



Multilateral Technology & Innovation Cooperation between Korea and Germany, Turkey and the Netherlands under-EUREKA

Promotion Announcement

**EUREKA Project Application and funding applications will be accepted
until 31st January 2016.**

(Deadline for Korea – TBC)

Scope

Germany, Korea, Turkey and the Netherlands are announcing a promotion call for proposals for **joint R&D projects**, focusing on developing innovative products and applications **in all technological and application areas**. The four countries are partners in the KONNECT project. KONNECT is a European BILAT¹ project with Korea, which is funded under the 7th European Framework Programme for Research (FP7). Running from October 2013 to September 2016, KONNECT aims to sustain and support the future of European-Korean multi-lateral cooperation by continuing the joint funding activities which were implemented under previous FP7-funded coordination projects.

Applicants are expected to develop ready-to-market solutions for products, technology-based services or methods which have strong market potential for Germany, Korea, Turkey, the Netherlands and Europe. Partners apply for their R&D project in the framework of the [EUREKA](http://www.eurekanetwork.org/) (<http://www.eurekanetwork.org/>) programme, a pan European network for market-oriented R&D.

¹ BILAT projects aim to strengthen the EU-partner country bilateral cooperation partnerships by supporting STI dialogue processes.

Minimum requirement concerning project consortium is the participation of at least 2 partners from 2 different countries participating in the call. The program is managed in cooperation and in line with the procedures of the [EUREKA](http://www.eurekanetwork.org/) initiative (<http://www.eurekanetwork.org/>).

All relevant organizations will provide the necessary assistance to project partners during project proposal, evaluation and monitoring phase. In addition, all 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 endorsed 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.

Announcement Structure

The announcement invites partners to present joint industrial R&D projects until 31st January 2016 (national deadlines may differ, yet, have to be agreed upon an individual basis for each project with the respective NCP, see national contact list at the end of the document) according to the following procedures:

Financing

Applying the EUREKA structure, project participants will finance their costs by applicable national, regional or international public funding schemes or by own resources.

Project content and evaluation for national funding request

Expected project results will have to contribute to the development of commercial products, applications and / or technology-based services. The project proposals have to comply with the following guidelines:

- The project consortiums should consist of at least 2 partners from 2 different EUREKA member countries participating in the call (Korea, Germany, The Netherlands and Turkey). Participation of research institutes/universities is welcome according to each country's funding regulations. Participation of companies from more than two of the participating countries is of course also possible and welcome.
- Partners from other countries may also participate. These partners' participation follows EUREKA participation and financing rules and procedures and the funding regulations of these partners' countries of origin.
- The project partners must express the will to cooperate, on an equal base, 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 cooperation between the participants from the named countries (e.g. increased knowledge base, commercial leads, access to R&D infrastructure, new fields of application, etc.).
- The project should demonstrate the contribution of the participants from the participating countries on an equal base, and the project must be equally significant to all participants.
- The participants are required, prior to obtain the EUREKA label, to have signed - a form of mutual agreement (LOI, MOU, etc.) in accordance to domestic regulations.

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

The completed EUREKA Project Application Form download: <http://www.eurekanetwork.org/eureka-project-application-form> for the whole consortium should be submitted electronically by the applicants to their national EUREKA Contact Offices: the EUREKA/COST Bureau in Germany, KIAT in Korea, RvO in the Netherlands and TÜBITAK in Turkey (addresses see at the end of this document). The form has to be legally signed by all participating companies. The signatures must be scanned and sent **electronically** together with the EUREKA form. EUREKA status is only granted when the financing of all project partners has been secured or it is on-going. Proposals shall be submitted until submission deadline 31st January 2016.

Simultaneously all partners have to submit their national applications according to national procedures in so far they apply for public funding. Consultation with the national funding organizations prior to official application is strongly advised! (See national contact information at the end of the document).

Each country will decide upon funding according to its own rules. Funding conditions and eligibility criteria vary between participating countries. Also, Korea might accept projects after 31st January 2016. Main aspects of the national funding criteria are briefly explained below:

Germany

The Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi) in Germany will provide access to public funding for joint selected projects. BMWi (supported by the EUREKA/COST Bureau and the AiF Projekt GmbH) will provide all necessary assistance to project partners during the project proposal, evaluation and monitoring phases. In addition, the EUREKA/COST Bureau will facilitate the EUREKA application process and acquisition of the EUREKA label for accepted proposals and will accompany the progress of the respective EUREKA projects.

All German SMEs with up to 500 employees (or consortia of such enterprises) which perform R&D to develop an innovative product, process or technological service – also in cooperation with a research institution/ university – have the right to apply. There are no restrictions to specific technologies or

branches. More detailed criteria can be found on the ZIM web site (<http://www.zim-bmwi.de/kooperationsprojekte> - in German). The application has to be in line with the ZIM regulation, e.g. it has to be in the German language. The support is in the form of a conditional grant amounting up to 55% of the project costs, which are restricted to 380,000 € per industrial partner.

The final approval is made by the ZIM project agency. It is possible to begin a research project **at own risk** after receiving a confirmation of the receipt of the funding application from AiF Projekt GmbH. We recommend contacting the AiF Projekt GmbH before the application to clarify open questions and to hand in a project sketch max. 6 weeks before deadline. German research institutes/universities are accepted as additional partners according to the rules available on the ZIM web site. Deadline for the submission of the ZIM-application forms is **31st January 2016**.

The proposal form is available on:

www.zim-bmwi.de/kooperationsprojekte/download-kooperationsprojekte-zim-ab-2015

Korea

Korea Institute for Advancement of Technology is a public organization under the supervision of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (MOTIE) of the Republic of Korea. Its functions include but are not limited to strategic planning, technology transfer and commercialization support, international collaboration, etc. As part of the latter, KIAT is in charge of channeling the funding for international bilateral and multilateral technology and innovation R&D projects with Korean participation.

Requirements and conditions:

- Korean entities shall form a consortium with foreign partners. The consortium shall include at least one Korean company that shall be a corporation that has been in operation for one year or more since its establishment (based on Business Registration Certificate) and that has a company-affiliated research institute as of the deadline of proposal submission. Korean universities and research institutes can also become lead organizations and are eligible for funding in accordance to the national funding rules.
- Participants are required to submit their national applications through KIAT's official application system at www.pms.re.kr once it opens. (Note: The PMS system is accessible only within a limited period in accordance to Korean domestic regulations on proposal application procedures.
- Government contribution per project per year in Korea (2015) amounts up to KRW 500 million and is provided for no longer than 3 years.

Classification	Share of government contributions in executing organization' s project budget1)		Share of cash in executing organization' s civilian dues1)	
	Original technology	Innovative product	Original technology	Innovative product
Large	50% or less	33% or less	20% or more	

company2)			
Mid-tier company3)	75% or less	60% or less	10% or more
SME4)	75% or less	67% or less	10% or more
Other	100% or less	100% or less	To be borne if necessary

For detailed information, please contact KIAT directly.

Turkey

In 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 TÜBİTAK without any restriction in project duration. Only companies participating in international projects are funded within this program but universities and research centers can only be subcontractors of companies located in Turkey.

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.

In Turkey, the participants will have to submit a formal national application through TEYDEB's website (<https://eteydeb.tubitak.gov.tr/>) including the signed version of EUREKA Application Form. The deadline for Turkish researchers to submit their project proposal to 1509 Programme is 31st of January 2016.

For further information about financing of Turkish participants please directly contact with TÜBİTAK. Detailed information can also be reached from [here](#).

The Netherlands

The Dutch Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO), answering to the Ministry of Economic Affairs, is a funding agency that provides a broad spectrum of support schemes on international, national and regional level and is fostering the technological development and innovation of Dutch companies.

In the Netherlands, currently there is no earmarked budget or grant scheme available to Dutch participants in EUREKA projects. Dutch participants in EUREKA projects can apply for the innovation credit scheme (please see for further information and a pre check (quick scan) on <http://english.rvo.nl/subsidies-programmes/innovation-credit>). If no schemes are available for a specific project, the participants will have to fund their part themselves.

Participation in EUREKA projects is still broadly supported. Companies and other institutions interested in international cooperative innovation projects underneath this promotional call are advised to contact the Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO) in an early stage of the project.

Conditions

The following applies specifically to the Innovation Credit scheme, the most used funding scheme for Eureka. SME's can get 35%/45% funding, and larger companies 25%. Only development costs are eligible. Universities and Research institutions can only participate as subcontractor of the Dutch company

Project Types: Applicants are expected to develop ready-to-market solutions for products, technology-based services or methods which have a strong market potential.

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