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Announcement:

Turkey – Austria 1st Call for Proposals for Joint R&D Projects

Deadline for Submission – 18 January, 2013

Scope

Turkey and Austria are announcing this 1st 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 and Austria.

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

- Electronic, IT and Telecoms Technology
- Industrial Manufacturing, new Materials and Transport
- Environment and Energy Technology
- Biological Sciences and Technologies

TÜBİTAK and FFG will provide all necessary assistance to project partners during the project proposal, evaluation and monitoring phases. In addition, both parties will facilitate the EUREKA application process and acquisition of the EUREKA-Label for accepted proposals. Hence, the program is managed in line with the procedures of EUREKA (www.eurekanetwork.org).

Call Launch and Structure

The Call is launched on **19th November 2012** by TÜBİTAK and FFG. Eligible partners are invited to present joint proposals for industrial R&D projects according to the following procedures:

A two-stage application process:

In the first phase, partners will be asked to present a short project outline with the following EUREKA Project Application Form: <http://www.eurekanetwork.org/download-project-application-form> until 18th January 2013 via e-mail to each of the national EUREKA offices. This form will be screened and evaluated by TÜBİTAK and FFG. The results will be communicated to the applicants within 3 weeks. If the project then qualifies for the EUREKA or the Eurostars programme, Turkish and Austrian partners should follow the process described hereafter:

In the second phase, partners with approved outlines will be invited to submit their funding applications according to national procedures to **EUREKA** or international procedures to **Eurostars**.





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Partners with outlines approved for phase 2 will be instructed by FFG and TÜBİTAK on how to complete their submission of the applications.

In addition, **Austrian partners** should submit as soon as possible a national funding application **via e-Call to FFG** to guarantee a funding decision in the first half of 2013.

For **Turkish partners**, the national funding application form should be requested at TÜBİTAK

Approved project outlines that qualify to the Eurostars program (<http://www.eurostars-eureka.eu/>), specifically targeted to support R&D performing SMEs, will be able to submit funding applications using the Eurostars procedure towards the **next Eurostars call on 4th April 2013**. FFG and TÜBİTAK will provide the submission guidelines and timetable to the project partners.

Partnering Opportunities

For partner search requests contact details are given below.

Financing for EUREKA Individual Projects

Each country will fund its eligible participants according to its national procedure and funding rules. Funding conditions and eligibility criteria may vary from one country to another. Main aspects of the funding criteria are explained below:

Qualifications

- The partners should include at least one Austrian and one Turkish R&D performing company. Participation of research institutes/universities is welcome as additional participants or subcontractors according to each country's funding regulations.
- Companies from other countries may also participate, but will not be funded by FFG or TÜBİTAK, but from own national funding programmes or they have to secure their own financing.
- 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 on an equal basis, and the project must be equally significant to both participants.





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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 TÜBİTAK without any restriction in project duration. Only companies participating in international projects are funded within this programme. Universities and research centers can be funded as subcontractors.

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

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

Austria:

Applying the EUREKA structure, project participants can finance their costs from own funds or applicable national funding schemes.

Applications for research funding in the General Programmes of FFG can be submitted at any time by companies of all sizes and all fields of industry. Research institutions and universities are supposed to apply together with an Austrian company for funding. Funding depends on whether the project meets the technical and economic evaluation criteria.

Funding is granted for up to 50 % (for start-ups up to 70 %) of total eligible project costs. The FFG uses a mix of three different kinds of funding

- grants
- low-interest loans
- guarantees for bank loans plus interest subsidies

In addition to the General Programmes FFG offers thematically-oriented or structural-oriented funding programmes.

Contacts for details and partner search

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