



Announcement:

Czech Republic - Switzerland Call for R&D EUREKA Project Outlines

Deadline for submission by 31 December, 2014

Scope

Switzerland and the Czech Republic are member countries of the EUREKA Initiative and support innovation projects through the different EUREKA instruments (EUREKA and Eurostars projects). Both countries collaborate continuously with the over 40 EUREKA member countries and support all innovation topics as EUREKA is by nature bottom-up and focused mainly on the innovation activities of companies.

In memory of the Czech Republic joining the EUREKA Initiative during the Swiss Chairmanship 1994/1995 the Czech Republic and Switzerland are jointly announcing a bi-lateral Call for outlines for joint innovation projects under EUREKA and Eurostars. The Call is open for **all topics**, but **focuses** on the developments in the domains of **Medical technologies (devices and medical diagnostics)**, **Manufacturing (intelligent manufacturing, efficient design and modeling, automation)** and **ICT (software intensive systems, intelligent applications)**.

The call is managed by the EUREKA offices at the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MEYS) and the State Secretary for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI) in line with the EUREKA initiative (www.eurekanetwork.org).

Call Launch and Structure

The Call is launched on 16 September, 2014. Eligible partners are invited to present joint outlines for market-oriented, innovative R&D projects according to the following procedures:

1. Qualifications

- The consortium should include at least one SME. Other partners such as large companies, research institutes and universities are welcome as additional participants.
- The project must have an obvious advantage and added value resulting from the cooperation between the participants from the two countries (e.g. increased knowledge base, commercial leads, access to R&D infrastructure etc.).
- The project should demonstrate the contribution of the participants from both countries in a balanced way, and the project must be significant to both countries.
- Partners from other EUREKA countries may also participate. This requires funding from their respective home countries.

Any partner, whose cooperative R&D project is consistent with the aforesaid criteria, can apply to the present announcement in accordance with the national laws, rules, regulations and procedures in effect.

2. Submission and the approval procedures will be of two phases:

In the **first phase**:

- Partners will be asked to present a **short project outline** using the template, which is available on www.sbfi.admin.ch/eureka and/or <http://www.msmt.cz/vyzkum-a-vyvoj/eureka-a-eurostars?highlightWords=eurostars>

- The completed project outlines of the phase 1 should be submitted to the EUREKA offices in the Czech Republic and Switzerland simultaneously with copy to all partners of the project outline. **Submission** is open between **16 September, 2014** and **31 December, 2014**. Project outlines can be submitted at any time within that timeframe. The submission of all relevant documents has to be done by email to the addresses listed at the end of this document (no physical documents needed).

The outlines will be screened by EUREKA offices in the Czech Republic and Switzerland and the partners will be notified of the results within the shortest possible delay after the submission (about 2-3 weeks).

In the **second phase**:

- Partners with approved outlines will be recommended to submit their **full applications** according to national procedures to EUREKA or international procedures to Eurostars.
- In cases where EUREKA and Eurostars do not seem to be suitable, the EUREKA offices in the Czech Republic and Switzerland can propose other funding measures.
- The EUREKA offices in the Czech Republic and Switzerland will assist on how to submit full applications.

3. Financing

Funding support to successful project proposals of Phase 2 will be given to each partner by its own funding organization (MEYS in the Czech Republic and SERI and Commission for Technology and Innovation CTI in Switzerland) in accordance with the national laws, rules, regulations and procedures in effect.

Concrete funding mechanisms depend on the funding framework (EUREKA/Eurostars) that will be decided on in Phase 2 of the submission process.

Information on the funding mechanisms is available on the following websites:

Switzerland: EUREKA projects: www.seri.admin.ch/eureka; Eurostars projects: www.seri.admin.ch/eurostars.

Czech Republic: EUREKA projects and Eurostars projects: www.msmt.cz

Supportive Measures

The EUREKA offices in the Czech Republic and Switzerland will facilitate the identification of project partners within academia as well as among industry partners. These offices are cooperating with Enterprise Europe Network, with national clusters and other national experts and points of contact.

Partners participating in the present call are invited to attend the:

- **Swiss EUREKA Chairmanship Information Day taking place on 16 September, 2014 in Prague.** The event is dedicated to learn more about the Swiss EUREKA Chairmanship 2014/2015 and about the functioning of the call procedures and funding rules in the Czech Republic and Switzerland. Event registration is announced on www.aipcr.cz
- **EUREKA Innovation Event taking place on 19 November, 2014 in Basel.** The event matches partners from the entire EUREKA network. Visitors from the Czech Republic and Switzerland will have the opportunity to exchange their project ideas and coordinate them directly with their EUREKA representatives. Register on www.swiss-innovation.com/eureka.



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