

**Announcement of the
Multilateral Eureka Lightweighting Call 2025
for R&D Projects between
Austria, Belgium (Flanders & Wallonia), Chile,
France, Germany, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia,
South Korea, Spain, Türkiye and Ukraine
v1.1 (Details may change)**

Time schedule	
Announcement of the call	<i>1-2 April 2025 during Global Innovation Summit 2025</i>
Opening of the call	<i>15 May 2025</i>
Deadline for Eureka application (SmartSimple)	<i>23 October 2025 17:00 CEST</i>
Eureka label and funding decision¹	<i>From December 2025 to March 2026</i>
Project start¹	<i>From February 2026 to June 2026</i>

¹ Funding decisions for projects with South Korea will be communicated after March 2026 and projects can start from July 2026

Transnational Eureka Lightweighting Call

FROM 15 MAY 2025 TO 23 OCTOBER 2025 17:00 CEST

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 is launched following Eureka's **Network projects** framework based on mutual consent between participating national and regional funding bodies.

The national funding bodies (NFB) from **Austria, Belgium (Flanders & Wallonia), Chile, France, Germany, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, South Korea, Spain, Türkiye and Ukraine** have allocated funding for organisations collaborating on international R&D projects **in the field of Lightweighting**.

You can submit your R&D project application **concerning Lightweighting** for this call for projects between **15 May 2024 and 23 October 2025 17:00 CEST**. Your project consortium must include **organisations based in a minimum of two of the countries/regions listed in this call**.

Eureka programme: Network projects

Participating countries/regions

Austria, Belgium (Flanders & Wallonia), Chile, France, Germany, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, South Korea, Spain, Türkiye and Ukraine

Scope

This project call is for R&D projects within Lightweighting technologies.

Lightweighting technology is a key enabling technology to reduce weight, save materials, and improve functionality while maintaining or enhancing performance. Smart lightweight design, advanced materials, and optimised manufacturing processes are crucial parameters. Digital solutions for calculation models, production processes, and performance evaluation are essential tools for driving innovation in lightweighting. Lightweighting technology provides environmentally friendly solutions while simultaneously adding commercial value across multiple industries.

Effects targeted by lightweighting technologies include:

A. Optimisation of resource and energy efficiency

Smart lightweight design helps to reduce material and energy consumption during the manufacturing and use phase of new materials and products. Increasing the duration of use and lifespan of lightweight materials and products by wear reduction, slowing down the aging process, and improving material fatigue contributes to resource and energy efficiency. Structural health monitoring of existing and new components indicates when repair or replacement is necessary, further contributing to resource efficiency. The use of simulations, virtual models (digital twin), intelligent process control (machine learning), and automation allows predictive manufacturing, reductions in time-to-

market, processing times, and material waste from substandard products, significantly reducing environmental impact and CO2 emissions.

B. Maximising efficiency and performance

Lightweighting enables not only weight reduction but also optimised material use and structural principles for maximum efficiency and performance. The challenge is to develop and implement advanced lightweighting technologies that enable load-optimised material usage while maintaining or improving functionality. This requires integrating digital solutions such as simulations, virtual models (digital twins), and intelligent process control to enhance flexibility and adaptability in lightweight design. Modern manufacturing methods, including additive manufacturing, open new possibilities for application-specific production. To fully unlock the potential of lightweighting, innovative approaches in material selection, shaping, and production must be explored to create economic value.

C. Bolstering lightweight advancements in mobility and integration in more areas

The mobility sector remains a core focus for lightweighting advancements due to its high potential for efficiency gains and environmental impact reduction. Further improvements in lightweight materials, structures, and manufacturing techniques are essential for achieving enhanced fuel efficiency and sustainability in automotive, aerospace, railway, and maritime applications. At the same time, expanding lightweight solutions beyond mobility to other sectors can unlock additional benefits. Standardisation of new lightweight materials, technologies, measuring and testing methods, the development of digital twins, interconnected production processes, and accessible databases on lightweight materials encourage the transfer and development of new lightweight technologies across industries.

Relevant industry sectors include (but are not limited to):

Regardless of national priorities, all sectors with a need for lightweighting technologies are welcome, including but not limited to automotive, railway, aerospace, space, maritime, mechanical engineering, energy, construction, infrastructure, health, farming, and forestry, etc.

Call-relevant lightweighting technologies to be researched and developed include (but are not limited to):

1. Optimisation of lightweight design approaches

- Topology optimisation considering load paths and lightweight design
- Advanced simulation approaches
- Hybrid lightweight construction
- Functional integration
- Smart/intelligent components
- Condition monitoring

2. Novel lightweight materials including optimised manufacturing

- Advanced material research for enhanced lightweight performance
- Hard coatings and technologies enabling a lifetime expansion
- Process automation
- Simulations and virtual models (digital twin)

- Intelligent process control (machine learning)
- Standardisation of new lightweight materials and technologies
- Standardisation of measuring and testing methods
- Development of accessible databases on lightweight materials

3. Recycling of lightweight materials

- Increasing the use of secondary materials
- Technologies for disjoining
- Technologies for traceability of chemical compositions

4. Joining technology

- Smart adhesives
- Pre-treatment of surfaces
- New joining technologies
- Development of new welding consumables and solders for special metal mixing combinations
- Development of joining processes for high-strength and low-ductile lightweight materials or mixed connections made of metal-plastic fibre composites

5. Additive manufacturing

- Multi-material solutions optimised for lightweight applications
- Development of in-situ quality measurement methods
- Optimisation of build-job planning for high productivity
- Manufacturing of thin structures
- Reducing required support structures for overhangs
- Manufacturing of structural parts
- Optimising processes for manufacturing large components
- Development of standardised processing language for different additive manufacturing machines
- Quality assurance through sensing, data acquisition, processing, and machine learning

6. Digitalisation

- Simulations and virtual models for lightweight products/technologies (digital twin)
- Intelligent process control (machine learning)
- Development of standardised processing language for different manufacturing machines
- Coordination with European activities regarding Industry 4.0 (Gaia-X, Catena-X, etc.)
- Structural Health Monitoring of existing and new components

Basic project requirements

Your project should:

- offer relevant contributions to the above-mentioned scope of the call,
- address at least one of the fields mentioned in the call description and
- focus on experimental development (TRL 4-6) thus demonstrating the potential to research or develop a product, process or service for commercialisation.

For further requirements, please check section “Eligibility”.

International Events and Matchmaking

- **Online Matchmaking Platform**
<https://eureka-lightweighting-call-2025.b2match.io/>
- **4-5 June ELN-Konference Kraków/Poland**
A hybrid matchmaking event is planned

National Events

Please contact your national funding body for consulting needs and information on national or regional events related to this call.

Funding²

Funding will only be provided to projects that are positively evaluated by all relevant participating national funding bodies. Funding of project partners is subjected to budgetary availability and national funding conditions stipulated by each national funding body.

Austria (FFG)	Grant of up to 80% for small companies, up to 70% for medium-sized companies, up to 55% for large companies and up to 85% for research institutions
Belgium / Wallonia (SPW Research)	Funding is granted in the form of a grant with a funding rate ranging from 40% to 80% of the budget of each Walloon company. The funding rate depends on the size of the Walloon company, the consortium composition at regional and international level and whether the project activities fall into the category of industrial research or experimental development. Subcontracting to research organisations is allowed up to 20% of the total company(ies) budget.
Belgium / Flanders (VLAIO)	Companies based in Flanders can apply for grant funding via a development project and receive up to 60% of the eligible project costs, to a maximum of €500,000 per project. Staff and other costs can be funded with a 25% to 60% subsidy of the project budget, with a minimum budget equivalent to support of € 25,000.
Chile (CORFO)	Funding is available for Chilean companies on an open budget basis through a matching grant of a maximum of approximately €214,000 (CLP\$220 million) per project, which varies according to company size: 40% for large companies, 60% for medium-sized companies, and 80% for small companies. An extra 10% funding is available for female-led companies. Firms must be at least 24 months old. Universities and research centres are not eligible to receive funding directly from Corfo, but they can participate as project collaborators.
France (Bpifrance)	Funding in the form of loan or reimbursable advance from €50,000 and up to €3 million: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• up to 80% of eligible costs for SME's• up to 40% for companies with up to 2,000 full-time employees

² Please refer to section *Funding conditions and rules per NFB & Contacts* for details on funding.

	<p>There is no direct funding for universities nor research institutions (self-funded or subcontractors). Large companies with more than 2,000 full-time equivalent employees are not eligible for public funding.</p> <p>In order to check their eligibility, French participants must contact their Bpifrance chargé d'affaires innovation, cc international.innoproject@bpifrance.fr, prior to applying. Then, the national funding application must be submitted on Bpifrance En Ligne platform before 6 November 2025. The Bpifrance en Ligne account will be opened with the help of the chargé d'affaires innovation.</p>									
Germany	<p>German partners can choose from existing national programmes to finance their share of the project.</p> <p>For most SMEs, the “Zentrales Innovationsprogramm Mittelstand” (ZIM) of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK) is the recommended option. German research institutes/universities can participate as additional partners according to the ZIM rules or the rules of another selected programme.</p> <p>Other funding programmes may be used if ZIM eligibility requirements are not met. For more information, please contact the German Eureka office.</p>									
Lithuania (Research Council of Lithuania)	<p>Type of funding: Grant Call for projects budget: €1 million</p> <p>The Research Council of Lithuania funds projects led by research institutions with at least one Lithuanian industrial partner. The call for projects budget is up to €1 million. The budget per project is up to €300,000.</p> <p>Funding rates can reach up to 100% for research institutions and up to 80% for industrial partners (depending on their size).</p> <p>For more information, please contact the Lithuanian NPC.</p>									
Poland	<p>To be eligible for NCBR support, a Polish applicant must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• be a Poland-based business, of any size• be a research and knowledge disseminating organisation <p>Only Polish micro, small or medium-sized enterprises (SME) can apply individually. While universities, research institutions and large enterprises are eligible for funding and may lead Polish domestic consortia, the presence of a Polish SME is obligatory in such consortium. NCBR can fund a proportion of industrial research and development works project costs. This proportion depends on the size of your business and will be described in detail in the national rules:</p> <table><tr><td></td><td>Industrial research (basic level: 50%)</td><td>Development works (basic level: 25%)</td></tr><tr><td>Micro or small enterprise</td><td>up to 80%</td><td>up to 70%</td></tr><tr><td>Medium-sized enterprise</td><td>up to 80%</td><td>up to 60%</td></tr></table>		Industrial research (basic level: 50%)	Development works (basic level: 25%)	Micro or small enterprise	up to 80%	up to 70%	Medium-sized enterprise	up to 80%	up to 60%
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	Research-performing and/or knowledge-disseminating organisation	100%	100%
	Please note that NCBR’s maximum total project grant to Polish applicants is no larger than PLN 2 million, with no more than PLN 1 million per partner. As explained above, large enterprises as well as research and knowledge disseminating organisations can be leaders or partners on the project but cannot apply individually. Eligibility of the costs and funding rates can be found at: https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/platforma-konkursowa#/ncbr?sort=announcementDate,desc&currentPage=0&limit=10		
Portugal (ANI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ANI covers up to a maximum of 80% of project costs for SMEs and small mid-cap companies and 85% of project costs for research institutions and other non- entrepreneurial entities from the research and innovation system (ENESII).For investments located at NUT II Lisboa, the maximum co-funding rate is 40% of eligible costs. <p>The exact funding percentage depends on the company size, consortium collaboration, dissemination of project results and whether your project activities fall into the category of industrial research or experimental development.</p> <p>For more information, please contact the Portuguese NPC.</p>		
Slovakia	Slovak participants can obtain cofunding up to 80% of eligible costs for small companies / up to 75% for medium-sized companies / up to 65% for large companies / universities a research organisations up to 100%. Maximum cofunding up to €150,000 for 36 months.		
South Korea (KIAT)	Type of funding: Grant Call for projects budget: €1 million Organisations can receive a grant of up to 500 million South Korean won (approximately €370,000) per year, and the project period should be up to 3 years. SMEs can receive up to 67% of project costs, mid-tier companies can receive up to 50% of project costs, large companies can receive up to 33% of project costs and universities and research organisations can receive up to 100% of project costs.		
Spain (CDTI)	Main features of the funding for Spanish companies are: Soft loan up to 85% of eligible costs (Euribor 1 year interest fee) Minimum budget €175,000 (no maximum budget). Long recovery period (10 or 15 years) where 22.5% of the eligible costs have not to be repaid.		
Türkiye (TÜBİTAK)	Type of funding: Grant Call for projects budget: €2.5 million		

	<p>The TÜBİTAK 1719 - EUREKA NETWORK 2025 LIGHTWEIGHTING TECHNOLOGIES CALL will be followed at the national level under the 1719 - EUREKA Network Calls framework. Capital companies, higher education institutions, public research centers and institutes, training and research hospitals, and other eligible organizations can participate as project partners.</p> <p>Under this call, SMEs are supported at a rate of 75%, large-scale companies at 60%, and public institutions, foundation universities, training and research hospitals, as well as public research centers and institutes at 100%.</p> <p>For projects applying to this call, the total project budget for Turkish project partners cannot exceed €500,000. The budget for institutions other than capital companies can be at most 50% of the total project budget and cannot exceed €250,000 in total. Additionally, institutions other than capital companies are not eligible to apply alone.</p> <p>Applicants must follow the national call, consider the specified deadlines and rules, and ensure compliance with the requirements.</p>
Ukraine	<p>Funding Body: Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine</p> <p>Ukrainian research institutions and higher education institutions are eligible to receive grants of up to 199,000 UAH (according to the exchange rate applicable at that time, now approximately €4,400) per year for a project duration of up to 3 years. It is recommended to include a Ukrainian SME as part of the consortium.</p>

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 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 **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 should include **at least two independent legal entities from a minimum of two Eureka countries supporting the 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:

- 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 upon approval, before the actual start of the project. It ought to include, amongst others, the ownership and use of know-how and IPR settlements

Application

1. **Contact your national funding body** to discuss your project idea, financial viability, eligibility and national procedures.
2. **Create an account** on our application portal <https://eureka.smartsimple.ie/> (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 an 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.

For detailed information on national rules and application procedures, please see Section “Funding conditions and rules per NFB”.

Country evaluation process

Your project application will be reviewed according to the following additional national evaluation processes:

Austria	In addition to the Eureka project application, Austrian participants must submit a national project application via e-Call at the FFG webpage (https://ecall.ffg.at/) before 23 October 2025 17:00 CEST. The national application must include the Eureka project proposal and a national project proposal. The evaluation of the national project application in Austria is carried out by external experts.
Belgium / Wallonia	Applicants in Wallonia (Belgium) must submit their regional application (in French) to SPW Research via the ONTIME portal (https://recherche-technologie.wallonie.be/ontime) before 23 October 2025 17:00 Brussels time.

	<p>Please consult recherche.wallonie.be/eureka for further information on eligibility criteria and evaluation/selection procedures.</p> <p>A preliminary contact with the Walloon Eureka team is highly recommended.</p>
Belgium / Flanders	<p>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. 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 the VLAIO application 23 October 2025 17:00 Brussels time.</p>
Chile	<p>The application process for this call for proposals has two phases: Phase 1: International, where projects applications are submitted through the Eureka System; and Phase 2: National Funding, where Chilean companies with projects regarded as eligible in Phase 1 apply for funding to Corfo. Corfo will review project applications submitted through the Eureka system (Phase 1) and decide about eligible projects allowed to apply to national funding through the “Crea y Valida – Eureka” programme. Only companies that are selected and allowed to move to Phase 2 can apply to national funding from Corfo.</p>
France	<p>In order to check their eligibility, French participants must contact their Bpifrance chargé d'affaires innovation, cc international.innopproject@bpifrance.fr, prior to applying. Then, the national funding application must be submitted on Bpifrance En Ligne platform before 6 November 2025. The Bpifrance en Ligne account will be opened with the help of the chargé d'affaires innovation.</p>
Germany	<p>In addition to the Eureka application, German partners aiming to receive funding must apply through their chosen national funding programme. The respective national rules apply in each case.</p> <p>For ZIM applications Detailed criteria are available on the ZIM website (in German). Applications must comply with ZIM guidelines and be written in German. In order to assess the eligibility of your project idea for ZIM, please submit a project outline as described here.</p>
Lithuania	<p>Each Lithuanian participant will be invited to register in the national e-grant system and asked to upload a pdf of the Eureka application, including national declarations, financial viability documents, etc. The Research Council of Lithuania uses the international application as grounds for the national evaluation.</p> <p>For more information, please contact the Lithuanian NPC.</p>
Poland	<p>In addition to the SmartSimple form, Polish applicants will be requested to submit their domestic application with relevant attachments, as per the information available at https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/platforma-konkursowa#/ncbr?sort=announcementDate,desc&currentPage=0&limit=10 from the evening of 16 May 2025 onwards.</p>
Portugal	<p>Portuguese funding body, the Agência Nacional de Inovação (ANI), funds R&D costs for SMEs and small mid-cap companies, R&D centres and academia. Large companies are not eligible for funding.</p> <p>For more information, please contact the Portuguese NPC.</p>

Slovakia	<p>The participant must send the information about the technological area of the project to the national project coordinator. The national System and code list of science and technology area website: https://www.minedu.sk/sustava-a-ciselnik-odborov-vedy-a-techniky/</p>
South Korea	<p>The national application must include the Eureka project application and a national project proposal. (Please refer to the national call text for the additional document on https://kiat.or.kr)</p> <p>National project applications must be submitted online via the Korean application system (www.k-pass.kr)</p>
Spain	<p>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 the deadline of this call including the Eureka Application form (in English) and a 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.</p> <p>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. Deadline to reply is approximately one month after the deadline of the call. If the funding applications are not submitted in time, the international project could be rejected.</p>
Türkiye	<p>Within the scope of the TÜBİTAK 1719 - Eureka Network 2025 Lightweighting Technologies Call, which is a national call, applicants must submit a national application, as the evaluation process is conducted at the national level. Failure to do so will result in the project being deemed ineligible. Additionally, higher education institutions, public research centers and institutes, education and research hospitals, and research infrastructures covered by Law No. 6550 are not eligible to apply independently. Applications from these institutions are only accepted if they partner with at least one capital company, and the lead organization (applicant organization) must be a capital company.</p> <p>Applicants must also follow the national application deadlines and conditions to ensure compliance. For further information regarding the financing of Turkish participants, please contact TÜBİTAK directly. Detailed information can also be accessed here, and the national rules and conditions will be published on the TÜBİTAK TEYDEB 1719 Calls page at https://tubitak.gov.tr/tr/destekler/sanayi/uluslararasi-ortakli-destek-programlari/1719-eureka-network-cagrilari.</p>
Ukraine	<p>Alongside the Eureka project application, Ukrainian participants submit a national project application. This national submission must include a Ukrainian-language version of the Eureka project proposal, along with a detailed project plan and budget.</p> <p>For full details on national funding rules and eligibility criteria, please contact the Ukrainian NPC.</p>

Evaluation

Eureka Network 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.

Funding conditions, rules and contacts per country/region

Austria		
Topics of Interest	Same as in the Eureka call, priority is given to Lightweighting technologies in the mobility sector.	
Timeline - National Application	23 October 2025 17:00 CEST	
Budget	€2,000,000 (dedicated to the mobility sector)	
Specific National rules	<p>FFG will finance industrial research and/or experimental development activities of Austrian organisations. FFG provides the Eureka funding scheme illustrated below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Details on the Eureka application and on the national application: https://www.ffg.at/europa/ausschreibungen/eureka_lightweighting_call2025 <p>National project applications must be submitted online via FFG eCall: https://ecall.ffg.at</p>	
Eligible costs and funding rates	<p>Eligible costs: https://www.ffg.at/recht-finanzen/kostenleitfaden</p> <p>Funding rates: up to 80% for small companies, up to 70% for medium sized companies, up to 55% for large companies and up to 85% for research institutions.</p>	
Additional documents required	The national application must include the Eureka project proposal and a national project proposal.	
Contact persons	<p>Johannes Fritzer Expert Thematic Programme Email: johannes.fritzer@ffg.at Tel: +43 57755-5032</p>	<p>Michael Walch Eureka NPC Email: michael.walch@ffg.at Tel: +43 57755-4901</p>

Belgium (Flanders)		
Timeline - National Application	The deadline for online submission of the VLAIO application is 23 October 2025 17:00 Brussels time.	
Budget	€1,000,000	
Specific National rules	<p>Applicants in Flanders (Belgium) must submit their regional application online via www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/ontwikkelingsproject, pink button 'Aanvragen'.</p> <p>For this call only 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) will be accepted. Flemish 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.</p>	
Eligible costs and funding rates	<p>Companies based in Flanders can apply for grant funding via a development project and receive up to 60% of the eligible project costs, to a maximum of €500,000 per project. Staff and other costs can be funded with a 25 to 60% subsidy of the project budget, with a minimum budget equivalent to support of €25,000.</p> <p>General information: www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/ontwikkelingsproject</p>	
Additional documents required	In addition to the centrally submitted Eureka Project Application Form, partners from Flanders <u>need to submit</u> an application to VLAIO, including a project plan and budget. 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 the VLAIO application is 23 October 2025 17:00 Brussels time.
Contact persons	Lieve Apers lieve.apers@vlaio.be

Belgium (Wallonia)

Timeline - National Application	Applicants in Wallonia (Belgium) must submit their regional application (in French) to SPW Research via the ONTIME portal (https://recherche-technologie.wallonie.be/ontime) before 23 October 2025 17:00 Brussels time.
Budget	Not limited
Specific National rules, eligible costs and funding rates, and additional documents required	<p>Funding is granted in the form of a grant or a recoverable advance with a funding rate ranging from 40% to 100% of the budget of each Walloon partner. The type of funding and percentage depend on the type of partner, the consortium composition at regional and international level and whether your project activities fall into the category of industrial research or experimental development. The research budget of the Walloon partner company(ies) must correspond to at least 40% of the total budget of all Walloon partners.</p> <p>For further information: recherche.wallonie.be/eureka</p> <p>It is highly advised that an information meeting between the Walloon project partners and the officers responsible for the programme within SPW Research is held prior to the submission of a proposal.</p>
Contact persons	Fabrice QUERTAIN fabrice.quertain@spw.wallonie.be Julie JASMES julie.jasmes@spw.wallonie.be

Chile

Timeline - National Application	Details to be shared soon
Budget	Corfo works on an open budget basis.
Specific National rules	<p>Chilean companies must fulfil the funding criteria from the “Crea y Valida - Eureka” programme, which involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficiary must be a legal entity constituted in Chile. • Company must be of a minimum of 24 months old (as registered in the tax office). • Companies must show proven record of sales within the last 24 months prior to application (no need to be every month).
Eligible costs and funding rates	<p>Please refer to “Crea y Valida - Eureka” programme website and documentation where rules on eligible costs are clearly specified.</p> <p>Funding rates are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A matching grant of maximum €214,000 approx. (CLP\$220 million) per project, which varies according to firm size: 40% large; 60% medium; and 80% small. <p>Extra 10% funding for female-led companies</p>
Additional documents required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In addition to the Eureka Application in Phase 1, Chilean companies that move to national funding in Phase 2 must complete the online application form available for the “Crea y Valida - Eureka” programme through Corfo’s application system. This form asks for detailed information regarding the project’s technical, financial, and human resources dimensions. Please refer to the documentation for further information about company requirements, project content and evaluation criteria.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each consortium must also submit a draft international project consortium agreement. <p>All requirements are specified in detail in the documents available in the “Crea y Valida – Eureka” programme website.</p>
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France	
Timeline - National Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> French participants must contact their Bpifrance chargé d'affaires innovation, cc international.innopproject@bpifrance.fr before the submission deadline to discuss their eligibility and project. Applicants from France must submit their national application on 6 November 2025 at the latest on Bpifrance En Ligne platform.
Budget	Open budget
Specific National rules	SMEs and large companies below 2,000 FTE are eligible for funding. French participants must contact their Bpifrance chargé d'affaires innovation, cc international.innopproject@bpifrance.fr prior to applying in order to check their eligibility. Then, the national funding application must be submitted on Bpifrance En Ligne platform.
Eligible costs and funding rates	<p>The French funding scheme (ADI – Aide pour le Développement de l'Innovation) is the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible entity: Innovative company up to 2,000 FTEs Eligible costs: Industrial research and experimental development (industrialisation and commercialisation costs are not eligible) Funding amount: from €50,000 up to €3 million (submitted to financial analysis of the company and financial conditions) Funding type: Reimbursable advance in case of technical success (up to 65%) or R&D loan with deferred reimbursement (up to 80%) Duration: maximum of 36 months <p>In any case, all the above information could be adapted to the profile and project of the company.</p> <p>Before the application, the French partner can apply to a Diagnostic Partenariat Tech International, if they plan on working with an external expert to help them build their consortium, project or application. The Diagnostic is a grant covering up to 50% of the expert's consultancy services (see limit depending on whether the company is the consortium leader) and planning on helping companies structuring their international collaborative project.</p>
Additional documents required	
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Germany	
Timeline - National Application	German participants are free to choose from the existing funding programmes in Germany. The application procedure depends on the national funding programme chosen.

	If applying for “Zentrales Innovationsprogramm Mittelstand” (ZIM) of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK), there is no fixed deadline (rolling submissions are possible). However, to facilitate a timely project start, it is strongly recommended to contact the ZIM project management agency (AiF Projekt GmbH) well in advance and to submit a short project outline, which can serve as the basis for an initial, non-binding assessment of your planned project (Projektskizzen-Check).	
Budget	German funding is provided according to the rules of the chosen national programme and subject to available funds.	
Specific National rules	<p>German partners can choose from existing national programmes to cover their project share.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ZIM (recommended for most SMEs): Under ZIM, German companies with fewer than 1,000 employees (or consortia consisting of such enterprises) may apply. Companies with 500 or more employees must involve at least one SME in their project. Applications must be in German and must comply with the ZIM guidelines. For detailed criteria, please see the ZIM website (in German). German research institutes/universities can be additional partners under ZIM. • Other national programmes: If your organization/consortium is not eligible under ZIM, other programmes may be used. Please contact the German Eureka office for advice. 	
Eligible costs and funding rates	<p>The funding rates vary depending on the selected funding programme.</p> <p>ZIM (BMWK) Detailed criteria can be found on the ZIM website (in German).</p>	
Additional documents required	The requirements vary depending on the selected funding programme.	
Contact persons	ZIM (BMWK) AiF Projekt GmbH – Project Management Agency Antragstellung für Kooperationsprojekte	German Eureka office +49 228 3821-1352 eureka@dlr.de German Eureka office

Lithuania	
Timeline - National Application	The deadline for national applications is the same one as for the Eureka Lightweighting call: 23 October 2025 17:00 CEST
Budget	€1,000,000
Specific National rules	Research Council of Lithuania funds projects led by research institutions with at least one Lithuanian industrial partner. The call for projects budget is up to €1 million. The budget per project is up to €300,000.
Eligible costs and funding rates	<p>Eligible costs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel costs: salaries, social security contributions, taxes and any supplementary payments made to employees within national law and benefits schemes paid by the company. • Travel costs. • Fixed assets. • Indirect costs (overhead): 3% <p>Funding rates can reach up to 100% for research institutions and up to 80% for industrial partners (depending on their size).</p>

Additional documents required	Details to be shared soon
Contact persons	Details to be shared soon

Poland	
Timeline - National Application	16 May – 17 October 2025, 14:00 CEST
Budget	PLN 10 million
Specific National rules	While Poland does not participate in the Lightweighting call as such, Polish entities are free to submit their Lightweighting-related proposals in the standard, thematically-agnostic call which Poland will open on 16 May and close on 17 October 2025. More details for Polish entities will be available at https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/platforma-konkursowa#/ncbr?sort=announcementDate,desc&currentPage=0&limit=10 from the evening of 16 May 2025 onwards.
Eligible costs and funding rates	
Additional documents required	As per the information available at https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/platforma-konkursowa#/ncbr?sort=announcementDate,desc&currentPage=0&limit=10 from the evening of 16 May 2025 onwards.
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Portugal	
Timeline - National Application	SIID-Internationalization of R&D Phase 4 for new applications
Budget	SIID – Internacionalização de I&D – Operações de I&D industrial à escala europeia
Specific National rules	<p>Portuguese funding body, the Agência Nacional de Inovação (ANI), funds R&D costs for SMEs and small mid-cap companies, R&D centres and academia. Large companies are not eligible for funding.</p> <p>Your project must fall within national or regional Research and Innovation Strategy for Smart Specialisation priority areas.</p> <p>To be eligible for funding, projects must involve at least one Portuguese SME or small mid-cap company. When in a consortium with other Portuguese research organisations or universities, Portuguese companies must undertake the biggest share of the investment.</p> <p>Portuguese companies need to comply with the following financial autonomy ratios:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If SME or small mid-cap company: 15% • Companies that have been active for less than one year at the date of the application must demonstrate the capacity to finance the project with equity, equal to or greater than 20% of eligible costs.

Eligible costs and funding rates	<p>ANI covers up to a maximum of 80% of project costs for SMEs and small mid-cap companies and 85% of project costs for research institutions and other non-entrepreneurial entities from the research and innovation system (ENESII). For investments located at NUT II Lisboa, the maximum co-funding rate is 40% of eligible costs.</p> <p>The exact funding percentage depends on the company dimension, consortium collaboration, dissemination of project results and whether your project activities fall into the category of industrial research or experimental development.</p>
Additional documents required	For more information, please contact the Portuguese NPC.
Contact persons	<p>Polina Pereira polina.pereira@ani.pt Mob: +351 912 425 772</p>

Slovakia	
Budget	Open budget
Specific National rules	The R&D must be declared in The Business Register of the Slovak Republic as the objects of the company.
Eligible costs and funding rates	<p>All categories of costs are eligible: admin, material, amortization, services (less than 50% of budget), travel costs, other development costs etc.</p> <p>Participant in Slovakia can receive a grant of up to €150,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Up to 80% of eligible project costs for startups and small companies - Up to 75% of eligible project costs for medium sized companies - Up to 65% of eligible project costs for large companies <p>Up to 100% of eligible project costs for research organisations and universities</p>
Additional documents required	The participant must send the information about the technological area of the project to the national project coordinator. The national System and code list of science and technology area website: https://www.minedu.sk/sustava-a-ciselnik-odborov-vedy-a-techniky/
Contact persons	<p>Martin Kontrík Eureka NPC e-mail: martin.kontrik@minedu.sk Tel: +421 2 5937 4754</p>

South Korea	
Timeline - National Application	National application submission deadline : 24 October 2025 16:00 KST (CEST 09:00)
Budget	€1,000,000
Specific National rules	<p>KIAT will fund the industrial research and/or technological development activities of Korean companies, universities and research institutions.</p> <p>The Korean consortium must include at least one Korean private company. The company in the Korean consortium must have been in operation for at least one year by the application deadline, and the company is required to have a "corporate R&D center certification" issued by the Korean Government (Korea Industrial Technology Association).</p> <p>Eureka projects can be submitted to KIAT's international technology cooperation programme for funding, which provides Eureka's funding scheme</p>

	National project applications must be submitted online via the Korean application system (www.k-pass.kr)	
Eligible costs and funding rates	<p>Type of funding: Grant Call for projects budget: €1 million</p> <p>Organisations can receive a grant of up to 500 million South Korean won (approximately €370,000) per year, and the project period should be up to 3 years.</p> <p>SMEs can receive up to 67% of project costs, mid-tier companies can receive up to 50% of project costs, large companies can receive up to 33% of project costs and universities and research organisations can receive up to 100% of project costs.</p>	
Additional documents required	<p>The national application must include the Eureka project application and a national project proposal. (Please refer to the national call text for the additional document on https://kiat.or.kr)</p> <p>National project applications must be submitted online via the Korean application system (www.k-pass.kr)</p>	
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Spain	
Timeline - National Application	International application must be registered in CDTI portal by the deadline of this call. Funding application must be registered in CDTI portal one month after the deadline of the call
Budget	No limits
Specific National rules	<p>CDTI will finance industrial research and/or technological development activities of Spanish companies. Universities and research centres could take part as subcontractors. For more information please access: https://www.cdti.es/ayudas/proyectos-de-i-d</p> <p>It is mandatory that project activities do not start before submitting the funding applications to CDTI.</p>
Eligible costs and funding rates	<p>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 22.5% of the eligible costs have not to be repaid. For more information please access: https://www.cdti.es/ayudas/proyectos-de-i-d</p>
Additional documents required	A full memory (in Spanish) must be attached to the funding application
Contact persons	<p>Antonio Gómez antonio.gomez@cdti.es</p>

Türkiye	
Timeline - National Application	National application submission deadline: 23 December 2025
Budget	€2,500,000

Specific National rules	<p>Within the scope of the TÜBİTAK 1719 - Eureka Network 2025 Lightweighting Technologies Call, which is a national call, applicants must submit a national application, as the evaluation process is conducted at the national level. Failure to do so will result in the project being deemed ineligible. Additionally, higher education institutions, public research centers and institutes, education and research hospitals, and research infrastructures covered by Law No. 6550 are not eligible to apply independently. Applications from these institutions are only accepted if they partner with at least one capital company, and the lead organization (applicant organization) must be a capital company.</p> <p>For projects applying to this call, the total project budget for Turkish project partners cannot exceed €500,000. The budget for institutions other than capital companies can be at most 50% of the total project budget and cannot exceed €250,000 in total.</p>		
Eligible costs and funding rates	<p>Type of funding: Grant Call for projects budget: €2.5 million</p> <p>Within the scope of the call, the support rate for large-scale enterprises is 60%, while for SMEs, it is 75%.</p> <p>Public administrations within the general budget framework, as well as publicly funded agencies such as foundation universities, education and research hospitals, and public research centres and institutes, are eligible for 100% support.</p>		
Additional documents required	<p>After applying to the international call, submitting a national application in accordance with the timeline is mandatory. Applicants must also follow the national application deadlines and conditions to ensure compliance. For further information regarding the financing of Turkish participants, please contact TÜBİTAK directly. Detailed information can also be accessed here, and the national rules and conditions will be published on the TÜBİTAK TEYDEB 1719 Calls page at https://tubitak.gov.tr/tr/destekler/sanayi/uluslararası-ortakli-destek-programlari/1719-eureka-network-cagirlari.</p> <p>Following the international application, you may submit your national application in line with the call calendar at https://teydeb.tubitak.gov.tr</p>		
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Ukraine	
Timeline - National Application	<p>The national application process follows the same timeline as the Eureka application process.</p> <p>Alongside the Eureka project application, Ukrainian participants submit a national project application</p>
Budget	Up to 199,000 UAH (according to the exchange rate applicable at that time, now - approximately €4,400) per year for a project duration up of 3 years
Specific National rules	Ukrainian research institutions and higher education institutions are eligible for funding. It is recommended to include a Ukrainian SME as part of the consortium.
Eligible costs and funding rates	<p>Ukraine can provide funding for up to 2–3 project participants under this call, with the possibility of supporting more if additional budgetary resources are available.</p> <p>Funding may be allocated for research equipment, salaries, business trips, and service fees (excluding utility costs)</p>
Additional documents required	Alongside the Eureka project application, Ukrainian participants submit a national project application. This national submission must include a Ukrainian-

	language version of the Eureka project proposal, along with a detailed project plan and budget.
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