

**ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**Turkey - France Joint Action for Joint R&D Projects**  
**Deadline for submission – 15th June 2015**

**Scope**

In the framework of the EUREKA Network, Turkey and France have decided to implement a Joint Action aiming at supporting Turkish/French 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 or projects, which have strong market potential for Turkey and France.

Although this Joint Action invites projects in ALL thematic areas, special focus is given to the following domains:

- **Electronics, Information and Communication Technologies**
- **Industrial Manufacturing, Materials and Transport**
- **Food**
- **Agriculture**
- **Health**

- \* Bpifrance and TÜBİTAK will provide access to public funding for joint projects, in accordance with national funding rules in force in France and Turkey.
- \* This Joint Action is focusing on the field of industrial research and development between France and Turkey and in the framework of EUREKA programme, in which both countries participate. Hence, this Joint Action is managed in line with the procedures of EUREKA innovation platform ([www.eurekanetwork.org](http://www.eurekanetwork.org)).
- \* Bpifrance and TÜBİTAK will provide all necessary assistance to project partners during project proposal, evaluation and monitoring phase. In addition, both national funding bodies will facilitate EUREKA application process and acquisition of the EUREKA label for accepted proposals.

### **Joint Action: deadlines**

The Joint Action is launched on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April, 2015 by TÜBİTAK and Bpifrance, and is open till **15th, June 2015 at 17:30 PM (local time)**.

### **Eligibility and Application process**

Eligible partners are invited to present joint proposals for industrial R&D projects according to the following criteria:

#### **Who can apply?**

- The consortia should include at least one French and one Turkish R&D commercial company. Participation of research institutes/universities is welcome as additional participants or subcontractors according to each country's funding regulations.
- Companies from other countries may also participate, but they will not be funded by Bpifrance or by TÜBİTAK.

#### **What kinds of projects are expected?**

- The project should be innovative and ready to market, i.e. must have strong market potential for Turkey and France.
- 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 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. Any partner whose cooperative R&D project is consistent with the aforesaid criteria can apply to the present Joint Action in accordance with the national Laws, Rules, Regulations and Procedures in effect.

#### **The submission and approval procedures are as follows:**

- 1) In the first phase, partners will be asked to present a short project outline via the following EUREKA Project Application Form:

<http://www.eurekanetwork.org/download-project-application-form>

- The completed electronic forms of the phase 1 outlines should be submitted by email simultaneously to Bpifrance and TÜBİTAK, before June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 17.30 pm (local time).
- The forms have to be legally signed by all partners. The signatures must be scanned and sent together with the EUREKA form as an integral part of the application of phase 1.

The outlines will be screened and evaluated by Bpifrance and TÜBİTAK. The results of the evaluation process will be notified to the companies within 15 days after the submission of the EUREKA Project Form.

2) In the second phase, partners with approved outlines will be invited to submit their national applications according to its own procedures and funding rules no later than 14<sup>th</sup> of September 2015 at 17:30 (local time).

- In Turkey, the participants will have to submit a formal national application through TEYDEB's website (<https://eteydeb.tubitak.gov.tr/>) including the signed version of EUREKA Application Form.
- In France, French companies must submit their funding application to Bpifrance. A financing decision will be taken within three months after the receipt of a complete funding application.

### **Financing rules**

Each country will fund its eligible participants in the framework of EUREKA programme according to their national procedure and funding rules. Funding conditions and eligibility criteria may vary from one country to another. In summary, main aspects of the funding criteria are explained below:

#### **Turkey:**

All companies which 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 are funded within this program but universities and research centers can be funded as subcontractors.

Companies receive certain percentage of their eligible costs as a grant in this call. There is no maximum or minimum limit to the budget of project. 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](#).

### **France:**

All companies that are established in accordance with the French Law can apply for funding for their international projects. Companies as well as universities and research centers participating in international projects are funded within the EUREKA Individual projects.

In the framework of **EUREKA Individual projects**, Bpifrance finances French partners through refundable loans without interest. According to [Bpifrance funding rules](#), French enterprises with less than 2.000 employees are financed through reimbursable loan with 0 interest. The funding rate is up to 65% (maximum amount: 3 M€).

University and Research organizations are not eligible for funding. However University/Research Organizations are welcome as subcontractors of French companies.

Bpifrance provides funding support to cover French companies' needs in the preparation of their project via the [Technological Partnership Aid \(APT\)](#).

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