

Singapore - Austria Eureka Bilateral Call

FROM 12 OCTOBER 2023 TO 29 February 2024

Eureka is the world's biggest public network for international cooperation in R&D and innovation, present in over 45 countries. It is a decentralised intergovernmental organisation aiming to boost the productivity and competitiveness of industries by funding and supporting international collaborative market-driven R&D projects.

This call for projects has been launched following Eureka's **Network projects** framework based on mutual consent between participating national and regional funding bodies.

The national funding bodies from **Singapore - Enterprise Singapore (EnterpriseSG)** and **Austria - Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG)** have allocated funding for organisations collaborating on international R&D projects.

You can submit your R&D project application for this call for projects between **12 October 2023 and 29 February 2024**. Your project consortium must include at least **one Singapore-based company and one Austria-based company**.

Eureka programme: **Network projects**

Participating countries

Singapore Austria

Scope

This is a bottom-up call for international R&D projects, with no thematic restrictions.

Events and Platforms

Online Matchmaking Platform [Joint Innovation with Singapore](#)

Eureka Project Submission Platform [SmartSimple](#)

Austria Connect Southeast Asia 2023, 11-13 October 2023, Singapore.

- 12 October 2023 [Call Launch](#), 15.45 - 17.00 SGT, Panel IV
- 12 October 2023 Physical Matchmaking

Online Webinar, 19 October 2023, 16:30 SGT | 09:30 CET.

Timeframe

12 October 2023 Call opens

29 February 2024 – 17:00 SGT | 10:00 CET Submission deadline

From June 2024 Eureka label given

Funding details

If there is no allocated budget for your organisation type in your country and you want to participate in a project consortium, contact your national funding body using the form below to see whether there are other funding opportunities available or talk to them about self-funding.

Singapore (EnterpriseSG): EnterpriseSG helps Singapore companies grow and transform through the Enterprise Development Grant (EDG) Co-Innovation Programme. Co-innovation Programmes support Singapore-based companies and their overseas partners to collaborate on R&D projects which result in new products or solutions with strong market potential.

A maximum of 70% of eligible costs can be funded for SMEs, while non-SMEs will be funded for up to 50%. IHLs and RIs can participate as well subject to other conditions.

Austria (FFG): All companies registered in Austria are eligible for funding, universities and research organisations can be funded as subcontractors only.

There is a dedicated budget of €1 million for this call. Funding in Austria is provided on an annual basis only, therefore follow-on applications must be submitted for the max. duration of 3 years. The funding provided by FFG are grants:

- max. 60% of the eligible costs for small companies,
- max. 50% of the eligible costs for medium-sized companies and
- max. 40% for large companies.

Eligibility

Eureka has limited eligibility criteria for organisations participating in a **Network projects** consortium:

- Your project idea must represent international cooperation in the form of a specific project.
- The project must be directed at researching or developing an innovative product, process or service with the goal of commercialisation.
- The project must have a civilian purpose.
- Your consortium must include **at least two independent legal entities from a minimum of two Eureka countries** (e.g., Austria and Singapore).
- No single organisation or country can be responsible for more than 70% of the project budget.

This call for projects has additional criteria for organisations to be eligible to receive funding:

- The project must benefit all involved partners.
- The project should have an obvious benefit and added value resulting from the technological cooperation between the participants from the different countries (e.g. increased knowledge base, commercial leads, access to R&D infrastructure etc.).
- The product or process must be innovative and with the potential to create impact.

- The maximum duration of a project may not exceed 36 months.
- A signed consortium agreement is required after the Eureka label is granted.

EnterpriseSG has additional criteria for Singapore organisations to be eligible to receive funding:

- Be a business entity registered and operating in Singapore
- Have a minimum of 30% local shareholding
- Be in a financially viable position to start and complete the project

FFG has additional criteria for Austria organisations to be eligible to receive funding:

- Be a for-profit company registered and operating in Austria
- Submit an R&D project (TRL 5-7) with high degree of innovation (technological novelty) that is technically demanding (high technical risk), and with high exploitation potential (economic aspects)
- Funding provided by FFG supports the transformation towards a sustainable economy

Evaluation

Your project application will be reviewed according to our Network projects evaluation methodology.

1. Impact

- Is the market properly addressed (i.e. size, access and risks)?
- Is the value creation properly addressed (i.e. employment opportunities and environmental and societal benefits)?
- What are the competitive advantages of your project (i.e. strategic importance, enhanced capabilities and visibility)?
- Are your commercialisation plans clear and realistic (i.e. return on investment, geographical and sectoral impact)?

2. Excellence

- What is the degree of innovation? (i.e. is the proposed product, process or service state-of-the-art? Is there sufficient technological maturity and risk)?
- How is the new knowledge going to be used?
- Is your project scientifically and technically challenging for consortium partners?
- Is the technical achievability and risk properly addressed?

3. Quality and efficiency of implementation

- What is the quality of your consortium (i.e. balance of the partnership and technological, managerial and financial capabilities of each partner)?
- Is there added value through international cooperation?
- Is your project management and planning realistic and clearly defined (i.e. methodology, planning approach, milestones and deliverables)?
- Is your cost structure reasonable (i.e. costs and financial commitment for each consortium partner)?

4. Overall perception

Experts will list three positive and negative points to your application and finally state whether they recommend your project for public investment.

Your national funding body may carry out a further evaluation (performed by the national project coordinator and technical experts) according to national rules before allocating funds to successful applicants.

Applying

1. Contact your national funding body using the form below to discuss your project idea, financial viability, eligibility and national procedures.
2. Create an account on our application portal (one per consortium) and select the funding opportunity you want to apply to.
3. Using the portal, complete one application form per consortium (in English) and invite other consortium partners to fill in a partner form.
4. Upload a GANTT chart (one per consortium), a signed and completed co-signature form (which you can download from the platform) and any additional required annexes.
5. Your application will be checked for completeness and eligibility before being reviewed using a standard evaluation procedure. If successful, your project will receive a Eureka label.
6. Your national funding body may carry out a further evaluation (performed by the NPC and technical experts) according to national rules before allocating funds to successful applicants.
7. The final step is to complete and sign a consortium agreement (CA). We recommend that you seek legal advice when drafting your CA.

Both Singapore and Austria have additional steps for submitting your application:

1. Singapore

Singapore applicants will have to prepare the following documents:

- Latest ACRA business profile (retrieved within 6 months from application date)
- Applicant's latest and previous two years' audited financial statements (Company and Group level), or official management account
- Completed application form on Business Grant Portal (including the Supplementary Project Proposal Form available here <https://go.gov.sg/edgcip>)
- Relevant quotations

Singapore participants will then have to submit their applications, including all the above documents by the closing date. Do note that the BGP link can only be generated manually. Hence, you are advised to contact EnterpriseSG at least two weeks before the Call closing to ensure sufficient time to fill up the necessary.

2. Austria

In addition to the Eureka application, Austrian participants have to submit a separate national application to FFG General Programmes (Basisprogramm) via eCall at the FFG webpage <https://ecall.ffg.at/>. The national application must include the Eureka project proposal and a national project proposal. The evaluation of the national application is carried out by internal experts. Funding decisions for national applications submitted

until **07 March 2024** will be published after the Advisory Board Meeting (Beiratssitzung) on 27 June 2024.

The project must fulfil the national criteria ("Basisprogramm-Leitfaden"). Detailed information on national rules and procedures:

<https://www.ffg.at/europa/ausschreibungen/eureka-singapore-2023>

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