

Announcement

2nd German-Taiwanese Call for Proposals for joint R&D projects

Deadline for proposal submissions: September 3rd, 2019

1. Scope

The German Institute in Taipei and the Taipei Representative Office in the Federal Republic of Germany are announcing a Call for proposal for joint R&D projects.

Applicants are expected to develop ready-to-market solutions for products, technology based services or methods in all technological and application areas which have strong market potential.

The Taipei Representative Office in the Federal Republic of Germany and the German Institute in Taipei will respectively provide access to public funding for joint projects.

The Taipei Representative Office in the Federal Republic of Germany (Coordinator: Project Office of A⁺ Industrial Innovative R&D Program, AIIP PO) and the German Institute in Taipei (Coordinator: AiF Projekt GmbH) will provide all necessary assistance to project partners during project proposal, evaluation and monitoring phase.

AIIP PO and AiF Projekt GmbH will evaluate the submitted proposals independently and communicate the results within about 4 months after received the proposal.

2. Call Structure

The call invites partners to present joint proposals for industrial R&D projects until 3rd September 2019 according to the following procedures.

2.1. Financing

Eligible project participants from Germany and Taiwan will finance their costs from the national funding schemes and complementarily from their own resources. The public funding will be provided by AIIP (A+ Industrial Innovative R&D Program) on the Taiwanese side and by ZIM (Central Innovation Programme for SMEs) on the German side.

2.2. Minimum requirements

Project results will have to contribute to the development of innovative products, processes and/or technical services. The project proposals have to comply with the following guidelines:

- The partners must include at least one Taiwanese and one German commercial company.
- Participation of further research organizations and companies is welcome as additional participants or subcontractors according to each country's funding regulations.
- Companies and/or research organizations from other countries may also participate. However, these partners will not be funded by the Taipei Representative Office in the Federal Republic of Germany or the German Institute in Taipei.
- 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 needs, access to R&D infrastructure, new fields of application, etc.).
- Project duration should not exceed 3 years
- The project should demonstrate the contribution of the participants from both sides on an equal base, and the project must be equally significant to all participants. In a project with two cooperating partners, one partner is not allowed to hold more than 70 percent of the person months of the project. In projects with more than two partners no partner may contribute more than 50 percent of the work. In case one or more research organisations are involved in the consortium, they are altogether not allowed to hold more than 50 percent of the person months.

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.

2.3. Submission

Between the opening of the Call on 1st January 2019 and the Call Deadline on 3rd September 2019 all participants are expected to file one short common proposal in English language, legally signed by all organizations participating in the project, and a draft consortium agreement (not yet signed) that regulates the terms of cooperation between all partners in English language.

The minimum requirements for the agreement are:

- Naming of all project partners
- Description of the project aims and differentiation of the subprojects of the partners including their working plans with person months (for this the common application proposals can be declared as part of the agreement)
- Naming of orders to third parties or a passage stating that in case of orders to third parties the other partners will be informed
- Regulation of intellectual property rights
- Basic regulation of joint commercialisation and apportioning of benefits
- If research organizations from Germany or Taiwan are involved a passage has to be included that allows them to publish their own results without duty to obtain consent from the other partners.

The common proposal form is available on:

www.zim.de/internationale-ausschreibungen and <http://aiip.tdp.org.tw>

The common proposal and the draft consortium agreement have to be sent electronically to tw_de_cfp@itri.org.tw and international@aif-projekt-gmbh.de.

At the same time, the project partners that want to apply for funding within this call must file a national application according to the respective rules (see below).

Germany

All German SMEs which perform R&D to develop an innovative product, process or technological service – also in cooperation with research organisations – have the right to apply. More detailed criteria can be found on the ZIM website (www.zim.de/kooperationsprojekte – in German only). The application has to be in line with the ZIM regulations, e.g. it has to be in German language. Please be aware that there is the possibility that elements of the German ZIM evaluation criteria may differ from the Taiwanese regulations.

Taiwan

Innovative projects of companies based in Taiwan are eligible for applying to this funding program. Every Taiwanese company should submit a full application for funding in traditional Chinese language. Project funding is comprised of government contribution and civilian dues. The amount of government contributions will vary depending on the industrial impact of the project in accordance with AIIP. A participant in a project is expected to

carry out their project using the government contributions allocated to it, and for-profit organisations are expected to individually bear the cash portion of civilian dues. More detailed criteria can be found on the AIIP website (<http://aiip.tdp.org.tw> – in Chinese only).

It is highly recommended to consult with the coordinators (contact information as below) at an early stage.

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