

EUREKA's
Eurostars Programme



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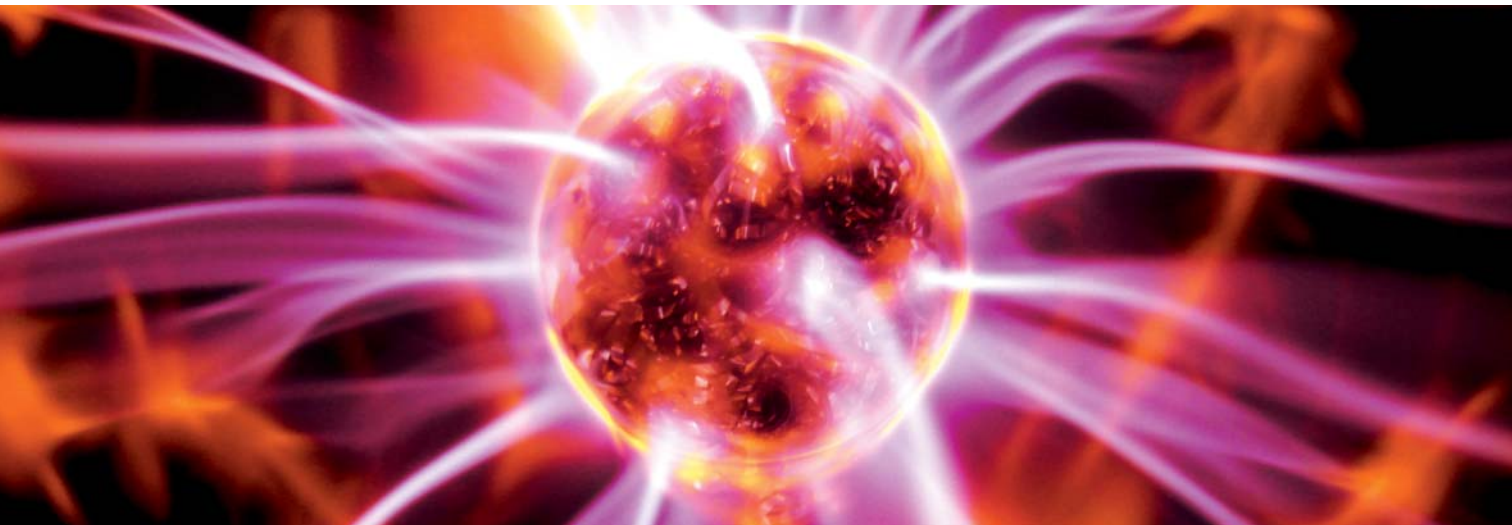
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THE EUROSTARS PROGRAMME

- ⊙ EUREKA's Eurostars Programme is the first European funding and support programme to be specifically dedicated to SMEs. Eurostars will stimulate them to lead international collaborative research and innovation projects.
- ⊙ Provide funding for market-oriented research and development with the active participation of specifically research and development performing small and medium-sized enterprises (R&D-performing SMEs).
- ⊙ Improve availability of joint national and EC funding for Eurostars-approved international research projects, led by R&D-performing SMEs, in any area of technology.
- ⊙ R&D-performing SMEs, according to the EU definition, are SMEs that invest 10% or more of their turn-over or their full-time equivalent personal in research and development activities.



- ⊙ Applicants are strongly advised to contact their Eurostars National Office for information on Eurostars and support and assistance in the preparation of an application for Eurostars funding.
- ⊙ EUREKA's Eurostars Programme is open for funding applications on a continuous basis, with an average of two submission deadlines each year.
- ⊙ There is a one-stage application process for all projects.
- ⊙ 14 weeks from the cut-off date to communication of the results.



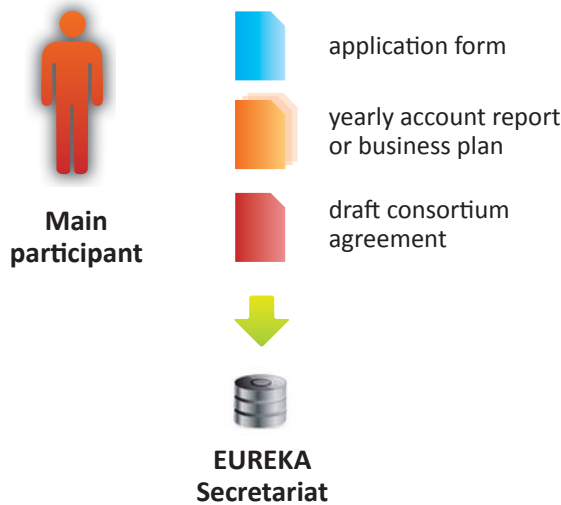
PROCEDURE AND ELEGIBILITY



PROJECT SUBMISSION

Only the leader (main participant) shall submit the application and additional required documents through the electronic submission system available on the Eurostars website:

<http://www.eurostars-eureka.eu>



- A number is assigned to each application.
- An email is automatically sent to the NCPs of the countries involved in the proposal.
- Information on each application is available on the restricted website (including details of any missing documents).
- *Only complete applications will undergo an eligibility check.*

ELEGIBILITY CRITERIA CHECK

- Consortium leader must be an R&D performing SME; At least 2 participants are Eurostars members; The consortium should be well balanced, no participant or country is allowed to claim more than 75% of the requested project costs.
- At least 50% of R&D costs must be incurred by R&D SMEs; There is no restriction on the thematic area.
- Project duration is a maximum of 3 years; Market introduction is foreseen within 2 years.

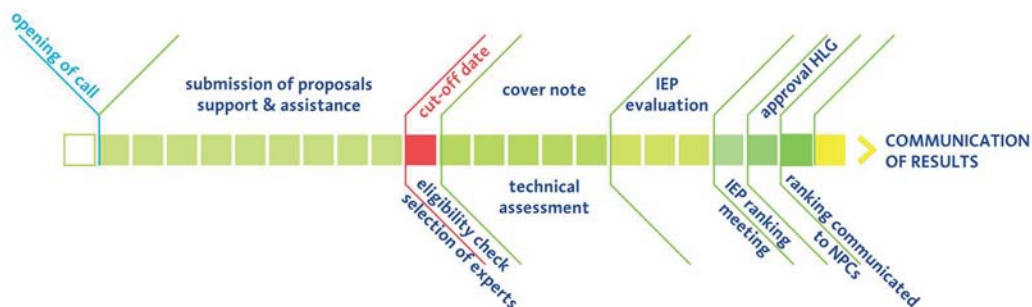
TECHNICAL EVALUATION

TECHNICAL EXPERTS + NATIONAL COVER NOTE

- **Basic Assessment:** Well balanced partnership; management capacity; cost and financing structure.
- **Technology and Innovation:** Degree of Technological maturity; Technological achievements; Degree of Innovation.
- **Market and Competitiveness:** Market size, access and risk; Time to Market; Return on Investment.

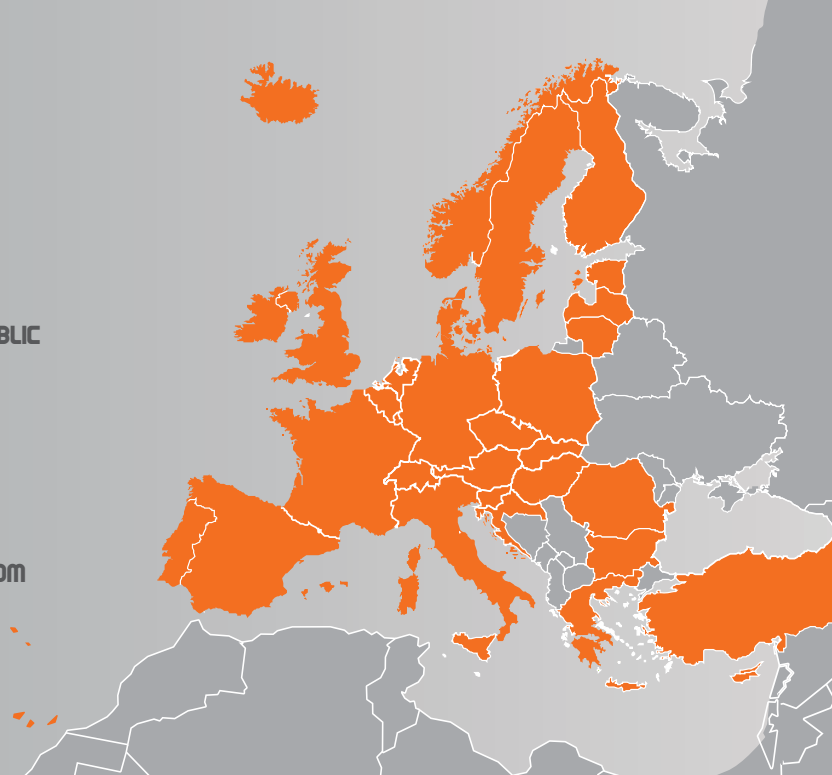
INDEPENDENT EVALUATION PANEL

- A panel of high level Members meets to establish the ranking list (based on their international expertise).
- Based on this ranking list, the National Financing bodies assign the resources.
- Projects with funding guaranteed by the different national agencies will get the EUROSTARS label.



EUROSTARS PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

AUSTRIA	GREECE	NORWAY
BELGIUM	HUNGARY	POLAND
BULGARIA	ICELAND	PORTUGAL
CROATIA	IRELAND	ROMANIA
CYPRUS	ISRAEL	SLOVAK REPUBLIC
CZECH REPUBLIC	ITALY	SLOVENIA
DENMARK	LATVIA	SPAIN
ESTONIA	LITHUANIA	SWEDEN
FINLAND	LUXEMBOURG	SWITZERLAND
FRANCE	MALTA	TURKEY
GERMANY	THE NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM



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