

Announcement:
Turkey – Romania Call for Proposals for Joint R&D Projects
Deadline for Submission – 15th December, 2011

Scope

Turkey and Romania are announcing the Call for Proposals for joint R&D projects, focusing on development of innovative products and applications **in all technological domains**. Applicants are expected to develop ready to market solutions or products having strong market potential for Turkey, Romania and Europe.

Although projects from all technological domains are welcome, special focus will be given to the following domains:

- **Electronic, IT and Telecoms Technology**
 - **Industrial Manufacturing, new Materials and Transport**
 - **Automotive**
- ★ National Authority for Scientific Research (ANCS) and Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) will provide access to public funding for joint projects.
- ★ The call is announced in the field of industrial research and development between Romania and Turkey and in cooperation with EUREKA and EUROSTARS programs, in which both countries participate. Hence, the program is managed in cooperation and in line with the procedures of EUREKA innovation platform (www.eurekanetwork.org) and of Eurostars program (<http://www.eurostars-eureka.eu/>).
- ★ ANCS and UEFISCDI (Executive Unit for Financing the Higher Education and University Researches) for Romanian side and TÜBİTAK for Turkish side will provide all necessary assistance to project partners during project proposal, evaluation, contracting and monitoring phase. In addition, both parties will facilitate EUREKA application process and acquisition of the EUREKA label for accepted proposals.

Call Launch and Structure

The Call is launched on **5th September 2011** by TÜBİTAK and ANCS.

Eligible partners, conforming with EUREKA and Eurostars rules, are invited to present joint proposals for industrial R&D projects according to the following procedures:

Qualifications

- The partners should include at least one Romanian and one Turkish R&D performing commercial company. Participation of research institutes/universities is welcome as additional participants or subcontractors according to each country's funding regulations.
- Research institutes, universities and companies from other countries may also participate, but they will not be funded by the ANCS or by TÜBİTAK and they have to secure their own expenses.
- The project should 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 and the project must be significant to both participants.

Any partner whose cooperative R&D project is consistent with the aforementioned criteria can apply to the Call in accordance with the national Laws, Rules, Regulations and Procedures in effect.

Submission and the approval procedures will be of two phases:

1) In the first phase, partners will be asked to present a short project outline via the following EUREKA Project Application Form:

<http://www.eurekanetwork.org/download-project-application-form>

- The completed electronic forms of the Phase 1 outlines should be submitted to ANCS and TÜBİTAK simultaneously **until 15th December, 2011 at 18:00 (local time)**.
- The forms have to be legally signed by all participating companies. The signatures must be scanned and sent together with the EUREKA form as an integral part of the application of phase 1.

The outlines will be screened and evaluated by ANCS and TÜBİTAK and joint the results will be notified to the companies within two weeks.

2) In the second phase, partners with approved outlines will be invited to submit their funding applications according to national procedures.

Approved project outlines that qualify to the EUROSTARS program (<http://www.EUROSTARS-EUREKA.eu/>), specifically targeted to support R&D performing SME's, will be able to submit funding applications using the EUROSTARS procedures towards the **8th EUROSTARS call on 1st March 2012.**

★ **Partners with outlines approved for phase 2 will be instructed by ANCS and TÜBİTAK on how to complete submission of their funding applications, including those qualifying to EUROSTARS**

Financing

Each country will fund its eligible participants within EUREKA and Eurostars framework, as appropriate. Funding conditions and eligibility criteria may vary from country to country. As summary, main aspects of funding criteria are explained below:

Turkey:

All companies which were established in accordance with Turkish law can apply for funding for their international projects. There is no budget limit for international projects and they can be funded by TUBITAK without any restriction in project duration. Only companies participating in international projects are funded within this program but universities and research centers can be funded as subcontractors.

Companies receive certain percentage of their eligible costs as a grant in this call. There is no maximum or minimum limit to the budget of project. The percentage is 60% for large companies and 75% for SMEs.

For further information about financing of Turkish participants please directly contact with TÜBİTAK.

Romania:

The applicant contractor must be a Company, according to legal provisions. Universities, Research Organizations, any other SME and/ or Large Company could be partners in the Romanian consortium.

Funding of the consortium members is made through the contractor company. No advance payment available. The limit funding of a project is 50% from its eligible costs. More details can be found on the following sites: <http://uefiscdi.gov.ro/> and <http://www.eurostars-eureka.eu/>

For further information about financing of Romanian participants please directly contact with Romanian EUREKA and Eurostars Office.

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