

Announcement

13th German - Israeli Call for Proposals for Joint R&D Projects

Deadline for proposal submissions: November 25th, 2020

Scope

Germany and Israel are announcing a 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 for products, technology-based services or methods, which have strong market potential for Germany, Israel and Europe. Partners apply for their R&D project for a EUREKA label, a pan European network for market-oriented R&D.

Innovation Authority and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi) will provide access to public funding for joint projects provided by The Innovation Authority and by BMWi's ZIM program (Central Innovation Program for SMEs), respectively. Minimum requirement concerning the project consortium is the participation of at least one company of each of the participating countries.

The program is managed in cooperation and in line with the procedures of the EUREKA initiative.

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Innovation Authority and BMWi (supported by the EUREKA-Office, Bonn, and the ZIM project management agency, AiF Projekt GmbH) will provide all necessary assistance to project partners during the project proposal, evaluation and monitoring phases. In addition, both Innovation Authority and the EUREKA-Office 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.

Call Structure

The call invites partners to present joint proposals for industrial R&D projects till November 25th, 2020 according to the following procedures:

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 partners should include at least one Israeli and one German commercial company (though participation of research institutes/universities is welcome as additional participants or subcontractors according to each country's funding regulations).
- Companies and/or academia 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 should have an obvious advantage and added value resulting from the cooperation between the participants from the two 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 both countries

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 application form (in English) should be submitted to Innovation Authority in Israel and to the EUREKA-Office in Germany simultaneously by November 25th, 2020. The EUREKA application form is available at www.eurekanetwork.org/open-calls/network-projects-all-year (“Apply” button).

The forms have to be legally signed by all participating companies. The signatures must be scanned and sent **electronically** together with the EUREKA application form. The final EUREKA status is only granted if the funding of all project partners has been secured.

The EUREKA project application will be screened and evaluated by Innovation Authority in Israel and the German EUREKA Office.

Simultaneously all partners have to submit in addition their funding applications according to national procedures. Companies should contact the national funding organizations before submission! (See national contact information at the end of the document).

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: <https://innovationisrael.org.il/>

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

Submission to the Innovation Authority: 25th November 2020 till 12:00.

Each country will fund its eligible participants within the EUREKA framework. Funding conditions and eligibility criteria vary between participating countries. Up-to-date information in relation to bilateral projects in education and research is available <http://www.bmbf.de/en/1531.php>

As a summary, main aspects of the criteria are explained below

Germany

Each German project partner submits an individual ZIM application to AiF Projekt GmbH. Every German SME, in accordance with the relevant EU regulations, as well as medium-sized companies with less than 500 employees (full-time equivalents), which carry out R&D for the development of innovative products, processes or technical services, are eligible to apply. Other medium-sized companies with less than 1,000 employees are eligible to apply for funding if they cooperate with at least one SME in accordance with EU regulations and whose project is being funded. Research and Technology Organizations are eligible to apply as cooperation partners of eligible companies.

Support is rendered in the form of a conditional grant amounting up to 60% of the project costs, which are
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restricted to 450,000 € per industrial partner.

The final approval is made by the ZIM project management agency, AiF Projekt GmbH. It is possible to begin a research project at the applicant's own risk after receiving a confirmation of the receipt of the funding application from AiF Projekt GmbH. Detailed criteria for submitting applications and the ZIM application form can be found on the ZIM website www.zim.de/kooperationsprojekte (in German); you may also contact AiF Projekt GmbH directly as described below. The application must comply with the regulations of the ZIM guideline and be written in German.

The proposal form is available on www.zim.de/formularcenter

Israel

An Israeli R&D performing company which initiates a single or multi-year program that will provide know-how, processes or methods for the manufacture of a new product, application, technology-based service or process is eligible to apply. The product must have a sizeable potential for export sales. Research institutes or other participants may apply as a subcontractor to a company. The support is in the form of a conditional grant amounting generally up to 50% (+ regional incentives for companies located in "development zone ") of the eligible R&D budget. Further details regarding grants and payment of royalties are available at the Innovation Authority web site: <https://innovationisrael.org.il/>

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