

Call for Joint Collaborative Project Proposals on Innovation Cooperation between France and Taiwan

Deadline for submission: 31th December 2021.

Scope

France and Taiwan are announcing a Call for Proposals for **joint R&D projects**, focusing on developing innovative products and applications **in all technological and application areas**. Applicants are expected to develop ready-to-market solutions for products, technology-based services or methods which have strong potential for France, Taiwan and international markets. Partners apply with a short application form for their R&D project (provided for download) and have to file their individual applications demanded by their funding agencies Bpifrance and **Taiwan SMECF**.

Taiwan SMECF and Bpifrance will provide access to public funding for joint selected projects. Minimum requirement concerning project consortium is the participation of at least two companies from France and Taiwan (one each).

Taiwan SMECF and Bpifrance will provide all necessary assistance to project partners during the project proposal, evaluation and monitoring phases. In addition, Bpifrance and **Taiwan SMECF** will facilitate the application process and will accompany the progress of the respective projects.

The call invites partners to present joint proposals for industrial R&D projects until **the 31th December 2021** according to the following structures and procedures:

Financing

The accepted projects will be partially funded by respectively, Bpifrance on the French side **and Taiwan SMECF on the Taiwanese side**. The remaining costs will be the responsibility of the project participants.

Project content and evaluation for funding request

Expected project results will have to contribute to the development of commercial products, applications and/or technology-based services. The project proposals have to comply with the following guidelines:

- The consortia should include at least two companies from the France and Taiwan (participation of research institutes/universities is welcome as additional participants or as subcontractors).
- The project should have an obvious advantage and added value resulting from the cooperation between the participants (e.g. increased knowledge base, commercial leads, access to R&D infrastructure, new fields of application, etc.).
- The project should demonstrate the contribution of the participants from France and Taiwan. .

Submission and approval procedures

One completed **Project Application Form** for the whole consortium should be submitted electronically by the applicants to their project management agency offices: Bpifrance in France and **Taiwan SMECF in Taiwan**. The form has to be legally signed by all participating companies. The signatures must be scanned and sent electronically together with the application form.

Simultaneously all participants have to submit their funding applications according to their project management agency procedures. The relevant funding organization should be contacted for details about this procedure (contact details here below).

Both **Bpifrance and Taiwan SMECF** will fund its eligible participants according its funding criteria. As short summary, main aspects of each criteria are explained below:

France

ADI (Aide pour le développement de l'innovation) requirements:

- Partnerships: Two or more industrial partners (a Foreign company and a French company)
- No partner representing more than 70% of the total budget of the project.
- Eligible Beneficiaries: French companies up to 2000 fulltime equivalents (FTE)
- Eligible costs: Industrial research and experimental development (industrialization and commercialization costs are not eligible)
- Funding amount: from € 50,000 up to € 3 Millions (submitted to financial analysis of the company and financial conditions)
- Duration: maximum of 3 years
- Funding: zero interest rate loan reimbursable in case of technical success, up to 65% of the eligible costs for an SME and up to 50% for midcap companies

Any payment is subject to a signed consortium agreement.

Taiwan

Funding criteria

- Partnership : Balanced partnership should not exceed more than 75%-25% of the total budget of the project.
- Eligible beneficiaries: Domestic legally established company without dishonored account.
- Net value of previous year is positive .
- Eligible costs : R&D related personnel costs, consumables costs, equipment usage and maintenance costs, outsourcing costs, domestic business trip costs, etc.
- No limits but followed by reasonable project budget.
- Funding amount : An additional 20% in R&D subsidy will be granted to those who cooperate with French companies; however, the subsidy shall not exceed 50% of the total expenditure
- Duration : Maximum of 3 years

Any payment is subject to a signed consortium agreement.

Timeline

Launch of the Call for Proposals	1st January 2021
Deadline for joint application	31th December 2021
Deadline for the eligibility check	Review as cases arrive about 2 weeks.
Final decision for funding	About 100 days per case

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