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Announcement:

Switzerland – Netherlands Call for R&D Project Outlines

Submission by 14th February, 2014.

Scope

Switzerland and the Netherlands are member states of the EUREKA initiative and support innovation projects through the different EUREKA instruments (individual projects, Eurostars projects). Both countries collaborate continuously with the 40 EUREKA member states and support all innovation topics as EUREKA is by nature bottom-up and focused mainly on the innovation activities of companies.

The Netherlands and Switzerland are jointly announcing a bilateral Call for outlines to joint innovation projects under the **EUREKA** and the **Eurostars** programmes by **using existing funds**. The Call **focuses on the development of innovative products and services within the field of water technology**.

The call is managed by the EUREKA offices at Agentschap NL and the Swiss State Secretary for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI) in line with the EUREKA initiative (www.eurekanetwork.org).

Call Launch and Structure

The Call is launched on the 7th November 2013. Eligible partners are invited to present joint outlines for market-oriented, innovative R&D projects according to the following procedures:

1. Qualifications

- The consortium should include at least one SME. Other partners such as large companies, research institutes and universities are welcome as additional participants.
- The project must have an obvious advantage and added value resulting from the cooperation between the participants from the two countries (e.g. increased knowledge base, commercial leads, access to R&D infrastructure etc.).
- The project should demonstrate the contribution of the participants from both countries in a balanced way, and the project must be significant to both countries.
- Partners from other Eureka countries may also participate. This requires funding from their respective home countries.

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 and the approval procedures will be of two phases:

In the **first phase**:

- Partners will be asked to present a **short project outline** using the template, which is available on <http://www.sbf.admin.ch/themen/01370/01683/01698/index.html?lang=de>.
- The completed project outlines of the phase 1 should be submitted to the Eureka offices in the Netherlands and Switzerland simultaneously with copy to all partners of the project outline. **Submission** is open between the **7th November 2013** and the **14th February 2014**. The submission of all relevant documents has to be done by email to the addresses listed at the end of this document (no physical documents needed).

The outlines will be screened by SERI and Agentschap NL and the partners will be notified of the results within the shortest possible delay after the submission (about 10 days).



In the **second phase**:

- Partners with approved outlines will be recommended to submit their **full applications** according to national procedures to Eureka or international procedures to Eurostars.
- SERI and Agentschap NL will assist on how to submit full applications.

3. Financing

Funding support can be given to each partner by its own funding Organization (Agentschap NL in the Netherlands and SERI and Commission for Technology and Innovation CTI in Switzerland) in accordance with the national laws, rules, regulations and procedures in effect. Note: there are no additional budgets available for this bilateral action.

Concrete funding mechanisms depend on the funding framework (EUREKA/Eurostars) that will be decided on in Phase 2 of the submission process. Submission of applications to Eurostars is possible until 13th March 2014 and applications to EUREKA will be scheduled according to the needs of the applicants.

Information on the funding mechanisms is available on the following websites:

Switzerland: Eureka Projects: www.seri.admin.ch/eureka; Eurostars projects: www.seri.admin.ch/eurostars.

The Netherlands: <http://www.agentschapnl.nl/subsidies-regelingen>.

Supportive Measures

- SERI and Agentschap NL will facilitate the **identification of project partners** within academia as well as among industry partners. Both offices are cooperating with Enterprise Europe Network, with national clusters and other national experts and points of contact.
- Partners participating in the present call are invited to attend the following **match-making events**, where they will meet potential industry and academia partners, dedicated network representatives and authorities managing the call.
 - **Aquamatch:** On the **7th November 2013**. In parallel to the Aquatech Amsterdam fair a Brokerage Event is organised in Amsterdam. It offers the opportunity to meet companies and research institutes for international technology transfer, business and research co-operations in the frame of pre-arranged bilateral 30-minutes meetings. The basis for the meetings is an online catalogue containing the competence profile of each participant. Participation is free of charge.
<http://www.b2match.eu/aquamatch2013>
 - **Swiss Dutch Water Technology Event: 30th January 2014.** The Swiss-Dutch Water Event is organized to foster co-operation between enterprises and research institutes in the field of water technology and takes place at the venue of Eawag in Dübendorf. The event offers companies and research institutes the opportunity to meet potential partners for cooperation in specific fields of water technology and is organized to establish new contacts leading to innovative projects and, at a later stage, joint commercial exploitation of the results. Participation is free of charge.
<http://www.b2match.eu/swissdutchwater/admin/>

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