

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**

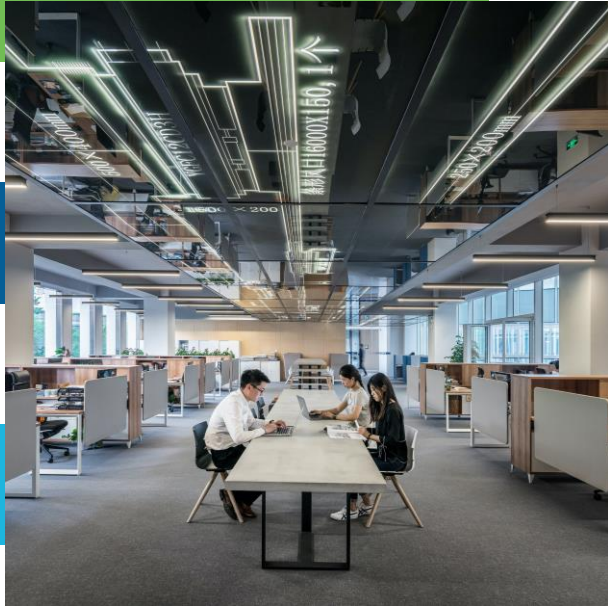


**Bottom-up
approach**



**Market-driven
projects**

Who can participate?



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

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



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



15th September 2022
14:00 CET



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



EUREKA**Project Management Platform**

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Eurostars application form on PMP

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

From application to evaluation

Application status

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?

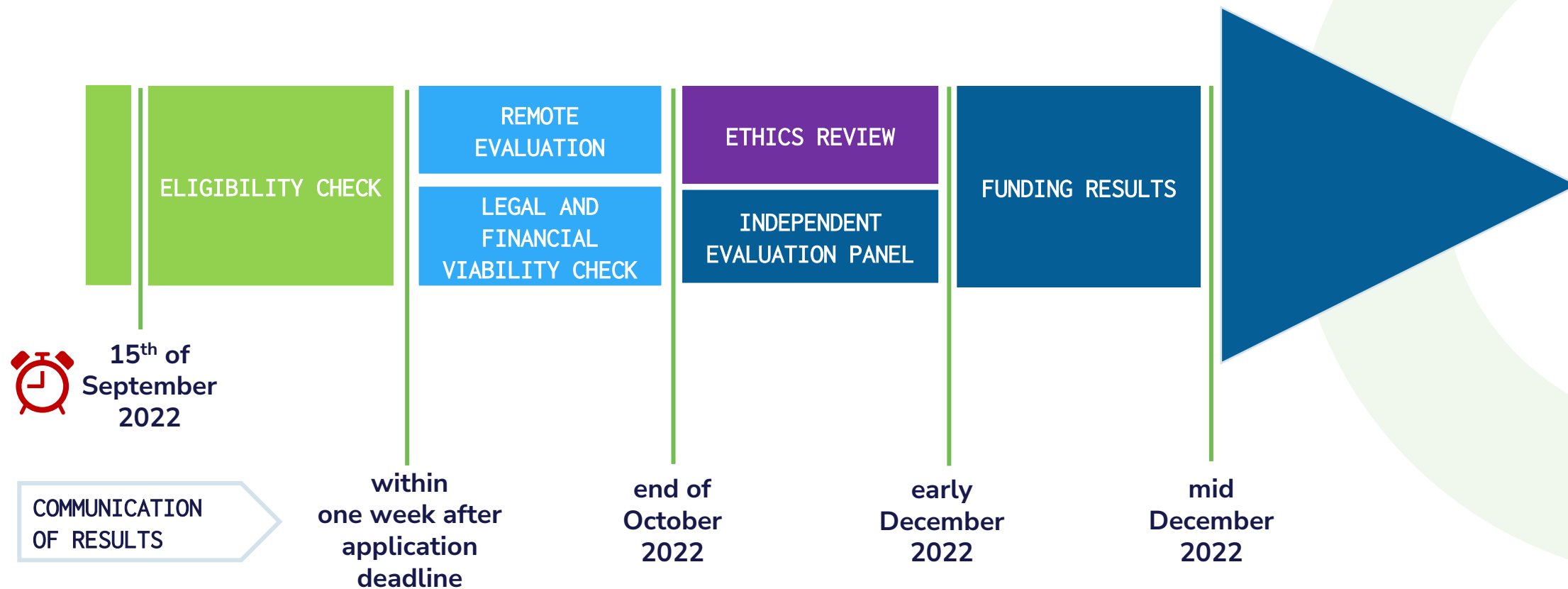
Assessment process

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



Evaluation criteria



- Quality and efficiency
- Impact: Market & Commercialisation
- Excellence: Innovation

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Library

Guidelines for projects submitted
since September 2021



Explainer videos



How to apply presentation



Guidelines for projects submitted
between 2014- February 2021



Funding rules



Do not hesitate to contact us!

Contact your national/regional funding body

Reason for contacting*

Eurostars



Country/Region*

Ireland



Continue

Contact Eureka Secretariat via
applications@eurostars-eureka.eu



**Thank you for
your attention!**



Eureka Network
www.eurekanetwork.org



National Funding Process DENMARK



/nnovation Fund 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.

- 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

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

- 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.

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

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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
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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)

<https://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/Research-Innovation/Companies/Access-EU-Research-Innovation-reports/International-Research-Fund-IRF-Guidelines.doc>

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



International



Led by innovative
sme



At least 2 eurostars
countries



>50% budget
by sme



Max 3 year



<70% by 1 country
or participant



Civil application

National






At least 1 Dutch company

| Organization type | Funding percentage |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| SME | 50 % |
| Research organization | 50 % |
| Large company | 40 % |
| Maximum grant € 500.000,- per project | |
| Budget per year: € 19 mio | |

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

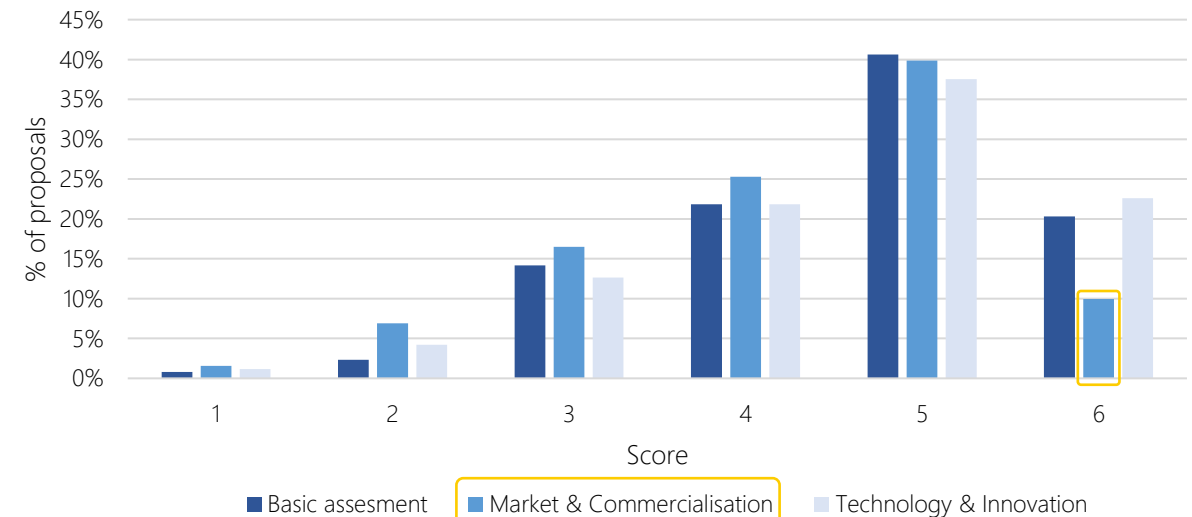
Top scoring proposals:

🥇 6/15

🥈 6/15

🥉 1/15

Dutch Eurostars proposal expert scores



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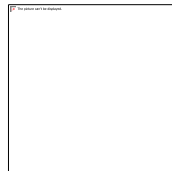
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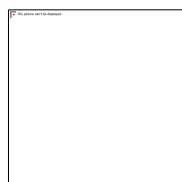
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National Funding Process SPAIN

Eurostars-3. National Eligibility Criteria

Entities

- ✓ **SMEs legally** established in Spain are eligible.
- ✓ Not subject to an **E.C. recall order**.
- ✓ The company is “**not undertaking difficulties**” and has the **financial capacity** to execute the Project.
- ✓ **Accounts registered** for at least the last financial year on the date of the CoD.
- ✓ **One eligible application** per company in each Eurostars call.

Project

- ✓ **Activities and expenses in 2023**
- ✓ The eligible activities cannot exceed **36 months** in duration.



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.



- Clusters
- Network Projects
- Globalstars Calls
- Eurostars

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

Eurostars Budget

Personnel costs

Overheads

Travel

Materials

Other

Subcontracting

“Interempresas” Budget application

- ✓ Personnel: technical + management (< 58 hours/month)
- ✓ Overheads: < 25% of staff costs
- ✓ Travel: < 8.000€ per project and participant
- ✓ Materials: (i) fungible (acquisition) + (ii) inventoriable (depreciation)
- ✓ Others Cost: audit costs < 2.000€ per project and year
- ✓ Subcontracting: <25% total budget, reaching 50% in the case of Public Research Centers (R&D Consultancy up to 8.000€ per Partner and Project).



Ongoing advice

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8 June 2022

Eurostars Funding Webinar & Brokerage Event - June 2022



¡Muchas gracias!



National Funding Process UNITED KINGDOM



Innovate
UK

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innovation across borders

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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
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- 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
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- 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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