



Turkey – Spain 3rd Call for Proposals for Joint R&D Projects

Deadline for Submission – 25th September , 2015

Within the cooperation practices existing between Turkey and Spain in the fields of industrial and technological research and development 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.

Scope

Turkey and Spain are announcing the 3rd 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 or projects which have strong market potential for Turkey and Spain.

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

- Electronic, IT and Telecoms Technology
- Industrial Manufacturing, Machinery, Materials and Transport
- Agriculture and Marine Resources
- Energy Technologies
- Automotive
- Textile

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. The Spanish National Authority is the Centre for Industrial Technological Development (CDTI), responsible of fostering the technological development and innovation of Spanish companies.

Both TÜBİTAK and CDTI 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.



Call Launch and Structure

The call is announced in the field of industrial research and development between Spain and Turkey and in cooperation with EUREKA program, in which both countries participate. Hence, the program is managed in cooperation and in line with the procedures of EUREKA innovation platform (www.eurekanetwork.org).

The Call is **launched on 15th June**, 2015 by TÜBİTAK and CDTI.

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

Qualifications

- The partners should include at least one Turkish and Spanish R&D performing commercial company. Participation of research institutes/universities is welcome as subcontractors according to each country's funding regulations.
- Companies from other countries may also participate, but they will not be funded by CDTI or by TÜBİTAK.
- The Turkish and Spanish 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 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 participants are required, prior to obtain the EUREKA label, to have signed a consortium agreement.

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 will consist of two phases:

1. In the first phase, 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>
 - The completed electronic forms should be submitted to the official relevant contact person in the respective EUREKA office (see details below); TÜBİTAK and CDTI simultaneously until **25th September, 2015 at 17:30 (local time)**.
 - The forms have to be legally signed by all participating companies. The signatures must be scanned and sent together with the EUREKA form as an integral part of the application of phase 1.
 - The forms will be screened and evaluated by CDTI and TÜBİTAK. Applicants will be contacted by staff of the respective national authorities within two weeks to refine the definitive projects.
2. In the second phase, partners with approved outlines will be invited to submit their national applications according to its own procedures no later than **12th November 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 Spain the participants will have to submit a formal R&D international project application through CDTI's website (<https://sede.cdti.gob.es/>) including updated application form (according to the comments made by the national authorities), draft consortium agreement and national project outline.

Financing

Each country will fund its eligible participants within EUREKA framework. Funding conditions and eligibility criteria may vary from country to country. As summary, main aspects of 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 TUBITAK 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](#).

Spain:

CDTI will finance industrial research and/or technological development activities to Spanish companies. Universities and research centers can be funded as subcontractors.

The funding modality for the project will be a partially reimbursable soft loan, with financial cover of 75% of the total approved budget. The non-reimbursable part will be a 30% of the loan. Detailed information can also be reached from [here](#).

Spanish tasks in the project will only be able to start after submitting the funding application to CDTI. According to this, it is suggested not to start before 1st April 2016. For further information, please directly contact with CDTI.

According to EUREKA practices, applicants may choose to ask for a label without public financing (e.g. self-funding is also applicable)

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