Eurostars
What you need to know to apply

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What is Eurostars?

- largest international funding programme for innovative SMEs to collaborate on R&D projects that create innovative products, processes or services for commercialisation
Core principles of Eurostars

- International cooperation
- Bottom-up approach
- Market-driven projects
Who can participate?

- startups
- SMEs
- large companies
- universities
- research organisations
- other organisation types

Funding is managed in line with national rules. Always check with your national funding agency!
General funding rules

Organisations based in Eurostars countries:
Public funding available – rules differ between countries

Organisations not based in Eurostars countries:
Can participate, but must self-fund project costs
(self-funding declaration must be provided)

- Eurostars funding will not cover all the project costs
- each partner receives funding from its own national funding agency
- national funding agencies have independent rules regarding:
  - organisations which can be funded
  - activities which can be funded
  - funding rates and thresholds

- Before applying, check the funding rules in your country on the Eureka website and contact your national funding body for more information!
37 Eurostars Countries

- Austria
- Bulgaria
- Belgium
- Canada
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Israel
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- The Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Singapore
- Slovak Republic
- Slovenia
- South Africa
- South Korea
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
Eurostars projects must meet 7 eligibility criteria

- The project is led by an innovative SME from a Eurostars country.
- The consortium includes at least two entities that are independent of one another.
- The project consortium is composed of entities from at least two Eurostars countries, with at least one organisation coming from the EU or Horizon Europe Associated Country.
- The budget of the SMEs from Eurostars countries (excluding subcontracting) must be at least 50% of the total project budget.
- No single participant or country is responsible for more than 70% of the total project budget.
- The project duration is 36 months or less.
- The project has an exclusively civilian purpose.
Eurostars 3 - Call 3 - important dates

13th July 2022

2 months

15th September 2022 14:00 CET

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How to apply?

➢ Before applying, contact your national funding body for information!
➢ Submit your application through our Project Management Platform (PMP)

https://myeurekaproject.org

- platform is collaborative
- your project partners cannot see your confidential information
- platform warns you if a mandatory field is incomplete
- you can check the eligibility of your application
# Eurostars application form on PMP

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<tr>
<th>PROJECT DETAILS</th>
<th>APPLICATION</th>
<th>YOUR ORGANISATION</th>
<th>DECLARATIONS</th>
<th>WORK PACKAGES</th>
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<td>Provide a summary of your project (participants, purpose, revenue generated).</td>
<td><strong>Quality and efficiency:</strong> main partner’s management experience, benefits of collaboration, IPR</td>
<td><strong>Partner-specific section:</strong> project costs, financial information, funding requested, core business and expertise, contribution to the project, benefits of the participation, financial situation and how you intend to finance your participation</td>
<td><strong>Commitment and signature form</strong> (each partner)</td>
<td>Describe each work package in detail (milestones and outcomes, go/no-go decision points, tasks, costs, etc.).</td>
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<td>Indicate any individuals or entities you want to exclude from evaluating your application.</td>
<td><strong>Impact:</strong> results, business case, commercialisation, market analysis, SDG-related impact</td>
<td><strong>SME declaration</strong> (only SMEs)</td>
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<td>Upload Gantt chart and/or technical annex, if relevant.</td>
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<td><strong>Excellence:</strong> scientific method (including gender dimension) and degree of innovation, technical state of the art, technical risks</td>
<td><strong>Ethics</strong> self-assessment</td>
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From application to evaluation

Application submitted
Application number: 13
Your application for the competition ‘Eurostars 3 Open Call’ was submitted on 20 Apr 2021 at 3:32pm Central European Time (CET)

View application  Print application

What happens next?
Assessment process
Once the call submission deadline is reached your application will be sent for assessment. This is subject to the fulfilment of the eligibility criteria. The evaluation process follows these steps:

- All eligible applications will be assessed by at least 3 independent experts selected from the Eureka Expert Database. The evaluators will score each question and provide feedback to justify those scores.
- The Legal and Financial Viability Check is performed by the National Funding Bodies on a participant basis to determine whether every consortium partner is eligible for funding. This Legal and Financial Check is performed in parallel to the technical evaluation.
- During this step, the National Funding Bodies may require additional information to their national applicants. Please check your email regularly.
- The Independent Evaluation Panel will evaluate the proposals and establish a Ranking List that will determine which projects are recommended for funding.
- The Ethics Panel does not give scores to projects, but elaborate an Ethics Report that might require you to submit additional documentation before or during the implementation of the project to ensure that you comply with the ethics standards set up under Horizon Europe.
Timeline of evaluation process

Eurostars 3 - Call 3

- **Eligibility Check**: 15th of September 2022
- **Remote Evaluation**: within one week after application deadline
- **Legal and Financial Viability Check**: end of October 2022
- **Ethics Review**: early December 2022
- **Independent Evaluation Panel**: mid December 2022
- **Funding Results**: end of October 2022
- **Communication of Results**: early December 2022

**Within** one week after application deadline

**End of October 2022**

**Early December 2022**

**Mid December 2022**
Evaluation criteria

• Quality and efficiency
• Impact: Market & Commercialisation
• Excellence: Innovation
Check our videos and guidelines!

https://eurekanetwork.org >> Our programmes >> Eurostars
Do not hesitate to contact us!

Contact your national/regional funding body

Reason for contacting:
- Eurostars

Country/Region:
- Ireland

Contact Eureka Secretariat via applications@eurostars-eureka.eu
Thank you for your attention!
National Funding Process
DENMARK
Innovation Fund Denmark can provide funding to projects with a focus on:

• Green research, technological development and innovation

• Life science, health and welfare technology and

• Research and innovation within new technologies.

Funding amount

• Innovation Fund Denmark can co-fund up to €300,000 per Danish partner and a maximum of €500,000 to all Danish partners in an application.

• The exact funding amount and rate depends on your organization.
Eligible consortia:

• Projects without a participating Danish SME will not be eligible for funding from IFD.

• Danish SMEs can only participate in one Eurostars project per call.

• Danish participants must be registered as legal entities based in Denmark, and the activities funded through Eurostars must be conducted in Denmark.

Eligible costs:

• Innovation Fund Denmark co-finance salary, materials, travels, dissemination, overhead (for some types of organisations) and to a limited extent subcontracting.
Financial requirements or Danish SMEs

- Danish participants must document an ability to support their part of the project costs.
- Any subcontracting must be clearly described in your application and budget overview.

See guidelines and guidance for cash flow test [here](#)

**Funding calculated as a percentage of actual cost**
- Enterprises must fill in the Cash flow test documenting that the enterprise has a cash flow greater than or equal to its own annual co-funding of the annual grant provided by IFD.
- For example: If the annual project budget is DKK 1 million and IFD funds 75% of the project budget, the annual cash flow must be at least DKK 250,000.

**De minimis**
Enterprises requesting de minimis funding must fulfil at least one of two financial requirements:
- Have attracted an external equity or quasi equity investment of at least DKK 100,000 within the last three accounting years.
- Have a net profit before tax on at least DKK 250,000 in the accounting year preceding the application.
Please consult our guidelines:
Link to guidelines

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National Funding Process
ICELAND

Svandís Unnur Sigurðardóttir
Eurostars NPC,
Iceland
Who is eligible for funding?

• Small and medium sized enterprises
• Research organisations
• Universities
• Public corporations

Large companies are not eligible within the Technology Development Fund and can therefore be participants in projects but not grant recipients
Funding amount

Up to ISK 45M for all Icelandic project partners combined, for a three-year project (approx. €330,000)

• maximum for each funding year is ISK 15M (approx. €110,000)
Questions about eligibility or funding rules? email npc@rannis.is or book a meeting on B2Match
National Funding Process
IRELAND

David Flood
Eureka Project Co-ordinator
Enterprise Ireland
IRELAND - National Funding Process

Companies:
Companies can self-fund their portion of the project budget
OR, If eligible,
Companies can apply for funding support from a national funding agency.

Enterprise Ireland companies are funded through the Agile/RD&I Fund: Research, Development and Innovation (RD&I) Fund - Enterprise Ireland (enterprise-ireland.com)

- SMEs – 50% funding
- Large Companies - 25% funding

IDA Ireland/Údarás clients can be funded through other mechanisms

Eligible Costs
- Existing staff costs / New staff costs
- Overheads
- Materials
- Travel & Subsistence
- Consultancy
- Patenting Costs
- Certification and clinical trials
- Capital depreciation

Contact Development Advisor
IRELAND - National Funding Process

Higher Education Institutes (HEI) Research Performing Organisations (RPO):

HEIs/RPOs can apply for funding support from Enterprise Ireland.

HEIs/RPOs are funded through the International Research Fund (IRF)

100% grant funding up to a maximum of €250K per project +30% overhead on eligible expenditure

Eligible Costs
- Existing staff costs / New staff costs
- Materials
- Travel & Subsistence
- Consultancy

- Equipment costs will not normally be covered

Contact EUREKA NCP
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National Funding Process
NETHERLANDS
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<td>&gt;50% budget by sme</td>
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<td>Maximum grant € 500.000,- per project</td>
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<td>Budget per year: € 19 mio</td>
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Only R&D related costs can be funded

Per call

💰 € 9.5 mln
📝 ± 100 proposals
☑️ ± 25 funded projects

~25% success rate
Eurostars-2 in NL
411 funded projects
#2 Eurostars country
Top scoring proposals:
1. 6/15
2. 6/15
3. 1/15
National Funding Process
SPAIN
### Eurostars-3. National Eligibility Criteria

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<td>✓ SMEs legally established in Spain are eligible.</td>
<td>✓ Not subject to an <strong>E.C. recall order</strong>.</td>
<td>✓ The company is <strong>&quot;not undertaking difficulties&quot;</strong> and has the <strong>financial capacity</strong> to execute the Project.</td>
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<td>✓ Accounts registered for at least the last financial year on the date of the CoD.</td>
<td>✓ One eligible application per company in each Eurostars call.</td>
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<td>✓ Activities and expenses in 2023</td>
<td>✓ The eligible activities cannot exceed <strong>36 months</strong> in duration.</td>
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The Centre for the Development of Industrial Technology (CDTI)

A Public Business Entity, which fosters the technological development and innovation of Spanish companies by funding and support applications for national and international R&D&i projects of Spanish companies.
Eurostars-3 National Funding Criteria

Interempresas call for direct grant addressed to Spanish SMEs in approved Eurostars-3 projects.

- **Deadline for submission**: first quarter 2023 (international results - mid-December 2022)
- **Maximum grant**: No maximum or minimum budget per project or entity. Grant limited up to €400,000, covering 60% of the eligible budget for small companies and 50% for medium-sized companies.
- **Eligible activities**: Industrial Research or Experimental Development. “General Block Exemption Regulation”. NON-ELEGIBLE activities: Dissemination of results, market studies, commercialisation, patent applications, industrial scaling, production, certifications, etc.
- **The eligible budget** of each beneficiary at national level may not exceed the amount of the budget included in the approved international application by more than 1%.
- **Eligible costs** between the start and end date of the project, and approved in Resolution
### Eurostars-3 National Funding Criteria

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<td><strong>Personnel costs</strong></td>
<td>Personnel: technical + management (&lt; 58 hours/month)</td>
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<td><strong>Overheads</strong></td>
<td>Overheads: &lt; 25% of staff costs</td>
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<td><strong>Travel</strong></td>
<td>Travel: &lt; 8,000€ per project and participant</td>
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<td><strong>Materials</strong></td>
<td>Materials: (i) fungible (acquisition) + (ii) inventoriable (depreciation)</td>
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<td><strong>Other</strong></td>
<td>Others Cost: audit costs &lt; 2,000€ per project and year</td>
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<td><strong>Subcontracting</strong></td>
<td>Subcontracting: &lt;25% total budget, reaching 50% in the case of Public Research Centers (R&amp;D Consultancy up to 8,000€ per Partner and Project).</td>
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Ongoing advice
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National Funding Process
UNITED KINGDOM
EUREKA
Eurostars Brief - UK
**UK Eligibility**

- Innovate UK will only fund SMEs, other types of organization can participate but must self-fund.
- Innovate UK contribution is £2.5m per call.
- Grant is €360k or 60% of costs, whichever is least.
- UK subcontracting is capped at 20% of the UK partner eligible costs.
- The UK entity must have at least 12 months of trading history at point of submission deadline.
- **Cost Guidance** – Eligible costs for UK partners
  
  - The project must be led by Innovative SME, one that:
    - invests 10% or more of its turnover into research, or
    - has 10% of its full-time equivalent staff working on research activities, or
    - has 5 or more full-time staff working on research activities, if the SME has 100 or fewer employees, or
    - has 10 or more full-time staff working on research activities, if the SME has more than 100 employees
  
  - You must follow:
    - the Eurostars eligibility criteria (link takes you to the country selection page).
    - Innovate UK criteria at the competition application deadline and throughout your project.
    - Eurostars Guidance
UK engagement in EUREKA

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