



Eureka Clusters programme

Partnership Arrangement 2025-2032 – Annexes

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Annex 1 – Eureka Cluster industry evaluation baseline

Eureka Clusters may organise and perform an industry evaluation of proposals generated by their calls; these may be used by public authorities to inform funding decisions.

A baseline has been established for Eureka Cluster industry evaluations under the Partnership Arrangement.

Eureka Cluster industry evaluations must:

1. Use a harmonised evaluation template;
2. Use a harmonised evaluation scale (e.g., 1-5), providing an overall score and a ranking in several categories;
3. Provide a justification for the final score and recommendation to fund or not to fund.

The programme handbook will elaborate on the above requirements once the programme has commenced, with the expectation that the above baseline be implemented by summer 2026.

Annex 2 – Eureka Clusters fee policy

Eureka Clusters may levy a project fee to help finance their operations and services, as outlined in their individual Eureka Cluster licence form applications.

Individual Eureka Clusters establish fees independently.

Individual Eureka Clusters must comply with the following high-level principles:

- Project fees must be clearly and transparently presented and explained to potential beneficiaries and public authorities, including the services that will be provided, prior to project applications (e.g., in all call-related events).
- The fees and associated processes (e.g., invoicing) should be as simple as possible for beneficiaries to understand.
- If the Eureka Cluster levies a fee, a dedicated webpage or equivalent should explain the fee policy and services to be provided.
- All changes to a Eureka Cluster fee rate or policy should be communicated to the Steering Board.

The Eureka network website will provide details of individual Eureka Clusters' fees.

Means to simplify Eureka Cluster fees for beneficiaries will be considered during the lifetime of the programme and further elaborated in the programme handbook.

Annex 3 – Governance terms of references

a. Steering Board

Characteristics	Established through approval of the Eureka Clusters programme Partnership Arrangement by the Eureka High-Level Group. It acts as the top-level interlocutor to the High-Level Group and forum for public-private interaction in the programme.
Purpose	1. Driving and overseeing strategic developments in the programme. 2. Initiating and overseeing programme development and activities.
Responsibilities	1. Share relevant developments between public authorities and Eureka Clusters. 2. Discuss further development of the Eureka Clusters programme and partnership arrangement. 3. Recommend strategic evolutions on new topics to be addressed by existing or future Eureka Clusters. 4. Design and plan for Eureka Cluster participation in upcoming Eureka events, such as the Global Innovation Summit and other high-level meetings and events. 5. Establish and dissolve Eureka Clusters taskforces to work on strategic matters related to the Eureka Clusters programme. 6. Explore and oversee establishment of Eureka Cluster joint calls. 8. Provide advice on new Eureka Cluster licence applications/withdrawal/termination. Inform the High-Level Group of relevant developments in the programme and in individual Eureka Clusters. 9. Propose Partnership Arrangement amendments to the High-Level Group.
Members	<u>Members</u> • 1 x current Eureka Chair country representative (may delegate/pass on to another Eureka country). • 1 x future Eureka Chair country representative (may delegate/pass on to another Eureka country). • 1 x Chair of the Public Authorities Group (in case of co-chair, two members may be foreseen). • 1 x Eureka Secretariat representative (e.g., Director General or nominated level).

	• 1 x Public Authority Clusters Coordinator. • 1 x Representative for each Eureka Cluster. i.e., around ten members. In case of redundancy, there is no replacement. The Steering Board is invited to find solutions to ensure balanced representation of members in the event of more than – or fewer than – five Eureka Clusters, though exact balance is not essential. Initial Chair: one of the members of the Steering Board, selected by the members of the Steering Board at its first meeting. One-year term. Subsequent Chairs: selected from one of the members listed above (could be the initial Chair). Two-year term. <u>Observers and experts</u> Any number of industry representatives and other experts may be invited to participate in discussions on a temporary or time/task-determined basis, as agreed by the Steering Board. Observers and experts do not play a decision-making role. <u>Resignation</u> Chair: if possible remaining in post until a successor has been chosen. Members: immediate, informing the High-Level Group at the next appropriate moment (e.g. as part of Executive Board or High-Level Group cover notes).
Working method	Consensus-based.
Meeting frequency	To meet at least twice per year, on the margins of the Eureka network meetings and/or the Global Innovation Summit. Additional meetings could be foreseen, as necessary. Communication between meetings in principle by email or online ad-hoc meetings.
Resources	The Inter-Clusters Operational Group and the Public Authorities Operational Group coordinators will support the Steering Board to prepare meetings and help establish Eureka Clusters taskforces. The Eureka Secretariat may provide further support to the responsibilities listed above, at its discretion. The Eureka Chair, other Eureka countries, and Eureka Cluster offices are encouraged to provide meeting venues, etc.

Term	Once established, the Steering Board shall exist for the period of the Partnership Arrangement unless dissolved by decision of the Eureka High-Level Group (e.g., if it has become non-functioning or requiring major adaptation) or on recommendation to the High-Level Group from the Steering Board itself.

b. Inter-Cluster Operational Group

Characteristics	Established through approval of the Eureka Clusters. The coordination group between the Eureka Clusters.
Purpose	1. Providing a forum for interaction between Eureka Cluster offices. 2. Coordinating Eureka network-related activities: a. Discussing matters related to the Eureka Clusters programme and existing and potential Eureka Clusters. b. Interacts with the Steering Board to provide input and advice. c. Preparing joint positions and statements (ad hoc or in response to requests from the Steering Board). d. Coordinating participation in events (e.g., representing each other when resources are needed elsewhere). e. Coordinating activities between Eureka Clusters. 3. Coordinating joint communication activities. 4. Coordinating joint thematic calls.
Responsibilities	1. Inform the Steering Board of critical issues. 2. Provide the Steering Board with input on new Eureka Cluster proposals. 3. Provide the Steering Board with input and support on the establishment of Eureka Cluster taskforces. 4. Prepare data, documents, etc.; report on Eureka Cluster calls and project results. 5. Coordinate activities with the Eureka Secretariat and the Public Authorities Clusters Coordinator.
Members	At least one representative from each licenced Eureka Cluster must join. A representative of the Eureka Secretariat is always invited. If a Eureka Cluster licence ends, by their own decision or by decision of the network, then this Eureka Cluster cannot participate. Depending on the topic, other experts may be invited (communication representatives, etc.)

Working method	Consensus-based. Meetings may be online and/or in person. Each meeting is chaired by a different Cluster, based on a rotation mechanism, who oversees hosting the meeting, elaborating on the agenda with the other Eureka Clusters and sending aggregated notes after the meeting. A Clusters central coordinator is elected every year (from July to June) by the Inter-Cluster Operational Group to liaise with the Eureka Chair and Secretariat. This rotation of responsibility is synchronised with the rotation of the EUREKA Network presidency.
Meeting frequency	If possible, every six to eight weeks.
Resources	Eureka Cluster office representatives and meeting facilities.
Term	Once established, the group shall exist for the period of the Partnership Arrangement unless dissolved by the Inter-Cluster Operational Group itself.

c. Public Authority Group

Characteristics	Established through approval of the Eureka Clusters programme Partnership Arrangement (2025-2032) by Eureka's High-Level Group and consisting of public authorities participating in – or intending to participate in – the Eureka Clusters programme. It is for public authority interaction on Eureka Cluster-related matters.
Purpose	1. Provides a forum for public authorities to discuss matters related to the Eureka Clusters programme and existing and potential Eureka Clusters. 2. Interacts with the Steering Board to provide input and advice.
Responsibilities	1. Inform the Steering Board of critical issues. 2. Respond to Steering Board requests for input and advice. 3. Discuss proposals for new Eureka Clusters. 4. Provide the Steering Board with input and support on establishing Eureka Clusters taskforces. 5. Support evaluation- and data-gathering-related activities. 6. Contribute to the development of programme processes.
Members	Public authorities involved, or intending to become involved, in the programme. Nominations: informal and informed by the public authority support forms submitted for the Partnership Arrangement. Coordination: Eureka Secretariat staff (e.g., Public Authorities Group Coordinator). Chair: chosen by consensus for a (extendable)two-year term.
Working method	Consensus-based development of approaches, viewpoints and recommendations. Meetings may be online or in situ (e.g., at network meetings).
Meeting frequency	Once or twice per year.

Resources	Eureka Clusters coordinator; support also possible from Eureka country representatives.
Term	Once established, the group shall exist for the period of the Partnership Arrangement unless dissolved by decision of Eureka's High-Level Group or the Public Authorities Group itself.

d. Taskforces

Characteristics	<i>Ad hoc</i> , temporary and short-term groups called by the Eureka Clusters Steering Board to discuss and carry out specific tasks.
Purpose	1. Carrying out tasks described in a mandate, elaborated on by the Steering Board. The mandate may be developed with input from the Inter-Clusters Operational Group and the Public Authorities Group.
Responsibilities	1. Scope and deliverables determined by the mandate may include: a. the expected composition of the nominees (and/or specific nominees), b. the tasks to be achieved, c. key milestones and deadlines.
Members	Members may include public authorities (e.g. from Public Authorities Group), Cluster offices, members of the Steering Board and external experts, as appropriate. One or more taskforce leaders ¹ may be nominated to lead the work.
Working method	Informal and self-organising, to meet mandate objectives. Carries out work as defined by its mandate, reporting to the Steering Board.
Meeting frequency	As required.
Resources	The primary resources will be offered by members of the taskforce; support may also be offered by the Public Authority Clusters coordinator and the inter-clusters coordinator, Eureka Secretariat or the chair (e.g., arranging meeting facilities).
Term	Taskforces are strictly time-limited and dissolve once tasks have been fulfilled.

¹ Taskforce Leaders could come from the Steering Board, from the PAG or ICOG, or be anyone else mandated by the Steering Board to act in this capacity.

Annex 4 – Decision-making processes

a. New Clusters

Eureka welcomes proposals from industry-led communities to establish new Eureka Clusters. To do so, a Eureka Clusters licence form needs to be filled out by a legal entity, outlining their proposal to establish a Eureka Cluster. The proposal needs to be approved by the Eureka High-Level Group.

The process below provides indicative steps towards approval, without prejudice to the network's ultimate discretion. Interested applicants should contact the Eureka Chair, the Eureka Secretariat, or the legal entity's relevant High-Level Representative for further information and guidance.

Eligibility requirements:

- Eureka Cluster licence form completed by a legal entity established in a Eureka full member country²;
- **For new Clusters:** Letters of support from public authorities in five or more Eureka countries and completed public authority support forms.
- **For renewing Clusters:** Public authority support forms indicating support from at least five Eureka network representatives.

Indicative procedure³:

1. Submission of the completed licence form via an existing Eureka Cluster working group, the legal entity's Eureka High-Level Representative, or the Eureka Chair country/ies.
2. Screening to ensure that the proposal is eligible, within the scope of Eureka (e.g., civilian purpose, research, development and innovation focus) and in line with general expectations for a Eureka Cluster.
 - a. If eligible, within scope, and in line with general expectations, the applicant may be invited to present its proposal to the High-Level Group and/or National Project Coordinator Group.
3. Presentation of the proposal to establish a Eureka Cluster by a representative of the applying legal entity to the High-Level Group and/or National Project Coordinator Group. The network should provide a response to the applicant within a reasonable timeframe. This response could be:

² The Eureka Cluster Licence Template can be found in Annex 6.

³ This procedure is provided for guidance purposes only.

- a. Recommendation to proceed to a vote for approval,
 - b. Recommendation to proceed to a vote for approval subject to modification or
 - c. Rejection.
4. In case 3a, the Eureka Clusters Steering Board will be requested to prepare advice based on complementarities to existing Eureka Clusters, the leveraging of (new) sources of funding and industrial ecosystems and overall strengthening of the Eureka value proposition; it will liaise with the Inter-Clusters Operational Group and the Public Authorities Group on this. The advisory assessment will be shared with the High-Level Group⁴.
5. In case 3b, the proposal should be modified by the applicant and re-submitted to the High-Level Group; the Clusters Steering Board will prepare an advisory opinion based on the revised licence form application as described in point 4.
6. The proposal will be put for High-Level Group approval and the applicant informed of the decision.
7. If approved, the applicant may proceed to establish the Eureka Cluster and should join the Inter-Clusters Operational Group.

⁴ Criteria to support this task will be developed during the course of the programme and may be elaborated in the Programme Handbook.

b. Ending and terminating Clusters

Eureka Cluster licences are granted by the Eureka network on a time-limited basis, as specified in the Partnership Arrangement or the Eureka Cluster licence application.

Ending of Eureka Cluster licence applicability

A Eureka Cluster that intends to run Eureka Cluster services until the end of the period specified in the licence form is considered to be “ending”. Once the period lapses, and without renewal, the Eureka licence will cease to be valid.

A Eureka Cluster may bring its Eureka licence to an end before the period specified in the Partnership Arrangement or the Eureka Cluster licence application. To do so, the Eureka Cluster must inform the High-Level Group 12 months or more in advance of the planned date to end its services. The Eureka Cluster licence will cease to be valid from the date indicated.

Terminating a Eureka Cluster

A Eureka Cluster that ends with less than 12 months of notice, or with no notice at all, before the period specified in the licence form is considered to be “terminating”. The Eureka licence will cease to be valid from the (known) end date of the Cluster services. The High-Level Group shall be informed of any terminating Cluster at the earliest possible opportunity.

Indicative procedure for a terminating Eureka Cluster⁵:

1. The Steering Board prepares advice for the High-Level Group on mitigating actions that could be taken by the network and other Eureka Clusters, if deemed useful or necessary.
2. The High-Level Group may recommend conversion of the terminating Cluster's active projects into Eureka Network Projects, enabling them to continue their activities with minimum disruption⁶. Other mitigating actions or recommendations may also be considered.

⁵ This procedure is provided for guidance purposes only.

⁶ Subject to national rules, legal agreements signed between the terminating Eureka Cluster and beneficiaries, and other applicable considerations.

c. Withdrawal of Eureka Cluster licence

The Eureka Clusters licence is granted on the basis of the details provided in the Eureka Clusters licence form. There is an expectation that Eureka Clusters make best efforts to implement the activities and services outlined in the licence form and follow the principles of the programme's Partnership Arrangement. Difficulties in doing so should be communicated to relevant governance bodies (e.g., the Steering Board) and stakeholders (e.g., public authorities, other Eureka Clusters).

Efforts should be made by all stakeholders to resolve implementation challenges that might arise in the course of operating a Eureka Cluster licence.

Withdrawal of the Eureka Cluster licence by the network should be considered only in exceptional circumstances following attempts to resolve the difficulties with the Eureka Cluster in question.

Factors that could give rise to this procedure include:

- Refusal or repeated inability to deliver the activities described in the licence form and/or the guiding principles of the Partnership Arrangement;
- Refusal to participate in, or express undermining of, the Eureka Clusters governance structure and associated governance terms of reference;
- Significant deviation from the strategic research and innovation agenda for which the Eureka licence was granted;
- Any other factors that lead to an irrevocable breach of trust.

Indicative procedure⁷:

1. At the request of at least five Eureka members, a proposal to withdraw a Eureka Cluster licence may be put to a vote at the High-Level Group.
 - a. The Steering Board may be requested to prepare advice for the High-Level Group on the withdrawal of a Eureka Cluster licence. It should consult the Inter-Clusters Operational Group and the Public Authorities Group in doing so.
2. The Eureka Cluster in question is informed of the outcome of the vote and in case it is affirmative, a notice period of 12 months or more ahead of the Eureka Cluster licence withdrawal should be given.
3. The High-Level Group may recommend conversion of the terminating Cluster's active projects into Eureka Network Projects, enabling them to continue their

⁷ This procedure is provided for guidance purposes only.

activities with minimum disruption⁸. Other mitigating actions or recommendations may also be considered.

4. Once the notice period has lapsed, the Cluster is no longer considered to be operating under Eureka.

⁸ Subject to national rules, legal agreements signed between the terminating Eureka Cluster and beneficiaries, and other applicable considerations.

d. Modifications of strategic research and innovation agendas (SRIA)

Eureka Clusters catalyse and support their international communities around their focused strategic research and innovation agendas (SRIAs).

SRIAs are strategic documents, elaborated by industry representatives, that identify the main technological and innovation challenges to be addressed. Industry is responsible for deciding an SRIA's format, structure, length and level of detail.

SRIAs are likely to be updated during the operating period of the Eureka Cluster licence; the Eureka Cluster is responsible for managing this process. Update of an SRIA is a normal part of responding to policy, market and technological developments.

This purpose of this process is to ensure transparency of updates to Eureka Cluster SRIAs, enabling (for instance) public authorities to consider the very latest trends emerging from the Eureka Clusters programme as a whole and to help identify areas that could benefit from a joint call.

Procedure:

1. The Eureka Cluster informs the Inter-Clusters Operational Group and the Public Authorities Operational Group of the main modifications made (or to be made) to the SRIA.
2. Modifications to the SRIA shall be communicated to the Eureka National Project Coordinator or High-Level Group.

This procedure may be applied on a regular basis (e.g., once per year) if changes to SRIA are made on a continuous rather than programmed or *ad hoc* basis.

Annex 5 – Indicators

a. Monitoring indicators

The following data shall be provided for all labelled, running and completed Eureka Cluster projects. They shall be provided in a format compatible with existing “Public Authorities Portal” infrastructure and/or standards agreed upon with the Eureka Secretariat. Further technical details and definitions will be provided in the Eureka Clusters programme handbook.

1. Project number
2. Project name
3. Abstract
4. Eureka technology area 1
5. Eureka technology area 2 [optional]
6. Eureka market area 1
7. Eureka market area 2 [optional]
8. Partner name
9. Country
10. Partner type (Research, SME, Large company, Government, University, Other)
11. Coordinator
12. Self-funded
13. Is active
14. Primary cluster
15. Secondary cluster [if applicable]
16. Programme
17. Programme call
18. Official submission date
19. Label date
20. Official start date
21. Official end date
22. Status of the project
23. Costs (project outline, EUR) [if applicable]
24. Effort (project outline, PY) [if applicable]
25. Costs (final project proposal, EUR)
26. Effort (final project proposal, PY)
27. Costs (latest final project proposal version, EUR)
28. Effort (latest final project proposal version, PY)

b. Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

KPIs for the programme will be elaborated on and then approved by Eureka's High-Level Group before the start of the programme's mid-term assessment (see Partnership Arrangement, chapter 7).

Annex 6 – Eureka Cluster licence template

The Eureka Clusters programme is a public-private arrangement consisting of Eureka countries and legal entities that operate “Eureka Clusters”. These Eureka Clusters have been approved by Eureka’s High-Level Group to represent, catalyse and support their international communities around their focused strategic research and innovation agendas, as well as implement regular calls for proposals for mid-sized, industry-led and close-to-market projects using Eureka’s rules and trademark.

All legal entities wishing to establish or renew a Eureka Cluster must submit this form for consideration by Eureka’s High-Level Group. New applications for the Eureka Clusters licence should additionally obtain letters of support from a minimum of five public authorities from five different Eureka countries. Following submission, the signing representative(s) of the legal entity will be invited to present their proposal to the Eureka network. The Eureka High-Level Group will consult the Cluster Steering Board on (new) Cluster submissions.

Re-submission of the Eureka Clusters licence form shall be via a relevant Eureka Cluster working group, the relevant legal entity’s Eureka High-Level Representative, or the Eureka Chair country/ies.

Overarching details of the programme are defined in the Eureka Clusters programme frame, while operational public-private details, in line with the programme frame, are described in the programme handbook.

Eureka Cluster license form

PART A – LEGAL ENTITY APPLYING FOR THE LICENCE

A1. Eureka Cluster name: _____

A2. Start date: _____ End date (if applicable): _____

A3. Legal entity⁹ applying to operate the Eureka Cluster licence, which must be based in a Eureka country: _____

A4. Describe your organisation (e.g., non-profit, established since..., supported financially by other legal entities, majority of income from...): (150 words): _____

A5. If applicable, describe the relationship between the legal entity and the Eureka Cluster (50 words): _____

⁹ A legal or social entity is one whose existence is recognised by law or society independently of the persons or other entities that may own or control it.

A6. Legal entity address and contact details:

A7. Legal entity representative(s) (title/name/email):

A8. Division or department of legal entity (if applicable):-----

A9a. Legal entity and/or Cluster websites:

A10. In relation to the (proposed) Cluster, describe the applying legal entity's governance and (as appropriate) membership structure, including industry links and involvement (max one page):

PART B – EUREKA CLUSTER VISION AND RATIONALE

B1. Mission statement (max 100 words):

B2. Describe the Eureka Cluster's unique selling point (max 200 words):

B3. Describe the industry need for this Eureka Cluster given technological, societal, environmental, market and policy developments (max one page):

B4. Describe the added value of the proposed Eureka Cluster in the context of other relevant and significant funding instruments including overlaps, synergies and complementarities with instruments at national, EU and international levels (max one page):

B5. Description of the tech/market area(s) to be advanced by this Eureka Cluster (max 200 words):

B6. Give background to the strategic research and innovation agenda¹⁰. How was it (or will it be) generated, by whom and how will it be maintained/updated? (max 200 words):

B7. Provide a summary of the ecosystem gathered around the proposed Eureka Cluster (e.g., scale and depth of organisation types, geographic scope...). What is the most active industrial core gathered around the Eureka Cluster? (max 200 words):

B8. Describe how the ecosystem will be sustained and/or any actions to grow it by the Eureka Cluster (max 200 words):

B9. Describe what roles different parts of the ecosystem will actively play in the Eureka Cluster. For instance, what roles will large corporates play, and what role will the Eureka Cluster office/staff play (max 200 words):

PART C – CLUSTER BUSINESS/IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

¹⁰ A strategic document, elaborated by industry involved in the Cluster, that identifies the main technological and innovation challenges to be addressed. The structure, length and detail of the document are for industry to decide.

C1. Describe the business/implementation plan for the duration of the period the licence is being applied for (max three pages).

This should include:

- The services envisaged (e.g., calls, events, matchmaking, beneficiary support);
 - The number of calls per year and regularity¹¹;
 - The envisaged throughput of high-quality project proposals;
 - The expected human resources required to provide these services and activities;
 - Measures, codes of conduct or other rules to mitigate against actual or perceived conflict of interest in the running of a Eureka Cluster;
 - Measures to guarantee confidentiality of projects and proposals (e.g., in line with GDPR);
 - Sources of income generated from Eureka Cluster-specific activities¹²;
 - Minimum income required to run the services envisaged with the expected human and other resources;
 - Measures to respond to a positive financial scenario (if the Eureka Cluster is run on a non-profit basis);
 - An exit strategy, in case of winding down and/or termination of a Eureka Cluster.
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PART D – CLUSTER OPERATIONS

D1. Provide a high-level description of the calls process, including (max one page):

- Announcement and outreach efforts in support of the calls (e.g., events, communications);
 - Key stages of the call process, including indicative timeline and key points of interaction with public authorities;
 - Experts (e.g., selection criteria, how many experts per proposal, tasks assigned to experts);
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¹¹ This does not preclude changes during the course of operating the licence, subject to any principles laid out in the Programme Frame.

¹² Should project fees be levied, these must follow the Eureka Clusters Fee Policy.

- The evaluation criteria to be used, how proposals will be scored and ranked and how information will be provided to public authorities to enable efficient public-private cooperation;
- The decision-making process to assign the Eureka label to proposals (i.e., in public-private decision-making mode);
- IT systems for managing the above.

PART E – FOR RENEWING CLUSTERS (ONLY)

E1. Provide a succinct yet longitudinal view of recent calls to demonstrate the scale of the calls and the organisation types and countries involved (max two pages)

PART F – FOR NEW CLUSTERS (ONLY)

List countries (or public authorities from Eureka countries, as appropriate) that have provided a letter in support to this Eureka Clusters licence application (minimum five):

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Complete the table to give an estimate of the expected balance of country support for the period being applied for:

Eureka country	Average estimated total project budget, in euro, per year	Estimated country % share of total project budget
1		
2		
3		

4		
5		

PART G – SIGNATURE BY AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE APPLYING LEGAL ENTITY

Sign with block capitals below¹³:

NAME(S)

DATE(S) AND PLACE(S) OF SIGNATURE(S)

In signing this Eureka Clusters licence form:

- The representative(s) endeavour to undertake all possible actions to avoid perceived or actual conflicts of interest in relation to the operation of the Eureka Cluster.
- The representative(s) endeavour to comply with the expectations established in the Eureka Clusters programme frame and contribute to maintaining the programme handbook.

¹³ The form may be submitted electronically.

Annex 7 – Public authority support template

Explanation and background

The Eureka Clusters programme is a public-private arrangement consisting of Eureka member countries and legal entities that operate “Eureka Clusters”. These Eureka Clusters have been approved by the Eureka High-Level Group to represent, catalyse and support their international communities around their focused strategic research and innovation agenda, and implement regular calls for proposals for mid-sized, industry-led and close-to-market projects using the network’s rules and trademark.

Eureka country representatives intending to support participants in projects generated by one or more Eureka Cluster(s) over the medium to long term should fill in the public authorities support form. It aims to provide a stable outlook for Eureka Cluster offices to deliver services, strengthen the programme through effective coordination and governance and ultimately assist beneficiaries to leverage the potentials of the Eureka Clusters.

A Eureka country intending to participate in the programme should nominate a Eureka Clusters national contact to coordinate communication flows between the different sources of funding available in their country/region.

At least one source of public funding (e.g., funding programme) should be indicated per Eureka Cluster. Multiple sources of funding may be indicated per Eureka Cluster; these may go beyond national funding sources associated directly with/to the Eureka country representative itself. Each source of funding should provide a nomination to coordinate with the Eureka Clusters national contact.

The completed public authority support form will be considered valid from:

- The start of the programme, if submitted before the programme starts,
- From the form submission date, if submitted during the programme period.

The completed public authority support form will be considered valid until:

- The ending, termination or withdrawal of any Eureka Cluster licence(s) concerned,
- The ending of the Eureka Cluster programme period for which the form was submitted¹⁴,
- Until amended by the public authority concerned (through re-submission to the Steering Board¹⁵).

¹⁴ The form is not intended to automatically roll-over to future iterations of the Eureka Cluster Programme, though this is without prejudice to any future decisions that may be taken by the network.

¹⁵ The Eureka Cluster Steering Board is the highest level of governance for the Eureka Clusters Programme; it reports directly to the Eureka High-Level Group. It is described in the Partnership Arrangement Annexes.

Public authority support forms should be submitted to the Eureka Clusters working group while the programme is being established. Once the programme has been established, Eureka countries can submit or amend their submissions via the Eureka Cluster Steering Board. The submitted forms will be annexed to the Partnership Arrangement; forms that are submitted after approval of the Partnership Arrangement may subsequently be annexed to the Partnership Arrangement.

Eureka members may withdraw their support from the programme or individual Eureka Clusters at any time. However, they are recommended to inform the Eureka Cluster concerned and the Steering Board as far in advance as possible.

Information provided in the form may be processed and made available to other supporting public authorities, Eureka Clusters, and potential beneficiaries of the programme. Eureka countries will be consulted on use of the information provided.

The public authority support form provides a view of the overall support that may be leveraged to Eureka Cluster calls. Specific call information will be collected separately throughout the programme¹⁶.

Note: this form does not constitute a legal commitment to support specific calls, provide specific funding envelopes or fund specific proposals. The decision to fund a proposal remains entirely the competence of the funder(s) participating in the programme.

2. Eureka Cluster profiles¹⁷

CELTIC-NEXT

Legal entity applying for the Eureka Cluster licence: EURESCOM (European Institute for Research and Strategic Studies in Telecommunications) GmbH, Wieblinger Weg 19/4, 69123 Heidelberg, Germany

Dates licence applied or granted: 1 Jul 2025 – until programme end.

Mission statement: The mission of CELTIC-NEXT is to foster a collaborative RD&I program for the ICT community to accelerate the deployment and take-up of advanced ICT services. The CELTIC-NEXT cluster will assist the Eureka ICT industry players in exploiting the new network concepts of 5G and establishing leadership in the development and implementation of 6G. The CELTIC-NEXT ambition is to assist EUREKA National Authorities, EUREKA Industry, and EUREKA Societies in accessing the societal benefits, competitive advantages, and commercial returns of being leading suppliers of the advanced ICT equipment and services needed for the new digital society.

¹⁶ Subject to elaboration in the Programme Frame and Handbook.

¹⁷ To be updated based on current Eureka Clusters participating in the programme.

Eurogia

Legal entity applying for the Eureka Cluster licence: Eurogia+, Association Loi 1901, déclarée à la Préfecture des Hauts de Seine sous le N° W922002579, N° SIRET : 483 510 871 00039 ; Le Triangle de l'Arche – 92937 Paris La Défense Cedex, France.

Dates licence applied or granted: 1 Jul 2025 – until programme end.

Mission statement: Eurogia2030 is on the front line in the Energy field to achieve carbon neutrality goals. Through Low Carbon Technologies R&D solutions Eurogia aims to contribute for a sustainable environment, for the reduction of climate change and for a sustainable growth. Some of the targeted challenges to achieve these goals are necessary, but not limited to: Carbon-free energy supply, Green mobility and Smart cities, Smarter housings and constructions, Bio resources and environment.

ITEA

Legal entity applying for the Eureka Cluster licence: ITEA Office Association (IOA), High-Tech Campus 5, 5656 AE Eindhoven, the Netherlands.

Dates licence applied or granted: 1 Jul 2025 – until programme end.

Mission statement: Software and systems innovations, which are the main focus of ITEA, lie at the heart of the digital transformation and will provide access to e.g. the emerging Cyber-Physical-Metaverse. ITEA provides a dynamic environment that brings together partners from an innovative, global community to develop and execute impactful projects around these evolutions. By fostering collaboration, ITEA empowers its members and Public Authorities to transform visionary ideas into groundbreaking products, solutions, and services and to lead in shaping the future of technology. Our ultimate goal is to pave the way for fast exploitation of innovative ideas by enabling projects leading to measurable impact.

SMART

Legal entity applying for the Eureka Cluster licence: SMART EUREKA CLUSTER INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Paseo Mikeletegi, 59 20009 – Donostia – San Sebastián, Spain.

Dates licence applied or granted: 1 Jul 2025 – until programme end.

Mission statement: SMART is a flexible, industry-driven EUREKA Cluster program in Advanced Manufacturing. Our aim is to promote collaborative, international & close-to-market R&D&I projects. As a EUREKA Cluster, SMART is grounded in Europe and open to worldwide participants from the Eureka Network. Manufacturing is a vital sector in the world, fundamental to the industrial development towards a competitive sustainable globalisation. Advanced manufacturing is strongly addressed in most political agendas as a key enabler that will lead society towards a higher industrial competitiveness, sustainable growth and job creation. Within this context SMART's mission is to boost the

competitiveness, growth and attractiveness of the discrete manufacturing industries through the promotion of R&D&I in an open community of industrial organisations: large industries, SMEs, associations; RTOs and academia.

Xecs

Legal entity applying for the Eureka Cluster licence: AENEAS Industry Association, 44 rue Cambronne, 75015 Paris, France.

Dates licence applied or granted: 1 Jul 2025 – until programme end.

Mission statement: Driving Sustainable Digital Innovation and High Impact for the ECS Community as part of the Eureka Clusters Programme (ECP). Our common mission is to offer an effective Eureka public-private collaborative RD&I programme for the ECS community. It supports sustainable digital transformation by catalysing projects in areas of common inter-governmental and industrial interest by creating inclusive technology driven ecosystems that generate high economic and societal impact.

2. Eureka Clusters national contact

One or more main contact(s) should be provided per Eureka country supporting the Eureka Clusters programme (e.g., National Project Coordinator or High-Level Representative). The main contact(s) will coordinate information flows between different funding programme representatives defined in section 3. The Eureka Clusters national contact should aim to participate in the Public Authorities Operational Group.

Eureka country:

Representative name:

Representative email:

Representative organisation:

Representative function:

3. Details of support for Eureka Cluster(s)

[EUREKA COUNTRY] intends to support participants in proposals arising from [CLUSTER NAME(S)] calls through the following programme(s):

1. Organisation

name:_____

2. (Funding) programme name

(optional)¹⁸: _____

Profile of the funding scheme (e.g., sector/theme, research organisations, SMEs, large companies, budget available/open budget, budgetary envelope that may be made available to Eureka Cluster projects per year...) to be filled in where possible and appropriate (max 200 words):

[PROGRAMME NAME] representative(s) nominated to liaise with the Eureka Clusters national contact, and who may optionally also participate in the Public Authorities Operational Group⁵:

Name: _____

Function (and organisation):

Email:

[Repeat per Eureka Cluster, organisation, programme and nominee implicated – adapt the form, as needed]

4. SIGNATURE

The form should be signed at the highest level appropriate for the Eureka country participating in the Eureka Cluster programme. For instance, at Eureka High-Level Representative or higher level. It can also be signed by more than one party, if appropriate to the Eureka country's situation.

Contact signature(s) below¹⁹:

NAME(S)

¹⁸ It is possible for more than programme per organisation to be mentioned.

¹⁹ The form may be filled and signed electronically.

DATE(S) AND PLACE(S) OF SIGNATURE

In signing this Eureka Clusters public authority support form, the signing representative(s) endeavour to:

- Provide timely funding information to the Public Authorities Operational Group and Eureka Cluster offices;
- Participate in the programme's governance structures;
- Make efforts to raise awareness amongst potential beneficiaries of the support available.