

CALL FOR EUREKA PROJECTS

Common Call for Cross-border Co-operative Projects in the Danube Region 2015



Overview: Time Schedule

Opening of the Call	March 9, 2015
Deadline for Project Outlines	April 30, 2015
Feedback on Project Outlines	May 15, 2015
Deadline for Project Proposals	June 17, 2015
Deadline for National Funding Applications	See country specific pages
Envisaged Funding Decisions	From September/October 2015
Labeling of successful Applications	October 2015/January 2016

General Project Criteria

Type of projects	Research and Development
Project Content/Goal	New innovative product, process or service
Thematic Restrictions	None* ("Bottom-up")
Type of Applicants	SMEs (for other entities check country specific rules)
Minimum Number of Partners	2 independent enterprises
Minimum Number of Countries	2 Danube Region countries
Maximum budget share of a single entity	75%
Project Duration	From 12 to 36 months
Project Funding	By the National Funding Bodies – check the country specific information

** projects must have a civilian purpose*

For information and application see <http://www.eurekanetwork.org/danube-region-call-for-projects>

Introduction – Purpose of the Call

The present call results from an initiative following the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR¹), endorsed by the European Council in 2011, which aims at a closer collaboration by creating “synergies and coordination between existing policies and initiatives taking place across the Danube Region”. In close collaboration with the Danube-INCO.net² project (which supports the above mentioned EUSDR), the EUREKA³ representatives from the Danube region proposed to use the EUREKA intergovernmental initiative as a tool to contribute to the efforts in strengthening the cross border co-operations in the region. The EUREKA network has long-lasting experience in supporting close to market industrial R&D-projects across borders. The countries participating in this call - therewith want to stimulate EUREKA projects in particular to support and advance the economies of the region.

Participating Countries

The countries participating in the initiative are, in alphabetical order: Austria (AT), Bosnia and Hercegovina (BA), Bulgaria (BG), Croatia (HR), Czech Republic (CZ), Germany (DE), Hungary (HU), Montenegro (ME), Romania (RO), Serbia (RS), Slovak Republic (SK).

Please check the availability of budget and the funding opportunities in your country on the country specific pages in the annex.

Basic eligibility criteria for projects and consortia

The call addresses consortia of at least two independent enterprises from at least two of the participating countries who want to carry out a collaborative project. To be eligible, the proposed project must be an industry driven research and development project in which the project partners are collaborating to realize a new, innovative product, process or service, which has the potential to be successfully commercialized by the consortium. Proposals may stem from any thematic or technological area, the call is organized bottom-up. The only restriction is that the project must be of civilian purpose.

Projects need to be balanced, a single project partner may not account for more than 75% of the project cost.

The recommended project duration is between 12 and 36 months.

Concerning the eligibility for national funding, please refer to your country’s section at the end of this document. Please note that usually partners in any participating country will have to perform R&D-

¹ <http://www.danube-region.eu>

² <http://danube-inco.net>

³ <http://www.eurekanetwork.org>

work and show value creation in order to benefit from national funding. Furthermore, the applicants have to have the financial and organizational capacity to carry out the proposed project (part of the evaluation of the funding application).

Project partners outside the Danube Region

Fulfilling the above mentioned eligibility criteria, additional partners from EUREKA countries or other third countries may participate in project consortia provided that they have a secured financing of their project shares.

Application procedure

The application procedure follows a two-stage approach: a project outline followed by a full project proposal. Although it is not compulsory, it is highly recommended to applicants to participate in the project outline stage as well. All documents shall be sent following the instructions on the web page⁴.

Project Outline (PO) (deadline April 30th, 2015)

For the PO, only a subset of the EUREKA project application form (PAF) has to be completed. Applicants are required to provide General Information (PAF section 1), a short (one A4 page) project description (PAF 2.1, providing answers to the questions

- What do you want to do?
- Why and how do you want to do it?
- How will you make money?

on project level), and information on the partners in the consortium (PAF section 3ff.). Alternatively, the online project outline form on the webpage might be used.

The PO contains basic information about the project idea, the method to be applied and the innovation or grade of novelty as well as the proposed partners in the consortium and their respective project parts including the envisaged budget. The PO shall be written in English language. The PO is forwarded to the national offices of the countries involved. The national offices will check basic eligibility issues with respect to the national rules. All national offices addressed by an application will exchange their views on the PO. Within two weeks the applicants shall receive a first feedback from their national offices, including a possible recommendation to proceed with a full proposal.

⁴ <http://www.eurekanetwork.org/danube-region-call-for-projects>

Full Project Proposal (deadline June 17th, 2015)

For a full project proposal, the EUREKA project application form needs to be completed and signed by all members of the consortium. It shall be submitted until the deadline given above by the project coordinator (consortium leader, to be appointed by the consortium).

In parallel, applicants are invited to submit an application for funding to their national authorities. Please check the country specific rules at the end of the document concerning procedures and deadlines. The recommended latest date of submission of the funding application is June 30th, 2015, in order to be in time for a synchronized start of project funding.

Evaluation

The evaluation of the EUREKA project application is borne generally from the evaluation results of the national funding applications. In absence of an evaluation from a national funding body, the EUREKA National Project Coordinator of the respective country will act as the relevant authority (see country specific pages).

For details on the evaluation in your country please refer to the country specific pages and the references given therein.

Public Funding

Any public funding for projects is organized on a national basis. Therefore, funding applications to the national funding bodies are required in addition to the EUREKA project form. The EUREKA project application describes the common goal, how the partners are going to work together and how the budget is distributed among the consortium. The national funding applications describe in detail the work to be performed by the single applicant or national sub-consortium. Please check the country specific rules at the end of this document.

A consortium agreement between all participants to a project is mandatory.

If no public funding is available, participants are allowed to self-fund their project part.

EUREKA Label

If all concerned national offices in an application agree that the conditions for the EUREKA labeling are fulfilled, most notably that all project parts have secured financing, the projects are proposed for endorsement to the EUREKA High Level Group and shall receive the EUREKA label for their project.

Project start and Monitoring

In principle, projects can start as soon as all national procedures are completed. A common start date shall be defined in the project application form.

The national offices are the point of reference for any issues concerning project start, project monitoring, project changes etc.

Advisory Services

The national EUREKA offices can be contacted by applicants or interested parties for any type of information or question regarding this call for projects; it is strongly recommended to get in contact with the national offices already before the submission of POs or project proposals.


Country specific information sheets

- **Austria**
- Bosnia and Hercegovina
- **Bulgaria**
- **Croatia**
- **Czech Republic**
- **Germany**
- **Hungary**
- **Montenegro**
- **Romania**
- **Serbia**
- **Slovak Republic**



AUSTRIA

Country specific rules

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Relevant Documents and Guidelines:

- Leitfaden FFG Basisprogram V3.0 [Download](#)
- Kostenleitfaden V2.0 [Download](#)
- Application Form (sample) [Download](#)

Description	Projects of type experimental development, to be carried out by an Austrian business company alone* or in co-operation with partners. Projects must aim at commercially exploitable (in Austria) products, processes or services.
Thematic Restrictions	None
Maximum Funding per project	2.99 Mio. €
Funding Rate	Grants max. 60% for small enterprises**, max. 50% for medium-sized enterprises** and max. 40% for large enterprises
Term	Max. 60 months (single contract max. 12 months)
Co-operation mandatory	International co-operation
Total Budget available	Ca. 260 Mio. € per year (for all projects, not only EUREKA)
Application language	German (English is allowed)
Application modality	Online via ecall.ffg.at , no deadlines
Duration until funding decision	From 8 to 12 weeks
Relevant decision dates 2015	09.09., 21.10., 02.12


* there may be one or more Austrian entities involved

** according to the EU definition

Universities and research organizations may participate as subcontractors of companies.
Subcontracting costs for entities outside Austria are eligible only in very exceptional cases.



Bosnia and
Herzegovina
Country specific rules

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Relevant Documents and Guidelines:

<http://mcp.gov.ba> <Page-URL>

Application Form and Guidelines (B/H/S)

<http://mcp.gov.ba> <Document-URL>

Application Form (sample) Standard Eureka Form

<http://mcp.gov.ba> <Document-URL>


IMPORTANT NOTE

The availability of the Bulgarian budget could not be confirmed till the date of the call opening! Please contact BSMEPA before preparing an application.



BULGARIA

Country specific rules

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Relevant Documents and Guidelines: [Funding Rules](#) (in Bulgarian)

Rules for the Management of the Resources of the National Innovation Fund [NIF Rules](#) (in Bulgarian)

Application Form (sample) [Application Form_2014.doc](#) (in Bulgarian)

Description	Projects of type scientific research and development and technical feasibility studies, to be carried out by enterprises registered in Bulgaria under the Commercial Law alone* or in co-operation with partners. Universities and research organisations can participate as partners. Ready-to market innovations are not financed.
Thematic Restrictions	The Fund finances projects in all areas except for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - agriculture - fish industry - forestry
Maximum Funding per project	500 000 €
Funding Rate	Grants max. 80% for small enterprises**, max. 75% for medium-sized enterprises** and max. 65% for large enterprises
Term	Max. 36 months for scientific research and development projects Max. 12 months for technical feasibility studies
Co-operation mandatory	International co-operation (only for EUREKA)
Total Budget available	1 000 000 € in the estimated budget for 2015
Application language	Bulgarian
Application modality	Application in hard copy; deadlines: as agreed for the Call by the MS
Duration until funding decision	From 8 to 12 weeks
Relevant decision dates 2015	No schedule yet

* there may be one or more Bulgarian entities involved

** according to the EU definition


Universities and research organizations may participate as partners of companies.

Subcontracting costs are eligible up to 25 % of all eligible costs.



CROATIA

Country specific rules

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Relevant Documents and Guidelines:

EUREKA program guide V6.0.	Download
Pre-application form	Download
Application Form	Download

Description	Projects can be carried out by an Croatian business company alone* or in co-operation with partners. Projects must aim at commercially exploitable (in Croatia) products, processes or services.
Thematic Restrictions	None
Maximum Funding per project	150.000 €
Funding Rate	Grants max. 50% for small&medium size enterprises**
Term	Max. 36 months
Co-operation mandatory	International co-operation
Total Budget available	Ca. 0,65 Mio. € per year (for EUREKA)
Application language	Croatian (EAF in English)
Application modality	Hard copy by post and electronical by e-mail, no deadlines
Duration until funding decision	From 8 to 12 weeks
Relevant decision dates 2015	N/A

* there may be one or more Croatian entities involved

** according to the EU definition

Universities and research organizations may participate as partners of SMEs.



CZECH REPUBLIC

Country specific rules

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Relevant Documents and Guidelines:

EUREKA program (basic information in cz) <http://www.msmt.cz/vyzkum-a-vyvoj/program-eureka-cz-lf-1>

EUREKA CZ Form <http://www.msmt.cz/file/18887>

EUREKA Project Application Form (en) <http://www.eurekanetwork.org/download-project-application-form>

Description	Projects can be carried out by Czech business company alone* or in co-operation with partners. Projects must aim at commercially exploitable possibility (incl. the Czech Republic) of products, processes or services.
Thematic restrictions	None
Maximum funding per project	80.000 € /year (in case of one CZ participants) 120.000 € / year (in case of two and more CZ participants)
Funding rate	Grant max. 50% of eligible cost for SMEs**, Universities and Research organisations (no possible funding for Large companies)
Term	Max. 48 months
Co-operation mandatory	International co-operation
Total budget available	For EUREKA projects: 4 M€/year; (for Eurostars: 1 M€/year)
Application language	Czech – EUREKA CZ Form English – EUREKA Project Application Form
Application modality	Paper copy by post and electronically by e-mail. No deadlines but respecting four EUREKA project endorsements by year.
Duration until funding decision	According announcement of yearly competition call for funding international R&D projects incl. EUREKA
Relevant decision dates 2015	Funding should be applicable from 2016.

*There may be one or more Czech entities involved in project; Universities and Research organizations may participate as partners of SMEs.

** According to the EU definition (EU recommendation 2003/361).



GERMANY

Country specific rules

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Relevant Documents and Guidelines: will be published later

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Description	It is expected that the follow-up SME Funding Programme ZIM will be available for funding of German participants (mainly SMEs; Research Institutes can be funded if at least one German SME is funded in the project). The programme is expected to be in place in summer 2015. The following information is therefore preliminary and subject to changes:
Thematic Restrictions	None
Maximum Funding per project	SME: 380.000 € / Research Institute: 190.000 €
Funding Rate	50 %
Term	2 years
Co-operation mandatory	Yes – national or international
Total Budget available	Expected: ca. 500 Mio. €/a (not only for EUREKA – but also for other national or international projects !)
Application language	German
Application modality	Hard copy forms expected
Duration until funding decision	about 3 months
Relevant decision dates 2015	Applications can be submitted at any time (as soon as the programme is announced)

Depending on the set-up of the project, other national programmes might be an option, too. Please, consult the national EUREKA Contact in any case.



Hungary Country specific rules


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Relevant Documents and Guidelines for the Hungarian EUREKA support programme expected to be available in March – April 2015.

Description	Projects can be carried out by a Hungarian business company alone or in co-operation with partners. Universities and research organizations may participate as partners of SMEs. Projects must aim at commercially exploitable (in Hungary) products, processes or services.
Thematic restrictions	None
Funding Rate	Max. 80% for small enterprises, max. 75% for medium enterprises, max. 65% for large enterprises
Maximum Funding per Project	Max. 225.000 €
Term	Max. 36 months
Co-operation mandatory	International co-operation
Total budget available	cca. 1.300.000 €
Application language	Hungarian (EAF in English)
Application modality	Hard copy by post and electronical by e-mail
Duration until funding decision	From 8 to 12 weeks
Relevant decision dates 2015	No calendar yet



Montenegro Country specific rules

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Relevant Documents and Guidelines: www.mna.gov.me



Description	Project can be carried out by a Montenegrin SME alone* or in co-operation with partners. Projects must aim at commercially exploitable (in Montenegro) products, processes or services.
Thematic Restrictions	None
Maximum Funding of one project	45.000 € (as grant)
Term	Max. 36 months
Co-operation mandatory	International co-operation
Total Budget available	45.000 €
Application language	English and Montenegrin
Application modality	Online via http://www.mna.gov.me/ministarstvo
Duration until funding decision	From 8 to 12 weeks
Relevant decision dates 2015	N/A

* **SME must perform R&D activities.** Research institutions may participate as partners of SMEs. There may be one or more Montenegrin entities involved.



ROMANIA

Country specific rules

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<http://uefiscdi.gov.ro> <Page-URL>

Application Guide (Romanian) Financial Guide included

<http://uefiscdi.gov.ro> <Document-URL>

Application Form (sample) Standard Eureka Form

<http://uefiscdi.gov.ro> <Document-URL>

Description	Projects of type industrial research (max 40% of total costs) and experimental development (min 60% of total costs), to be carried out by a Romanian business company alone* or in co-operation with partners. Projects must aim at commercially exploitable (in Romania) products, processes or services.
Thematic Restrictions	None
Maximum Funding per project	341.000 € as grant
Funding Rate with respect of State Aid Rule for RDI: http://uefiscdi.gov.ro <Document URL>	Grants max. 70% for small enterprises**, max. 60% for medium-sized enterprises** and max. 40% for large enterprises
Term	Max. 36 months
Co-operation mandatory	International co-operation
Total Budget available	Ca. 4.4 Mio. € per year
Application language	English
Application modality	Online via http://uefiscdi-direct.ro/main/index.php?
Duration until funding decision	From 8 to 12 weeks
Relevant decision dates 2015	No calendar yet

* there may be one or more Romanian entities involved

** according to the EU definition


Universities and research organizations may participate as partners of companies.

Subcontracting is not allowed.



SERBIA

Country specific rules

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Relevant Documents and Guidelines:

<http://mpn.gov.rs> <Page-URL>

Application Form and Guidelines (Serbian)

<http://mpn.gov.rs> <Document-URL>

Application Form (sample) Standard Eureka Form

<http://mpn.gov.rs> <Document-URL>

Description	Projects of type industrial research and experimental development (max 50% of total costs), to be carried out by a Serbian university/ scientific institute/ innovative organization with at least one Serbian business company. Projects must aim at commercially exploitable (in Serbia) products, processes or services.
Thematic Restrictions	None
Maximum Funding per project	50.000 € as grant
Funding Rate with respect of State Aid Rule for RDI: http://mpn.gov.rs <Document URL>	Grants max. 50% for Serbian consortia
Term	Max. 36 months
Co-operation mandatory	International co-operation
Total Budget available	Information is not available yet
Application language	English and Serbian
Application modality	Online via http://mpn.gov.rs
Duration until funding decision	From 8 to 12 weeks
Relevant decision dates 2015	No calendar yet

* there may be one or more Serbian entities involved

Registered innovative organizations, according to the Serbian law, are companies registered in the Ministry for R&D activities based on criteria determined by law.

Subcontracting is only allowed in accordance with the applied project proposal (tasks and budget).



SLOVAK REPUBLIC

Country specific rules

Eligible beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Research institutions form state sector – Slovak Academy of Sciences, research intuitions established by ministries,- High school sector – public universities and private universities,- Non-profit research institutions,- Business sector – research institutions
Funding	50% for all research institutions
Maximum funding for one project	150 000 EURO
Eligibility rules:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Certificate of qualification to conduct research and development- EUREKA label- Declaration of ability to self-finance project
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