

France – Spain Call for Eureka joint R&D&I projects

Deadline for submission: 31 May 2023

Within the cooperation practices existing between France and Spain in the fields of industrial and technological research and development in the framework of the Eureka program, in which both countries are active members, participants from both countries are invited to submit joint project proposals. This call is managed in cooperation and in line with the procedures of Eureka innovation platform (www.eurekanetwork.org).

Scope

Bpifrance from France and the Centre for the Development of Industrial Technology, EPE (CDTI) from Spain are announcing this call for Proposals for joint R&D projects, focusing on developing innovative products and applications in all technological and market areas. Applicants are expected to develop ready to market solutions or projects which have strong market potential for France and Spain.

This call invites projects **in ALL thematic areas or application domains**.

National Authorities

Bpifrance is the French Public Investment Bank and helps stimulate French companies' growth and R&D development by offering loans, providing guarantees and awarding buyer credit and supplier credit to encourage business abroad.

CDTI is the Spanish National Authority, responsible for fostering the technological development and innovation of Spanish companies.

Both Bpifrance and CDTI will provide all necessary assistance to project partners during project proposal preparation and submission, evaluation and monitoring phase. In addition, both 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 the 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 in each country.

Call criteria

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

- The partners should include at least one French and one Spanish company. Participation of research institutes/universities and other organizations is welcome as self-funded participants or subcontractors according to each country's funding regulations.
- Organizations from other countries may also participate, but they will not be funded by CDTI or by Bpifrance.
- The French and Spanish partners must express their 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 project should have an obvious advantage and added value resulting from the technological cooperation between the participants from the countries (e.g. increased knowledge base, commercial leads, access to R&D infrastructure etc.).
- The project should demonstrate the contribution of all participants (not more than 70% of participants contribution from one country or one company) and the project must be significant to them.
- The participants are required, prior to obtain the Eureka label endorsement, 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.

Submission and approval procedures at international level

Participants are invited to contact the officers from the National Authorities (see contact details at the end of the text) before submitting the documents.

Consortia will have to submit their applications through the Eureka platform (eureka.smartsimple.ie) and additionally each applicant must submit all required documents to their respective national funding authority and meet its due diligence process requirements.

- In France, the participants will have to submit the Eureka Application form (in English) before the deadline, on the Eureka website. Once this document has been uploaded, the regional relationship manager of the company will get in touch to ask for the national funding application (ADI), in French language, which includes the draft consortium agreement. Additional documents could be requested depending on the profile, project and funding requested by the company.
- In Spain the participants will have to submit a formal R&D international project aid application through CDTI's website (<https://sede.cdti.gob.es/>) including the Eureka Application form (in English) and the draft consortium agreement. Additional documents in Spanish language, containing detailed information on the Spanish participants, could be requested depending on the specific type of funding requested by the company.

Timetable

1. Call launch: 2 March 2023
2. Deadline for submission of international applications: 31 May 2023
3. Eureka label and funding decision (estimated): December 2023

Funding conditions and procedures at national level

The funding support will be given to each eligible partner by its own National Authority. Funding conditions and eligibility criteria may vary from country to country. The information regarding funding for each country is explained below:

France:

Bpifrance will finance industrial research and/or technical development activities of French companies. Universities and research centers could take part as self-funded or subcontractors.

Bpifrance could conduct a first “pre-eligibility check” as soon as the company contact the team before submitting the application. A meeting with both the team in charge of the program (contact at the end of the guidelines) and the “chargé.e d'affaires” is **mandatory**. Once the Eureka project is uploaded, the French company will have two weeks to submit all the documents needed for the national demand.

Once the national funding application is submitted, the regional relationship manager will evaluate the project and decide of the type of funding and amount.

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)
- Funding amount: from € 50,000 up to € 3 Million (submitted to financial analysis of the company and financial conditions)
- Funding type: Repayable advance or R&D loan
- Duration: maximum of 36 months

NB: if the company is considered as a deeptech company, the funding could be different. In any case, all the above information could be adapted to the profile and project of the company.

Before the application, the French partner could also 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.

Spain:

CDTI will finance industrial research and/or technological development activities of Spanish companies. Universities and research centers could take part as subcontractors.

CDTI will check the eligibility of the Spanish applicants after receiving the international application. If it is eligible, funding applications will be generated by CDTI to each Spanish company and it must be completed and submitted by them. A full memory (in Spanish) must be attached to these applications. Deadline to reply September 7th June. If the funding applications are not submitted in time, the international project could be rejected.

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

<http://www.cdti.es/index.asp?MP=100&MS=802&MN=2>

Funding decision is expected within 5-6 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.

According to Eureka's practices, applicants may choose to request a label without public financing (e.g. self-funding is also applicable).

Monitoring and impact

Applicants will be requested to provide information during the lifetime of the project at international level to make sure the project has been developed as expected. Additionally, they will have to provide information regarding the impact of the project once it has been finished.

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