

- The Eligibility Check
  - Some general definitions
- General eligibility criteria
  - E1: The project meets the EUREKA criteria
- Project eligibility criteria
  - E2: The project leader is from a EUREKA Turbo Country
  - E3: The project contains at least two legal entities that are independent of one another
  - E4: The consortium is a partnership hosted by at least two different EUREKA Turbo countries
  - E5: The budget of the Industrial partners is equal to at least 50.00 % of the total project budget
  - E6: No single entity is responsible for more than 75.00 % of the project budget
  - E7: The participant(s) from a given country may not be responsible for more than 75.00 % of the total project budget.
  - E8: The project duration is 36.0 months or fewer.
  - E9: Market introduction is within 24.0 months of the project's completion
- Participant eligibility criteria
  - E10: Each of the participating organisations in the consortium is a legal entity in the host country
  - E11: None of the participating organisations have convictions for fraudulent behaviour, other financial irregularities or illegal business practices.
  - E12: None of the participating organisations have been declared bankrupt or are in the process of being declared bankrupt, or are considered to be Organisations which are 'Undertakings in Difficulty' according to the EU definition

<b>EUREKA 2.0 Initiative</b>	Turbo
<b>EUREKA 2.0 Call ID</b>	Turbo2017pilot
<b>Document</b>	<a href="#">GUIDELINE</a>
<b>Status</b>	<a href="#">FOR APPROVAL</a>

# 1 The Eligibility Check

---

## Why are there eligibility criteria?

EUREKA supports industry by funding collaborative innovation projects that will be rapidly commercialised. It encourages and assists the development of new products, processes and services by offering support and funding to help innovations to access regional, national and international markets. The eligibility criteria are in place to ensure that the applications respect this ambition.

## 1.1 How are the criteria assessed?

---

The applications must meet all eligibility criteria otherwise they will not be put forward for evaluation and will be excluded. Compliance with the criteria is assessed both electronically and manually. If a criterion cannot be definitely answered, ineligibility will be conferred.

A description of the assessment method for each criterion is provided later in this document.

## 1.2 If my situation changes, will it affect my eligibility?

---

Potentially. The application must comply with all eligibility criteria from the moment of submission until the signing of the final consortium agreement approximately 7 months later.

- Applicants are obliged to inform EUREKA of any new information which may affect eligibility.
- EUREKA is obliged to review the eligibility of applications should new information be presented or discovered.

It is possible that an application originally declared eligible is later removed from the evaluations.

## 1.3 Will I be informed about the result?

---

Yes. Applications which are deemed to be eligible will receive confirmation that they have passed the eligibility check and are under evaluation. Applications which have failed the eligibility check will be informed of their ineligibility. Only the first criterion to cause ineligibility will be identified.

## 1.4 My project is ineligible. Is the result final?

---

Yes. It is not possible to appeal against the result.

## 1.5 Some general definitions

---

### 1.5.1 FTE – Full Time Equivalent

FTE is a measure of worker involvement. One person working full-time is equal to 1.0 FTE. One person working for 50% of the time is equal to 0.5 FTE. EU documentation refers to Annual Work Units or AWU. AWU and FTE are equal and interchangeable.

### 1.5.2 SME

'SME' stands for small and medium-sized enterprises – as defined in EU law: EU recommendation 2003 /361. The main factors determining whether a company is an SME are:

1. Economic activity
2. number of employees and
3. either turnover or balance sheet total.

### 1.5.3 EUREKA Turbo countries

The EUREKA Turbo countries are listed on the website: <http://www.eurekanetwork.org/Turbo>

Organisations which are legal entities in any other country may participate (as a third country) subject to the fulfillment of all eligibility criteria listed within this document, with particular attention being given to E2, E4, E5 and E11.



## 2 General eligibility criteria

---

### 2.1 E1: The project meets the EUREKA criteria

---

To be eligible, the project can address any technology area, but must have a civilian purpose and be aimed at the development of a new product, process or service. The project must result in purely civilian applications, and steps should be taken to reduce any potential militarization.

## 3 Project eligibility criteria

### 3.1 E2: The project leader is from a EUREKA Turbo Country

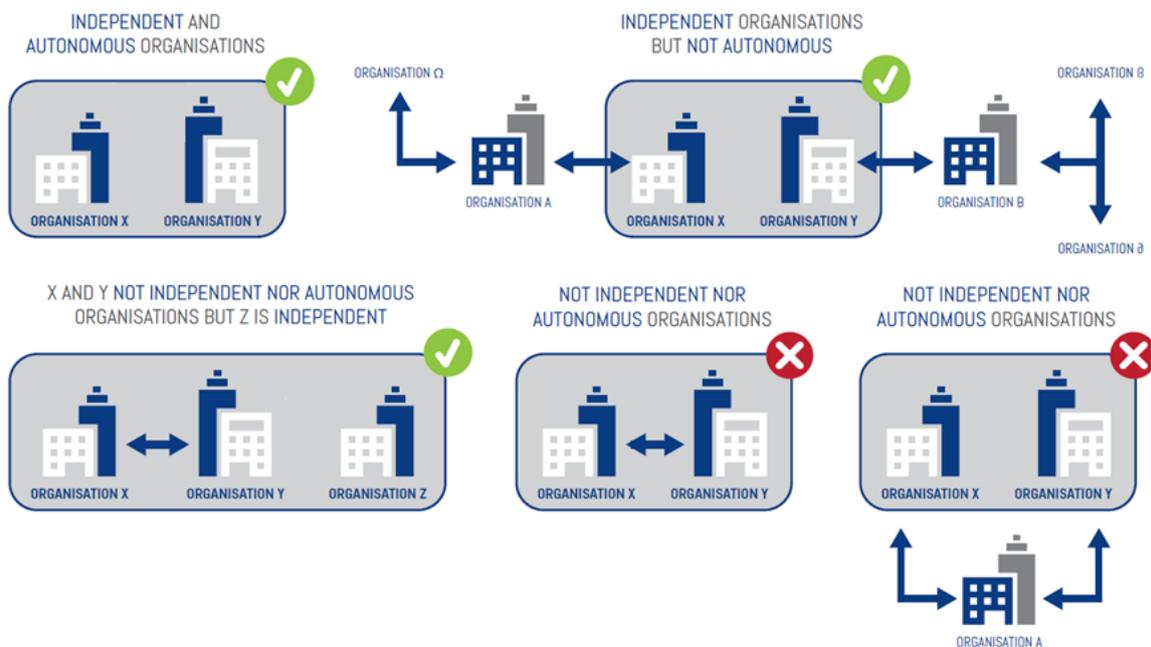
To be eligible, the organisation undertaking the role of project leader must be legally and operationally based in a EUREKA Turbo country

EUREKA TURBO countries: Austria, Denmark, Finland, France, Spain and Turkey

### 3.2 E3: The project contains at least two legal entities that are independent of one another

To be eligible, the partnership must include at least two legal entities independent of each other, meaning that neither is under the direct or indirect control of the other or under the same direct or indirect control as the other.

#### 3.2.1 Considerations:



## **3.3 E4: The consortium is a partnership hosted by at least two different EUREKA Turbo countries**

---

To be eligible, the partnership must include participation from at least two different EUREKA Turbo countries.

### **3.3.1 Considerations:**

- Organisations that are not full participants within the project (e.g. subcontractors) are not considered.
- Partners from non-EUREKA Turbo countries are welcome to join a project, but only if two EUREKA Turbo countries are already involved. The non-EUREKA Turbo country is therefore the 'third country' in the consortium.
  - Partners from non EUREKA Turbo countries that want to participate in a Turbo project must declare an ability to self-fund their project activities.

## **3.4 E5: The budget of the Industrial partners is equal to at least 50.00 % of the total project budget**

---

To be eligible, the participant budget of the sole industrial partner involved in the application must be equal to at least 50.00 % of the total project budget. If there are multiple industrial partners, their combined total participant budget must equal at least 50.00 % of the total project budget.

In either case, the 50.00% budget threshold must be met by industrial partner(s) located in EUREKA Turbo Country(ies).

### **3.4.1 Consideration:**

An industrial partner is considered to be either an SME or a Large Enterprise.

Universities, Research Organisations, public authorities, or any other form of organisation will not be considered to be an 'industrial partner'

Regardless of the make-up of the consortium and the distribution of costs it is possible that funding is not available for certain types of organisations or activities. Similarly, there may be thresholds for participation set by the participating countries. Speak to your NPC to find out more.

## **3.5 E6: No single entity is responsible for more than 75.00 % of the project budget**

---

To be eligible, the project must be spread across different international partners. No single entity may be responsible for more than 75.00 % of the total project budget.

### **3.5.1 Calculation:**

The individual budget of each participant is calculated (inclusive of any subcontracting costs) and is divided by the total budget of the project. Where the participating organisations are not independent from one another, the sum of their individual participant budgets (inclusive of any subcontracting costs) is divided by the total budget of the project.

## **3.6 E7: The participant(s) from a given country may not be responsible for more than 75.00 % of the total project budget.**

---

To be eligible, the participant(s) from a given country may not be responsible for more than 75.00 % of the total project budget.

### **3.6.1 Calculation:**

The budget of the organisations from each of the represented countries is calculated. The sum of the individual participant budgets for each country (inclusive of any subcontracting costs) is divided by the total budget of the project.

## **3.7 E8: The project duration is 36.0 months or fewer.**

---

To be eligible, the project must be completed in 36.0 months or fewer.

## **3.8 E9: Market introduction is within 24.0 months of the project's completion**

---

To be eligible, the market introduction of the major project result (the main product/process/service proposed in the application) is planned to occur within 24.0 months of the completion of the project.

In the case of biotechnology, biomedical or medical projects, the start of clinical trials is planned to occur within 24.0 months of project completion.



### **3.8.1 Calculation:**

The time difference between the planned end of the project and planned market entry of the main product /process/service (as mentioned within the application) is calculated.

### **3.8.2 Consideration:**

This will also form part of the evaluation, with the quoted figure in the application being evaluated with respect to its feasibility.

## 4 Participant eligibility criteria

---

### 4.1 E10: Each of the participating organisations in the consortium is a legal entity in the host country

---

To be eligible, each participant must be a legal entity, as defined by the legislation of the country where it is hosted. Being a legal entity elsewhere within the EU or in another EUREKA country is not sufficient. Ineligibility of a single participant will lead to the ineligibility and rejection of the project.

### 4.2 E11: None of the participating organisations have convictions for fraudulent behaviour, other financial irregularities or illegal business practices.

---

Fraudulent behaviour is grounds for exclusion as it endangers the project, the interests of other participants and ultimately the tax payer. Exclusion may be on the basis of, but not limited to, fraudulent behaviour, criminal convictions, or the receipt of an administrative penalty. Exclusion of a single participant will lead to the ineligibility and rejection of the project.

### 4.3 E12: None of the participating organisations have been declared bankrupt or are in the process of being declared bankrupt, or are considered to be Organisations which are 'Undertakings in Difficulty' according to the EU definition

---

- In the process of being declared bankrupt but still trading,
- Legally declared bankrupt
- Have no known or potential legal or financial difficulties, but are still categorised as an 'Undertaking in Difficulty' according to the EU definition.

Such categorisations are grounds for exclusion as it endangers the project, the interests of other participants and ultimately the tax payer. Exclusion of a single participant will lead to the ineligibility and rejection of the project.

[Guidelines on State aid for rescuing and restructuring non-financial undertakings in difficulty](#)