

**GlobalStars Call for Proposals  
for Joint R&D Projects under EUREKA  
between Singapore and the EUREKA member countries:  
Austria, Belgium(Flanders), Canada, Estonia, Hungary, Netherlands, Poland, South  
Africa, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, UK**

**Time Schedule**

<b>International Announcement of the Call</b>	May 2020
<b>National Announcements of the Call</b>	Country Dependent
<b>Call opens</b>	8 June 2020
<b>Deadline for EUREKA Application</b>	15 October 2020
<b>Applicants Informed</b>	January – February 2021
<b>EUREKA label procedure and approval</b>	January – February 2021

EUREKA ([www.eurekanetwork.org](http://www.eurekanetwork.org)) is an intergovernmental organisation for market-driven industrial research and development. It is a decentralised network facilitating the coordination of national funding on Research, Development and Innovation, aiming to boost the productivity & competitiveness of industries.

**1. Call description**

Within the GlobalStars initiative of EUREKA, based on mutual consent, Singapore, Austria, Belgium (Flanders), Canada, Estonia, Hungary, Netherlands, Poland, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine and the UK are launching a common call. Participants from Singapore and the respective EUREKA member countries are invited to submit joint project proposals in the research and development of innovative products and applications with a strong market potential.

**2. Scope**

The call for proposals will be an open call inviting projects from any sector area.

**3. Qualification Criteria**

Partners must meet the following qualifications:

- The consortium should include at least two companies that are independent from each other, one company for Singapore and one company from one of the EUREKA member countries participating in the call.
- The project partners must express their will to cooperate on a win-win/fair basis in an R&D project leading to a new product, industrial process or service.
- The product, process or service must be innovative, and there must be a technological risk involved for all involved partners.
- The project must benefit all involved partners.
- The project should have an obvious benefit and added value resulting from the technological cooperation between the participants from the different countries (e.g. increased knowledge base, commercial leads, access to R&D infrastructure etc.) and ideally a clear view of who the customers for commercialisation will be.
- A signed consortium agreement is required upon approval, before the actual start of the project. It ought to include, amongst others, the ownership and use of know-how and IPR settlements
- The maximum duration of a project may not exceed 36 months.
- No individual organisation, or individual country, can claim more than 70% of the total eligible costs of a joint project.
- Military projects are excluded.

Any partner whose cooperative R&D project is consistent with the aforesaid criteria can apply to the present call in accordance with the national laws, rules, regulations and procedures in effect in each country, on a non-exchange of funds basis, and subject to budgetary availability. The amount of funding available per project partner is subject to national rules and regulations.

Project partners are strongly advised, prior to submitting the application, to contact their national/regional Authority (see below) in order to check the eligibility of their project.

Partners from other EUREKA countries or countries outside of EUREKA can also participate, but they will not be funded by the participating funding bodies in this call. Subsequently, these partners have to secure their own funding within the deadlines for this call.

#### **4. Submission**

There are 4 stages to the submission and assessment process:

##### **Stage 1: EUREKA application**

All partners must complete the EUREKA project application form online at [eureka.smartsimple.ie](http://eureka.smartsimple.ie). It must be completed online by 17:00pm Central European Summer Time on 15 October 2020. 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. User guidance for the application tool is available under "Related documents".

##### **Stage 2: National applications**

In parallel to the submission of the EUREKA project application form, all project partners are required to submit a related national funding application, if required, to their respective funding agencies, taking into account all relevant procedures and submission rules. Deadline for submission might differ between the participating funding agencies, see below for detailed information for each funding agency.

##### **Stage 3: International and national evaluation**

All applications are assessed against the eligibility criteria of the call before being put forward for the national assessments according to the national evaluation criteria.

Successful projects are put forward for a EUREKA label. After a common list of labelled and non-labelled projects has been agreed, applicants will be informed about the results.

##### **Stage 4: National funding decision**

Funding will only be provided to labelled projects that are positively evaluated by all participating funding agencies, taking the common ranking list into account. Funding of project partners is subjected to budgetary availability and national funding conditions stipulated by each funding body.

#### **5. Evaluation**

Applications will be evaluated nationally. The basis for the national evaluation is the general EUREKA eligibility criteria, national eligibility criteria and evaluations, the EUREKA application form and if required a national application form.

A multilateral consensus meeting between all involved national funding bodies (NFBs) will agree which projects to approve based on the assessors' scores, using the EUREKA Network projects evaluation methodology (see Section 8). After a common list of funded and non-

funded projects has been agreed the national funding bodies and EUREKA Association will inform the applicants about the results.

## **6. Funding Conditions**

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

Any IPR arising from cooperative project activities under this call shall be regulated in a Consortium Agreement (CA) in accordance with the relevant laws of the countries participating in the project.

A signed CA on the execution and commercialisation of the projects results is mandatory for selected projects and must be send to the relevant national funding agencies no later than 6 months after the results of the evaluation have been communicated. The project start can in any case not be prior to the approval of the signed CA.

The funding bodies named below will provide access to public investment for the selected projects. The support will be given to each partner by its respective funding body 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 funding body.

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## **8. Eligibility Criteria for each participating country:**

### **Singapore**

Singapore will be supporting companies, up to 70% of qualifying project costs, using the Enterprise Development Grant (EDG). The deadline for the national application is the same as the deadline for the EUREKA project application. To be eligible for EDG support, the applicant must fulfil ALL of the following:

- a. Be a business entity that is registered and physically present in Singapore, and;
- b.  $\geq 30\%$  local equity held directly or indirectly by Singaporean(s) / Singapore PR(s), determined by the ultimate individual ownership;
- c. Be financially able to see a project through completion; and
- d. Any other criteria as described in the [Enterprise Development Grant page](#).

More info:

<https://www.businessgrant.gov.sg>

<https://www.enterprisesg.gov.sg/financial-assistance/grants/for-local-companies/enterprise-development-grant>

## **Austria**

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 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 ("Basisprogramm-Leitfaden"). There is no dedicated budget for this call. Funding in Austria is provided on an annual basis only, therefore follow-on applications must be submitted for the max. duration of 3 years.

The funding provided by FFG are grants:

- 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.

The deadline for the national application is the same as the deadline for the EUREKA project application. National applications must be submitted online via FFG eCall:

<https://ecall.ffg.at/Cockpit/Cockpit.aspx>

All Information about the national funding programme:

<https://www.ffg.at/programm/basisprogramm>

Rules and procedures:

[https://www.ffg.at/sites/default/files/downloads/bpunternehmensprojektkombileitfaden\\_22082018\\_1.pdf](https://www.ffg.at/sites/default/files/downloads/bpunternehmensprojektkombileitfaden_22082018_1.pdf)

Guideline Eligible Costs:

<https://www.ffg.at/recht-finanzen/kostenleitfaden>

## **Belgium - Flanders**

Flanders Innovation and Entrepreneurship (VLAIO) is the contact point for entrepreneurs in Flanders. We encourage and support innovation and entrepreneurship, and contribute to a favourable business climate. We help companies with the start-up of their activities, the growth and continuity of their business

In the VLAIO program only companies can apply for funding via subsidies. Flemish or foreign academic partners or research institutes can be funded by VLAIO if their expertise is crucial for the Flemish partner (company) and if they are subcontracted by this company

In Belgium-Flanders for this call we will only accept development projects (an innovative idea that can lead to successful business in the short term, but there are still some challenges to overcome in developing this innovation.)

Staff and other costs related to the development project can be funded with a 25 to 50% subsidy of the project budget, with a minimum budget equivalent to support of €25,000. Information can be found via [\(link to Vlaio website\)](#)  
The maximum funding (subsidy) per project is 500.000 EUR.  
The total budget for this call is 2 million EUR.

In addition to the centrally submitted EUREKA Project Application Form, partners from Flanders need to submit an application to VLAIO, including a project plan and budget. We invite Flemish partners to contact us for a pre-check of their project ideas. The deadline for submission is the 15 October 2020.

## Canada

Canadian SME applicants must be eligible for funding as NRC IRAP clients before they can be considered for funding through this call for proposals. For more information on NRC IRAP eligibility and becoming an NRC IRAP client, please contact NRC IRAP at 1-877-994-4727.

To be considered for funding, in addition to the Qualification Criteria mentioned in Section 3, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- The project consortium must include at least:
  - 1 incorporated Canadian small or medium-sized enterprise (SME)\*, defined as a for-profit company with 500 or fewer full-time equivalent employees and
  - 1 eligible Singaporean participant
- \*Canadian organizations that are not considered SMEs may participate in projects, but are not eligible to receive funding through this call for proposals.
- The Canadian SME must have a technology that is world-class, differentiated, and protectable, such as a unique or novel patentable technology that may alter the industry or market.

Preference will be given to existing commercialized technologies in Canada.

- The Canadian SME must be committed to pursuing growth and profit by developing and commercializing innovative, technology-driven new or improved products, processes or technological-based services.
- The Canadian SME must be ready, and have the resources to make a serious new market entry push, generally measured by having more than 20 full time equivalent employees and \$2 million CAD in annual revenue

Applicants from Canada must complete the following application steps:

1. Register by July 9, 2020 using the following link: [NRC Canada International Opportunities web-page](#) and select the Singapore GlobalStars call.
2. Complete and submit by July 16, 2020 the Expression of Interest (EOI) form supplied to those who registered.
3. Submit a Canadian Application package including the EUREKA application and draft consortium agreement by October 15, 2020. *Instructions related to this submission will be provided only to those whose EOIs have been reviewed and deemed eligible to proceed.*

Eligible Canadian SMEs may receive up to 50 % reimbursement of eligible project costs up to a maximum total funding amount of \$600,000 CAD.



## **Estonia**

In Estonia applicants must apply for a grant from national funding program *Tootearenduse toetus* at <https://www.eas.ee/teenus/sf-tootearenduse-toetus>

The application must meet the national rules of the support measure. Eligible costs are described in the national funding rules.

Funding rate is up to 45% (Exception! up to 75 % to companies whose economical results have been affected by the Covid-19 crisis).

Maximum funding per project is up to 500 000 euros.

Each company must complete and submit the funding application to EAS at the same time as the international application. It is mandatory that project activities do not start before submitting the funding applications to EAS.

## **Hungary**

In the Hungarian EUREKA Programme, applications are accepted also in case of EUREKA project proposals and not only with endorsed projects, however, the contracts will also be concluded with the National Research, Development, and Innovation Office as Funding Agency only if the project gets the EUREKA label.

The deadline for submission is **29 October 2020**. The evaluation procedure lasts 2-3 months with the involvement of independent technical and economic experts.

In the support programme application of SMEs, large companies, universities, and research institutions are accepted. Public research institutes and universities are eligible for funding only if they have a Hungarian profit-oriented business company in the consortium.

Funding by the type of organisation:

- Small Enterprises: up to 80%
- Medium Enterprises: up to 75%
- Large Companies: up to 65%
- Universities, RTOs and Non-profit organisations: up to 100%

Universities, RTOs and Non-profit organisations are eligible for participation and funding only with industrial partners.

The Hungarian EUREKA Programme has a special budget of 500 million HUF (ca. 1.5 million EUR) for 2020 (GlobalStars Call included).

More details on the National Research, Development, and Innovation Office website in [Hungarian](#) and [English](#)

## **Netherlands**

In the Netherlands programme, only R&D costs are eligible for funding. Enterprises and research institutes can apply for grant funding up to 50% depending on the type of organization and the type of activities:

- Large companies: 35% for research activities, 25% for development activities
- SMEs: 45% for research activities, 35% for development activities

- Universities / research organisations: 50% for research activities, 25% for development activities

The maximum funding (grant) per project is 350.000 EUR. The total budget for this call is approximately 1 million EUR.

In addition to the centrally submitted EUREKA Project Application Form, partners from The Netherlands need to submit an application to RVO, including a detailed project plan and budget. The deadline for submission is the 15 October 2020 at 17:00. We invite Dutch partners to contact us for a pre-check of their project ideas.

More info: <https://www.rvo.nl/globalstars>

## Poland

Budget: PLN 4 m (approx. EUR 0,88 m)

To be eligible for NCBR support, a Polish applicant must

- be a Poland-based business, of any size
- be a research and knowledge disseminating organisation
- collaborate with the Singapore lead partner

The Polish partners must nominate a Polish project leader who must be a Polish micro, small or medium-sized enterprise (SME).

NCBR can fund a proportion of industrial research and development works project costs. This proportion depends on the size of your business and will be described in detail in the national rules:

	Industrial research (basic level: 50%)	Development works (basic level: 25%)
Micro or small enterprise	up to 80%	up to 60%
Medium-sized enterprise	up to 75%	up to 50%
Large enterprise	up to 65%	up to 40%

Please note that NCBR's maximum total project grant to Polish applicants is no larger than PLN 1 m, with no more than PLN 500,000 per partner.

Large enterprises as well as research and knowledge disseminating organisations can be partners on the project but cannot lead the Polish consortium.

Further specification:

All proposals must be aligned with national regulations, inter alia:

- The Law of 20 July 2018 on Higher Education and Science, published in Journal of Laws 2020, item 85, as amended;
- The Act of 30 April 2010 on the National Centre for Research and Development, published in Journal of Laws of 2019, item 1770, as amended;
- The Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 25 February 2015 on criteria and rules on granting state aid and “de minimis” aid through the National Centre for Research and Development (Journal of Laws of 2015, item 299)

Eligibility of the costs and funding rates can be found at:

<https://www.ncbr.gov.pl/programy/programy-miedzynarodowe/wspolpraca-wielostronna/inne-inicjatywy-wielostronne/eureka/aktualnosci/>

### South Africa

<b>Specific National/ Regional rules</b>	Funding is only be available to registered companies and SMEs as per South African definition. These entities may be supported by Science Councils and Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) as project sub-contractors. The sub-contracting should be done on a predetermined distribution of work as outlined in the eligibility criteria of the Call.
<b>Eligible costs and funding rates</b>	Each project will go through a financial negotiation process with the national funding body, (DSI & TIA) to finalise the exact percentage funding . The funding will be transferred in tranches in accordance with the project duration. Co-funding between the SA participants and the DSI/TIA to be as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SMEs - Up to 75%</li> <li>• Large Companies - Up to 50%</li> </ul>
<b>Budget</b>	Flexible - Depending on budget negotiations with applicants
<b>Additional documents required</b>	In addition to the centrally submitted EUREKA Project Application Form, to be considered for national funding the applicants will be required to complete a national funding application form. The application can be obtained at the following website; <a href="https://esastap.org.za/applications/">https://esastap.org.za/applications/</a>  The deadline for the national application is the same as the deadline for the EUREKA project application. Applications should be submitted to <a href="mailto:contact@esastap.org.za">contact@esastap.org.za</a>  All successful applicants will be required to confirm in writing their co-investment in the project prior to the disbursements of any national project funds.

### South Korea

To be eligible for KIAT support, Korean applicants must

- be a Korea based business, of any size
- be a research organization, or university

- collaborate with the Singapore partner

<b>Specific National rules</b>	<p>KIAT will finance industrial research and/or technological development activities of Korean companies, universities and research centers.</p> <p>A private enterprise which has been in operation for more than 1 year and which received corporate R&amp;D center accreditation by the Korean government should be included in the Korean consortium.</p>															
<b>Eligible costs and funding rates</b>	<p>Project cost is comprised of government contributions and civilian dues(cash and in-kind). The amount of government contributions will vary depending on the type of executing organizations and project in accordance with Article 24 (Funding criteria) and Article 25 (Civilian dues) of the Common Operational Regulations for the Industrial Technology Innovation Programs in Korea. (see: <a href="http://www.k-pass.kr">www.k-pass.kr</a>)</p> <p>A party that participates in a project shall carry out its project using the government contributions allocated to it, and for-profit organizations shall individual bear the cash portion of civilian dues.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="491 810 1372 1339"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="491 810 746 1048">Classification</th> <th data-bbox="746 810 1024 1048">Share of government contributions in executing organization's project budget</th> <th data-bbox="1024 810 1372 1048">Share of cash in Executing organization's Civilian dues</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="491 1048 746 1111">Large company</td> <td data-bbox="746 1048 1024 1111">33% or less</td> <td data-bbox="1024 1048 1372 1111">60 or more</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="491 1111 746 1209">Mid-tier company</td> <td data-bbox="746 1111 1024 1209">50% or less</td> <td data-bbox="1024 1111 1372 1209">50 or more</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="491 1209 746 1272">SME</td> <td data-bbox="746 1209 1024 1272">67% or less</td> <td data-bbox="1024 1209 1372 1272">40 or more</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="491 1272 746 1339">Other</td> <td data-bbox="746 1272 1024 1339">100% or less</td> <td data-bbox="1024 1272 1372 1339">To be borne if necessary</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Classification	Share of government contributions in executing organization's project budget	Share of cash in Executing organization's Civilian dues	Large company	33% or less	60 or more	Mid-tier company	50% or less	50 or more	SME	67% or less	40 or more	Other	100% or less	To be borne if necessary
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<b>Additional documents required</b>	<p>The Korean consortium should submit its national application form on the k-pass system (online).</p> <p>National submission on the k-pass system is mandatory for the project to get public funding.</p>															

## Spain

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.

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>

Each company must complete and submit the funding application to CDTI within 20 days after receiving the communication of eligibility. Funding decision is expected within 3 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.

## **Switzerland**

Only consortia consisting of at least 1 Swiss company and 1 Swiss University or Research Organisation, sharing the project costs 50:50 can apply for funding. Academic partners are funded 100%. Companies self-fund their participation and pay 10% of the funding contribution to the Swiss Research Organisation. In return they are entitled to non-exclusively exploit the project results in their business domain.

Following costs are eligible: Salaries, consumables, international travel, equipment depreciation. Swiss universities are funded 100%, Swiss companies self-fund their participation. A self-funded participation of Swiss companies without participation of a funded Research Organisation is possible.

In addition to the centrally submitted EUREKA Project Application Form and Annex, a national funding application: <https://www.innosuisse.ch/inno/en/home/start-your-innovation-project/innovationsprojekte.html> has to be submitted through the Analytics application.

Prior to the submission of the application forms, relevant project partners are invited to contact Innosuisse for a pre-check of their project ideas.

## **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](#).

Turkish applicants must complete both EUREKA application and national application before the deadline of the Call.

## **Ukraine**

All companies registered in Ukraine are eligible for funding, universities and research centers can be funded as subcontractors only.

In addition to the EUREKA project form, Ukrainian participants have to submit a separate national proposal to the Ukrainian Startup Fund (USF). USF is a state owned fund launched by the initiative of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

National applications must be submitted online via USF portal: <https://portal.usf.com.ua/>, including detailed project plan and budget. The deadline for the national application is the same as the deadline for the EUREKA project application.

The evaluation of Ukrainian projects part will be carried out by experts of USF. The project must fulfil the national criteria. There is no dedicated budget for this call. Funding for Ukraine is provided on an annual basis only. USF provides funding through grants. The amount of funding should not exceed 50 000 Dollars.

USF and MESU invite Ukrainian partners to contact for a pre-check of their project ideas. More information about EUREKA in Ukraine and the national funding of this call: <https://mon.gov.ua/ua/nauka/innovacijna-diyalnist-ta-transfer-tehnologij/mizhnarodna-programa-eureka> and <https://usf.com.ua/en/>

## UK

To be eligible for Innovate UK support, a UK applicant must

- be a UK based business, of any size
- be a research organisations, public sector organisations or charity
- collaborate with the Singapore lead partner

The UK partners must

- nominate a UK lead partner who must be a UK business
- include at least one UK-based micro, small or medium sized enterprise (SME)
- have a minimum of 50% of the total UK cost of the project being incurred by SME's
- ensure the project's maximum total grant to UK applicants is no larger than £350,000.

Innovate UK can fund a proportion of the industrial research project costs, this proportion depends on the size of your business:

- up to 70% if you are a micro or small business
- up to 60% if you are a medium-sized business
- up to 50% if you are a large business

Research organisations, public sector organisations or charities can be partners on the project but cannot lead the UK consortium. The UK research organisations in your consortium can share up to 30 percent of the UK total eligible project costs. If your consortium has more than one UK research organisation, this maximum is shared between them.

Subcontracting is allowed up to a maximum 20% of the total eligible project costs of the UK partners.

Each UK partner must carry out the majority of their funded work within the UK.

Eligible project costs are defined in the [general funding guidance](#). This competition provides state aid funding under the [General Block Exemption Regulation](#).

Any UK business claiming funding must be eligible to receive state aid at point of award. It is your responsibility to make sure that your organisation is eligible to receive state aid. For further information please see the general guidance document.

## **9. Organisations from other countries**

Organisations from other EUREKA member states can participate provided:

- they arrange their own funding
- the project meets the eligibility participation criteria
- respect the deadlines of the call

Annex B: EUREKA Assessment Criteria:

<b>1. Impact</b>	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)
<b>2. Excellence</b>	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
<b>3. Quality &amp; Efficiency</b>	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)
<b>4. Overall Perception</b>	1. Pros and cons of the application
	2. Is the project recommend for public investment? (Yes or No)