



**GlobalStars Call for Proposals
for Joint R&D Projects under Eureka
between DoIT and the Eureka Funding Organisations
NCBR, BPIFrance and MHSR**

Time Schedule

Pre-announcement of the Call	<i>15 November 2022</i>
Announcement of the Call	<i>1 December 2022</i>
Opening of the Call	<i>9 January 2023</i>
Deadline for Eureka Application Deadline for additional partner applications	<i>20 June 2023</i> <i>different per funding body</i>
Consensus Meeting of Funding Agencies	<i>15 September 2023</i>
Applicants informed on Evaluation Results	<i>2 October 2023</i>
Eureka Label Procedure and Approval	<i>November 2023</i>
Funding Decision and Project Start	<i>December 2023/January 2024</i>

Eureka (www.eurekanetwork.org) is an intergovernmental organisation for market-driven industrial research and development. It is a decentralised network facilitating the coordination of funding on Research, Development and Innovation, aiming to boost the productivity & competitiveness of industries. Eureka has been a driving force of innovation in Europe for over 30 years.

1. Call Description

Within the GlobalStars initiative of Eureka, based on mutual consent, the participating funding bodies DoIT, NCBR, Bpifrance and Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic (MHSR) are launching a common call ("the Call"). Participants are invited to submit joint project proposals in the research and development of innovative products and applications with a strong market potential.



2. Scope

This Call invites consortia to apply high quality R&D projects within the scope of the Call. The participating funding organisations welcome in the field of

- **High Tech**
 - ICT and Cyber Security
 - Smart Manufacturing
 - Advanced Biotechnologies and Medical Devices
- **Sustainable Environment**
 - Electrical Vehicle
 - Hydrogen Energy
 - Technology for Upcycling/Recycling of Material

These should be collaborative research and innovation projects which tackle challenges in subtopics mentioned, resulting in innovative and marketable solutions.

3. Qualification Criteria

Partners must meet the following qualifications:

- The consortium should include at least two organisations that are independent from each other, one (for profit) company from Taiwan and one (for profit) company from one of the participating Eureka member countries.
- The project partners must express their will to cooperate on a win-win/fair basis in an R&D project leading to a new product, industrial process or service.
- The product, process or service must be innovative, and there must be a technological risk involved for all involved partners.
- The project must benefit all involved partners.
- No individual organisation nor participating economy, can claim more than 70% of the total eligible costs of a joint project.
- The project should have an obvious benefit 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 product, process or service must be innovative and with the (carries?) potential to create impact.
- 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.
- The maximum duration of a project may not exceed 36 months.
- Military projects are excluded.

Any partner whose cooperative R&D project is consistent with the aforesaid criteria can apply to the present call in accordance with their own laws, rules, regulations and procedures



in effect, on a non-exchange of funds basis, and subject to budgetary availability. The amount of funding available per project partner is subject to the respective rules and regulations of the participating funding organisations.

Project partners are strongly advised, prior to submitting the application, to contact their funding organisation (see below) in order to check the eligibility of their project.

Partners from other Eureka member countries or outside of Eureka can also participate, but they will not be funded by the participating funding bodies in this Call. Subsequently, these partners have to secure their own funding within the deadlines for this Call.

4. Submission

There are 4 stages to the submission and assessment process:

Stage 1: Eureka application

All partners must complete the Eureka project application form online at eureka.smartsimple.ie. It must be completed online by 17:00 hours CEST on 20 June 2023. The form must be completed in English.

The project consortium is strongly advised to read the form carefully, follow the guidelines and complete all necessary elements in the form as requested. User guidance for the application tool is available under “Related documents”.

Stage 2: Additional applications

In parallel to the submission of the Eureka project application form, all project partners are required to submit a related funding application, if required, to their respective funding bodies, taking into account all relevant procedures and submission rules. Deadline for submission might differ between the participating funding agencies, see below for detailed information of each funding agency.

- Applicants in Taiwan must submit their application to DoIT before 20 June 2023, 17:00 hours CST (11:00 hours CEST)
- Applicants in Poland must submit their domestic application to eureka@ncbr.gov.pl on 20 June 2023, 17:00 hours CEST
- Applicants in France must submit their domestic application to Bpifrance before 25 June 2023, 18:00 GMT.
- Applicants in Slovakia must submit their domestic application to Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic (or its respective subordinate organisation) before 20 June 2023.

Stage 3: Evaluation



All applications are assessed against the general eligibility criteria of the Call before being put forward for the assessments according to the respective evaluation criteria of the participating funding bodies.

Successful projects are put forward for a Eureka label. After a common list of labelled and non-labelled projects has been arranged, applicants will be informed about the results.

Stage 4: Funding decision

Funding will only be provided to labelled projects that are positively evaluated by all participating funding bodies, taking the common ranking list into account. Funding of project partners is subjected to budgetary availability and funding conditions stipulated by each funding body.

5. Evaluation

Applications will be evaluated at the level of the participating funding bodies. The basis for the evaluation is the general Eureka eligibility criteria, the eligibility criteria and evaluations of the particular funding body, the Eureka application form and, if required, the additional application to the particular funding body.

A multilateral consensus meeting between all involved funding organisations will select projects to be approved based on the assessors' scores, using the Eureka Network projects evaluation methodology. After a common list of funded and non-funded projects has been arranged, the funding bodies and Eureka Association will inform the applicants about the results.

6. Funding Conditions

Funding will only be provided to labelled projects that are positively evaluated by all participating funding bodies. Funding of project partners is subjected to budgetary availability and funding conditions stipulated by each funding body.

Any IPR arising from cooperative project activities under this Call will be regulated in a Consortium Agreement (CA) in accordance with the relevant laws applicable to the project partners.

A signed CA on the execution and commercialisation of the projects results is mandatory for selected projects and must be sent to the relevant funding agencies no later than 6 months after the results of the evaluation have been communicated. The project start can in any case not be prior to the approval of the signed CA.

The funding bodies named below will provide access to public investment for the selected projects. Support will be provided to each partner by its respective funding body in accordance with their laws, rules, regulations and procedures in effect, on a non-exchange of funds or soft loan basis, and subject to budgetary availability for each funding body.



7. Contact Points from each participating funding organisation:

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8. Eligibility Criteria for each participating funding organisation:



DoIT

In addition to the centrally submitted Eureka Project Application Form, Taiwanese applicants must submit required application documents to DoIT before 20 June 2023, 17:00 hours CST (11:00 hours CEST). The applicants (companies only) with Eureka labelled project are eligible to apply for “Funding for Participants in EU Research and Innovation Program (e.g. Eureka, Horizon Europe)” under the A+ Industrial Innovation R&D Program ("the A+ Program"). The proposal must include abstract, detailed project and budget plan as requested in the A+ Program.

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

Companies can apply for grant funding up to 50%, 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, relevant project partners are welcome to contact DoIT for a pre-check of their project ideas.

More detailed criteria can be found on the A+ Program website (<http://aiip.tdp.org.tw> – in Chinese only).

NCBR

In addition to the Eureka application, the Polish participants have to submit a separate national full project proposal in the form of a scan or electronically signed documents to eureka@ncbr.gov.pl before 17:00 hours CEST on 20 June 2023.

Budget: PLN 5 m (approx. EUR 1 m)

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 Taiwanese partner

The Polish partners must nominate a Polish project leader who must be a Polish micro, small or medium-sized enterprise (SME).

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 60%
Medium-sized enterprise	up to 75%	up to 50%
Large enterprise	up to 65%	up to 40%

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.

Large enterprises as well as research and knowledge disseminating organisations can be partners on the project but can neither lead the Polish consortium, nor 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>

Bpifrance

Prior to starting the Eureka process, French participants should contact Bpifrance to conduct a "pre-eligibility check".

In addition to the Eureka application, French participants must submit a national application for funding before 18:00 GMT on 25 January 2023.

The French funding scheme (ADI – Aide pour le Développement de l'Innovation) is as follows:

- Eligible partners: Innovative companies with up to 2,000 FTE
- Eligible costs: Industrial research and experimental development (industrialization and commercialization costs are not eligible)
- Rate of funding: Up to 65% (minimum amount of 50,000€, maximum amount of 3 million € per participant), subject to financial analysis of the company and amount of capital
- Type of funding: Advance repayable in case of technical success or deferred R&D loan
- Duration: Maximum of 36 months
- Universities and research centers may join projects as subcontractors of a French company. Costs relating to subcontracting are eligible for funding.

NB: If the company is considered a deeptech company, the funding could be different. In any case, all the information above could be adapted in function of the company's profile and project.



Project activities should not start before the funding application is submitted to Bpifrance.

Prior to submitting an application, French partners planning to work with an expert to structure their project may request a [Diag Partenariat Tech International](#). The Diag is a grant covering up to 50% of the expert's consultancy services (within the limit of 25,000€ excluding VAT, ie 30,000€ including VAT).

MHSR

In addition to the Eureka application, the Slovak participants (companies only) have to submit a separate national R&D project proposal physically in paper form or electronically signed documents to MHSR (or its respective subordinate organisation) on 20 June 2023 at latest.

MHSR does not fund universities and research organisations. The application must be submitted by a Slovak company (regardless of size) which carries out industrial research and experimental development. However, universities and research organisations are welcomed as subcontractors of Slovak companies.

	Industrial Research (basic level: 50%)	Experimental Development (basic level: 25%)
Micro or small enterprise	up to 80%	up to 60%
Medium-sized enterprise	up to 75%	up to 50%
Large enterprise	up to 65%	up to 40%

Maximum total project grant to Slovak applicant is no larger than € 2.0 million. The exact amount of grant is dependent on available budget and will be specified in the national call.

Eligible costs are within the [Commission Regulation \(EU\) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty \(Text with EEA relevance\)](#)Text with EEA relevance - Article 24.

Other Organisations

Organisations from other Eureka members or from outside the Eureka network can participate provided:

- they arrange their own funding
- the project meets the eligibility participation criteria
- they respect the deadlines of the call



9. specific data protection and privacy rules:

- NCRD processes personal data pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation referred to as GDPR) and the provisions of national law:
- The Controller of the personal data is the National Centre for Research and Development with its registered office in Warsaw 00-695, Nowogrodzka 47a.
- Personal data is processed for the purposes of:
 - project evaluation and selection,
 - execution of the agreement for project co-financing,
- Alternatively, my data may be made available to NCRD for:
 - supervision of the project implementation,
 - its evaluation, control, audit,
 - evaluation of information and promotion activities,
 - its receipt, evaluation and financial settlement,
 - the establishment, assertion or defence of claims;
- The Data Protection Officer can be contacted by emailing iod@ncbr.gov.pl;
- NCRD will process the following categories of personal data: name, surname, company, official position, contact details, professional experience, publications and , marital status and concluded marital property agreements, other information provided in the grant application which is presented to confirm qualifications and staff potential, and in the case of sole proprietorships or partnerships, financial and other data necessary for the effective submission of the Application and conclusion of the grant agreement;
- The processing of personal data is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest- (Art. 6.1.e GDPR) - the implementation of, inter alia, the following provisions gives rise to the processing of personal data:
 - Article 7(2)(2), art.365(11) of the Act of 20 July 2018. Law on higher education and science;
 - Article 30(1)(4), Article 30(1)(4a), Article 30(3) of the Act of 30 April 2010 on the National Centre for Research and Development;
 - § 8 of the Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 17 September 2010 on the detailed mode of performance of the tasks of the National Centre for Research and Development and Development;
 - Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 19 August 2020 on granting public aid through the National Centre for Research and Development; aid programme with reference SA.58757(2020/X);
 - Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain types of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty (OJ EU L 187/1, 26.06.2014);
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- Personal data will be obtained from the Applicant as part of the Grant Application for participation in the implementation of an international project under the GlobalStars competition involving Taiwan in 2023 co-organised by NCRD, and the provision of such data is a condition for the successful submission of a grant application;



- The Administrator will process the following categories of your personal data: name, surname, company, official position, contact details and other data provided in the grant application and necessary for the conclusion of the grant agreement;
- Personal data will be processed for the time compatible with the purposes indicated above and will be kept for archival purposes for a period of time consistent with the NCRD' archive rules;
- The recipients of the personal data will be public authorities and entities performing public tasks or acting on behalf of public authorities, to the extent and for the purposes that result from the provisions of the law, as well as entities providing services necessary for NCRD to perform its tasks. The data may also be transferred to IT partners, entities providing technical or organisational support;
- The person to whom NCRD is the Controller has the rights to: request access to their personal data, rectification, deletion or restriction of processing, as well as to object to the processing of personal data concerning them. ;
- A person in respect of whom NCRD is the Controller has the right to lodge a complaint with the President of the Office for the Protection of Personal Data or any other supervisory authority, in particular in the Member State of his/her habitual residence, his/her place of work or the place where the alleged infringement was committed;
- Personal data will not be transferred to a third country;
- Personal data shall not be subject to automated decision-making, including profiling.
- For the rest, in relation to all personal data processed within the scope of the Project, the role of ADO shall be performed by the Applicant.
- The transfer of data between entities will be in the nature of sharing personal data in accordance with Article 4(2) of the GDPR.
- The Applicant is obliged to comply with the provisions on personal data protection when carrying out activities related to the implementation of the EUREKA initiative.



Annex A:

Eureka Assessment Criteria:

1. Impact	1. Is the market properly addressed in terms of size, access and risk?
	2. Is the value creation in terms of growth, employment, environmental and societal benefits properly addressed?
	3. What are the competitive advantages of the project? (Strategic importance of the project, enhanced capabilities and visibility)
	4. Are the commercialization plans clear and realistic? (Return on investment, geographical sectoral impact)
2. Excellence	1. What is the degree of innovation? (Commitment on state-of-the-art, technological maturity and risk)
	2. How is the new knowledge going to be used?
	3. Is the project challenging scientifically, technically and for the partners?
	4. Are the technical achievability & risk conveniently addressed?
3. Quality & Efficiency	1. How is the quality of the consortium? (Well-balanced partnership, technological managerial and financial capacity of each partner)
	2. Is there an added value through the co-operation?
	3. Are the project management and planning realistic and clearly defined? (Methodology and planning approach, milestones and deliverables)
	4. Is the cost structure reasonable? (Cost and financial commitment of each participant)
4. Overall Perception	1. Pros and cons of the application
	2. Is the project recommend for public investment? (Yes or No)