Webinar on the Eureka Network project Western Balkans call

6 MARCH 2024, 11:00 AM CET

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Agenda

- 11:00 Welcome
- 11:05 Introduction to Eureka (Jorge Liz, ESE)
- 11:15 Western Balkan call: scope, timeline and procedures (Ines Marinkovic, FFG)
- 11:30 Eureka evaluation criteria – Partner search / matchmaking- IT platform and proposal submission - Jorge Liz & Hilde Haeleydt (ESE)
- 11:50 National funding details from the participating countries
  - Ines Marinkovic – FFG (Austria)
  - Robert Dumi – NASRI (Albania)
  - Jeanne Andrade – BPI (France)
  - Laszlo Kun – NKFIH (Hungary)
  - Aleksandra Mugosa – MPNI (Montenegro)
  - Snezana Omic – NITRA (Serbia)
  - Elif Emine Ocacki – TUBITAK (Türkiye)
- 13:20 Q&A
- 13:30 Closure of the event

Introduction to Eureka

JORGE LIZ, ESE

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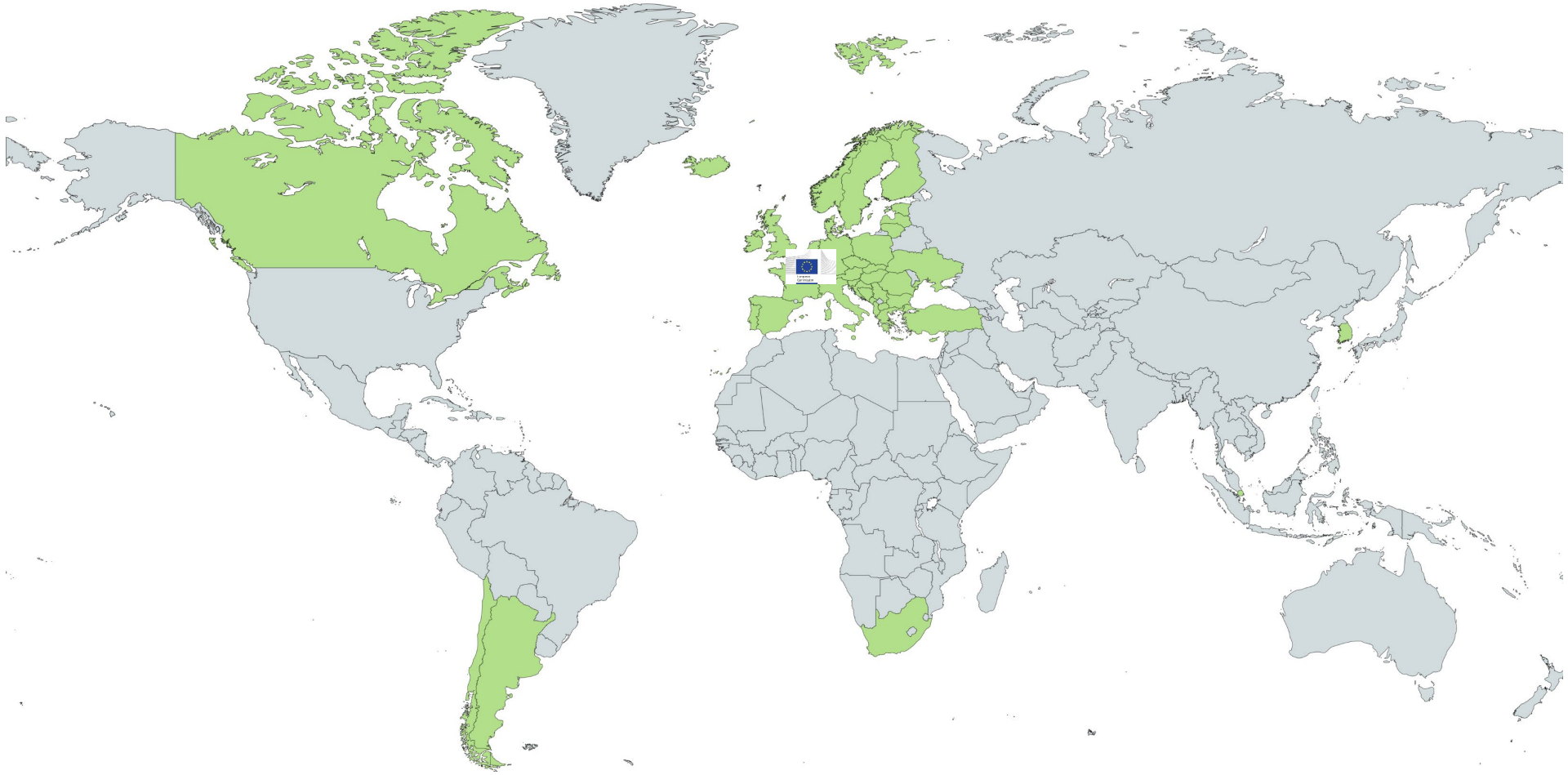
https://youtu.be/13WsN9gmL1U

Eureka History

Founded in 1985 by prominent European political figures, Eureka is one of the longest running organisations dedicated to **funding international R&D projects**.

Eureka was established with the **Paris Declaration** on 17 July 1985, and its principles are based on the **Hannover Declaration**, signed by ministers on 6 November 1985.

Founding 18 countries in 1985 were Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, United Kingdom and the European Union.



The Eureka network: from 18 countries in 1985 to 47 today - plus the European Commission

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Our extensive network

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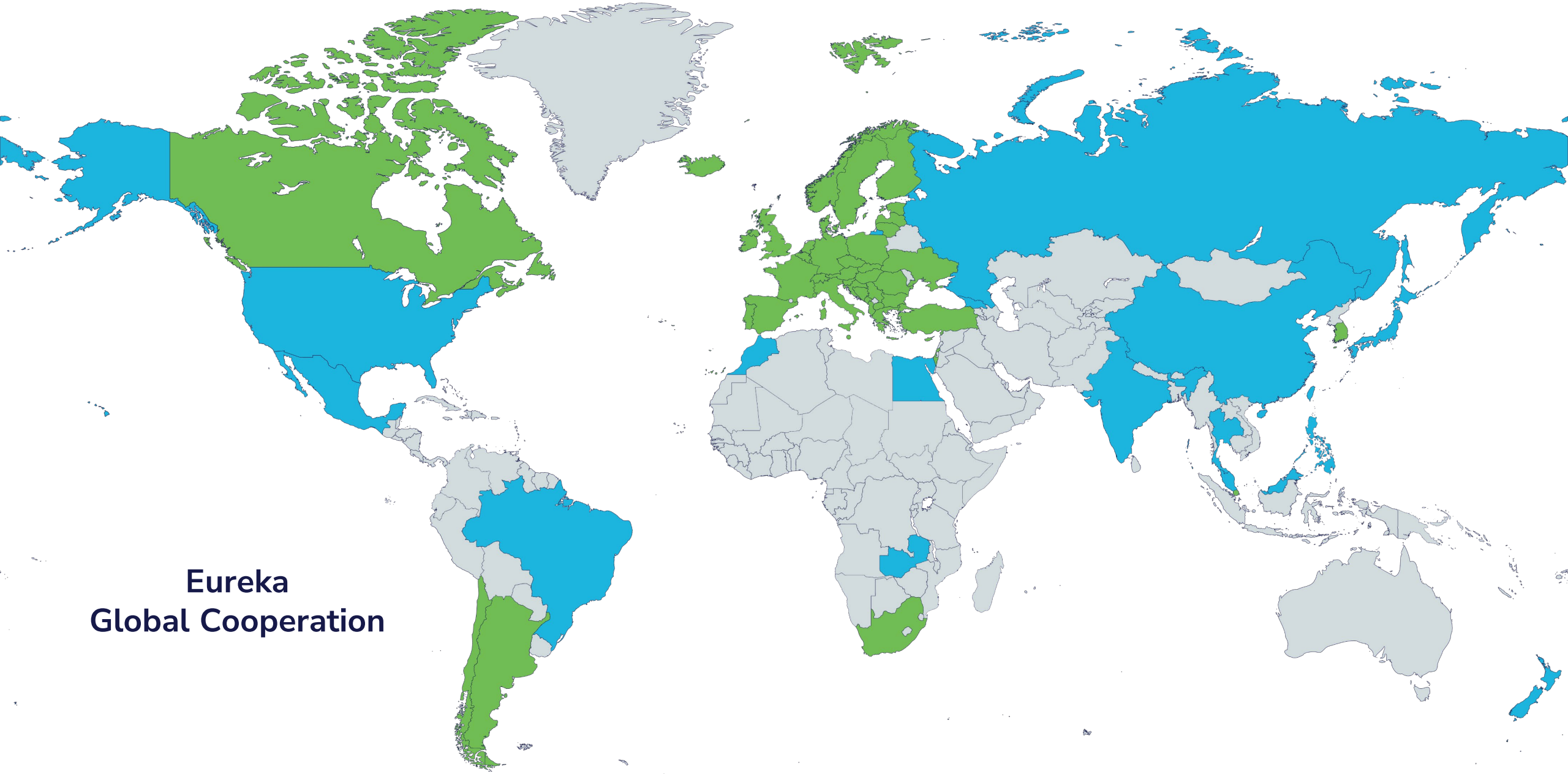

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Turkish Chair

Building bridges for global challenges:

- Impactful instruments
- Embrace the globe
- Building a green and digital future
- Sustainability of Eureka

Upcoming meetings:

- Ankara 21-23 November 2023
- Izmir 12-14 April 2024
- Istanbul June 2024 with the Eureka Global Innovation Summit

Since 1985:

+40 billion euro of public-private investment mobilised

+7000 groundbreaking projects in healthcare, transport, environment, agriculture...

= **Jobs** created

= **Economies** boosted

= More competitive industries

= Enriching lives **locally** and **globally**

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Who is Eureka for?

- Startups and SMEs **59%**
- Large companies **13%**
- Universities **15%**
- Research organisations **11%**
- Other **2%**

Benefits

- Access new markets
- Long-term business relationships
- Knowledge transfer
- Revenue growth

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Easily accessible programmes

- Eureka wants to offer the best funding conditions
- While parts of the operations are centralised, the beneficiaries' main contacts are in ministries and funding agencies in Eureka countries

Our programmes

eureka eurostars → Eurostars innovative SMEs aim higher (two calls for projects per year)

eureka innowwide → Innowwide supports research and business ventures in new markets
(one call for projects per year)

EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIP — Co-funded by the European Union

eureka investment readiness → Investment readiness driving companies towards private investment

eureka clusters → Clusters thematic industry-led communities (at least one call for projects per Cluster per year and possibly joint calls for projects)

eureka network projects → Network projects flexibility for international partners
(roughly 20 calls for projects per year)

eureka globalstars → Globalstars flexibility for international partners in non-Eureka countries
(one or two calls for projects per year)

Project figures

Each year, across Eureka's programmes…

Average number of projects per year:

410 projects approved and funded

Public-private investment per year, in millions of euros:

644 million euro of public-private investment

Network projects | Clusters | Eurostars | Globalstars | Innowwide

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www.eurekanetwork.org/open-calls/network-projects-western-balkans

Eureka Western Balkans Call - Introduction

INES MARINKOVIC (FFG)

Scope & Timing

- Call opened: 14.02 2024
- Submission deadline: 15.05.2024
  - Please note national application deadlines!
- October 2024: National evaluations
- November 2024: Eureka label procedure and funding decision
- End 2024 | beginning 2025: Expected project starts
- Project duration: up to 36 months

- Topics:
  - bottom-up call for international R&D projects, with no thematic restrictions
  - please note national recommendations

Countries involved

- **Albania, Austria, France, Hungary, Montenegro, Serbia and Türkiye**
- Your project consortium must include organisations from the countries listed
- **AND must include at least one partner from Albania, Montenegro or Serbia**
- In addition to those partners, partners from other Eureka countries or countries outside of Eureka's network can also participate, provided their public funding or self-funding is secured within the call for projects deadlines.

Please note:

- …if required by your national funding body, project participants must also submit **a national funding application**, considering all relevant national procedures, deadlines and application rules
- …70:30 Rule: no country (no organization) to have more than 70% of total budget (smart simple)
- …national application deadlines might be different than May 15, 2024
- …we suggest to contact Eureka NPC in your country before preparing Eureka applications
- …if you are looking for a partner – please register to the B2match website for this call, contact your Eureka NPC, or contact EEN in your country

Relevant Information links & Contact persons

1. **Eureka Call Western Balkan:**
   https://www.eurekanetwork.org/open-calls/network-projects-western-balkans

2. **Application international:**
   https://eureka.smartsimple.ie/

3. **Contact person: Eureka smartsimple**
   Hilde Haeleydt, Eureka Secretariat (ESE)

4. **Matchmaking:**
   https://eureka-western-balkans-2024.b2match.io/

5. **Contact persons: Eureka NPCs**
   Ines Marinkovic – FFG (Austria)
   Robert Dumi – NASRI (Albania)
   Jeanne Andrade – BPI (France)
   Laszlo Kun – NKFIH (Hungary)
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Eureka evaluation criteria - Partner search / matchmaking

JORGE LIZ, ESE

Call procedure & recommendations

- Talk to your national contact point as soon as possible
- (Optional) Use the b2match partner search tool
- Register into the Eureka smartsimple IT platform
- By 15 May 2024 at 17:00 (CEST Brussels Time) - Submit your project application through the Eureka IT platform
- Submit your national application (national deadlines could be different)
- The application will be checked for completeness and eligibility
- The application will be evaluated at International level and National evaluations could also take place
- Projects above threshold will get the Eureka label. Funding will depend on the national decisions. Signed CA must be done by the consortium.

Call evaluation criteria

Impact (market)

- 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)?

Excellence (technology)

- 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?

Quality and efficiency of implementation (consortium)

- 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)?

Overall perception

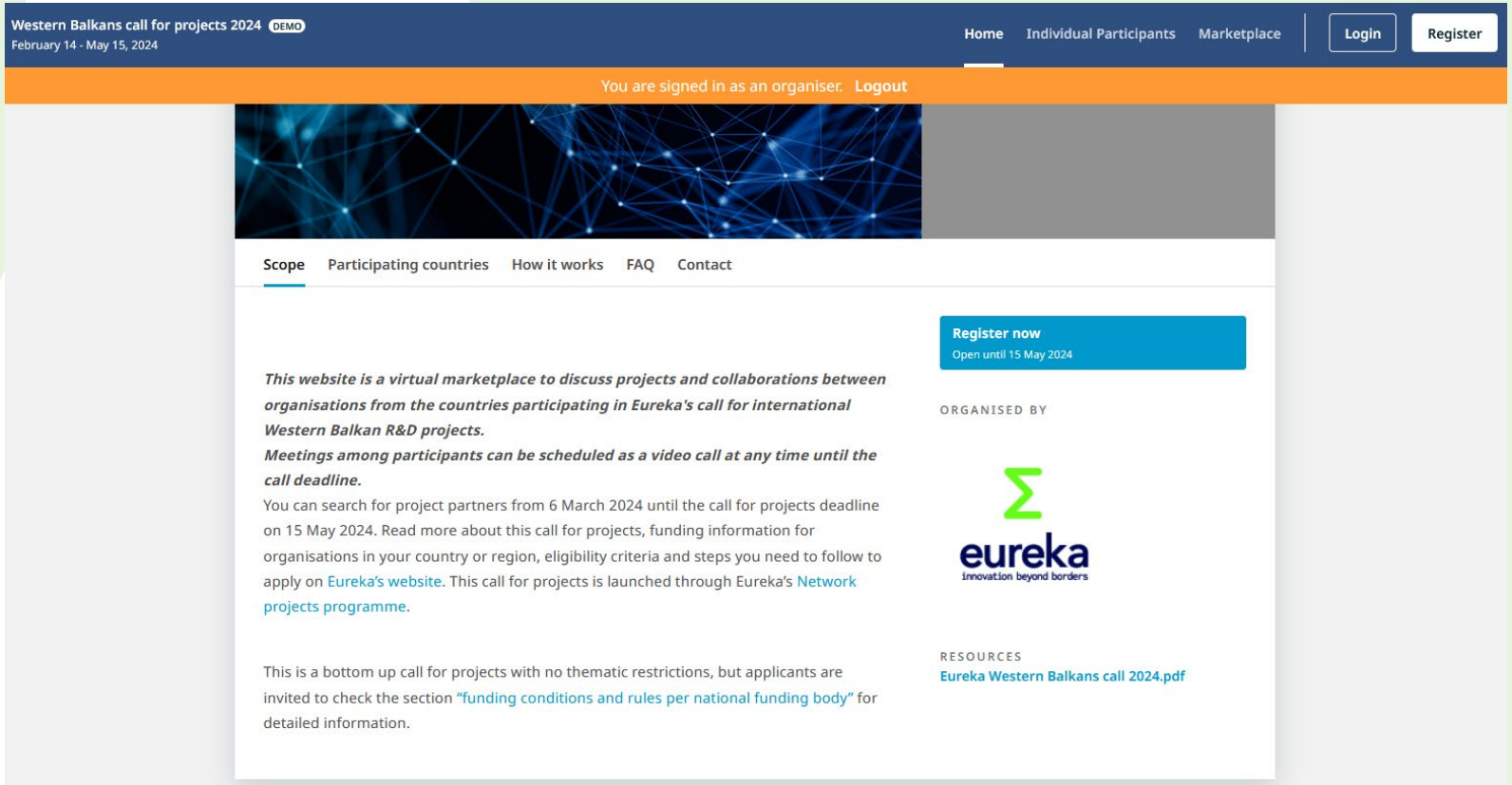
Call evaluation scores & threshold

Impact – Market and Commercialisation	**30 out of 60 (minimum threshold: 50%)**
Excellence – Innovation and R&D	**30 out of 60 (minimum threshold: 50%)**
Quality and Efficiency of Implementation – Project Planning and Consortium Quality	**30 out of 60 (minimum threshold: 50%)**
Minimum average threshold score: 108 out of 180 (60%)	

Reference: Madrid, June 2017. *Eureka doc HLG/NPC 27: Annex V – Evaluation criteria.* Internal document.

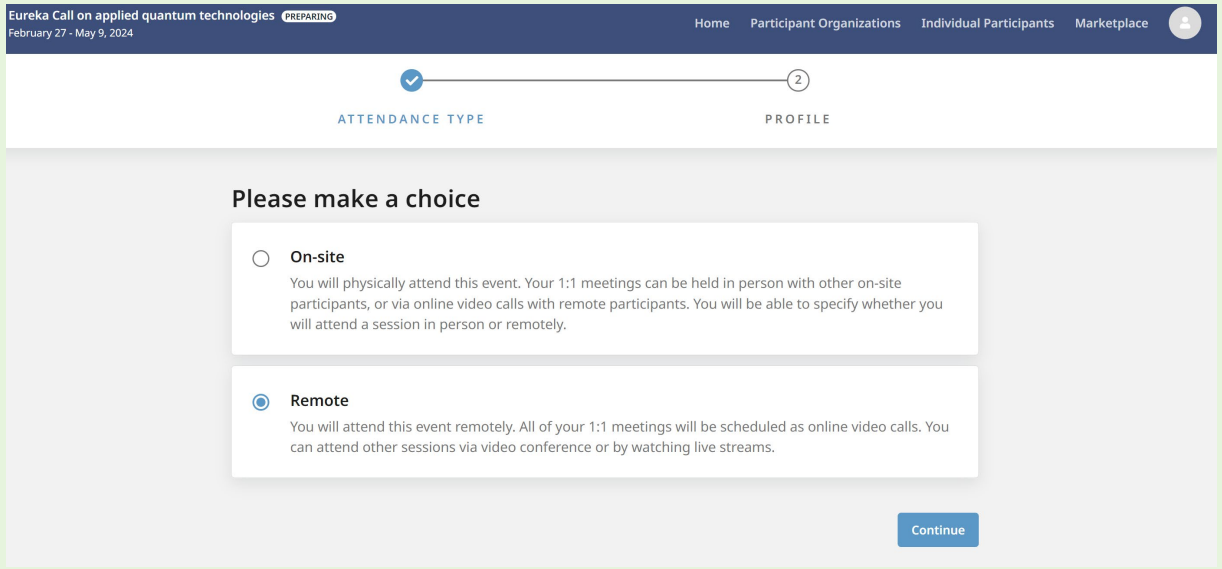
Partner search & networking tool

- **Available through:** https://eureka-western-balkans-2024.b2match.io/
- **Click on Register now to create your profile**



Partner search & networking tool

- Available through: https://eureka-western-balkans-2024.b2match.io/
- Select REMOTE attendance

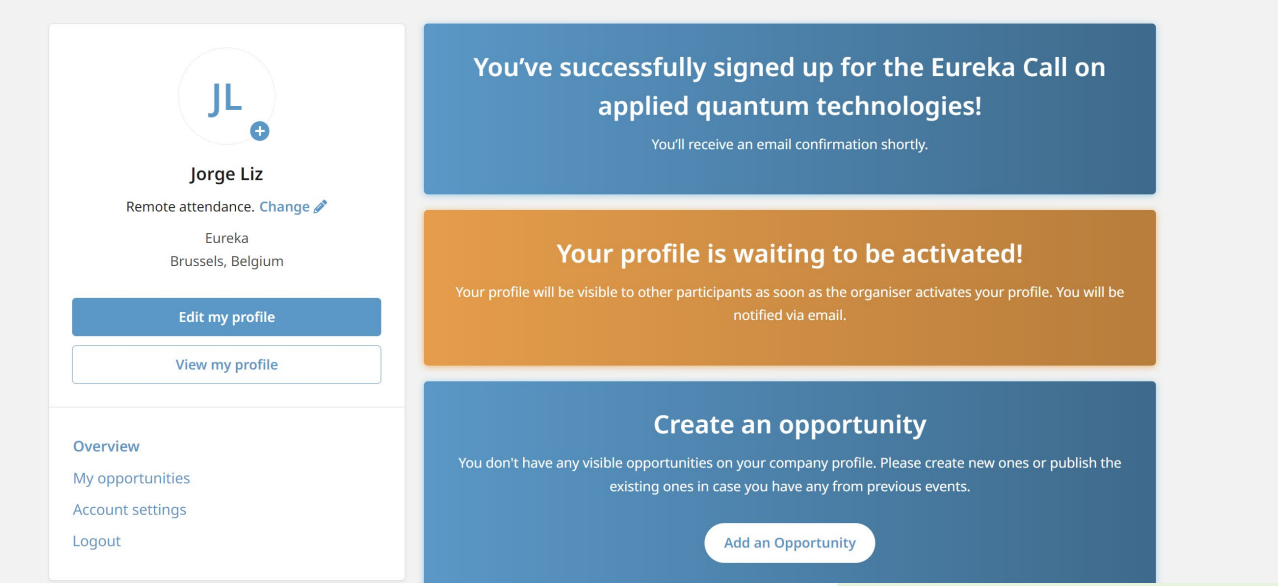


- Fill in your personal & organization details

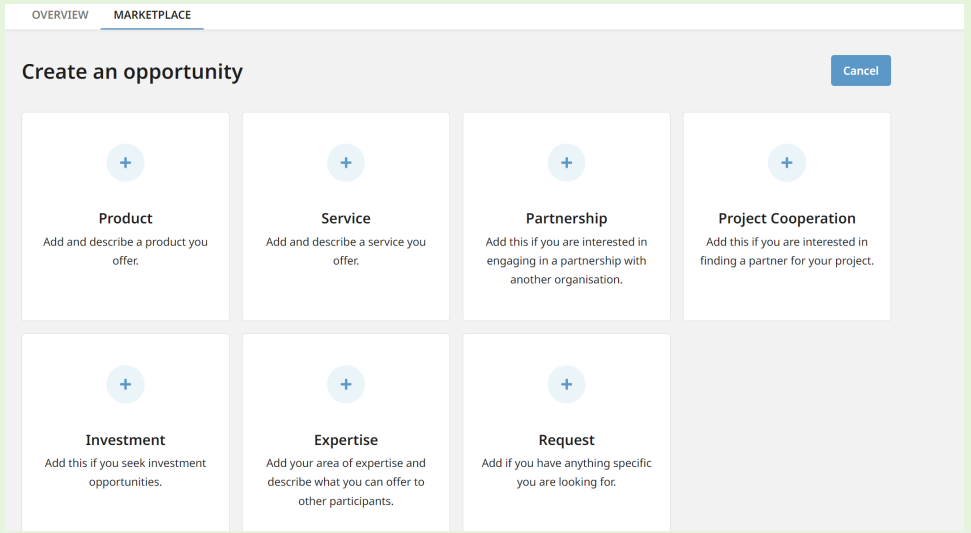
Partner search & networking tool

- **Available through:** https://eureka-western-balkans-2024.b2match.io/

- **Create an opportunity:**



- **Select the type of opportunity:**



Partner search & networking tool

- **Available through:** https://eureka-western-balkans-2024.b2match.io/

- **Look for opportunities**
  - **Contact your potential partners**
    - **Setup online meetings**
    - **Discuss your ideas**
    - **Start building your project consortium**

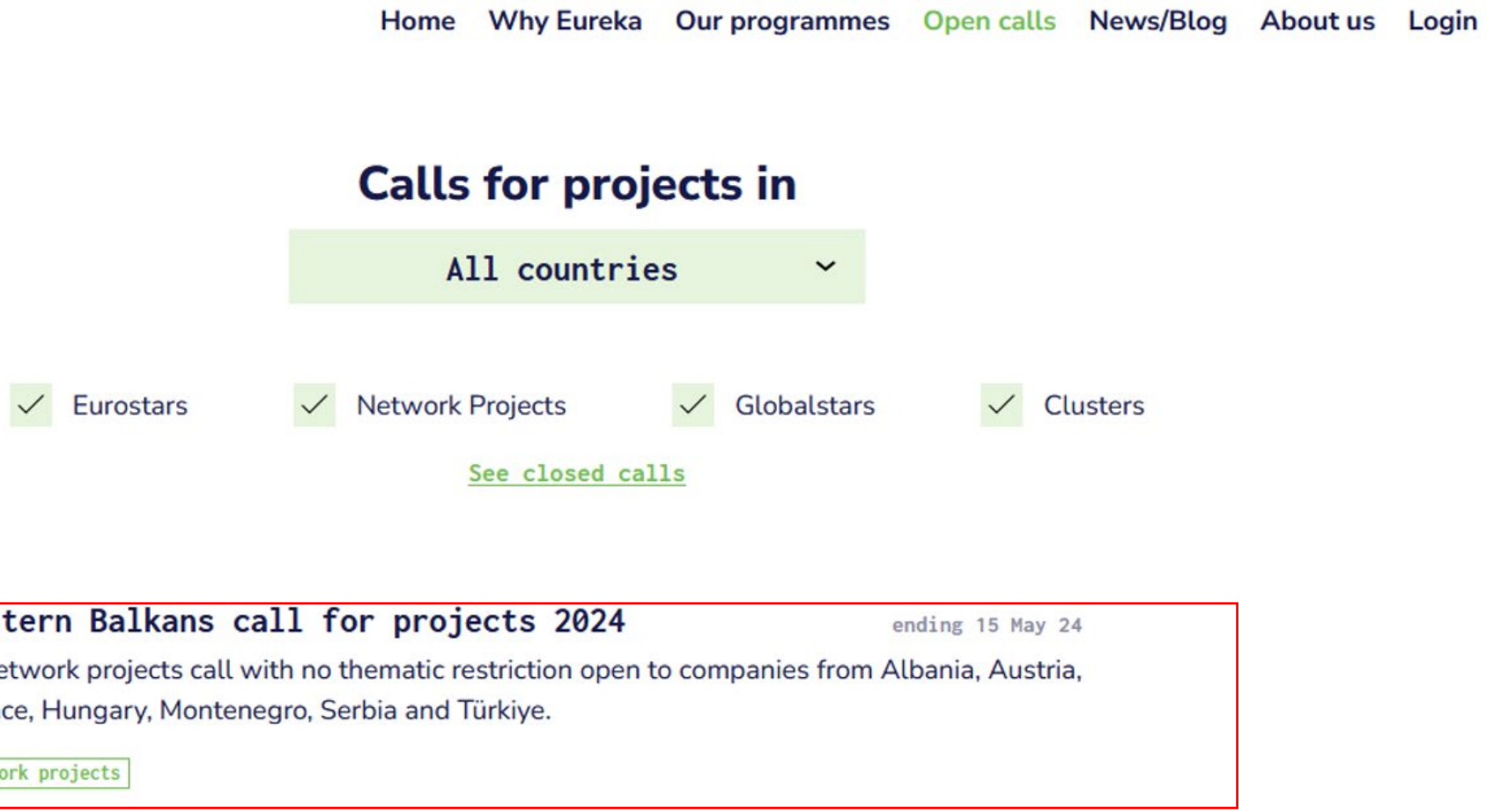
- **Apply together through:**

https://eureka.smartsimple.ie/

IT Platform for proposal submission

HILDE HAELEYDT, ESE

www.eurekanetwork.org



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https://www.eurekanetwork.org/open-calls/network-projects-quantum-call-2024

https://eureka.smartsimple.ie/

Apply

15 May 2024
17:00 Brussels

Open Calls

1-6 of 6

	Application Type	Call	Details	Deadline
Apply Now	Network projects	QUANTUM call 2024 Participating Countries: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Israel, Lithuania, Singapore, Korea, South, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, United Kingdom, Netherlands, The national funding bodies from 16 countries have allocated funding for organisations collaborating on international R&D projects in the field(s) of applied quantum technology. The main objective of this call for projects is to support organisations as they develop quantum technologies that outperform or accelerate existing technologies and contribute to solving problems relevant to industry, science and society.	https://www.eurekanetwork.org/open-calls/network-projects-quantum-call-2024 Applied_quantum_call_text_2024_31Jan2024.pdf	09/05/2024 16:00
Apply Now	Network projects	Western Balkan Call1 The national funding bodies from Albania, Austria, France, Hungary, Montenegro, Serbia and Türkiye have allocated funding for organisations collaborating on international R&D projects. This is a bottom-up call, with no thematic restrictions. You can submit your Eureka R&D project application for this call for projects between 14 February and 15 May 2024. Your project consortium must include organisations based in a minimum of two of the countries listed and must include at least one partner from the participating Western Balkan countries.	https://www.eurekanetwork.org/open-calls/network-projects-western-balkans Western_Balkan_2024_call_text3.pdf	15/05/2024 17:00

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Important information

Each project consortium must nominate a main partner organisation and have at least one other partner organization from another country.

ONE application form per project consortium:

- **Only the main partner creates an application**
- **The other partners must be invited by the main partner**

ONE partner form per project partner

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Tasks in SmartSimple platform

Main Partner organisation

- ✓ Create an account and log in
- ✓ Select a call for projects: **Western Balkan Call1**
- ✓ Create and complete the application form on behalf of the whole consortium
- ✓ **Invite project partners**
- ✓ **Complete the partner form for your organisation** (partner form + co-signature form)
- ✓ Review the other organisation(s)' partner forms
- ✓ Submit the final application on behalf of the whole consortium

Partner organisation(s)

- ✓ Accept the invitation and register
- ✓ **Complete the partner form for your organisation** (partner form + co-signature form) → send to main partner for approval

How to create and submit your project application?

Watch Video-tutorial:

[Videotutorial SmartSimple]

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xDVXr40jts4

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Tips

For main partner…

- ☑ Save draft regularly
- ☑ Fill in as much information as possible and define the work package structure before inviting partners
- ☑ Make sure your partners' email addresses are correctly spelled in the invitations
- ☑ <u>Before you submit your application:</u>
  Check the 'OVERVIEW' section (some information is automatically filled in <u>from complete partner forms</u>) → Is any partner missing? Is the project duration correct? Is the budget correct?
- ☑ Check the application form pdf

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Tips

For all partners…

- Co-signature form: 1) Fill in your details; 2) Save draft; 3) Download and check that all the information is correct; 4) Upload signed co-signature doc
- Only one person can work in the application at a time
- Do you need help?

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Austria

EUREKA WB CALL - SCOPE, TIMELINE AND PROCEDURE

INES MARINKOVIC (FFG)

Topics of Interest

- Bottom-up call with no thematic restrictions

Timeline

- International application (smartsimple): 15 May 2024
- National application (ecall): 15 May 2024

Specific National Rules

- Eureka projects can be submitted for funding to the General Programme (Basis programm) of FFG which provides the Eureka funding scheme illustrated below.
  - Eureka Westbalkan Call: https://www.ffg.at/europa/ausschreibungen/eureka-westbalkan-2024
    - please note the **download center at the bottom** with all the relevant guidelines for this Call
- Project applications must be submitted online via FFG eCall: https://ecall.ffg.at
- The deadline for the national application is the same as for the Eureka application
  - evaluation follows the national cut-off dates (https://www.ffg.at/content/basisprogramm-f-rdersitzungen-und-beirat): decision at board meeting approx. 24. Oktober 2024
- Joining a project on self-funded basis is possible, you are required to contact the Eureka NPC at FFG.

Specific National Rules

- Open-topic projects in the area of "Experimental Development" (Technology Readiness Level 5-7)
- General-Programm (Basisprogramme) Project:
  - Objective: Promotion of product, process and service developments (R&D project).
  - An economically feasible R&D project with a high degree of innovation (technological novelty) and corresponding degree of difficulty (technological development risk) and high exploitation potential (market prospects).
  - https://www.ffg.at/en/programme/general-programme

Eligible costs and funding rates

- **All companies registered in Austria are eligible for funding, universities and research centers can be funded as subcontractors only.**
- The evaluation of the Austrian project part is carried out by internal experts at FFG. The project must fulfil the national criteria.
- There is no dedicated budget 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.
- General Programme provides grants for Austrian SMEs participating in Eureka projects:
  - Up to 60% of the eligible costs for small companies
  - Up to 50% of the eligible costs for medium-sized companies
  - Up to 40% of the eligible costs for large companies

Additional documents required

- National full project proposal
  - In addition to the Eureka application, the Austrian participant has to submit a separate national full project proposal to FFG General Programme (Basisprogramm) via eCall.
- All relevant information:
  - https://www.ffg.at/europa/ausschreibungen/eureka-westbalkan-2024

Tips for the submission

- Before submitting the international application, please read the application documents and guidelines of the General Programmes
- Address the questions outlined in the project description
- Avoid copy and paste from the international Eureka application
- Please clearly indicate the Eureka cooperation and upload the international application ("Eureka Westbalkan 2023 Project title“)

Relevant Information links & Contact persons

1. **Eureka Call Western Balkan:**
   https://www.eurekanetwork.org/open-calls/network-projects-western-balkans

2. **Eureka Call Western Balkan FFG**
   https://www.ffg.at/europa/ausschreibungen/eureka-westbalkan-2024

3. **Application international:**
   https://eureka.smartsimple.ie/

4. **Application national FFG:**
   https://ecall.ffg.at/

5. **Open questions: Eureka NPCs**
   Ines Marinkovic ines.marinkovic@ffg.at
   Michael Walch michael.walch@ffg.at

6. **Open questions: national application FFG (ecall)**
   Stefanie Kurasch (Basisprogramme), stefanie.kurasch@ffg.at

Register for 2024 Edition
https://www.ffg.at/europa/veranstaltungen/ffg-akademie_fit4funding_042024

FIT4FUNDING COURSE BY FFG-ACADEMY

- Provides young researchers from academia and industry with relevant info on EU-funding with particular focus on Horizon Europe, to make them feel capable to identify and use appropriate programmes.
- A mix of self-learning modules provided on an e-learning platform, live webinars and a training day
- Four modules with approx. 30 learning units à 50’

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Albania

EUREKA NETWORK PROJECTS – WB CALL 2024

ROBERT DUMI

NATIONAL AGENCY OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND INNOVATION (NASRI)

1 March 2024

Topics of interest

Bottom-up call (no thematic restrictions)

Priority given to certain fields

Priority fields

Agriculture (Veterinary, Zootechnics)

Food Safety and Biotechnology

Information Systems and Technology

Priority fields

Social & Albanian Sciences

Biodiversity and the Environment

Health

Water and Energy

Budget

Maximum budget:

200 000 Euro

Specific national rules

- Project to be funded through National Programmes for R&D

- Proposals to be evaluated by AKKSHI/NASRI evaluators within 3 months

Eligible costs

- Equipment costs
- Travel costs
- Personnel (staff) costs
- External development services
- Other development costs

Funding rates

- Micro and small enterprises covered up to 80%
- Universities and research organisations up to 80%
- Medium enterprises up to 75%
- Large enterprises up to 65%

Additional documents required

- A full list of required document is being drafted and will be made available soon on AKKSHI/NASRI website

Contact person

Mr. Robert Dumi
Eureka NPC

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Tel: +355 68 20 39220

France

FUNDING CONDITIONS

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Eligible beneficiaries

- SMEs
- Large companies up to 2000 FTE
- Academic partners may participate as subcontractors or self-fund, but are not eligible for funding.

Funding conditions

- R&D loan up to 80% of the expenses
- Reimbursable advance up to 65% of the expenses

Maximum funding amount per participant : 3M€

R&D Innovation Loan

Fully disbursed at the start of the project, at the prevailing rate.
Duration between 5 and 8 years.

Type of Company	Aid rate	Workforce	Turnover		Total Balance sheet
SMEs	80%	< 50	≤ 10M €	or	≤ 10M€
SMEs	65%	< 250	≤ 50M €	or	≤ 43M€
Large company*	60%	< 2000			

Innovation Advance

Disbursed in 2 tranches (70/30). Technical success of the project taken into account to determine repayment.

Type of Company	Aid rate	Workforce	Turnover		Total Balance sheet
SMEs	65%	< 50	≤ 10M €	or	≤ 10M€
Large company*	60%	< 2000			

From 50 000 to 3M€**

*Note that large companies with more than 2000 FTEs can participate in the consortium but will not be eligible for public funding.
** If the project is a Deeptech project (disruptive innovation), companies may be eligible for the ADD, Aide au développement deeptech

How to apply

- Contact international.innoproject@bpifrance.fr to check your eligibility before applying.
- You can benefit from our support to set up your project using the Diagnostic Partenariat Technologique International.
- Submit your national application on Bpifrance En Ligne on 15 May 2024 at the latest.

Contact

international.innoproject@bpifrance.fr

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Hungary

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SUPPORT FOR HUNGARIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE EUREKA PROGRAMME

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Main responsibilities in EU international programmes

Coordinating and financing HU participation in large international research infrastructures (CERN, ITER, XFEL, ESS etc.)

Supervises the construction of the ELI (Extreme Light Infrastructure) in Hungary

Managing bilateral intergovernmental S&T relations in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture and Innovation

Representing Hungary in multilateral RDI programmes with European focus – Eureka, COST

Taking part in EU decision making and legislative processes in RDI (Council working groups, Competitiveness Council)

Coordination of the EU Horizon Europe programme related activities
The network of Horizon Europe National Contact Points and Programme Committee Members
Managing national support programmes to facilitate the HU participation in HE

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Support for Hungarian participation in the Eureka Programme

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HUNGARY

- A special support programme co-finances the Hungarian Eureka project participants, including cluster and network project participants
- The call is financed from the National Research, Development and Innovation Fund to support Hungarian participation in the Eureka programme
- The goal is to facilitate the involvement of entrepreneurs – in particular small- and medium-sized enterprises – in international research and development cooperation

Support for Hungarian participation in Eureka (Preliminary Information)

National Research, Development and Innovation Office
Hungary

- The Hungarian Eureka Call 2024 will be launched in Q2 2024 with two cut-off dates (Q3 and Q4 2024) (PRELIMINARY INFORMATION)
- The evaluation, labelling and selection of funding procedure lasts 4 months with the involvement of independent technical and economic experts
- The application is accepted also in case of Eureka project proposals and not only with endorsed projects, however the contracts will be concluded with the National Research, Development and Innovation Office as Funding Agency only if the project gets the Eureka label
- In the support programme application of SMEs, large companies, universities and research institutions are accepted - the publicly funded institutions need an industrial partner in order to be eligible

Funding

- Hungarian Eureka Programme budget is 500 million HUF (approx. 1,4 M EUR) in 2024
- This amount is available for the Hungarian applicants in all the Eureka cluster and network project activities
- Max. funding amount per project is 70 million HUF (approx. 190 000 EUR)

Eligibility criteria

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- The participation of for-profit companies (large enterprises, SMEs) is mandatory
- Participation of universities and research institutions are accepted, but publicly funded institutions need an industrial partner in order to be eligible.
- Eligible costs are salaries, equipment costs (amortization), external development services, travel costs, other development costs etc. (cluster fee included!)

Rates of funding

- Micro and small enterprises 80% (60% for experimental development)
- Medium-sized enterprises 75% (50% for experimental development)
- Large enterprises 65% (40% for experimental development)
- Universities and RTOs 100%

National submission process

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- Hungarian participants must submit a separate national full proposal via the Electronic Portal for Proposals, Information and Communication (EPTK)
- The evaluation of the Hungarian project part is carried out by external experts
- The projects must fulfill all national criteria published in the Hungarian Eureka Call
- Participants are invited to contact the NPCs before submitting the documents in order to check the eligibility of the project idea and consortium

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Thank you for your attention!

Laszlo Kun

https://www.eurekanetwork.org/countries/hungary/clusters/

https://nkfih.gov.hu/english-nkfih

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EUREKA NETWORK PROJECTS PROCEDURE

ALEKSANDRA MUGOSA

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND INNOVATION OF MONTENEGRO

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Topics of Interest

Ministarstvo prosvjete, nauke i inovacija

- Bottom-up call with no thematic restrictions
- Alignment with the Smart Specialization Strategy (S3) and Strategy for Scientific Research is highly recommended:
  - S3 thematic priorities:
    1. Sustainable agriculture and food value chain;
    2. Energy and sustainable environment;
    3. Sustainable and health tourism;
    4. Information and communication technologies.

Ministarstvo prosvjete, nauke i inovacija

Deadline for submission

15 MAY 2024

14:00

Budget

Ministarstvo prosvjete, nauke i inovacija

- 300 000 € - Multilateral Western Balkan Call in total (3 years)
- 100 000 € - Allocated budget for new project proposals in 2024 (annual amount 50 000 € per project)
- 150 000 € maximum amount per project (for 3 year-duration)

Specific National Rules - Public Call 2024

Ministarstvo prosvjete, nauke i inovacija

- Public Call for co-financing participation in EUREKA projects in 2024 includes 2 program lines:
  - **Multilateral EUREKA Call for Western Balkans**
  - Co-financing participation in Network EUREKA projects
- https://www.gov.me/clanak/konkurs-za-sufinansiranje-ucesca-u-eureka-projektima-u-2024-godini

Specific National Rules - Requirements

Ministarstvo prosvjete, nauke i inovacija

- Eligible for funding: companies (SMEs, large companies) and scientific research institutions registered in Montenegro (same conditions for all applicants)
- The entity whose project is accepted for co-financing must be registered in the Register of Innovation Activity at latest prior to the signing of the Contract with the Ministry

Specific national rules - Eligible costs

- Fees of persons engaged to work on innovative project
- Material costs (medium and small equipment, raw material, etc.);
- Development services or development costs;
- Participation on relevant events (registration fees, transportation costs, per diem and accommodation); and
- Administrative costs and overheads

Specific national rules – *De minimis aid regime*

Ministarstvo prosvjete, nauke i inovacija

- The support granted to entities engaged in economic activity, regardless of their legal status and way in which they are financed, will be provided under the de minimis aid regime (state aid of small value)
- Statement on de minimis aid must be submitted to the Ministry prior to the conclusion of the Contract on co-financing Eureka project.

Specific National Rules - Application documents

Ministarstvo prosvjete, nauke i inovacija

1. Request for co-financing Eureka project
2. EUREKA project application
3. Curriculum Vitae:
    1. Team Leader CV
    2. Project team members CVs
4. Approval of the head of institution/company for submission of project application
5. Statement on compliance with the Call requirements
6. Consortium agreement for the project signed
7. Original EUREKA Application Form as submitted on the EUREKA Smart Simple, and
8. Evidence on provided contribution (if applicable)

Specific National Rules – Application procedure

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- Documents for administrative check in Montenegrin
- Documents for external evaluation in English

- Project documentation submitted online via www.inovacije.gov.me

Eureka

Evaluation steps

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- Duration 1-3 months
- Formal 2-step evaluation:

1. Administrative check – Eureka NCP (Ministry)
2. Individual evaluation by two independent experts (*Rulebook on the criteria for appointing independent experts and procedure of evaluation of innovation programmes and projects)*. *In case the scores of two independent experts differ in terms of threshold, the Ministry contracts third independent expert for individual evaluation
3. Ranking list created and published (Ministry website)

Evaluation criteria

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- Criteria in line with Eureka methodology (EUREKA Network project Review Guidelines)

➢ Technological and economic assessment of the project proposal referring to four groups of criteria:

- ✓ Impact - Market and Commercialization
- ✓ Excellence - Innovation and R&D
- ✓ Quality and efficiency of the implementation - Project planning and consortium quality
- ✓ Overall Perception

Endorsement

- Positive national evaluation
- Decision on co-financing Eureka project (Ministry)
- Eureka label

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SERBIA

EUREKA NETWORK PROJECTS PROCEDURE

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MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION

Topics of Interest

- Bottom-up call with no thematic restrictions

Timeline

15 MAY 2024

Budget

- 280 000 € -Allocated budget for new project proposals in 2024 according to the Financial Plan of the Ministry
- Max 50% of total project costs
- Maximal amount per project of 150.000 €

Specific National Rules - Public Call 2024

- Multilateral Call – Western Balkans is launched as part of the Public Call for financing EUREKA projects in 2024 with the specific time schedule and requirements related to participating countries and deadline
- https://nitra.gov.rs/cir/ministarstvo/javni-pozivi-i-konkursi/javni-pozivi-i-konkursi?view=article&id=553:javni-poziv-za-finansiranje-eureka-projekata-za-2024-godinu&catid=18

Specific National Rules - Public Call 2024

- Additional documents published with Public Call:

- Guidelines for applicants of the Public call for financing Eureka projects 2024
- National full project proposal - set of application forms
- Applicant guidelines for SmartSimple platform
- Guidelines for preparation of the Consortium Agreement
- Eureka multilateral call – Western Balkans 2024

Specific National Rules

- Eligible for funding is consortia of the Serbian industrial and the research partners
- Universities and scientific institutes are beneficiaries of the public fund
- Companies cover their own project costs

Specific National Rules - Requirements

- The Serbian applicant in the international consortium can also be a coordinator of the Eureka network project or a partner
- All participating organizations from Serbia must be signatories to the Consortium Agreement
- The result of the project is expected in the new or significantly improved product, technology or service
- Implementation of the results on the market must be visible up to 2 years after the end date of the Eureka project
- The organizations implementing the project must finance at least 50% of the costs on the projects realization from own funds or clearly marked sources of funding

Specific National Rules - Application procedure

- Rules, application procedure, national evaluation criteria, funding of endorsed projects, monitoring and projects reports are defined by the Act for funding of the Eureka projects
- https://nitra.gov.rs/cir/medunarodna-saradnja/multilateralni-programi-saradnje

Funding rates

- Max 50% of total project costs
- Maximal amount per project of 150.000 €
- Project duration is up to 36 months

Eligible costs

- Direct costs of the Eureka project must be necessary for the realization of the project and in accordance with the principles of financial management, especially in terms of the obtained value for the invested amount and the economic justification of the realized investment
- Must be made by projects participants during the contracted period of the project implementation
- Must be recorded on the accounts or tax documentation of the projects participants
- Should be subject to identification and verification, and be supported by the originals of the corresponding accompanying documents

Eligible costs

- Personnel costs
- Travel costs
- Material costs: equipment, consumables …development costs
- Costs of organization and participation/exhibition at events and fairs – promotion of the projects results
- Costs of intellectual property protection

Additional documents required

- Application on Eureka multilateral call – Western Balkans 2024
  www.eurekanetwork.org
- National full project proposal in Serbian language
- Consortium Agreement

Evaluation

- Duration 3-6 months
- Formal 2-step evaluation:

1. Basic Eureka criteria and positive administrative check -Ministry
2. National criteria according to the Act for funding of the Eureka projects – National experts

➢ Technological and economic assessment of the project proposal which refer to four groups of criteria from the aspect of the partner and project level:

✓ basic criteria for evaluating suitability

✓ key criteria of financial and contracted capacities of all partners

✓ technological and innovative criteria

✓ market and competitiveness criteria

Endorsement

- Positive national evaluation
- Public funding decision or self-funding statement
- Eureka label

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Türkiye

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Türkiye-TÜBİTAK

Topics of Interest	Bottom-up call with no thematic restrictions
Timeline	Turkish applicants must complete the national application by the 3rd of July, 2024. There is no any limit for the Project duration. However the international call time restriction is applied
Budget	Open budget. There is no budget restriction in National Programme but restriction defined in International call is applied
Specific National rules	All companies which were established in accordance with Turkish law can apply for funding for their international projects. Only **companies** participating in international projects are funded within this program, universities and research centers can be funded as subcontractors but they can not be participants of Project. Programme receives applications whole year however the application time line of the international call is applied.
Eligible costs and funding rates	Companies receive a certain percentage of their eligible costs as a grant. The percentage is 60% for large companies and 75% for SMEs.
Additional documents required	Participants must submit a formal national application (in Turkish) through TÜBİTAK TEYDEB's website (https://eteydeb.tubitak.gov.tr/)
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Questions & Answers

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