



Newton – Kâtip Çelebi Fund Turkey and United Kingdom Bilateral Joint Call for EUREKA Network Projects

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Kâtip Çelebi – Newton Fund aims to bring together the scientific research and innovation sectors in Turkey and the UK to find joint solutions to the challenges in economic development and social welfare. By working together on bilateral programmes with a research and innovation focus, the two countries will build strong, sustainable, systemic relationships. Kâtip Çelebi – Newton Fund is worth £8 million per year and is supported by the UK and Turkish governments between 2014-2019.

EUREKA / Kâtip Çelebi – Newton 2015 Call Project Scope

Within the cooperation practices existing between Turkey and United Kingdom under the Kâtip Çelebi – Newton Fund in the fields of industrial and technological research and development and in the framework of the EUREKA program, in which both countries are full and active members, participants from both countries are invited to submit joint project proposals.

The Turkish and United Kingdom Kâtip Çelebi – Newton joint call will be an open call within the following sectors. We are seeking proposals that fit in the sectors below, dealing with the challenges and opportunities.

Project partners will have to demonstrate which societal challenge the project is targeted at, aims and objectives, how it tackles the challenge, and how this will be achieved through the collaboration.

- Energy
- Smart Cities
- Urbanization

Evaluation Criteria

The projects will be evaluated using three criteria

- **Project Partners and Collaboration**
 - Can the project partners undertake the work involved in the project?
 - Does the project have the right project partner mix to achieve the aims and objectives?
 - Is the project collaborative? Are all partners adding value?
 - Is it clear what each partner is doing and the benefits for each partner?
- **Innovation**
 - Is the project 'innovative'?
 - Is there a clear logical work flow and structure?
- **Aims and Objectives**
 - How does the project meet the Official Development Assistance (ODA) aims, objectives and rules for the Newton fund?
 - Are there clear achievable aims and objectives?
 - Does the innovation have an application in Turkey?
 - What are the economic and social benefits?

Turkish and UK partners must express the will to cooperate, on an equal base, for the development of new products, industrial processes and/or services. The product, process or service must be innovative and there must be a technological risk involved.

Important Dates

Call Opens First Stage	April 30 th 2015
Call Closes – First Stage	June 30 th , 2015
Feedback to Projects	July 17 th 2015
Call Opens Second Stage	July 17 th 2015
Call Closes – Second Stage	November 20 th 2015
Evaluation of full Proposals	February 20 th 2016
Results sent to Applicants	March 1 st 2016
Negotiation of contracts	March 1 st 2016
Project Start Date	April 1 st 2016



National Authorities

The Turkish National Authority is the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK), leading agency for management, funding and conduct of research in Turkey.

Innovate UK is the UK government's agency established to stimulate and support business-led innovation, enabling companies to develop new products, processes and services and bring them closer to market.

Both TÜBİTAK and Innovate UK will provide all necessary assistance to project partners during project proposal, evaluation and monitoring phase. In addition, both parties will facilitate EUREKA application process and acquisition of the EUREKA label for accepted proposals.

These organizations will also provide access to public funding for endorsed joint projects. The support will be given to each partner by its own Authorities in accordance with the national laws, rules, regulations and procedures in effect, on a non-exchange of funds basis, and subject to budgetary availability.

Project Eligibility

- The projects has to be in line with Official Development Assistance (ODA) rules, it should demonstrate a clear added value for the economic and social development of Turkey, showing clearly potential for wider impact for the development of the country.
- The project should have an obvious advantage and added value resulting from the technological cooperation between the participants from the two countries (e.g. increased knowledge base, commercial leads, access to R&D infrastructure etc.).
- The project should demonstrate the contribution of the participants from both countries on an equal base, and the project must be equally significant to both participants.
- The partners should include at least one Turkish and one UK R&D performing commercial company. Participation of research institutes/universities is welcome, according to each country's funding regulations.
- Companies from other countries may participate, they will not be funded by InnovateUK or by TÜBİTAK.
- Turkish and UK partners must express the will to cooperate, on an equal base, to the development of a new product, industrial process or service. The product, process or service must be innovative and there must be a technological risk involved.
- The participants are required, prior to obtaining the EUREKA label and funding, to have signed a consortium agreement.
- Projects duration between 12 and 36 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.



Turkish Partner Eligibility

All companies that were established in accordance with Turkish law can apply for funding for their international projects. There is no budget limit for international projects and they can be funded by TÜBİTAK without any restriction in project duration. Only companies participating in international projects can be funded within this program but universities and research centres can be funded as subcontractors.

There is no maximum or minimum limit to the budget of the project. Companies will receive a certain percentage of their eligible costs as a grant in this call. The percentage is 60% for large companies and 75% for SMEs.

For further information about financing of Turkish participants please directly contact with TÜBİTAK. Detailed information can also be reached from [here](#).

The eligibility criteria must be met at the closing date for applications.

United Kingdom Partner Eligibility

Industry partners are eligible for funding in the Kâtip Çelebi – Newton call for proposals. There MUST BE a UK industrial partner [SME or Large Company] in a proposal.

- Projects can be led by a large company, an SME or an RTO.
- There must be a UK large company or SME in the project.
- Participants in a project must be separate legal entities.
- Companies must be registered at Companies House and have been trading for 12 months prior to the closing date for applications.
- UK Project costs must be incurred in the UK or Turkey.
- All eligible labour costs have to be PAYE.
- Subcontracting is capped at 20% of the UK partner eligible costs.
- Subcontracting between partners is not eligible.
- UK lead projects must be managed by the UK partner. Project management cannot be subcontracted.

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UK Eligible Costs

The eligible costs for UK applicants are as follows:

Eligible costs	Organisation
60%	SMEs
50%	Large Companies
75%	Commercially focused private Industrial Research & Technology Organisations.
0%	HEIs – Academics

- UK maximum grant limit per project is €450,000 [excluding the Turkish budget].
- UK academics are welcome to participate but must self-fund or have funding in place at the time of application.
- The UK budget for the call is €1.8 million [Euros].



Two Phase Application and Approval Procedure

Phase One

Closing date - June 30th 2015 at 17:30 (CET – Brussels time)

- Partners will be asked to present a short project outline in English via the following EUREKA Project Application Form:
<http://www.eurekanetwork.org/download-project-application-form>
- Single application, electronic forms, submitted to the EUREKA office. Closing: **June 30th, 2015 at 17:30 (Central European Time – Brussels time)**.
- The forms have to be legally signed by all participating organisations. The signatures must be scanned and sent together with the EUREKA form as part of the application of Phase 1.
- The outlines will be accessed and evaluated independently by Innovate UK and TÜBİTAK. Applicants will be contacted by staff of the respective national authorities within three weeks with feedback and confirmation with eligibility, or non-eligibility, to put in a full application to the second phase.

Phase Two

Closing date - November 20th 2015 at 17:30 (CET – Brussels time)

In the second phase, partners with approved outlines will be invited to submit their national applications according to the relevant authority's own procedures no later than **November 20th 2015 at 17:30**.

- In Turkey, at full application stage participants will also have to submit a formal national application through TEYDEB's website (<https://teydeb.tubitak.gov.tr/>) including the signed version of EUREKA Application Form.
- The UK requires an explanation on how the project meets ODA rules [up to 2 pages], it should demonstrate a clear added value for the economic and social development of Turkey, showing clearly potential for wider impact for the development.

All the costs should be given in Euros, we will use the exchange rate on the day the call for proposal closes to recalculate the costs into Turkish Lira and the United Kingdom Sterling.



Successful projects partners will be paid by their own national funding agency in national currency.

Website Information

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