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Overview of KIAT

Republic of Korea

한국산업기술진흥원
Korea Institute for Advancement of Technology

KIAT supports industrial technology innovation and connects Korean R&D performers with global partners.

Korea: strong industrial R&D base

Korea is a global innovation frontier with strong capabilities in digital technologies, software and advanced industrial technologies.

KIAT: national funding agency

KIAT is a public institution under the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Resources (MOTIR) and a full member of the EUREKA network.

International collaborative R&D

KIAT supports bilateral, multilateral and strategic international R&D cooperation with companies, universities and research institutes.

Goal: strengthen technological competitiveness through joint R&D and cooperation between Korean and international innovation actors.

EUREKA Cluster R&D Program

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For Korean partners, ITEA participation follows both the international Cluster process and Korea's national funding process.

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International consortium

Participants from at least two EUREKA countries build a joint ITEA project.

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ITEA central evaluation

Project Outline / Full Project Proposal are submitted to the ITEA Secretariat and evaluated internationally.

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Official ITEA Label

Only labelled projects can proceed to the Korean national application and evaluation.

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Korean national evaluation

Eligible Korean partners submit to KIAT for national evaluation and funding decision.

Key point : an ITEA Label is necessary, but Korean public funding is decided through a separate national application and evaluation.

EUREKA Cluster Funding Details – Eligibility

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01 Korean company required

The Korean consortium must include at least one Korean company. Universities and research institutes may participate together with a Korean company.

02 Company operating history

A participating Korean company must have been in operation for at least one year as of the national application deadline.

03 Corporate R&D Center / R&D Department

A participating Korean company must hold a government-recognised Corporate R&D Center or R&D Department accreditation.

04 Balanced international budget

No single organisation or country may be responsible for more than 70% of the total project budget.

The detailed national eligibility rules are checked again at the Korean application stage.

EUREKA Cluster Funding Details – Funding

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Korean national support is provided as a grant, subject to the national evaluation and approved project budget.

KRW 500M
maximum / year
≈ €300k / year

Up to 3 years
funding duration

KRW 1.5B
total maximum
≈ €900k

Maximum government funding rate by organisation type

SME	67%
Mid-tier company	50%
Large enterprise	33%
University / Research institute	100%

Companies must provide private matching funds; minimum cash contribution requirements apply according to company size.

EUREKA Cluster Application Process

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The Korean national process begins after the project passes the international ITEA evaluation and receives an official Label.

01
ITEA proposal
PO / FPP submitted to ITEA Secretariat

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02
Central evaluation
ITEA international evaluation

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03
Label
Official ITEA Label

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04
National application
Korean partners submit to KIAT

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05
National evaluation
Technology, consortium, market and budget review

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06
Funding agreement
Final selection, agreement and grant support

Korean national applications are submitted through KIAT / K-PASS.
The national call and detailed schedule are announced separately.

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National Evaluation Criteria

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Korean national evaluation considers the value of international collaboration, technical strategy, execution capability, market entry and budget.

Market expansion potential	Need and effectiveness of international joint R&D; differentiation from existing R&D
Technology strategy	Clear joint goals, implementation strategy, development methods and measurable KPIs
Research execution capability	Appropriate domestic/overseas consortium and concrete roles and implementation plan
Commercialisation & market entry	Commercialisation and IP strategy; revenue/export potential and wider industrial impact
Project budget	Reasonable budget allocation among Korean and overseas consortium participants

2026 national priority: highly innovative international R&D with strong commercial potential, especially software / digital transformation and sustainable high-tech supply chains.

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National Priorities & Key Points

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1 Highly innovative collaborative R&D

Korea welcomes ambitious joint projects with clear technological value and strong commercial potential.

2 Software & digital transformation

ITEA projects aligned with software innovation and digital transformation are strongly relevant to Korea.

3 Sustainable high-tech supply chains

Projects that strengthen resilient and sustainable high-tech supply chains are actively encouraged.

4 Build a strong Korean consortium

Include an eligible Korean company, keep the international budget balanced, and show a credible path to market.

KIAT is available to support questions on Korean eligibility, national application procedures and funding conditions.

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Thank you
for your attention
Questions?

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