

EUREKA

THEMATIC PRIORITY

Funding, cooperation, networking in the technological sector

PROJECT FUNDING

Funding for EUREKA Individual projects only by national funds; Eurostar projects partly funded by EUREKA.

EUREKA supports the following types of projects:

Individual Projects: Small, shorter-term projects, involving participants from at least two member countries, led by small to medium enterprise (SMEs) businesses.

Eurostars Projects: Small, short-term projects, involving participants from at least two member countries where the consortium leader is a research-performing SME. Eurostars exploits Article 169 of the EU Treaty.

Clusters: Long-term and strategically-significant industrial initiatives.

Umbrellas: Thematic networks, which focus on a specific technology area or business sector.

DESCRIPTION

EUREKA is an intergovernmental network launched to support market-oriented R&D and innovation projects by industry, research centers and universities across all technological sectors. It is composed of 39 members, including the European Community. With its flexible and decentralised network, EUREKA offers project partners rapid access to skills and expertise across Europe and national public and private funding schemes.

EUREKA enables large companies, research centers, universities and national administrations to cooperate in near market research and development. EUREKA aims to simplify the work of SME's by cooperating closely with the national networks and contributing to cutting red tape procedures, not using external consultants as well as developing and promoting EU standards.

EUREKA is a bottom-up, 'industry-knows-best' initiative, with a multi-local approach: national offices where the language of the local businesses is spoken and the cultural context is understood.

EUROSTARS: Eurostars project is a European research and development project. It can address any technological area, but must have a civilian purpose and be aimed at the development of a new product, process or service.

ACTIVITY SUMMARY (November 2013 – May 2014)

Project funding / Calls for projects:

Eurostars – next funding call is scheduled to take place in 2014. Further information on the specifics of the call will be announced on 30th October, 2013 in Brussels.

It is the only Europe-wide funding programme specifically designed for innovative Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs). Eurostars aims to stimulate these SMEs to lead international collaborative research and innovation projects by easing access to support and funding. Currently 33 countries participate in the Eurostars Programme through the EUREKA network of national offices. In each country different national funding rules are applied.

Eureka individual projects – call open all year long.

Individual projects are market-oriented R&D projects funded and coordinated through EUREKA. Partners of a project can consist of SMEs, large companies, research institutions and even universities.

Call for innovative projects to fund launched by EUREKA offices in Sweden and Israel

For innovative companies and researchers based in Sweden and Israel, the Office of the Chief Scientist (OCS) of the Ministry of Economy in Israel and VINNOVA in Sweden, have launched on October 28th, 2013 a new call for research projects to fund. The Call will close on December 28th, 2013.

The call is open to proposals in all technological fields but will give priority to research projects on ICT and production technology. The project partners should include at least one Israeli and one Swedish commercial company. Partners from other countries may also participate; funding for these partners will depend on the funding rules of the relevant programme in their country.

Meetings & Conferences:

- **European Nanoelectronics Forum 2013**, 27th - 28th November 2013, Barcelona, Spain.

The 7th European Nanoelectronics Forum will be organised jointly by the EUREKA cluster on nanoelectronics Catrene and the ENIAC Joint Undertaking (JU). This event attracts key players from industry, academia and public authorities. The topics of the event include the integration process of public and private efforts to boost research in nanoelectronics, fields of innovation in Europe and the semiconductor market.

- **Input on the Eurostars programme for ITRE Committee**, 5th November 2013, Brussels, Belgium.
- **New EURIPIDES² expression of interest webcast**, 3rd December 2013

A third "virtual" expression of interest session / webcast has now been scheduled for Tuesday 3 December from 12:00 am to 1:00 pm (CET). The deadline for those who are interested in taking part in the webcast is 13 November 2013.

Submission for the deadline will need to include:

- Short profile on your organization
- Brief synopsis of your project of development
- Profile of partners you are looking for

It is organized for companies which are willing to develop innovations and which are looking for complementary partners.

- **ITEA & ARTEMIS Co-summit 2013**, 4th December 2013, Stockholm, Sweden.

The event expects over 650 participants from industry, academia, public authorities and press. This year, the exhibition will include a special focus area with projects related to the topic of 'Smart Cities'.

- **EURASIA 2014 - Waste Management Symposium**, 28th April 2013, Istanbul, Turkey.

The event will give a comprehensive overview of effective waste management strategies across the Asian and the European regions, and will provide the opportunity to discuss and evaluate the current and future regional waste management strategies and recycling projects.

Activities of the network:

- Funding and coordinating of the projects.

- Enabling to set up clusters and umbrellas.
- Organization of Eureka Innovation Award (organized every year) – recognition the outstanding technological achievements of an R&D performing organization as the leading force behind an innovative project chosen on the basis of business results and social impact.
- Publications (*EUREKA importance in the European Research Area, 3rd October 2013*).

EUREKA funding:

Recent studies show that EUREKA funding instruments represented in 2009 the largest source of *national* funds invested in *transnational* projects, excluding the European Space Agency. Today, 89% of public funding available to researchers and innovation actors is still allocated at national level, as opposed to funding distributed by European Union institutions and agencies. Compared to centralized public R&D funding models such as those in North America, the European model is regarded as decentralized, where most investment capacity in research is still in the hands of national governments. EUREKA is a longstanding player in the European research area, with its aim to 'use national funding and support capabilities for international cooperation'.

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