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Overview of KIAT

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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

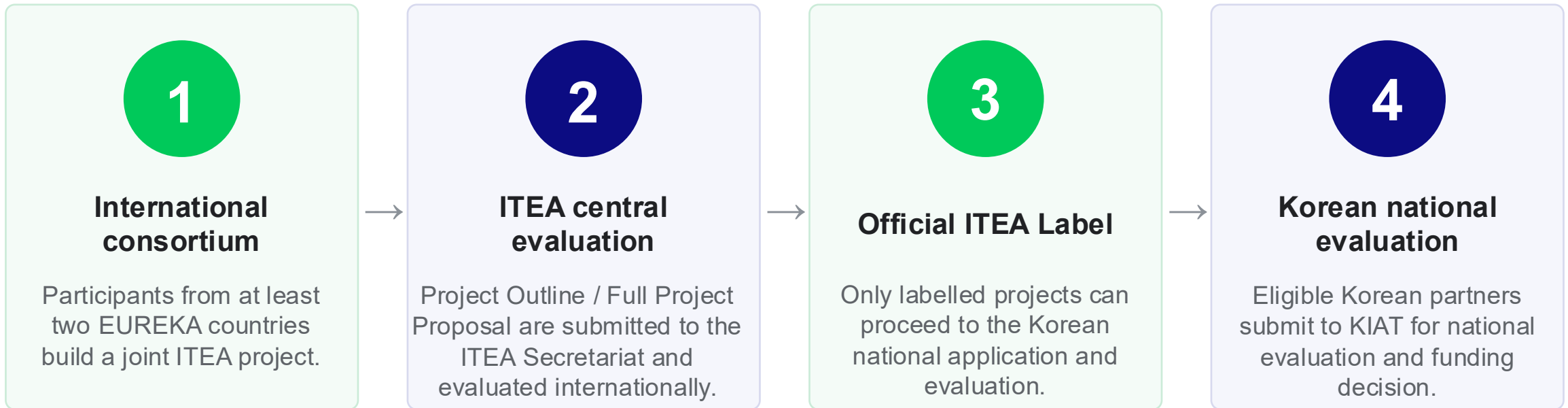
KIAT supports bilateral, multilateral and strategic international R&D cooperation with companies, universities and research institutes.

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.



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**

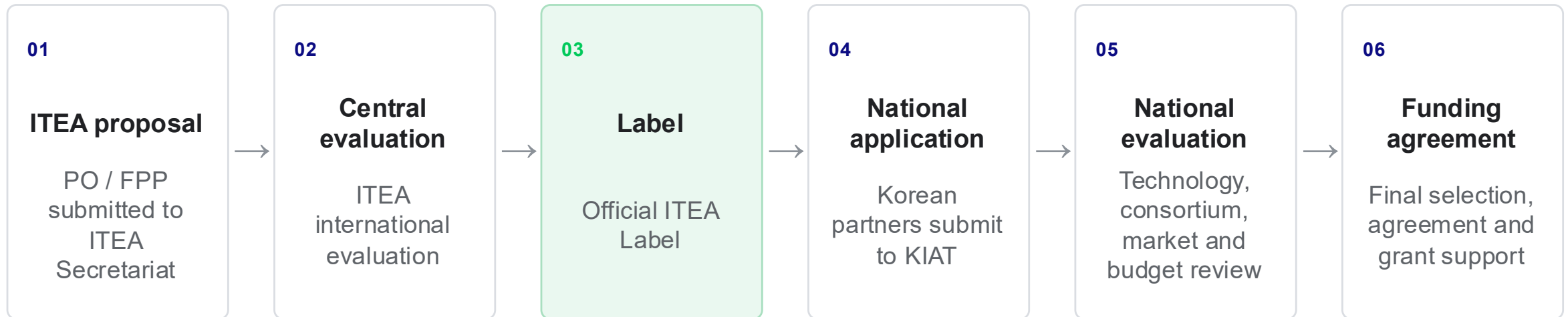
100%

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.



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

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.

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.

Thank you
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Questions?

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