

Call 2025

Eligibility and funding conditions for Portuguese partners

4<sup>th</sup> September, online







# Portugal supports all Eureka Clusters



Next-generation secure communications



Low-carbon energy technologies



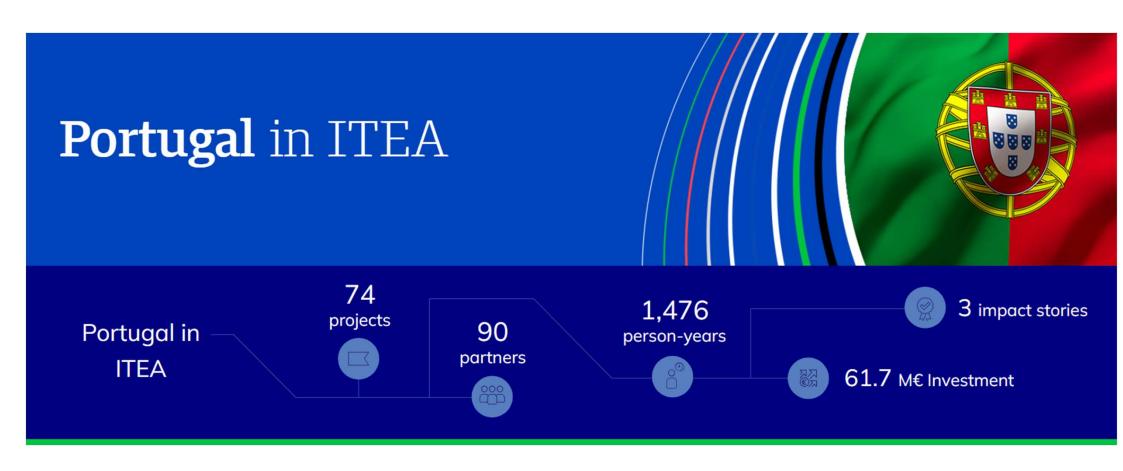
Software innovation and the digital transition



Advanced manufacturing and production technologies



Sustainable digital transformation in electronic components and systems



### Eureka funding process in Portugal...

#### Phase 1

# International Application

- 1. Submit the international application to the Eureka Clusters platform (https://eurekanetwork.org/login/)
- Legal and financial eligibility check of Portuguese entities.
- 3. Evaluation process (app. 3 months)
- 4. Decision and awarding of the Eureka label



#### Phase 2

#### **NATIONAL APPLICATION**

(after being awarded with the Eureka label):

- 5. Application to national funding under: "Aviso para Operações de I&D Industrial à Escala Europeia", (Balcão dos Fundos / Portugal 2030).
- 6. Application analysis (app. 60 workdays)
- 7. Notification of the grant decision
- 8. Funding contract signature







### Funding rules (Portugal)

#### Funding for Eureka Projects (PT entities)\*

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Type of call: Aviso MPr-2024-12 - SIID - Internacionalização de I&D - "Operações de I&D Industrial à Escala Europeia" - PT2030 >> Overall budget: €13,3M

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#### **Projects covered:**

- EUREKA projects, including "classic" Eureka Network Projects, Eureka Clusters, Globalstars and Multilateral calls);
- EUROSTARS-3



Type of Funding: grant



**Eligible entities:** SMEs and/or Small Mid-cap companies (mandatory) + universities, research centres and other non-entrepreneurial entities (ENESII) from all geographic regions from Continental Portugal (Norte, Centro, Lisboa, Alentejo and Algarve) are eligible for funding. ENESII from the Autonomous Regions of The Azores and Madeira, are also eligible for funding.



<sup>\*</sup> Funded projects must include **industrial research and/or experimental development activities**, leading to the creation of new products, processes or systems or to the introduction of significant improvements in existing products, processes or systems.

### Specific eligibility criteria (main highlights)



#### **Obtaining the Eureka Label**.

Present evidence of the approval of the project within the Eureka Programmes (Eureka label / Eureka Cluster label / notification of approval in case of Eurostars projects).



# Documents required for the national application

- Original international application
- Final international evaluation report
- Eureka label award notification
- Draft of the International Consortium Agreement
- **Technical Annex** (using the template made available at "Balcão dos Fundos")



A INOVAÇÃO COMEÇA AQU

#### Must have a Portuguese SME or Small-Mid Cap company

When there is co-promotion between a PT company + PT R&D centres, the company(ies) of the national consortium must ensure the most relevant part of the eligible investment.

Large Portuguese companies: Not eligible

# Balanced economic and financial situation

Mandatory financial autonomy ratios for companies\*:

- SMEs and Small Mid-cap: 15%
- > Companies active for less than one year:

Should demonstrate the capacity to finance the project with own capital, equal to or greater than 20% of their own eligible costs

\* Financial autonomy ratio = Equity / Net Assets

# Fit into National and/or Regional RIS3

Your project must **fit into the priority areas** of the research and innovation **strategy for smart specialization** (National and/or Regional **RIS3**).

### Eligible costs (main)



**Personnel costs,** (technical staff directly allocated to R&D activities, including scholarships and the hiring of new staff)

**Raw Materials, Consumables and Components** 

**Subcontracting** (up to 30% of the total eligible investment of the national component of the project)

Instruments, technical-scientific equipment and specific software

Dissemination activities of project results

Travel and accommodation abroad

+ Overheads 7% fixed rate applied to all direct eligible costs (incl. subcontracting costs)

Possibility of including the eligible investment in R&D share, that is not co-funded by European or national grants in SifiDe (Sistema de Incentivos Fiscais à I&D empresarial / System of Tax Incentives for Business R&D).



### **Funding rates**

Type of organization	Basic Rate Industrial Research activities <sup>1</sup>	Basic Rate Experimental Development activities <sup>2</sup>	Bonus "type of company"	Bonus "cooperation" or "dissemination" 3	On Average
Micro or Small Company	50%	25%	+ 20 p.p.	+ 15 p.p.	65% to 80%
Medium Company	50%	25%	+ 10 p.p.	+ 15 p.p.	60% to 70%
Small Mid-cap companies	50%	25%.	N.A.	+ 15 p.p.	50% to 55%
Research Organization or University <sup>4</sup>	85% <b>4</b>				85%

Important: For investments located in NUTS II Lisboa, the maximum co-funding rate is 40% of eligible costs.

- <sup>1</sup> "Industrial Research" activities comprise TRL 2 to 4
- <sup>2</sup> "Experimental Development" activities comprise TRL 5 to 8
- <sup>3</sup> "Cooperation" between autonomous companies or between companies and other not for profit organizations; wide technical and scientific "dissemination" of project results
- <sup>4</sup>provided the companies are not receiving indirect State Aid



## **Relevant legislation:**

Aviso MPr-2024-12
SIID – Internacionalização de I&D
Operações de I&D Industrial à
Escala Europeia





Regulamento Específico da área Temática de Inovação e Transição Digital do Portugal 2030 (REITD)

Portaria n.º 328-B/2023

(mainly art $^{\circ}$ s 44 $^{\circ}$  - 51 $^{\circ}$  + Annex III)

#### Note:

The present Aviso 12 will close on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025, followed by a new Aviso expected to open in November 2025, with the same conditions for one year duration, under Portugal 2030.



# **REGISTER TO NEXT EVENTS**



Get to know the Canadian Delegation to the ITEA PO Days!!

Where: Hotel Inglaterra, Estoril, Estoril Room

When: Tuesday, 16 September 2025 (morning)

Check out the Canadian companies list <a href="here">here</a>

Registration and networking from 08:30 <u>here</u>

ITEA Project Outline Preparation Days
16 – 18 September

Centro de Congressos do Estoril

#### **Registration:**

https://itea4.org/podays2025/registration.html



# **Jornadas Eureka 2025**

INSTRUMENTO	CONVOCATÓRIA	ABERTURA	ENCERRAMENTO	Sessão de Informação ANI	Project outline and Brokerage
∑ eureka eurostars	<u>Call 9</u>	04-julho-25	04-setembro-25		
CELTIC-NEXT eureka Cluster Comunicações Avançadas	Autumn Call 2025	1-julho-25	24-outubro-25		Proposers Brokerage Day Aveiro (Portugal) 11 de setembro - Registe-se aqui
Eurogia  Tecnologias de Baixo Carbono	<u>Call 29</u>	1-julho-25	30-outubro-25	<b>9 de setembro,</b> 10.00h Registe-se <u>aqui.</u>	<b>PO DAYS 2025</b> Istambul (Turquia). 26 de setembro - Registe-se <u>aqui</u>
<b>Smart</b> advanced manufacturing  Tecnologias de Produção Avançada	<u>Call 9</u>	01-julho-25	22-janeiro-26	<b>1 de outubro</b> , 10.00h Registe-se <u>aqui.</u>	SMART Proposers Day 2025  Dublin (Irlanda)  14 de outubro - Registe-se aqui
Componentes e Sistemas Electrónicos	<u>Call 5</u>	01-junho-25	22-janeiro-26	<b>14 de outubro,</b> 10.00h Registe-se <u>aqui.</u>	<b>Matchmaking Event</b> Riga (Letónia) 9 de outubro - Registe-se <u>aqui</u>
ITEA4 Inovação em Software	<u>Call 2025</u>	16-setembro-25	10-novembro-25	<b>26 de setembro</b> , 10.00h Registe-se <u>aqui.</u>	PO Preparation Days Estoril (Portugal) 16 a 18 de setembro - Registe-se <u>ac</u>
∑ eureka innowwide	<u>Call 4</u>	25-setembro-25	25-novembro-25	<b>25 de setembro</b> , 10.00h Registe-se <u>aqui.</u>	
Lightweighting Call	Multilateral Call	15-maio-25	23-outubro-25		
Quantum Call	Multilateral Call	06-maio-25	05-setembro-25		

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