

Announcement

6th German-Korean Call for Proposals for joint R&D projects by Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs)

Deadline for proposal submissions: April 18th, 2019

1. Scope

Germany and Korea 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.

The Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy of Korea (MOTIE) and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi) will provide access to public funding for joint projects provided by MOTIE and by the BMWi's ZIM (Central Innovation Programme for SMEs).

MOTIE (Coordinator: Korea Institute for Advancement of Technology - KIAT) and BMWi (Coordinator: AiF Projekt GmbH) will provide all necessary assistance to project partners during project proposal, evaluation and monitoring phase.

KIAT and AiF Projekt GmbH will evaluate the submitted proposals and communicate the results within about 3 months after the call deadline.

2. Call Structure

The call invites partners to present joint proposals for industrial R&D projects until **April 18th 2019**, according to the following procedures.

2.1. Financing

Eligible project participants from Germany and Korea will finance their costs from the national funding schemes and complementarily from their own resources.

2.2. Minimum requirements

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

- The partners should include at least one Korean and one German commercial company.
- Participation of further research organisations and companies is welcome as additional participants or subcontractors according to each country's funding regulations.
- Companies and/or research organisations from other countries may also participate. However, these partners will not be funded by MOTIE or BMWi.
- 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 be within 3 years.

The project should demonstrate the contribution of the participants from both countries on an equal base, and the project must be equally significant to all participants. One country cannot represent more than 70% of the project budget/ 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 **January 14th**, 2019 and the Call Deadline on **April 18th** 2019 all participants file one short common proposal in English language, legally signed by all organisations 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)
- A clause that provides for all partners to be informed if third parties are involved in the project
- Regulation of intellectual property rights
- Basic regulation of joint commercialization and apportioning of benefits
- If research organisations 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 proposal form is available on:

www.zim.de/internationale-ausschreibungen

The common proposal and the draft consortium agreement have to be sent electronically to iniyeji@kiat.or.kr and international@aif-projekt-gmbh.de. All Korean participants are also required to upload all documents via a dedicated online system (<http://k-pass.kr>).

At the same time, those project partners who want to apply for funding within this call 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 Korean regulations.

Korea

Innovative projects of companies based in Korea are eligible for applying for this funding programme. Every Korean company should submit a full application for funding in Korean language when they file all documents.

Project funding is comprised of government contributions and civilian dues (cash and in-kind). The amount of government contributions will vary depending on the type of executing organizations and project in accordance with Article 24 (Funding criteria) and Article 25 (Civilian dues) of the Common Operational Regulations for the Industrial Technology Innovation Programmes.

A party that participates in a project shall carry out its project using the government contribution allocated to it, and for-profit organizations shall individual bear the cash portion of civilian dues.

Classification	Share of government contributions in executing organization's project budget	Share of cash in executing organization's civilian dues
Large company	33% or less	60% or more
Mid-tier company	50% or less	50% or more
SME	67% or less	40% or more
Other	100% or less	To be borne if necessary

Consultation in an early stage with the national funding organizations (KIAT in Korea, AiF Projekt GmbH in Germany) is highly recommended.

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