



Globalstars Brazil 2023 call for projects

FROM 2 OCT 2023 TO 16 MAY 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 Globalstars framework based on mutual consent between participating national and regional funding bodies.

The national funding bodies from Brazil, Belgium (Flanders), Czech Republic, Netherlands, Portugal, South Africa, Spain and Türkiye have allocated funding for organisations collaborating on international R&D projects in all fields of knowledge.

You can submit your R&D project application for this call for projects **between 2 October 2023 and 16 May 2024 at 18:00 BRT / 22:00 CET**. Your project consortium must include at least one organisation based in Brazil and another one in any Eureka participating country in this call.

The parties listed above must be unrelated parties (i.e. no direct, indirect, beneficial or constructive ownership interest between these parties.)

Eureka programme: Globalstars

Participating countries (National funding bodies)

BRAZIL BELGIUM (FLANDERS) CZECH REPUBLIC NETHERLANDS PORTUGAL SOUTH AFRICA
SPAIN TÜRKİYE

Scope

This project call is for R&D projects in all thematic areas or application domains.

Timeframe

2 OCT 2023 Call opens

16 MAY 2024 Submission deadline (international application)

MAY 2024 Feedback for project applications/ national funding procedures start

FROM SEP 2024 Eureka label given/ funding decision is made/ projects can begin

Funding details

- **Brazil (FINEP):** Grant from 280.000 up to 400.000 euro, 50% of project costs for SMEs/ universities/ research organisations; grant from 280.000 up to 940.000 euro/ 50% of project costs for large companies / universities/ research organisations, total grant budget of 50.000.000 Reais (approx. 10 M€)
- **Belgium-Flanders (VLAIO):** for this call we will only accept [development projects](#) (an innovative idea that can lead to successful business in the short term, but there are still some challenges to overcome in developing this innovation).

Only Flanders based companies can apply for funding via subsidies. Flemish or foreign academic partners or research institutes can be funded by VLAIO if their expertise is crucial for the Flemish partner (company) and if they are subcontracted by this company.

General information: www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/ontwikkelingsproject.

- **Czech Republic (MEYS):** Grants up to 3 mil CZK per project per year (or 4 mil CZK per project per year in case of more than one Czech participant) for SMEs or large companies, funding 25-80% of the eligible costs depending on the type of organization and the type of activities.
- **Netherlands (RVO):** Enterprises and research institutes in the Netherlands can apply for grant funding up to 50% of the eligible costs, depending on the type of organization and the type of activities. Maximum funding is 350,000 EUR per project.

For more information, please refer to www.rvo.nl/globalstars

- **Portugal (ANI):** All SMEs, Small mid-cap enterprises, universities, research centres and other non-entrepreneurial entities from the research and innovation system (ENESII) from Continental Portugal (Norte, Centro, Lisboa, Alentejo and Algarve) and ENESII from the Azores and Madeira Autonomous Regions, are eligible for grant funding. There is no maximum or minimum limit to the budget of project.

Co-funding rates: For SME: from 45% to 80% of project costs for Micro and Small companies, and from 35% to 75% for medium companies. For Universities and research organisations: 85% of eligible project costs. Investments foreseen in NUT II Lisboa, will have a maximum funding rate of 40% of eligible costs.

Funding will cover R&D direct costs that fall into the category of industrial research or experimental development, including a 7% flat rate of overheads costs applied over all direct costs (including subcontracting).

The national consortium must integrate at least one SME or Small Mid-Cap enterprise. When applying in partnership with Portuguese R&D organisations, the Portuguese company(ies) must assume the largest share of the investment.

The project must fall within the priority areas of the national or regional Research and Innovation Strategy for Smart Specialization (RIS3).

The Portuguese companies need to comply with the following financial autonomy ratios:

- For SMEs and Small Mid-Cap enterprises: 15% financial autonomy ratio.
- Companies that have been active for less than one year at the date of the application: they must demonstrate the capacity to finance the project with equity, equal to or greater than 20% of eligible costs.

For more information, please contact ANI (Portuguese Eureka NPC).

- **South Africa (DSI):** Funding is available to registered companies and SMEs as per South African definition. Science Councils and Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) are also eligible to apply and should collaborate with SMEs as partners

Total budget for each project will be at maximum funding of between 150.000 and 200.000 euros per project.

Co-funding between the South African participants and the DSI to be as follows:

- SMEs - Up to 75%
 - Science Councils and Universities – up to 80%
 - Large Companies - Up to 50%
- **Spain (CDTI):** Main features of the funding for Spanish partners are: Soft loan up to 85% of eligible costs (Euribor 1 year interest fee) Minimum budget 175.000 euros (no maximum budget). Long recovery period (10 or 15 years) where 24,75% of the eligible costs have not to be repaid. For more information please access: <http://www.cdti.es/index.asp?MP=100&MS=802&MN=2>.

CDTI will finance industrial research and/or technological development activities of Spanish companies are eligible for funding. Universities and research centers could take part as subcontractors. It is mandatory that project activities do not start before submitting the funding applications to CDTI. For further information, please contact CDTI.

- **Türkiye (TÜBİTAK):** 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. Turkish applicants must complete their national application in four weeks after the eligibility feedback.

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](#).

According to Eureka's practices, applicants may choose to request a label without public financing (e.g. self-funding is also applicable).

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.

Eligibility

Eureka has limited eligibility criteria for organisations participating in a Globalstars 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 mutually independent companies, one from Brazil and the other from any Eureka participating country in this call
- 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:

- All partners must express their will to cooperate 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 countries (e.g. increased knowledge base, commercial leads, access to R&D infrastructure etc.)
- The project should demonstrate the contribution of all participants and the project must be significant to them.
- The maximum duration of a project may not exceed 36 months.
- The participants are required, prior to obtaining the Eureka label endorsement, to have signed a project consortium agreement.

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 contact form on Eureka's website 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.

Additionally, each applicant must submit all required documents to their respective national funding authority and meet its due diligence process requirements:

1. In Brazil the participants will have to submit a formal project aid application through Finep's website (<https://www.finep.gov.br/>) including the Eureka Application form (in English) and the draft consortium agreement (optional). Additional documents in Portuguese language, containing detailed information on the Brazilian participants, will also be requested. If the application is not submitted in time **by the deadline of this call** for project, the international project may be rejected.
2. In Belgium (Flanders) in addition to the centrally submitted Eureka Project Application Form, partners from Flanders need to submit an application to VLAIO, including a project plan and budget online via www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/ontwikkelingsproject, pink button 'Aanvragen'. We invite Flemish partners to contact us for a pre-check of their project ideas and get support by [our team VLAIO advisors](#). The deadline for submission of the VLAIO application is on **Thursday May 30th 2024 – 12:00 CET**.

Eligible costs and funding rates: Staff and other costs related to the development project can be funded with a 25 to 60% subsidy of the project budget, with a minimum budget equivalent to support of € 25.000. Information can be found via this link. For this call the maximum funding (subsidy) per project is € 500.000.

3. In Czech Republic applicants must:
 - Submit the required Czech application together with the supporting documentation specified in the instructions for applicants within the parallel open national call LUEBR23 (<https://www.msmt.cz/vyzkum-a-vyvoj-2/inter-eureka-1>) **by May 16, 2024**.
 - CZ has additional criteria:
 - Eligible applicant is a SME or large organization.
 - Research organisation or university as a project partner only.
 - Applicant must submit a document proving its research and development activity.
4. In Netherlands applicants must:
 - Submit an additional application to RVO, including a detailed project plan and budget for the Netherlands project partners in the consortium. The application must be submitted by a for profit Netherlands company. Other Netherlands organisations can join as project partner to the Netherlands application.
 - Be aware that only R&D costs are eligible for funding.
 - Submit their application on the e-loket (<https://mijn.rvo.nl/eloket/login-start.html>) **before 23 May 2024, 17:00 hours CE(S)T**
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5. In Portugal:
 - Applicants whose Globalstars project is awarded with the Eureka Label, will need to submit a formal R&D project application under the call "*SIID – Internacionalização de I&D "Operações de I&D Industrial à Escala Europeia"*", in the framework of *Portugal 2030*, the multiannual funding framework programme, 30 days after the Eureka label is awarded.

- All Information about the national funding programme will be available soon at: <https://www.ani.pt/pt/promo%C3%A7%C3%A3o-internacional/redesinternacionais/eureka-eurostars/>

6. In South Africa potential applicants must inform the National Project Coordinator of their interest to submit a proposal and share the project outline before submitting the project.

To be considered for national funding the applicants will be required to submit a national funding application form and submit to the DSI as **per closing date of the EUREKA call**. The DSI will issue the application for to the applicants upon initial assessment of their joint applications.

Each project will go through a financial negotiation process with the national funding body, (DSI) to finalise the exact percentage funding. The funding will be transferred in tranches in accordance with the project duration.

7. In Spain the participants will have also to submit a formal R&D international project aid application through CDTI's website (<https://sede.cdti.gob.es/>) **by 16 May 2024** including the Eureka Application form (in English) and the draft consortium agreement (optional at this stage, but a signed consortium agreement must be signed and provided prior to obtaining the Eureka label endorsement). Additional documents in Spanish language, containing detailed information on the Spanish participants, could be requested depending on the specific type of funding requested by the company. If the application is not submitted in time by the deadline of this call for project, the international project could be rejected.

CDTI will check the eligibility of the Spanish applicants after receiving the international application. If it is eligible, funding applications will be generated by CDTI to each Spanish company. Those funding applications must be completed and submitted by them. A full memory (in Spanish) must be attached to these applications. Deadline to reply **14 June 2024**. If the funding applications are not submitted in time, the international project could be rejected.

8. In Türkiye, the participants will have to submit a formal national application (in Turkish) through TÜBİTAK TEYDEB's website (<https://teydeb.tubitak.gov.tr/>) **by 13 June 2024** including the Eureka Application form (in English).

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