

EUREKA Network Call for Proposals
on
Solutions for COVID-19 Echo Period – Life without a vaccine
Between
Austria, Canada, Denmark, France, Netherlands, Spain, Turkey

Call Schedule

Opening of the Call	15 April 2020
EUREKA application deadline	15 May 2020
EUREKA Label and Funding decision	By 30 June 2020
Signature of the Consortium Agreement	By 28 July 2020
Project Start	By 03 August 2020
Project Duration	Up to 12 months
Project Result Implementation	Within 6 months of project completion; preference for shorter launches

Call Acronyms

CA – Consortium Agreement

IPR – Intellectual Property Rights

NFA – National funding authority

R&D&I - research, development and innovation

Introduction

EUREKA (www.eurekanetwork.org) is an intergovernmental organisation for market-driven industrial R&D&I. It is a decentralised network facilitating the coordination of national funding for R&D&I, aiming to boost the productivity & competitiveness of its members' industries. Following a bottom-up approach with projects being of any technological area with a civilian purpose, EUREKA has been the driving force of innovation in Europe for close to 35 years.

1. Participating Funding Authorities (NFA) and Countries

Within the EUREKA initiative, the call is based on mutual consent between the participating funding bodies:

- Forschungsförderungsgesellschaft – FFG (Austria)
- National Research Council Industrial Research Assistance Program – NRC IRAP (Canada)
- Innovationsfonden – IFD (Denmark)
- Bpifrance (France)
- Rijksdienst voor Ondernemend Nederland – RVO (Netherlands)
- Centro para el Desarrollo Tecnológico Industrial – CDTI (Spain)
- Türkiye Bilimsel ve Teknolojik Araştırma Kurumu – TÜBİTAK (Turkey)

2. Scope

Participants are invited to submit research and innovation project proposals aiming to provide **short to medium-term responses to COVID-19 specific needs**.

These may include (but are not limited to):

- Infection prevention and protection
- Sanitation technology
- Diagnostics and testing
- Therapeutics, vaccines and medicines
- Disease-tracking technology, analytical solutions for health systems
- Smart technology for COVID-19 patients
- Smart technologies and support systems for critical production and supply chains under lockdown
- Safe mobility: migration data and trends, regional risk monitoring, protection of isolated and risk groups, safe use of public transports
- Education technologies and digital workplace.

3. Eligibility criteria

In order to apply to the present call, the partners must meet the following qualifications:

- The consortium should include at least two organisations independent of each other from at least two of the participating countries.
- Funding assistance follows each NFA's funding regulations.
- The project partners must express their willingness to cooperate, on a win-win/fair basis in the development of a new product, industrial process or service.
- The product, process or service must be innovative and there must be a technological risk involved.
- The project must have a civilian purpose.
- The project should benefit all involved partners in a well-balanced consortium.

- The project should have an obvious advantage and added value resulting from the technologic cooperation between the participants (e.g. increased knowledge base, commercial leads, access to R&D infrastructure, etc.).
- The duration of the project may not exceed 12 months.
- Projects are expected to start by August 3, 2020. Participants must discuss with their NFA about the expected start date of their activities. NFA regulations may apply.
- Product, service or process implementation or market launch should happen no later than 6 months after project completion.

Each participating NFA may apply additional eligibility criteria based on their national regulations. Applicants are strongly advised, prior to submitting the application, to contact their NFA (see below) to discuss their project idea, and verify their and their project's eligibility.

Partners from other EUREKA countries or countries outside of EUREKA can also participate, but funding must be secured within the deadlines for the call.

4. Submission

Operating principles:

- EUREKA applications are submitted on a continuous basis until 15 May 2020.
- NFAs will evaluate their participants' EUREKA applications and funding applications on a continuous basis until 30 June 2020 or until their budget for this Call is entirely allocated to approved proposals, whichever comes first.

There are two stages to the submission and assessment process.

Stage 1: EUREKA application

All partners must complete the EUREKA project application form online which is available in the call webpage through <https://www.eurekanetwork.org/calls-for-projects>. It must be completed online by **15 May 2020 by 17:00 Central European Summer Time (CEST)**. 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. You can contact your EUREKA National Project Coordinators to get support in preparing the form (see below detailed information for each NFA in Section "Funding conditions and rules per NFA").

Each EUREKA application will be evaluated by the national EUREKA offices of the countries involved in that application.

Stage 2: National applications

If required by their NFA, project participants will submit a related national funding application – taking into account all relevant national procedures and submission rules. Submission deadlines might differ between the participating NFAs, see Section "Funding conditions and rules per NFA" below for detailed information.

The basis for the national evaluation is the general EUREKA eligibility criteria, national eligibility criteria and evaluations, the EUREKA application form with annexes and if required a national application form.

Successful applications are put forward for a EUREKA label.

5. Funding Conditions and National Funding Budgets

Funding will only be provided to projects that are positively evaluated by all relevant participating NFAs. Funding of project partners is subjected to budgetary availability and national funding conditions stipulated by each NFA.

A Consortium Agreement (CA) shall be signed between the project partners covering the execution of the project, the ownership and use of IPR arising from its activities, and the commercialization of the project's results. It shall follow the relevant laws of the countries participating in the project.

Unless otherwise specified by all NFA in support of a given project, a signed CA is mandatory before the actual start of the project. See Section "Funding conditions and rules per NFA" below for exceptions. The CA should at least include the ownership and use of know-how and IPR settlements.

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

Name of National Funding Authority (NFA)	Country	Type of finance	Allocated budget	Max funding per project
FFG	Austria	Grant	Flexible	Flexible
NRC IRAP	Canada	Non-refundable contribution to project costs	\$2 mio	\$600,000
IFD	Denmark	Grant	€1,3 mio.	From €50k to €300k
Bpifrance	France	Repayable advances	As part of national budget	From €50k to €3M
CDTI	Spain	Mix loan-grant	No Limit	Flexible
TÜBİTAK	Turkey	Grant	No Limit	Flexible
RVO	Netherlands		€ 500,000	€ 100,000

NB: The budgets in the table are indicative. You must consult your NFA for further details.

6. Funding conditions and rules per NFA

Austria	
Specific National rules	<p>Austrian applicants have the possibility to apply to two programmes:</p> <p>Emergency-Call zur Erforschung von COVID-19 im Zuge des Ausbruchs von Sars-CoV-2 https://www.ffg.at/ausschreibung/emergencycall-covid-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application deadline: 11 May 2020 • Topics: see link above • Total call budget: approx.26 mio. • Fast track call <p>Rules and procedures: https://www.ffg.at/sites/default/files/downloads/Leitfaden_KLIPHA-COVID19_V.1.1_0.pdf</p> <p>General Program (Basisprogramm) https://www.ffg.at/programm/basisprogramm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thematically open and continuous application possible • Unrestricted total call budet • Regular call (not fast track) <p>Rules and procedures: https://www.ffg.at/sites/default/files/downloads/bpunternehmensprojektkombileitfaden_22082018_1.pdf</p> <p>Guideline Eligible Costs: https://www.ffg.at/recht-finanzen/kostenleitfaden</p> <p>Applicants are strongly advised to consult the Austrian contact persons for choosing the right funding programme.</p>
Eligible costs and funding rates	<p>All companies registered in Austria are eligible for funding, universities and research centers can be funded as subcontractors only. In addition to the EUREKA project form the Austrian participant has to submit a separate national full proposal to the “Emergency-Call zur Erforschung von COVID-19 im Zuge des Ausbruchs von Sars-CoV-2” or to the “General Program (Basisprogramm)” via eCall at the FFG webpage. The evaluation of the Austrian project part is carried out by internal experts. The project must fulfil the national criteria. Funding in Austria is provided on an annual basis only, therefore follow-on applications must be submitted for the max. duration of the project.</p> <p>The funding provided by FFG are grants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • max. 60% of the eligible costs for small companies, • max. 50% of the eligible costs for medium-sized companies and • max. 40% for large companies.

	Eventually higher funding rates are possible based on special Covid-19 regulations. In case these higher funding rates can be offered, an update will be released in the call text and/or the information will be published on the FFG website.
Additional documents required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full national “Emergency-Call zur Erforschung von COVID-19 im Zuge des Ausbruchs von Sars-CoV-2”-proposal or • Full national “General Program (Basisprogramm)”-proposal
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Denmark																																					
Specific National rules	<p>IFD funds projects with at least one Danish industrial partner. IFD can, however, in fund all types of partners, and encourage universities, research organisations, hospitals, organisations and large enterprises as well as SME’s to participate in the call.</p> <p>IFD can fund from €50.000 to €300.000 to Danish partners in a project. If the Danish part of the project is identical to an already national funded Grand Solution Covid-19 project additional “bridge funding” of €50.000 can be accepted.</p> <p>In international projects IFD only fund Danish organisations participating as partners or coordinators in the projects if their project activities take place in Denmark. Subcontracting to Danish or foreign organisations can to a limited extend take place if declared in the application or later approved by IFD.</p>																																				
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Additional documents required	Each Danish applicant must register in the national e-grant system no later than two weeks after the EUREKA application has been handed in.																																				

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Canada	
Specific National rules	In order to be considered for NRC IRAP funding, the basic eligibility criteria are as follows. See http://nrc.canada.ca , Support for technology innovation, Financial support (...) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a small and medium-sized enterprise in Canada, incorporated and profit-oriented; • Have 500 or fewer full-time equivalent employees; and • Have the objective to grow and generate profits through development and commercialization of innovative, technology-driven new or improved products, services, or processes in Canada. Canadian participants must contact NRC IRAP before starting to fill a project proposal. See contacts below.
Eligible costs and funding rates	Up to 50% of Total Project Cost which is calculated as Salaries (for eligible personnel and activities) + Overhead (55% of Salaries) + Contractor Costs, for eligible activities. Eligible Canadian SMEs may receive up to 50% reimbursement of eligible project costs up to a maximum total funding amount of \$600,000. Funding details must be discussed with one of NRC IRAP Industrial Technology Advisors located across Canada.
Additional documents required	Once the EUREKA proposal under this Call has been assessed by NRC IRAP: If it is selected the Canadian applicant will have to submit an NRC IRAP funding application. Complementary information may be required such as annual and interim financial statements.
Contact persons	Eric Holdrinet, EUREKA Deputy NPC Tel: +1.514.882.9384 Email: Eric.Holdrinet@cnrc-nrc.gc.ca Sonia Nour, Program Advisor Email: Sonia.Nour@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca

France	
Specific National/ Regional rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding scheme: repayable advances in case of technical success (Aide au développement de l'innovation) • Partnerships: two or more partners (a Foreign company and a French company)
Eligible costs and funding rates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible costs: Industrial research and experimental development (industrialization and commercialization costs are not eligible) • Funding rates: up to 65% of the eligible costs for an SME and up to 50% for midcap companies.

Additional documents required	French applicants must submit in parallel their funding application form by contacting Bpifrance (click here)
Contact persons	BPI France; 6 boulevard Haussmann 75009 PARIS Mael MBAYE International Program Manager Email: international.innoproject@bpifrance.fr

Netherlands	
Specific National rules	Details TBC soon.
Eligible costs and funding rates	
Additional documents required	
Contact persons	Drs. Niels van Leeuwen Sr. advisor international R&D Tel: +31 88 042 5290 Email: niels.vanleeuwen@rvo.nl

Spain	
Specific National/ Regional rules	CDTI will support industrial research, technological development (R&D projects) or activities very close to the market (Innovation projects). Potential beneficiaries are Spanish companies. Universities and research centers could take part as subcontractors.
Eligible costs and funding rates	The features of the two main funding tool for projects under this call in Spain is available here: R&D projects: http://www.cdti.es/index.asp?MP=100&MS=802&MN=2 Innovation projects http://www.cdti.es/index.asp?MP=100&MS=812&MN=2
Additional documents required	Each company must complete and submit the funding application to CDTI at the same time as the international application. Funding decision is expected within 2 months after submitting an eligible funding application. It is mandatory that project activities do not start before submitting the funding applications to CDTI. For further information, please contact CDTI.

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Turkey	
Specific National rules	All companies which were established in accordance with Turkish law can apply for funding for their international projects. There is no budget limit for international projects and they can be funded by TÜBİTAK without any restriction in project duration. Only companies participating in international projects are funded within this program but universities and research centers can be funded as subcontractors.
Eligible costs and funding rates	Companies receive a percentage of their eligible costs as a grant in this call. There is no maximum or minimum limit to the budget of project. The percentage is 60% for large companies and 75% for SMEs.
Additional documents required	Turkish applicants must complete their national application ten days after the EUREKA application at the latest (by May 25 th). For further information about financing of Turkish participants please directly contact with TÜBİTAK. Detailed information can also be reached from here .
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7 Common EUREKA Assessment Criteria

In addition to the common EUREKA assessment criteria there can be national evaluation criteria and requirements.

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 and the 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 international co-operation?
	3. Are the project management & 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 recommended for public investment? (Yes or No)