

## Israel- Spain 9<sup>th</sup> Call for Proposals for Joint R&D Projects

### Deadline for Submission – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Within the cooperation practices existing between Spain and Israel in the fields of industrial and technological research and development (hereinafter called “R&D Cooperation”) in the framework of the Eureka program, in which both countries are full and active members, participants from both countries are invited to submit joint project proposals.

#### **1. Scope of topics for bi-lateral R&D projects**

Israel and Spain are announcing the 9<sup>th</sup> 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 or projects which have strong market potential for Israel and Spain.

Although this call invites projects **in ALL thematic areas**, special focus is given to the following domains:

- **Agrotechnology**
- **Biotechnology and life sciences**
- **Cleantech** (environmental, new energy sources and natural resource use and Water management technologies)
- **ICT** (including eHealth & cybersecurity)
- **Nanotechnology**

#### **2. National authorities**

The Israel Europe R&D Directorate (ISERD) is the National Eureka Office, serving as Israel's national representative in the Eureka Program, while the National Funding Body is the Innovation Authority of the Ministry of Economy of Israel.

The Spanish National Authority, acting as Eureka Office and National Funding Body, is the Centre for Industrial Technological Development (CDTI), attached to the Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness of Spain.

Both ISERD and CDTI will provide all necessary assistance to project partners during project proposal, evaluation and monitoring phase. In addition, ISERD and CDTI will guide project partners throughout the EUREKA application process and will award the EUREKA label for accepted proposals.

These organizations will also provide access to public funding for endorsed joint projects. The support will be given to each partner by its respective National Authorities in accordance with

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

### **3. Call Launch and Structure**

The call is announced in the field of industrial research and development (R&D) in cooperation between Spain and Israel within the EUREKA program, in which both countries participate. Hence, the program is managed in cooperation and in line with the procedures of the EUREKA innovation platform ([www.eurekanetwork.org](http://www.eurekanetwork.org)).

The Call is **launched on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017**, jointly by ISERD and CDTI.

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

#### **3.1 Eligibility**

In order to apply to the present call, partners must meet the following qualifications:

- The Israeli partner should be an Industrial entity (company) which may be technologically and scientifically assisted by a non-industrial entity (e.g.: university, research institute etc). The Spanish partner should be an Industrial entity (company) which may be technologically and scientifically assisted by a non-industrial entity (e.g.: university, research institute etc).
- The Spanish and Israeli partners must express their will to cooperate, on an equal basis, in 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 must be equally significant for both partners.
- Partners are required, prior to obtaining the Eureka label, to have previously signed a 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 ("Consortium Agreement").

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.

### 3.2 Submission procedure

Submission and approval procedures consist of one phase. This call invites partners to submit joint proposals for R&D projects using Eureka forms no later than **15<sup>th</sup> June 2017**.

Partners will be asked to submit a short project outline via the [Eureka Project Application Form](#).

The completed electronic form (the Eureka Project Application Form, available on [EUREKA project application form | EUREKA](#)) must be submitted simultaneously to ISERD and CDTI by **15<sup>th</sup> June 2017**.

The forms have to be legally signed by all participating companies.

The signatures must be scanned and sent together with the form as an integral part of the application. The forms must be filled in English, signed by both project partners and sent to the program managers.

- **In ISRAEL:** Israeli partners will be invited to submit, **in addition and at the same time as the short project outline**, their funding applications to the Innovation Authority using this link: [הגשת בקשה](#)

A provisional consortium agreement among project partners is needed at the moment of proposal submission in this phase.

**Deadline for submission to the OCS and ISERD: 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017 (17:00 h. local time).**

- **In SPAIN:** Spanish partners should submit the Eureka proposal through the [submission system](#). In addition to the Eureka application form, a short project outline and a draft consortium agreement must be attached.

**Deadline for submission to CDTI: 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017 (17:00 h. local time)**

**Projects starting date is foreseen after 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017.**

**In Spain, project activities shall not start before the submission date of national funding applications to CDTI.**

**Companies should contact ISERD and CDTI before submission in order to receive the submission guidelines** (see contact information at the end of the document).

### **4. Evaluation and selection of projects**

National authorities will evaluate and select projects in accordance with their national laws and regulations.

In case a project is selected for funding by CDTI, the latter will sign with the Spanish partner a loan agreement governing the conditions and terms of the financial support, as well as the rules for eligibility of costs and the procedures for technical and financial reporting. The Israeli Innovation Authority will sign a similar document with the Israeli partner. In addition to the above-mentioned documents a Partnership Agreement signed by the counterpart will be added as an annex.

## **5. Funding Modalities**

Projects proposals submitted within the frame of this call could be financed by the respective National Authorities in Spain and Israel, in accordance with the national laws, rules, regulations and procedures in effect in each country:

- In Israel, every selected project can be financed by the Israel Innovation Authority up to 50% (+ regional incentives for companies located in "development zone") of the eligible costs for research and development. If the project is successful and generates profit, the financial support of the Israeli party will have to be repaid, without interests, by means of royalties or profits resulting from sales. No repayment is due when the project does not reach the stage of the commercialization.
- In Spain, funding conditions for Spanish partners may vary depending on the nature of the company and the project. For more information please access:  
<http://www.cdti.es/index.asp?MP=7&MS=563&MN=3>
- According to EUREKA practices, applicants can choose to ask for a EUREKA label without public financing (e.g. self-funding is acceptable for the purposes of this call).

## **6. Publicity of Results**

Project partners whose projects have been supported by its own authorities in accordance with their national regulations and procedures will be informed by means of email by the contact persons mentioned below.

## **7. Partnering Opportunities\***

- **StarTAU Innovation Conference**- Education, Investment and Networking event  
(May 7<sup>th</sup> 2017, Tel Aviv, <http://tau-innovation.com/index>)
- **OPEN EUREKA Innovation Week**  
(May 15-19, Barcelona, <http://www.eurekanetwork.org/content/open-eureka-innovation-week-2017>)
- **IATI BioMed**- The 16<sup>th</sup> National Life Science & Technology Week  
(May 23-25, Tel Aviv, <http://kenes-exhibitions.com/biomed2017/>)
- **Digital Enterprise Show**- Leading event on Digital Transformation  
(May 23-25, Madrid, <https://www.des-madrid.com/des-show/>)
- **Fresh AGROMASHOV**- Israel's International Agriculture Fair  
(June 27-28, Tel Aviv, <http://agro.mashovgroup.net/en/>)

\* For partner search requests contact the program managers.

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