoring systems:

- Advanced on-line processes monitoring and control systems. Development of measurement systems, sensors and indicators algorithms for process diagnosis and optimization.
- Sensors for process diagnostics, and process monitoring and visualization, integrated with cognitive systems for intelligent and self-optimizing production equipment
- Monitoring and optimization of machines and equipment in real time. Advanced metrology
- Advanced sensor system, multi-sensor fusion
- Advanced non-contact, vision based parts on-line measurement in manufacturing processes
- Advanced automated non-destructive inspection operations (NDT) on-line inspection for zero defects manufacturing
- Robotic toolbox including light automation and collaborative robotics
- New machine architectures, including collaborative integration of robots for flexibility and multi-processing capabilities.
- Multi-disciplinary simulation tools for mechatronics engineering
- Predictive and proactive maintenance systems based on advanced sensor information and processing
- Integration of cognitive functions into machines and robots for adaptability to changing manufacturing requirements.
- Multidisciplinary technologies integration for the complete life-cycle optimization of production systems.

3 Digital, Virtual and Efficient Companies

That includes Factory design, data collection and management, operation and planning, from real time to long term optimization approaches:

- Simulation techniques in manufacturing and assembly processes to increase ergonomics, first-time -right and production rates
- Use of big data and evolutionary algorithms for processes diagnosis, monitoring & control as well as predictive maintenance
- Complete trackability and traceability of tools, production progress and products in real time
- Cybersecurity and secured concepts for communications and cloud computing
- Virtual reality and augmented reality simulators for planning and operation of manufacturing systems

- Comprehensive modelling and simulation tools. Cost models linked to design, productivity, end of life and recycling
- “End to End” data backbone for complete integration of production processes

4 Person-Machine Collaboration

That focuses on making manufacturing attractive, by enhancement of the role of people in manufacturing: developing inclusive workplaces, with high interaction capacity, easy to operate and safe for persons:

- Concepts for smart use of IoT (Internet of Things), virtual or augmented reality improving operations/process flow visualization systems. Improved visualization and analysis of complex production flows
- Advanced operator information systems, production and process model based systems to support operator decisions
- Intuitive programming devices, aimed at multimodal tasks and based on new dialogues between humans, machines and robots
- Friendly and inclusive work environments (noises, emissions, vibrations, loads, repetitive tasks, ergonomics).
- Ergonomic human-robot collaboration, for Human performance improvement and error minimization. Coexistence of robots integrated with manual processes.
- Concepts for safe automation of operations and of system integration
- Augmented and immersive reality for fast training, secure and efficient operation

5 Sustainable Manufacturing

That includes innovative processes and systems for sustainability in terms of energy and resource consumption and impact in the environment:

- Cleaner processes, with less resource consumption: materials, energy, lubricants, etc. and reduction of generated waste
- Improving the cost and weight of parts using additive manufacturing and other net-shape manufacturing techniques
- Hybrid processing strategies for minimum resource consumption: optimized combination of additive and machining processes.
- Design aimed at manufacturing, assembly, disassembly and remanufacturing.
- Processes with zero emissions and waste. Towards zero defects
- Industrial symbiosis: using, recovering and redirecting resources for reuse
- Reduction of the carbon footprint of production processes, based on complete life cycle information
- Recyclability of new materials

6 Customer-based Manufacturing

That includes Involving customers in manufacturing value chain, from product process design to manufacturing associated innovative services:

- Simulation, concurrent engineering methods and prototyping technologies for shortening development and certification cycles
- Modular systems, reconfigurable machines and processes for efficient adaptation to customer demands
- Rapid prototyping techniques
- Customization of products and processes
- Towards manufacturing as a service and additional services for manufacturing operation support

8. Annex 2: Deadline for having the national funding secured and type of participants eligible for funding in each country

COUNTRY	Deadline for secured funding	Large Companies	SMEs	University	Research Organization
CZECH REPUBLIC	December 2017	YES	YES	YES	YES
FRANCE	October 2017	YES **	YES	NO	NO
HUNGARY	January 2017	YES	YES	YES	YES
SOUTH AFRICA	October 2017	YES	YES	YES	YES
SOUTH KOREA	December 2017	YES	YES	In consortium with Korean SME	
SPAIN	December 2017	YES	YES	NO*	NO*
SWEDEN	September 2017	YES	YES	YES	YES
TURKEY	December 2017	YES	YES	NO*	NO*

* Subcontracting of Universities and Research Organizations by companies is welcome.

** In France, only companies with less than 2.000 employees are eligible for funding.

Additional information can be found in the Eureka Network web page:

<http://www.Eurekanetwork.org/Eureka-countries>

9. Annex 3: Eureka Network Projects Process

This Call is organised with a two-phase submission and evaluation procedure:

1. Phase 1 – **Deadline 21 April 2017** 17:00 CET – Project Outlines are submitted to the EUREKA Secretariat by email (advancedmanufacturing@Eurekanetwork.org) – using the Eureka Application Form and duly signed Signature Pages.

2. National EUREKA offices provide feedback to applicants by 10 May 2017.

3. Phase 2 – **Deadline 8 June 2017** 17:00 CET– Full Project Proposals are submitted to the EUREKA Secretariat.

ESE checks the proposal for completeness and balance. For associate members, there is the 1+1 rule (which means that there should always be at least 1 Full EUREKA member state participating).

ESE uploads the Proposal into the EUREKA database and allocates a reference Number.

3. By **29 September 2017** - Project proposals that are positively evaluated by all involved members are granted the **EUREKA LABEL** – confirming their high innovative quality.

4. After the **EUREKA LABEL** status date, the involved member States have **6 months' time** to communicate that the financing of the project is secured. If the financing is not in place after this time period, the Main NPC can request the ESE for a prolongation or Withdraw the labelled project.

5. At the October 2017 or January 2018 - EUREKA High Level Group Meeting, all the **EUREKA Labelled** projects, with 100% secured funding, are submitted for official **ENDORSEMENT**. The Endorsement is the confirmation of the EUREKA LABEL by the EUREKA High Level Representatives (HLRs). HLRs **ENDORSE** all EUREKA projects under the principles and priorities of the **EUREKA Hannover Declaration**, confirming that your project is in line with the EUREKA Initiative spirit and high quality standards.

6. All Endorsed projects receive the **EUREKA Certificate**.