



**Globalstars Call for Proposals
for Joint R&D Projects under EUREKA between
Argentina
and the EUREKA member states
(Czech Republic, Finland, Israel, Spain and Turkey)**

Time Schedule

Opening of the Call	15 March 2018
Deadline for Applications	7 June 2018
Selected projects receive EUREKA label	5 October 2018 (at the latest)





EUREKA (www.eurekanetwork.org) is an intergovernmental organisation for market-driven industrial R&D. It is a decentralised network facilitating the coordination of national funding on innovation, aiming to boost the productivity & competitiveness of European industries. Following a bottom-up approach with projects being in any technological area with a civilian purpose, **EUREKA has been the driving force of innovation in Europe for over 30 years.**

Within the GlobalStars initiative of EUREKA, based on the mutual consent, Argentina is determined as a privileged country to increase cooperation with. Participants from Argentina and respective EUREKA member states are invited to submit joint project proposals in the fields of industrial and technological research and development in the framework of the EUREKA program.

1. Scope

This call invites projects **in ALL thematic areas**, reflecting the bottom-up approach of the EUREKA Network projects.

a. National authorities

Respective National Authorities responsible for this call are as follows:

- **MINCYT:** The Argentinean Ministry of Science, Technology and Productive innovation (MINCYT) is the Argentinean governmental entity responsible of defining objectives and policies of the National System of Science, Technology and Innovation; executing R+D+I plans, programs and projects; and coordinating international cooperation relations in its field of competence.

- **IIA:** The Israel Innovation Authority, formerly known as the Office of the Chief Scientist of the Ministry of Economy (& Matimop), which is responsible for the country's innovation policy, is an independent and impartial public entity that operates for the benefit of the Israeli innovation ecosystem and Israeli economy as a whole. Its role is to nurture and develop Israeli innovation resources, while creating and strengthening the infrastructure and framework needed to support the entire knowledge industry.



- **MEYS:** Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports in the Czech Republic has role as National Funding Authority for international cooperation in R&D&I between companies, universities, research institutes and others. Open to all EUREKA technological fields, bottom-up approach. Project evaluation under the National Call is conducted at national level. Supports the participation of the Czech participants in new EUREKA Projects. Projects that have not been endorsed by the EUREKA procedure before the submission of the application

- **Business Finland:**

Innovation Funding Agency Business Finland is an accelerator of global growth. We create new growth by helping businesses go global and by supporting and funding innovations. Our top experts and the latest research data enable companies to seize market opportunities and turn them into success stories.

Business Finland was created on 1st January 2018 by the merger of two organizations: Finpro, which offered services for internationalization, investments and tourism promotion, and Tekes, which offered funding for innovation activities. We aim to develop Finland to be the most attractive and competitive innovation environment in which companies are able to grow, change, and succeed..

- **CDTI:** The Centre for the Development of Industrial Technology, E.P.E. (CDTI) is a Public Business Entity, answering to the Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness, which fosters the technological development and innovation of Spanish companies. It is the entity that channels the funding and support applications for national and international R&D&I projects of Spanish companies.
- **TÜBİTAK:** TÜBİTAK is the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK), leading agency for management, funding and conduct of research in Turkey.

All parties will provide all necessary assistance to project partners during project proposal, evaluation and monitoring phase. In addition, all parties will facilitate EUREKA application process and acquisition of the EUREKA label for accepted proposals.

These organizations will also provide access to public funding for labelled joint projects. The support will be given to each partner by its own authorities in accordance



with the national laws, rules, regulations and procedures in effect, on a non-exchange of funds basis, and subject to budgetary availability.

b. Call Launch and Structure

The Call is announced in the field of industrial research and development between Argentina and respective EUREKA member countries within the EUREKA program. In order to submit a project proposal under this Call, at least 1 partner from Argentina and 1 partner from a EUREKA member or associated country participating in the Call must build a consortium.

The Call is **launched on 15 March 2018** by all parties.

Eligible partners are invited to present joint proposals for industrial R&D projects according to the following procedures:

c. Qualifications

- The project consortium should consist of at least 1 company from Argentina and 1 company from one of the EUREKA member or associated countries participating in this Call. Participation of research institutes/universities is welcome as partners or subcontractors according to each country's funding regulations.
- Companies from other countries may also participate, but they will not be funded by the participating parties of this call.
- The project partners must express the will to cooperate to 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 projects should come up within applied research and experimental development as defined in the Frascati¹ manual.
- The project should have an obvious advantage and added value resulting from the technological cooperation between the participants (e.g. increased knowledge base, commercial leads, access to R&D infrastructure etc.).

¹ Frascati Manual: Guidelines for collecting and reporting data on Research and Experimental Development. OECD. www.oecd.org



- The project should demonstrate the contribution of all the partners from the participating countries, and the project must be significant to them.
- The duration of the project may not exceed 36 months.
- The participants are required, prior the official endorsement of the Eureka High Level Group, to have signed a consortium agreement.

Any partner whose cooperative R&D project is consistent with the aforesaid criteria can apply to the present announcement in accordance with the national laws, rules, regulations and procedures in effect.

2. Submission procedure

- Partners are asked to send their applications no later than **7 June 2018, 05:00 pm CET**.
- Prior consultation with the official relevant contact person in the respective EUREKA office is strongly advised (see details below) in order to receive support on how to complete the application, the national funding rules, the timeline of the call, etc.
- The application consist on:

a. The **common documents**:

a.1. EUREKA Project Application Form. The template can be downloaded at <http://www.eurekanetwork.org/eureka-project-application-form>.

This document has to be legally signed by all participating companies. The signatures must be scanned and sent together with the EUREKA form as an integral part of the application.

a.2. Consortium Agreement on the commercialization of the product, process or service once the phase of research and development has been completed which includes the ownership and use of know-how and IPR settlements.

b. The **National Application of each participant** according to the national rules.



- How to send the applications:
 - The completed EUREKA Project Application Form should be submitted by the main participant to the following email: globalstars@eurekanetwork.org with the following indication in the subject: Globalstars Argentina 2018
 - Each participant will send the EUREKA Application Form, the consortium agreement and the National Application before the deadline and simultaneously in all the countries involved in the project according to the national procedures.
- Summary of the national procedures:
 - **In Argentina**, the participants will have to contact the national project officer to submit the proposal.
 - **In Czech Republic**, the participants will have to submit formal national project application through MEYS website <http://www.msmt.cz/vyzkum-a-vyvoj-2/inter-eureka> including the signed version of EUREKA Application Form and Draft Consortium Agreement.
 - **In Israel**, The Israeli partner is required to submit the National Application Form in accordance with the Israel Innovation Authority regulations, through an online system <https://bakasha.innovationisrael.org.il/>
 - **In Finland**, In Finland the participants will have to contact the NPC and to submit the proposal through the Business Finland online application system:
<https://www.businessfinland.fi/en/for-finnish-customers/online-services/>
 - **In Spain**, the participants will have to submit a formal R&D international project – Eureka project application through CDTI's website (<https://sede.cdti.gob.es/>) including an updated application form and draft consortium agreement (additional documents could be provided depending on the funding requested).
 - **In Turkey**, the participants will have to submit a formal national application through TEYDEB's website (<https://eteydeb.tubitak.gov.tr/>) including the signed version of EUREKA Application Form.



3. Financing

Each country will fund its eligible participants within EUREKA framework. Funding conditions and eligibility criteria may vary from country to country. As summary, main aspects of funding criteria are explained below:

a. In Argentina:

The founding will be provided by The National Agency for Scientific and Technological Promotion (ANPCYT), a national organization dependent on MINCYT in charge of promoting funding of projects aimed at improving social, economic and cultural conditions in Argentina.

Non-Refundable Financial Contributions of up to 80% of the Argentinian company investment in the project.

Only SMEs (according to Argentinean regulation) can apply for funding. Participation of non-SME companies is welcome, but these companies must send a letter committing to self-fund their participation in the project.

Please contact MINCYT for further information regarding the funding criteria. See section 4 below for contact information.

b. In Czech Republic:

The funding in the Czech Republic will be provided by the MEYS, National Funding Authority under the national programme INTER-EXCELLENCE and its part INTER-EUREKA.

Czech companies – SMEs and Large companies - are eligible for submitting the project proposal and can be joined by universities and research organizations. MEYS will fund R&D projects by grants: SME's up to 50% of eligible costs of the Czech project part; large companies up to 30% of eligible costs of the Czech project part and in total limited up to approx. 155,000 € per year (up to 4,000,000 CZK). Project financing is done through grants.

c. In Israel:

Funding from the Israeli government via the Israel Innovation Authority will not exceed 50% of the eligible and approved costs of the R&D in the form of a conditional grant and in accordance with the R&D Law, national laws and regulations detailed at <http://www.matimop.org.il/>. Additional top-ups may apply to companies operating in developing zones. Funding will be provided in the form of a conditional grant. When a project results in sales of a product, service or process, the financial support must be repaid to the Israel Innovation Authority according to its regulations (in general, royalties are paid at rates



beginning at 3% of sales, depending on various criteria. Royalties are payable until 100% of the amount of the grant has been repaid with interest as provided in the applicable regulations). If the project does not result in sales, no repayment is required.

For more information on funding conditions, applicants should visit the website of the Israel Innovation Authority:

<https://innovationisrael.org.il/#home>

d. In Finland:

Business Finland finances business research and development projects, and public research projects at universities, research institutes and universities of applied sciences. Every year, hundreds of companies and research groups work with Business Finland and receive funding from us for research, development and innovation activities. The funding information is publicly available. More details you can explore here:

<https://www.businessfinland.fi/en/for-finnish-customers/about-us/funding-information/>

e. In Spain:

CDTI will finance industrial research and/or technological development activities of Spanish companies. Universities and research centers can be funded as subcontractors.

Funding conditions for Spanish partners may vary depending on the nature of the project and the beneficiary. For more information please access:

<http://www.cdti.es/index.asp?MP=101&MS=842&MN=2>

Spanish tasks in the project can only start after submitting the funding application to CDTI. For further information, please contact directly with CDTI.

f. In Turkey:

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 TUBITAK 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.



Companies receive certain 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.

For further information about financing of Turkish participants please directly contact with TÜBİTAK. Detailed information can also be reached from [here](#).

4. Endorsement of the projects:

No later than 6 months since the Labelling of the projects, it is expected that the national funding phases have been finished and communicated to the Eureka Secretariat by completing the Early Progress Check. Once every member of the consortium has received the approval of the national funding or has confirmed the self-funding with a formal letter, the projects can be endorsed by the EUREKA HLG.

5. Monitoring of the projects:

The monitoring of the EUREKA projects will be performed according to the approved process for EUREKA Network Projects.



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