

[GlobalStars] call for R&D projects with Taiwan

FROM 01 APR 2025 TO [29 AUG 2025 AT [17:00 CEST]

Ministries and funding agencies in [Belgium (Flanders), Finland, Lithuania, Poland, Taiwan and the Netherlands] have funding for organisations collaborating on international [High Tech and Sustainability] R&D projects.

Submit an R&D project application for this [call for projects] funding opportunity between [01 April and 29 August 2025]. Your R&D project must include at least two mutually independent companies, one from Taiwan and the other from any Eureka participating country in this call

The parties listed above must be unrelated parties (i.e. no direct, indirect, beneficial or constructive ownership interest between these parties.)

Eureka funding programme: [Globalstars]

Countries and regions with funding

[Belgium/Flanders] [Finland] [Lithuania] [Poland] [Taiwan]
[The Netherlands]

R&D project scope

This call is prioritising R&D projects in these field(s):

- High Tech, such as (but not limited to):
 1. Semiconductors and Photonics (integrated circuits)
 2. Telecommunication (5G, 6G)
 3. Advanced manufacturing
 4. Digital Health / Biotechnology
- Sustainability, such as (but not limited to):
 1. Circular economy, including Carbon circulation, Industrial Processes Circulation
 2. Mobility

Your project should:

- address at least one of these fields, and
- show the potential to research or develop a product, process or service that you can commercialise.

Call for projects timeframe

Call for projects opens: [01 APR 2025]

Deadline (date of receipt CEST): [29 AUG 2025 17:00]

[Feedback for project applications: 19 DEC 2025]

[Ministries and funding agencies make funding decisions is made and projects can start: 20 FEB 2026]

[Eureka label given: 12 MAR 2026]

Funding details

Each ministry or funding agency will fund organisations according to local laws, rules, procedures and available budget.

If your ministry or funding agency does not have funding for organisations like yours, you can still join a project. Contact your ministry or funding agency for information about other funding options or self-funding.

Eligible R&D projects

Eureka has eligibility criteria for organisations participating in a [Globalstars](#) consortium:

- Your project idea must represent international cooperation in the form of a specific project.
- You must direct your project towards researching or developing an innovative product, process or service with the goal of commercialising your project results.
- Your project must have a civilian purpose.
- Your consortium must include companies based in [\[at least one Eureka country and Taiwan\]](#).
- 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:

Eligibility

[Belgium/Flanders]

VLAIO accepts development projects (an innovative idea that can lead to a successful business in the short term, but there are still some challenges to overcome in developing this innovation) and research projects (an innovative idea that requires new knowledge and research and, in some cases, new development activities. Only Flanders-based 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.

Eligible costs and funding rates

Staff and other costs related to the development project can be funded with a 25 to 60% subsidy of the project budget, with a minimum budget equivalent to support of € 25.000 and a maximum of € 500.000 for this call. More information can be found [here](#).

Staff and other costs related to the research project can be funded with a 25 to 70% subsidy of the project budget, with a minimum budget equivalent to support of € 100.000 and a maximum of € 500.000 for this call. More information is available [here](#)

General information can be found at www.vlaio.be/en/subsidies/subsidies-international-cooperation-related-innovation-and-rd/networks/eureka

Business 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. Co-Research is particularly suitable also for this call, when research has revealed significant new business potential.

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

RCL (Lithuania)

Project coordinator: SME

Mandatory partner: University

Project duration: Up to 36 months

Type of funding: Grant

Call for projects budget: 1 million euro.

Eligible costs are as follows:

- Personnel costs: salaries, social security contributions, taxes, and any supplementary payments made to employees under national law and benefits schemes paid by the company.
- Subcontracting.
- Materials.
- Travel costs.
- Fixed assets.
- Indirect costs (overhead): 3%

Funding rates: reach up to 80% for industrial entities and up to 100% for research institutions. Lithuania funds projects led by SME with at least one Lithuanian university partner. Call budget is up to 1 million euro. Project budget is up to 300.000 euro.

NCBR (Poland)

To be eligible for NCBR support, a Polish applicant must

- be a Poland-based business, of any size
- be a research and knowledge disseminating organisation
- collaborate with the Taiwan lead partner

Only Polish micro, small or medium-sized enterprises (SME) can apply individually. While universities, research institutions and large enterprises are eligible for funding and may participate in Polish domestic consortia, the presence of a Polish SME as a leader is obligatory in such consortium.

NCBR can fund a proportion of industrial research and development works project costs. This proportion depends on the size of your business and will be described in detail in the national rules:

	Industrial research (basic level: 50%)	Development works (basic level: 25%)
Micro or small enterprise	up to 80%	up to 70%
Medium-sized enterprise	up to 80%	up to 60%
Large enterprise	up to 75%	up to 50%
Research-performing and/or knowledge-disseminating organisation	100%	100%

Please note that NCBR's maximum total project grant to Polish applicants is no larger than PLN 1,5 m, with no more than PLN 750,000 per partner. As explained above, large enterprises as well as research and knowledge disseminating organisations can be partners on the project but cannot apply individually.

Eligibility of the costs and funding rates can be found at:

<https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/platforma-konkursowa#/ncbr?sort=announcementDate,desc¤tPage=0&limit=10>

DoIT (Taiwan)

DoIT does not fund universities and research organizations. The application must be submitted by a Taiwanese company. However, universities and research organizations are welcome as subcontractors of Taiwanese companies or to participate with their own budget.

Companies can apply for grant funding up to 50% of the eligible costs depending on the industrial impact of the project in accordance with the A+ Program. DoIT's budget is available for qualified projects.

Prior to the submission of the application forms, the applicants are recommended to get in touch with DoIT for a pre-check of their project ideas and Eligibility.

More info: <http://aiip.tdp.org.tw> – in Chinese only

RVO (The Netherlands)

Under the program funded by RVO, only R&D costs are eligible for funding. Enterprises and research institutes can apply for grant funding up to 50% depending on the type of organization and the type of activities:

- Large companies: 35% for research activities, 25% for development activities
- SMEs: 45% for research activities, 35% for development activities
- Universities/research organisations: 50% for research activities, 25% for development activities

The maximum funding (grant) per project is 350.000 EUR. The total budget at RVO for this call is approximately 1 million EUR.

Evaluation

We will review your R&D project application according to our evaluation criteria.

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, geographic 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 would you use new knowledge?

- 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 about your application and state whether they recommend your project for public funding.

Your ministry or funding agency may carry out another evaluation according to national or regional rules before allocating funding to organisations.

Funding will only be provided to projects that receive a positive evaluation from all relevant national or regional ministries and funding agencies.

How to apply for funding

1. Contact your ministry or funding agency through Eureka's website to discuss your project idea, finances, eligibility and procedures.
2. Create an account on our [application portal](#) (one per project) and select the funding opportunity you want to apply to.
3. Use the portal and complete one application form per consortium (in English). Invite other partners to fill out a partner form.
4. Submit a GANTT chart, a signed co-signature form (available to download on the portal) and any other required attachments.
5. We will check your application is complete and eligible before evaluating it. If successful, your project will receive a Eureka label.
6. We evaluate project applications to determine if your ministry or funding agency should grant funding. Your ministry or funding agency may conduct another evaluation performed by experts and based on national regulations.
7. The final step is to complete and sign a consortium agreement. We recommend that you seek legal advice when drafting your consortium agreement.

[All participating countries have additional steps for applying]:

1. Belgium – Flanders VLAIO

Type of funding: Grant

Allocation: 2 million euro

In Belgium (Flanders), 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 online via www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/ontwikkelingsproject or www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/onderzoeksproject (please press the pink button ‘Aanvragen’). We invite Flemish partners to contact us for eligibility check and pre-check of their project ideas and get support by our team VLAIO advisors ‘Contacteer ons voor gratis advies op maat | VLAIO’.

The deadline for submission of the VLAIO application is on Friday 26 September 2025 by 12:00 CEST.

2. Business Finland

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 •

Applicants in Finland must submit their national application documents to Business Finland before 29 August 2025, 17:00 EET.

3. RCL (Lithuania)

Applicants in Lithuania must submit their domestic application to the Research Council of Lithuania before 29 August 2025, 17:00 hours CEST.

4. NCBR (Poland)

Applicants in Poland must submit their domestic application to eureka@ncbr.gov.pl by 29 August 2025, 17:00 hours CEST. Only Polish micro, small or medium-sized enterprises (SME) can apply individually. While universities, research institutions and large enterprises are eligible for funding and may participate in Polish domestic consortia, the presence of a Polish SME as its leader is obligatory in such consortium.

5. DoIT (Taiwan)

In addition to the centrally submitted Eureka Project Application Form, Taiwanese applicants must submit their national application documents to DoIT before 29 August 2025, 17:00 hours CST. The applicants (companies only) with Eureka labelled project are eligible to apply for funding under the A+ Program. The proposal must include abstract, detailed project and budget plan as requested in the A+ Program.

6. RVO (The Netherlands)

In addition to the centrally submitted Eureka Project Application Form, project partners from The Netherlands need to submit an application to RVO, including a detailed project plan and budget. The application must be submitted by a for profit Netherlands company. Other Netherlands organisations can join as project partner to the Netherlands application. The

deadline for submission is 29 August 2025, 17:00 hours CEST. RVO invites partners for a pre-check of their project ideas.

More info: <https://www.rvo.nl/globalstars>

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