Eureka projects funding framework (Portugal)

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Funding for Eureka/Eurostars Projects (PT entities)*



Type of call: open call for projects within the next multiannual funding framework **PT2030** (**to be published on the second semester 2022 / beginning of 2023**), via future call for: "Projetos de I&D Industrial à Escala Europeia".



Budget foreseen for future PT2030 call: approximately 12M

Projects covered:

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

* 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)

Fit into National and/or Regional RIS3

Fit into the priority areas of the research and innovation strategy for smart specialization - National and/or Regional RIS3.





Whole Eureka project must be executed

The national component of the European project will only be funded if the investments of the international partners are also executed.

Approval of the project within Eureka

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





Must have a Portuguese company

It is mandatory to have a Portuguese company (SME or Large).

• When PT company + PT R&D entities:

the main partner of the national consortium must ensure at least **30% of the national eligible investment**.

Specific eligibility criteria (main highlights)

Balanced economic and financial situation

Beneficiaries must present a balanced economic and financial situation

Mandatory "financial autonomy ratio"*

If SME: 15%

If Large company: 20%

Companies that have been active for less than one year at the date of the application, should demonstrate the capacity to finance the project with own capital, equal to or greater than 20% of eligible costs.



Additional documents required for the national application

After being awarded with the Eureka label, Portuguese entities must submit a separate national application complying with the future Portugal 2030 call specific access conditions.

- Upload copy of the original International Application
- Upload copy of the final international evaluation report;
- Draft of the International Consortium Agreement
- National Technical Annex



Eligible entities and form of funding



All companies, universities and research centres registered in Portugal are eligible for funding. Form, amount and limits of funding

Research Institutions

• Grant

Companies

• Up to 1 Million Euros: Grant

 The exceeding amount over 1 million euros: 75% Grant and 25% reimbursable funding



Eligible costs



Staff costs including scolarships and the hiring of new staff **Raw Materials, Consumables and Components Sucontracting Equipments** Software and Hardware **Dissemination of project results Travel and accommodation abroad**

+ Overheads 25% fixed rate applied to the projects' direct costs



Co-funding rates

Type of organization	Basic Rate	"Industrial Research" activities ¹	Type of company	Bonus "cooperation" or "dissemination" ²	On Average
Micro or Small Company	25%	+ 25 p.p.	+ 20 p.p.	+ 15 p.p.	65% to 75%
Medium Company	25%	+ 25 p.p.	+ 10 p.p.	+ 15 p.p.	60% to 70%
Large Company	25%	+ 25 p.p.		+ 15 p.p.	50% to 55%
Research Organization or University	75% ³				75%

Important For investments located in **NUTS II Lisboa**, the maximum co-funding rate is **50% of eligible costs**.

¹ "Industrial Research" activities comprise TRL 2 to 4

² "Cooperation" between autonomous companies or between companies and other not for profit organizations; wide technical and scientific "dissemination" of project results

³ provided the companies are not receiving indirect State Aid







Very IMPORTANT!

All information presented is based on the regulations of the Portugal 2020 national calls for "Projetos de I&D Industrial à Escala Europeia"

Projects resulting from the present Eureka/Eurostars calls will be funded through a future call under the next multiannual funding framework "Portugal 2030" (ESIF), whose criteria and specific rules are still to be published.

Contact your Eureka National Project Coordinator!!

Thank You!

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