

### DRAFT

## Eureka Danube 2022 call

### for R&D projects between

## Austria, Albania, Croatia, France, Germany, Hungary, Montenegro, Poland and Slovakia

| Time schedule                                 |   |  |
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| Announcement of the call                      | 14 February 2022  |  |
| Opening of the call                           | 1 March 2022  |  |
| Deadline for Eureka application               | 30 June 2022  |  |
| Eligibility feedback to applicants            | 20 July 2022  |  |
| Deadline for additional national applications | see section "Funding conditions and rules per national funding body" for detailed information |  |
| National evaluation                           | July – October 2022   |  |
| Consensus meeting of funding agencies         | 15 September 2022   |  |
| Eureka label procedure and funding decision   | October-November 2022   |  |
| Project starts                                | December 2022 – February 2023   |  |
| Project duration                              | Up to 36 months   |  |



## Eureka Danube 2022 call for R&D projects

FROM 1 MARCH 2022 TO 30 JUNE 2022

Eureka is the world's biggest public network for international cooperation in R&D and innovation, present in over 45 countries. It is a decentralised intergovernmental organisation aiming to boost the productivity and competitiveness of industries by funding and supporting international collaborative market-driven R&D projects.

This call for projects has been launched following Eureka's Network projects framework based on mutual consent between participating national and regional funding bodies.

The national funding bodies from Austria, Albania, Croatia, France, Germany, Hungary, Montenegro, Poland and Slovakia have allocated funding for organisations collaborating on international R&D projects. This is a bottom up call, with no thematic restrictions.

You can submit your Eureka R&D project application for this call for projects between 1 MAR 2022 and 30 JUN 2022. Your project consortium must include organisations based in a minimum of two of the countries listed. In addition to those partners, partners from other Eureka countries or countries outside of Eureka can also participate, provided their public funding or self-funding is secured within the call for projects deadlines.

If required by your national funding body, project participants must also submit a national funding application, considering all relevant national procedures, deadlines and submission rules (see section "Funding conditions and rules per national funding body" for detailed information).

Eureka programme: Network projects

## Participating countries/ regions

Austria, Albania, Croatia, France, Germany, Hungary, Montenegro, Poland and Slovakia

## Scope

This is a bottom up call, with no thematic restrictions, but applicants are invited to check the section "Funding conditions and rules per national funding body" for detailed information.



### **Timeframe**

- o 1 March 2022: Call opens
- 30 June 2022: Deadline for Eureka application (for national rules, please see section "Funding conditions and rules per national funding body")
- o 20 July 2022: Eligibility feedback to applicants
- July October: National evaluation
- 15 September 2022: Consensus meeting of funding agencies
- October November 2022: Eureka label procedure and funding decision
- o December 2022 February 2023: Project starts
- o Up to 36 months: Project duration

#### **Events**

The national funding bodies and Eureka Secretariat will organise an information ONLINE webinar for applicants on 5 April 2022, 11:00-13:00 CET (link follows). In addition, national information webinars are being planned. Please contact your national funding body for further information.

### **Funding details**

- Albania (NASRI- National Agency for Scientific Research and Innovation): Grant of up to 50,000 euro/ up to 80% of eligible project costs for SMEs, universities and research organisations and up to 65% for large companies.
- Austria (FFG Austrian Research Promotion Agency): Grant of up to 60% of eligible project costs
  for small companies, up to 50% of the eligible costs for medium-sized companies or up to 40% of
  the eligible costs for large companies.
- Croatia (HAMAG-BICRO Croatian Agency for SMEs, Innovations and Investments): Grant of up 200,000 euro/ up to 60 % of eligible project costs for micro or small companies/ up to 50% of the eligible costs for medium-sized companies/up to 40% of the eligible costs for large companies.
- France (Bpifrance) Reimbursable Advance in case of technical success or R&D loan with deferred reimbursement from 50 k € and up to 3M€ / up to 80% of eligible costs for SME's / up to 40% for MidCap (up to 2 000 employees) / no direct grant for universities nor research institutions.
- Germany (Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)): Grant of up to 300,000 euro per project / up to 50 % of eligible costs for SMEs. Research organisations in partnership with SMEs: up to 100% of eligible costs. Universities can apply for a project flat rate of 20%.
- Hungary (NRDIO National Research, Development and Innovation Office): Grant of up to 80% of eligible project costs for micro and small companies / up to 75% of the eligible costs for medium-sized companies / up to 65% of the eligible costs for large companies / 100% of the eligible costs for universities or research organisations.



- Montenegro (MER Ministry of Economic Development): Grant up to 45,000 euro per project for 36 months or 15,000 euro per year for both companies and research institutions as partners or project leaders.
- Poland (NCBR The National Centre for Research and Development): Please see possible grants in "Funding conditions and rules per national funding body".
- Slovakia (MESRS SR The Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic): Grant of up to 80% of eligible project costs for small companies / up to 75% of the eligible costs for medium-sized companies / up to 65% of the eligible costs for large companies / universities and research organisations if eligible.

Funding will only be provided to projects that receive a positive evaluation from all relevant national funding bodies. Funding is subject to budgetary availability and national funding conditions outlined by each national funding body.

A Consortium Agreement must be written and signed by project partners, covering project execution, ownership and use of IPR arising from activities and commercialisation of your project's results. Your Consortium Agreement must abide by the relevant laws of the countries participating in the project.

Unless otherwise specified by all national funding bodies in support of a given project, you must have signed a Consortium Agreement before the start of the project. See section "Funding conditions and rules per national funding body" for exceptions. The Consortium Agreement should include (minimum) the ownership, use of know-how and IPR settlements.

The national funding bodies will fund selected projects. Support will be given to each project partner by their respective national funding body in accordance with national laws, rules, regulations and procedures, on a non-exchange of funds or soft loan basis, and subject to budgetary availability.

If there is no allocated budget for your organisation type in your country and you want to participate in a project consortium, contact your national funding body using the form below to see whether there are other funding opportunities available or talk to them about self-funding.

## Eligibility

Eureka has limited eligibility criteria for organisations participating in a Network projects consortium:

- Your project idea must represent international cooperation in the form of a specific project.
- The project must be directed at researching or developing an innovative product, process or service with the goal of commercialisation.
- The project must have a civilian purpose.
- Your consortium must include at least two independent legal entities from a minimum of two Eureka countries.
- No single organisation or country can be responsible for more than 70% of the project budget.



Each participating national funding body may have additional eligibility criteria based on their national regulations. You are strongly advised, before submitting your application, to contact your national funding body to discuss your project idea and verify your and your project's eligibility.

This call for projects has additional criteria for organisations to be eligible to receive funding:

- Austria: All companies registered in Austria are eligible for funding, universities and research centres can be funded as subcontractors only.
- France: Bpifrance will finance industrial research and/or technical development activities of French companies. Universities and research centres could take part as self-funded or subcontractors.
- German partners must cooperate with partners from at least one of the following countries: Albania, Croatia, Montenegro, Slovakia
- Hungary:
  - O Companies must have completed at least one tax year, maintained double-entry accounting and not be subject to the small taxpayers' itemised lump-sum tax (KATA).
  - Research organisations and universities must be accredited by the state (see Article 2 (83) of Council Regulation 651/2014/EU).
  - RTOs and universities need a Hungarian for-profit partner to be eligible to receive funding.
- Poland: In parallel and in addition to the centrally uploaded international application submitted via the SmartSimple platform, applicants/consortia from Poland need to submit a domestic project application to NCBR. National rules, cost eligibility and funding rates will be available from 1 March 2022 at: <a href="https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/platforma-konkursowa#/ncbr?sort=announcementDate,desc&currentPage=0&limit=10">https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/platforma-konkursowa#/ncbr?sort=announcementDate,desc&currentPage=0&limit=10</a>

For detailed information on other national rules please see section "Funding conditions and rules per national funding body".

#### **Evaluation**

Your project application will be reviewed according to our Network projects evaluation methodology.

### 1. Impact

- Is the market properly addressed (i.e. size, access and risks)?
- Is the value creation properly addressed (i.e. employment opportunities and environmental and societal benefits)?
- What are the competitive advantages of your project (i.e. strategic importance, enhanced capabilities and visibility)?
- Are your commercialisation plans clear and realistic (i.e. return on investment, geographical and sectoral impact)?

#### 2. Excellence



- What is the degree of innovation? (i.e. is the proposed product, process or service state-of-the-art? Is there sufficient technological maturity and risk)?
- How is the new knowledge going to be used?
- Is your project scientifically and technically challenging for consortium partners?
- Is the technical achievability and risk properly addressed?

### 3. Quality and efficiency of implementation

- What is the quality of your consortium (i.e. balance of the partnership and technological, managerial and financial capabilities of each partner)?
- Is there added value through international cooperation?
- Is your project management and planning realistic and clearly defined (i.e. methodology, planning approach, milestones and deliverables)?
- Is your cost structure reasonable (i.e. costs and financial commitment for each consortium partner)?

### 4. Overall perception

Experts will list three positive and negative points to your application and finally state whether they recommend your project for public investment.

Your national funding body may carry out a further evaluation (performed by the national project coordinator and technical experts) according to national rules before allocating funds to successful applicants (see section "Funding conditions and rules per national funding body" for detailed information).

#### **Country evaluation**

Your project application will be reviewed according to the following additional national evaluation processes:

- Albania: The evaluation of the Albanian project part is carried out by internal experts at NASRI.
- Austria: The evaluation of the Austrian project part is carried out by internal experts at FFG.
- Croatia: A formal 2-step evaluation is carried out according to the basic admin criteria and Project Assessment Methodology.
- France: A formal two-steps evaluation is carried out between the Innovative Departement of Bpifrance and the regional offices of the company. Bpifrance could conduct a first "pre-eligibility check" as soon as the company contact the team before submitting the application. Once the application is submitted, Bpifrance will first evaluate the technical project, if the project is approved, Bpifrance will open a national founding application. Once the national funding application is submitted, the regional relationship manager will evaluate the project and decide of the type of funding and amount based on the company typology and the project. For further details, please see "Funding conditions and rules per national funding body"



- Germany: A formal two-step evaluation is carried out according to the evaluation process and criteria published in the German Bundesanzeiger.
- Montenegro: The Ministry of Economic Development will engage two independent experts from the List of Independent Experts made in accordance with the Rulebook on Criteria for Appointing Experts and the Procedure for Evaluating Innovation Programs and Projects ("Official Gazette of Montenegro", No. 107/21). In case the evaluations of two independent experts differ, the Ministry will submit the project application to the third independent evaluator for individual evaluation.
- Poland: evaluation criteria of national applications will be available on 1 March at: <a href="https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/platforma-konkursowa#/ncbr?sort=announcementDate,desc&currentPage=0&limit=10">https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/platforma-konkursowa#/ncbr?sort=announcementDate,desc&currentPage=0&limit=10</a>

For detailed information on other national rules please see section "Funding conditions and rules per national funding body".

### **Applying**

- 1. Contact your national funding body using the contact form on Eureka's website to discuss your project idea, financial viability, eligibility and national procedures.
- 2. Create an account on our application portal (one per consortium)
  <a href="https://eureka.smartsimple.ie/s\_Login.jsp">https://eureka.smartsimple.ie/s\_Login.jsp</a> and select the funding opportunity you want to apply to.
- 3. Using the portal, complete **one application form per consortium** (in English) and invite other consortium partners to fill in a partner form.
- 4. Your project application must be completed online by 30 June 2022 17:00 CET.
- 5. Upload a GANTT chart (one per consortium), a signed and completed co-signature form (which you can download from the platform) and any additional required annexes.
- 6. Your application will be checked for completeness and eligibility before being reviewed using a standard evaluation procedure. If successful, your project will receive a Eureka label.
- 7. If required by your national funding body, you must **submit a related national funding application** taking into account all relevant national procedures and submission rules. Submission deadlines might differ between the participating national funding bodies.
- 8. Your national funding body may carry out a further evaluation (performed by the National Project Coordinator and technical experts) according to national rules before allocating funds to successful applicants.
- 9. The final step is to complete and sign a consortium agreement (CA). We recommend that you seek legal advice when drafting your CA.

For detailed information on national rules and application procedures please see section "Funding conditions and rules per national funding body".



# Funding conditions and rules per national funding body and contacts

| Austria                             |  |
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| Topics of Interest                  | Bottom-up call with no thematic restrictions   |
| Timeline                            | 1 March – 30 June 2022   |
| Budget                              | Open budget  |
| Specific National rules             | Eureka projects can be submitted for funding to the General Programme (Basis programm) of FFG which provides the Eureka funding scheme illustrated below.  Rules, procedures, and other national criteria: <a href="https://www.ffg.at/programm/basisprogramm">https://www.ffg.at/programm/basisprogramm</a> Guideline eligible costs: <a href="https://www.ffg.at/recht-finanzen/kostenleitfaden">https://www.ffg.at/programm/basisprogramm</a> Guideline for the national application is at least three months before the national cut-off date preceding the Eureka label decision  ( <a href="https://www.ffg.at/content/basisprogramm-f-rdersitzungen-und-beirat">https://www.ffg.at/content/basisprogramm-f-rdersitzungen-und-beirat</a> ).  Project applications must be submitted online via FFG eCall: <a href="https://ecall.ffg.at">https://ecall.ffg.at</a> Joining a project on self-funded basis is possible, you are required to contact the Eureka NPC at FFG. |
| Eligible costs and funding rates    | In addition to the Eureka application, the Austrian participant has to submit a separate national full project proposal to FFG General Programme (Basisprogramm) via eCall. All companies registered in Austria are eligible for funding, universities and research centers can be funded as subcontractors only. The evaluation of the Austrian project part is carried out by internal experts at FFG. The project must fulfil the national criteria. There is no dedicated budget for this call. Funding in Austria is provided on an annual basis only, therefore follow-on applications must be submitted for the max. duration of 3 years.  General Programme provides grants for Austrian SMEs participating in Eureka projects:  - Up to 60% of the eligible costs for small companies  - Up to 50% of the eligible costs for medium-sized companies  - Up to 40% of the eligible costs for large companies  |
| Additional<br>documents<br>required | National full project proposal   |



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| Albania   |   |
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| Topics of Interest  | Bottom-up call with no thematic restrictions. Priority in the selection of project proposals will be given to the following fields: Agriculture (Veterinary, Zoo technics), Food Safety and Biotechnology; Information Systems and Technologies; Social and Albanian Sciences; Biodiversity and the environment; Health; Water and energy.  |
| Timeline  | 1 March – 30 June 2022  |
| Budget  | 100.000 euro for 2022   |
| Specific National rules  Eligible costs and funding rates | Albania has not yet a dedicated programme towards Albanian Eureka projects. We aim to include Albanian Eureka projects participants into National Programmes for Research and Development at National Agency of Scientific Research and Innovation. We can assure a special budget for Albanian Eureka projects participants of 100.000 EUR in 2022, which will be evaluated from the NASRI's team of evaluators within 3 months. We will encourage the Universities to apply together and in cooperation with SMS-s.  Eligible costs are equipment costs, travel costs, personnel costs, external development services and other development costs.  Funding rates:  - micro and small enterprises up to 80% |
|   | - micro and small enterprises up to 80% - universities and research organisations up to 80% - medium enterprises up to 75% - large enterprise up to 65% The max. funding amount per project is euro 50.000  |
| Additional documents required                             | National project proposals  |
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## Croatia



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| Topics of Interest      | Bottom-up call with no thematic restrictions  |
| Timeline                | Opening of the call: 1 March 2022   |
|                         | Deadline for Eureka application: 30 June 2022   |
| Budget                  | 1.000.000 EUR   |
| Specific National rules | Eligible applicants are micro, small, medium and large enterprises. Research organizations and universities from Croatia can apply as subcontractors. After receiving an application, a formal 2-step evaluation is carried out according to the basic admin criteria and Project Assessment Methodology (PAM). |
| Eligible costs and      | Eligible costs are salaries, equipment costs (amortization), external development   |
| funding rates           | services, travel costs, other development costs.  |
|                         | Funding rates:  |
|                         | - micro and small enterprise 60%  |
|                         | - medium enterprise 50%   |
|                         | - large enterprise 40%  |
|                         | max. 200.000 EUR  |
| Additional documents    | National full project proposal.   |
| required                | Detailed information can also be reached from <u>here</u> .   |
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| France                    |  |
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| <b>Topics of Interest</b> | Bottom-up call with no thematic restrictions   |
| Timeline                  | Opening of the call: 1 March 2022  |
|                           | Deadline for Eureka application: 30 June 2022  |
| Budget                    | n.a  |
| Specific National rules   | SME and companies up to 2 000 employees  |
| Eligible costs and        | Eligible costs: Industrial research and experimental development (industrialization        |
| funding rates             | and commercialization costs are not eligible)  |
|                           | Grant from 50 k € and up to 3M€  |
|                           | up to 80% of eligible costs for SME's  |
|                           | up to 40% for MidCap (up to 2 000 employees)   |
|                           | no direct grant for universities nor research institutions (self-funded or subcontractors) |
|                           | The French funding scheme (ADI – Aide pour le Développement de l'Innovation)               |
|                           | is the following:  |
|                           | - Eligible partner: Innovative company up to 2000 FTE                                      |
|                           | - Eligible costs: Industrial research and experimental development                         |
|                           | (industrialization and commercialization costs are not eligible)                           |



|                               | <ul> <li>Funding amount: from € 50,000 up to € 3 Million (submitted to financial analysis of the company and financial conditions)</li> <li>Funding type: Reimbursable advance in case of technical success or R&amp;D loan with deferred reimbursement</li> <li>Duration: maximum of 36 months</li> <li>NB: if the company is considered as a deeptech company, the funding could be different and include a funding in grant.</li> <li>In any case, all the above information could be adapted to the profile and project of the company.</li> <li>Before the application, the French partner can apply to a Diag Partenariat Tech International, if they plan on working with an external expert to help them build their consortium, project or application. The Diag is a grant covering up to 50% of the expert's consultancy services (within the limit of a 25 000€ excluding VAT contract, ie 30 000€ including VAT) and planning on helping companies structuring their international collaborative project. Subject to eligibility.</li> </ul> |
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| Additional documents required | Bpifrance could conduct a first "pre-eligibility check" as soon as the company contact the team, before submitting the application. Other documents will be asked for the national funding demand, after the submission of the Eureka application.  |
| Contact persons               | Nolwenn Simonot International Collaborative Innovation Manager Email: international.innoproject@bpifrance.fr  |

| Germany                          |   |
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| Topics of Interest               | Bottom-up call with no thematic restrictions. Only topics that are not under the responsibility of the ministry or topics of ethical concern in Germany are not eligible  |
| Timeline                         | Opening of the call with the publication of the national announcement in the German Bundesanzeiger, envisaged for about mid of March 2022 Deadline: June 30, 2022   |
| Budget                           | 1.200.000 EUR   |
| Specific National rules          | German partners must cooperate with partners from at least one of the following countries: Albania, Croatia, Montenegro, and Slovakia.  SMEs and, if applicable, universities and research institutions as collaborative project partners are eligible to apply.  Funding of German applicants is due to the announcement of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) published in the German Bundesanzeiger.  Two-step procedure with a national full project proposal in step two will be applied. |
| Eligible costs and funding rates | In principle, all expenses necessary for the implementation of the projects can be applied for, in accordance with the national guidelines for grant applications.  |



|                               | Further specifications according to the announcement published in the Bundesanzeiger have to be considered.                        |
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|                               | Funding of up to 300.000 € p.p. for 36 months  |
|                               | Grant for SMEs up to 50 % of eligible costs  |
|                               | Grant for universities and research institutes up to 100% of eligible costs. Universities can apply for a project flatrate of 20%. |
| Additional documents required | National full project proposal in a second step<br>Consortium Agreement  |
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| Hungary                          |  |                     |                          |
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| Topics of Interest               | Bottom-up call with no thematic restrictions   |                     |                          |
| Timeline                         | 1 March – 30 June 2022   |                     |                          |
| Budget                           | Open budget  |                     |                          |
| Specific National rules          | In Hungary, there is a special support programme that co-finances the Hungarian Eureka project participants, including cluster and network project participants. The Hungarian Eureka Programme has a special budget of 500 million HUF (ca. 1,4 million EUR) in 2022. 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 technical and economic 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. |                     |                          |
| Eligible costs and funding rates | Eligible costs are salaries, equipment costs (amortization), external development services, travel costs, other development costs etc.   |                     |                          |
|                                  | Funding Rates  | Industrial research | Experimental Development |
|                                  | 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%                |
|                                  | RTO/University   | up to 100%          | up to 100%               |



|                               | The max. funding amount per project is 70 million HUF (ca. 200.000 EUR)                                  |
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| Additional documents required | National full project proposal (the Hungarian supporting call for Eureka in 2022 will be available soon) |
| Contact person                | Gergely Mészáros Eureka NPC Email: gergely.meszaros@nkfih.gov.hu Tel: +36 1 896 3741                     |

| Montenegro              |  |
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| Topics of Interest      | Bottom-up call with no thematic restrictions Priority in the selection of project proposals will be given to projects that have a harmonized program with the Smart Specialization Strategy and / or the Strategy of Scientific Research Activity, as well as other strategies that regulate the field of innovation activity. The S3 thematic priorities are Sustainable agriculture and food value chain; Energy and sustainable environment; Sustainable and health tourism; and Information and communication technologies.  |
| Timeline                | 1 March – 30 June 2022   |
| Budget                  | 135.000 € i.e. 45.000 € per year (15.000 € per project per year)   |
| Specific National rules | The Eureka Call is opened within Public Call for co-financing innovation activity in 2021. The subject of the Public Call is to support the development of the innovation community through co-financing of the several program lines established in the Innovation Programme for 2021-2024.  The support granted to Eureka projects in the case of entities engaged in economic activity, regardless of their legal status and the way in which they are financed, will be provided under the de minimis aid regime (state aid of small value). The total amount of de minimis aid granted to one beneficiary may not cumulatively exceed EUR 200,000 during any period of three fiscal years.  Both SMEs, large companies and research institutions are eligible to apply. The applicant must be registered as Innovative organization in the National Register of Innovative Organizations. The applicant from Montenegro is eligible for co-financing of one Eureka project by the Ministry during one year. Consortia partners need to be from minimum two member or associated countries.  The result of the project must be a new product or technology in production; software system; strain; sort; significant improvement of existing product and technology, prototype; new methods; new genetic material and the like.  Evaluation of the project proposals is carried out by two independent external international experts in project's specific areas selected by the Ministerial Commission. Following the evaluation process, the communication with partner's country responsible institution is made in order to check the results of evaluation. The rank list of approved projects is published after receiving feedback on evaluation process of partner's country. |



| Eligible costs and funding rates | Eligible costs: Medium and small equipment; Development services; Travel expenses; Other development costs.  The max. funding amount per project is 45.000 EUR for three year duration, or 15.000 EUR a year. |
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| Additional documents required    | National full project proposal with accompanying documentation  |
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| Poland                                      |  |   |   |
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| Topics of Interest                          | Open – no thematic restrictions  |   |   |
| Timeline                                    | 1 March – 30 June 2022   |   |   |
| Budget                                      | PLN 5 m (approx. EUR 1,1   | m)  |   |
| Specific National rules  Eligible costs and | There are no restrictions as to thematic areas, providing the project is market- oriented and of civilian purpose. Polish support can be applied for by individual SMEs, groups of enterprises of which at least one (group leader) is an SME or groups of entities of which at least one is an SME (group leader) and the other is a university or a research institute. Polish partners participating in the same international Eureka project shall apply for Polish funding by forming a group of entities/enterprises. Individual applications can only be submitted by SMEs. Only international projects are eligible for funding i.e. the project must be carried out by at least one Polish and one foreign enterprise.  To be eligible for NCBR support, a Polish applicant must: |   |   |
| funding rates                               | <ul> <li>be a Poland-based business, of any size</li> <li>be a research and knowledge disseminating organisation</li> <li>collaborate with the Central European/Western Balkan lead partner</li> <li>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:</li> </ul>   |   |   |
|   |  | Industrial research<br>(basic level: 50%) | Development works<br>(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%                               |



|                               | University/research<br>organisation  | 100%                     | 100%                  |
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|                               | <ul> <li>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.</li> <li>Large enterprises as well as research and knowledge disseminating organisations can be partners on the project but cannot lead the Polish consortium.</li> </ul> Further specification: |                          |                       |
|                               |  |                          |                       |
|                               | All proposals must be aligned with national regulations, inter alia:   |                          |                       |
|                               | • Act of 30 April 2010 on the National Centre for Research and Development (Journal of Laws item 1861, 2020);  |                          |                       |
|                               | • Act of 20 July 2018 o<br>(Journal of Laws item 478, 202  | ~                        | Education and Science |
|                               | • Regulation of the Mof 17 September 2010 on the d<br>Centre for Research and Devel  | etailed mode of performa |                       |
|                               | • Regulation of the Minister of granting state aid through th (Journal of Laws item 1456, 20   | ne National Centre for R | · ·                   |
| Additional documents required | National full project proposal   |                          |                       |
| Contact persons               | Andrzej Wajs<br>Eureka NPC<br>andrzej.wajs@ncbr.gov.pl   |                          |                       |

| Slovakia                |   |  |
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| Topics of Interest      | Bottom-up call with no thematic restrictions  |  |
| Timeline                | 1 March – 30 June 2022  |  |
| Budget                  | Open budget   |  |
| Specific National rules | There are no thematic restrictions, providing the project is market-oriented and of civilian purpose. Only international projects are eligible for funding i.e. the project must be carried out by at least one Slovak and one foreign participant. SMEs, large companies, universities and research institutions are accepted; however, the public financed institutions need an industrial partner in order to be eligible. The R&D |  |



|                               | must be declared in The Business Register of the Slovak Republic as the objects of the company. |
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| Eligible costs and            | Eligible costs are salaries, material, equipment costs (amortization), external                 |
| funding rates                 | development services, travel costs, other development costs etc.                                |
|                               | Funding rates:  |
|                               | micro and small enterprises 80%   |
|                               | medium enterprises 75%  |
|                               | large enterprise 65%  |
|                               | The max. funding amount per year of the project is 50.000 EUR,                                  |
| Additional documents required | National full project proposal  |
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