

# Network Projects 2025 call for disaster resilience, response and, recovery projects

#### FROM 10 JUNE 2025 TO 31 OCTOBER 2025

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

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

The national funding bodies from **Austria**, **Belgium (Flanders)**, **Brazil**, **Chile**, **Lithuania**, **Spain**, **Türkiye**, and **Ukraine** have allocated funding for organisations collaborating on international disaster resilience, response, and recovery R&D projects.

You can submit your R&D project application for this call for projects between **10 June 2025** and **31 October 2025**. Your project consortium must include at least two companies from two different countries participating in this call for projects.

The parties listed above must be unrelated parties (i.e. no direct, indirect, beneficial or constructive ownership interest between these parties.) and ensure no conflicting interests are present. The team should be led by a commercial company (main applicant) in the respective countries and may include other parties such as research institutes or universities.

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# Participating countries/ regions

AUSTRIA, BELGIUM (FLANDERS), BRAZIL, CHILE, LITHUANIA, SPAIN, TÜRKIYE, UKRAINE

# Scope

This project call is for disaster resilience, response, and recovery research and development projects.

This call will support R&D projects that target the following fields:

- Sustainability
- Medical devices
- Artificial intelligence
- Advanced manufacturing
- New materials

• Other areas

Examples of projects within the scope of this call include:

- Innovative and resilient construction
- Digital technologies
- Search and rescue
- Resilient communications
- Health
- Post-disaster waste management

Collaborative international research and development, and technology development, projects can help society prepare for, respond to, and recover from different kinds of disasters. Research and development products and solutions can save life, prevent or limit environmental catastrophes, and help society prepare for a future where climate change is expected to increase the frequency and scale of many kinds of disasters.

Disaster types covered:

- **'Human-caused'**, including widespread destruction resulting from conflict and war, urban fires, and industrial accidents of various kinds.
- **'Natural'**, including avalanche, flooding, extreme cold and hot weather, drought, earthquake, storms, volcanic activity, and wildfire.

Projects should address one of the application areas that follow, or any other that has clear links to disaster resilience, response and recovery:

- **Innovative and resilient construction**. *Such as*: building behaviour modelling during and after disaster situations; seismic isolation/damper technologies; disaster-resilient architectural designs; advanced building materials and technologies (e.g. fire resistance, water resistance, shock resistance, non-toxic); durability-increasing adaptations e.g. for buildings on weak soils or floodplains.
- **Digital technologies.** *Such as*: damage prediction and early-warning systems; advanced geographic information and remote sensing systems; artificial intelligence-based sensing algorithms; sensor technologies.
- **Search and rescue.** *Such as*: automated and intelligent drone systems; rapid and effective search and rescue; portable equipment and devices capable of imaging and detection.
- **Resilient communications.** *Such as*: non-interruptible communications systems; portable communications devices; battery technologies and alternative energy sources; resilient infrastructures and systems.
- **Health.** *Such as*: disinfection, filtration and storage solutions; autonomous environmental disinfection and sterilisation; mobile medical devices; resilient health services and infrastructures; nutrient-enriched and functional foods and drinks.
- **Post-disaster waste management.** *Such as*: safe demolition technologies; separation/classification and management solutions for construction and demolition waste

(CDW); transformation of CDW into building materials and other secondary raw materials in line with circular economy principles.

Relevant industry sectors include:

- Materials
- Construction
- Health services, public health, medical devices
- Water public and private utilities, tech developers
- Energy utilities, tech developers
- Information Communication Technologies
- Electronic components and systems
- Software
- Agrifood

Projects must target at least one type of disaster and have at least one clear and specific disaster-related application.

Projects should aim to develop a product, process or service for commercialisation and the implementation of project results (such as market launch) should aim to occur no later than 24 months after project completion.

Projects may develop fundamentally new innovations, or adapt, re-engineer and re-purpose existing innovations currently used or envisaged for different application areas. While the Technology Readiness Level starting point will vary from one project to another, it is expected that projects will start no lower than TRL level 4.

Project size is envisaged in the order of 500,000 euro to 5 million euro, but this does not preclude proposals requesting different amounts.

# Timeframe

10 June 2025: Call opens
Call Deadline: 31 October 2025, 23:59 CEST
May 2026: Projects expected to start

# **Funding details**

### Austria (FFG) funding

FFG has an open budget for this call for projects.

Participants from Austria can receive a grant. The percentage of eligible project costs that can be funded depends on the type of organisation:

- Up to 60% of eligible project costs for startups, SMEs, and small companies
- Up to 50% of eligible project costs for midcap companies
- Up to 40% of eligible project costs for large companies
- Up to 50% of eligible project costs for research organisations and universities

All for-profit companies registered in Austria are eligible for funding, with cooperation possibilities for universities and research organisations. All relevant information related to the call is available on **the website of FFG**.

#### Chile (Corfo) funding

Corfo has an open budget for this call for projects.

Participants from Chile can receive a matching grant of up to 220,000 euro per project (approximately 220 million Chilean pesos). The percentage of eligible project costs that can be funded depends on the type of organisation:

- Up to 80% of eligible project costs for small companies
- Up to 60% of eligible project costs for **medium-sized companies**
- Up to 40% of eligible project costs for large companies

An extra 10% of funding is available for female-led companies. Companies must be at least 24 months old at the time of submitting the Eureka application. Universities and research centres are not eligible for funding but can participate as collaborators.

#### Lithuania (RCL) funding

RCL has a budget of 1 million euro for this call for projects.

Participants from Lithuania can receive a grant of up to 300,000 euro. The percentage of eligible project costs that can be funded depends on the type of organisation:

- Up to 80% of eligible project costs for SMEs
- Up to 100% of eligible project costs for research organisations and universities
- There is no funding for large companies in this call for projects

Eligible costs are:

- There is no funding for **large companies** in this call for projects
- Personnel costs: salaries, social security, and other taxes paid by the company
- Business trip costs: for up to two trips
- Materials and similar current asset costs: less than 20%
- R&D services acquisition costs: less than 15%
- Equipment, devices, and similar fixed asset costs or depreciation: less than 20%
- Patenting services
- Certification of the R&D product costs
- Indirect costs (overhead): 3%

#### Spain (CDTI) funding

Spanish partners can receive a soft loan of up to 85% of eligible costs (Euribor 1 year interest fee). Your project must have a minimum budget of 175,000 euro (there is no maximum budget). There is a long recovery period (of 10 or 15 years) where up to 22.5% of the eligible costs do not have to be reimbursed.

More information on the partially non-reimbursable loan scheme is available on *the website of CDTI*.

## Türkiye (TÜBİTAK) funding

TÜBİTAK has a total budget of 2.5 million euro for this call for projects.

Participants from Türkiye can receive a grant of up to 500,000 euro. The percentage of eligible project costs that can be funded depends on the type of organisation:

- Up to 75% of eligible project costs for **SMEs**
- Up to 60% of eligible project costs for **large companies**
- Up to 100% of eligible project costs for **universities**, and research organisations

More information is available on the website of TÜBİTAK <u>in Turkish</u><sup>1</sup> and <u>in English</u><sup>2</sup>.

Each ministry or funding agency will fund organisations according to local laws, rules, procedures and available budget.

If your ministry or funding agency does not have funding for organisations like yours, you can still join a project. Contact your ministry or funding agency for information about other funding options or self-funding.

 $<sup>^{1}\</sup> https://tubitak.gov.tr/tr/destekler/sanayi/uluslararasi-ortakli-destek-programlari/1719-eureka-network-cagrilari$ 

 $<sup>^2\</sup> https://tubitak.gov.tr/en/funds/industrial/international-support-programs/1719-eureka-network-calls$ 

# Eligibility

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

- Your project idea must represent international cooperation in the form of a specific project.
- The project must be directed at researching or developing an innovative product, process or service with the goal of commercialisation.
- The project must have a civilian purpose.
- Your consortium must include at least two independent legal entities from a minimum of two Eureka countries.
- No single organisation or country can be responsible for more than 70% of the project budget.
- The duration of your project may not exceed 36 months.
- Your project consortium must have at least one company.
- Your project must benefit all partners and all partners must participate.

This call for projects has one **additional eligibility criteria** that must be considered:

• Projects must target at least one type of disaster and have at least one clear and specific disaster-related application.

#### Additional national eligibility requirements

Each participating national funding body may apply additional eligibility criteria based on their national regulations. Applicants are strongly advised, prior to submitting the application, to contact their national funding body (see below) to discuss their project idea and verify their and their project's eligibility.

#### Chile (Corfo) eligibility

All Chilean companies interested in participating in this call must contact Corfo at <u>difusioninnova@corfo.cl</u> before applying to receive guidance from Corfo's technical team.

Additionally, interested companies must target at least one type of the following disasters with a specific disaster-related application: flooding, thaws, forest fires, draws, seismic activity (earthquakes), tsunamis, and volcanic activity. Corfo will prioritise those topics, even though companies can submit other types of disasters and have at least one clear and specific disaster-related application.

The application process for this call for proposals has two phases:

**Phase 1:** International, where project applications are submitted through the Eureka System.

**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 for national funding through the "*Crea y Valida – Eureka*" programme.

Furthermore, prospective Chilean applicants must submit the R&D activities (work plan) and budget to Corfo within the same deadline of the international application. Prior to the submission, Corfo will invite the companies to present the proposed R&D project. Those are mandatory steps within Phase 1 of the application process. Finally, only companies that are selected and allowed to move to Phase 2 can apply to national funding from Corfo after reviewing Phase 1.

The project must be the development of new or improved products and/or processes, requiring research and development, from the prototype phase to technical validation, production scale, and commercial phase.

#### Lithuania (RCL) eligibility

The project must start at Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 5 and must reach TRL 7 to 9 by the end of the project.

The mandatory applicant is a Lithuanian university or another higher education institution/research organisation, and the Lithuanian SME is a partner. The international consortium may be led either by the SME or by the university or research organisation.

#### Spain (CDTI) eligibility

CDTI will finance industrial research and/or technological development activities of Spanish companies (technology readiness levels 4-6/7). Universities and research centres may take part as subcontractors, or on a self-funded basis.

In Spain the participants will have also to submit a formal R&D international project aid application through <u>CDTI's website</u> after the deadline, 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 the 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.

It is mandatory that project activities do not start before submitting the funding applications to CDTI.

CDTI will check the Spanish participants' eligibility after receiving the international application. In case of partially reimbursable loan scheme, if it is eligible, CDTI will send funding applications to each Spanish company. Those funding applications must be completed and submitted (a full memo in Spanish must be attached to the funding application). The deadline to reply is approximately one month after the call for projects deadline. If the funding applications are not submitted in time, the international project could be rejected.

Funding decision is expected within 5 months after submitting an eligible funding application.

## Türkiye (TÜBİTAK) eligibility

Within the scope of the call, higher education institutions, public research centres and institutes, education and research hospitals, and research infrastructures covered by Law No. 6550 cannot apply.

# **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-theart? 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. We recommend that you seek legal advice when drafting your consortium agreement.

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

## Austria (FFG) has additional application steps

In addition to the Eureka application, Austrian participants must submit a separate national application to FFG General Programmes (*Basisprogramm*) via eCall on <u>the FFG website</u>. All relevant information related to the call in Austria is available on <u>the FFG website</u>.

The national application must include the Eureka project proposal and a national project proposal. The evaluation of the national application is carried out by internal experts.

## Chile (CORFO) has additional application steps

There is a two-phase application process:

- 1. Submission of Eureka application through SmartSimple
- 2. National funding, where Chilean companies with projects that are regarded as eligible in the first phase apply for funding from CORFO.

Prospective Chilean applicants must submit the research and development activities (work plan) and budget to CORFO before the overall call deadline. Before the application, CORFO will invite the companies to present their proposed R&D project.

## Lithuania (RCL) has additional application steps

Lithuanian applicants must first submit their international Eureka project application (in English), on the Eureka Smart Simple system. During the national call, Lithuanian participants must submit a national project application (in Lithuanian) to <u>the Research Council of Lithuania</u>, along with the international Eureka project application and other documents specified in the national rules.

The higher education institution or research organisation is required to provide justification for its non-economic activities, specifically independent research and development (R&D) activities. A signed consortium agreement is required upon approval before the actual start of the project. It should include, amongst others, the ownership and use of know-how and intellectual property rights (IPR) settlements.

The project applications will be evaluated by national R&D experts of RCL. The evaluation for funding, which includes financial and legal eligibility as well as compliance with state aid rules is conducted by another state agency.

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