

Eurostars

Eurostars is a joint funding program of EUREKA and the European Commission, which will also be continued under Horizon Europe under the name Eurostars 3. In the Eurostars programme, national funding bodies join forces to support SMEs in their research and development activities regarding innovative products, methods or services in the scope of transnational collaborations.

Funding

- open to all research topics, but for civilian purposes only
- activities prior to the completion of prototyping (technology readiness level 6)
- commercialisation of the project outcome within 2 years of project completion
- maximum duration: 36 months

Project consortium

- project leader must be an R&D-performing SME ([SME definition](#) in German only)
- at least two partners (including the project leader) from two different Eurostars countries
- universities, research institutions, large companies, and other institutions may also participate
- commercial interests of the partners must be indicated clearly
- partners from the following countries are currently eligible for funding: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, and United Kingdom.

Proposal

- joint Eurostars project proposal in English
- signed paper copy of the proposal must be posted within 7 days of submission
- proposals may be submitted at any time
- two submission deadlines (usually in March and September)

Proposals from German partners

- German project partners receive a maximum of 500,000 euros of joint funding
- reimbursement rates:
 - universities and research institutions receiving basic funding from the federal government or the federal states with a German SME in the consortium: 100%
 - SMEs: 50% of direct costs
 - large companies: 0% (participation possible, only without funding)
- The R&D-performing SME must provide at least 50% of the total project budget (excluding subcontracting).
- In addition to the completed Eurostars form, German partners are obliged to submit their financial report.
- The financial report must be compiled in the [easy-online](#) portal and submitted as a draft ([easyOnline completion guide for employees of Leibniz University Hannover](#)). Both available in German only.

Please note

- Funding bodies involved in Eurostars determine individual national funding requirements! **Please contact the respective national funding bodies at an early stage!**
- When preparing your proposal, all national funding regulations (institutions involved, reimbursement rates, etc.) of all institutions involved in the project have to be considered.
- National regulations, as well as countries involved in Eurostars may change between the submission deadlines. We therefore advise you to check the current status before submitting your proposal.
- Balanced partnership: No participating country can be responsible for more than 75% of the total project budget.
- Projects with positive evaluation results will only receive funding if all project partners can provide sufficient resources from their national funding budget.

Further Information

- [Eureka Innovation Network](#)
- [German Eurostars-Website](#) (in German only)
- [Overview of the participating Eurostars countries](#) with links to the respective national funding organizations
- [Overview of the conditions of participation for German applicants](#) (in German only)
- [Eureka Project database](#)
- [Eureka success stories including brochure](#) on the DLR project management agency website (in German only)
- [Eureka case studies of successful R&D projects](#) on the Eureka Innovation Network Website

Project partner search with the Enterprise Europe Network (EEN)

As a higher education institution, you cooperate with small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) in an application under Eurostars. The [Enterprise Europe Network \(EEN\)](#) is the largest European network for the promotion of cooperation between science and business - especially for SMEs. The EU Liaison Office and uni transfer at LUH have been partners in EEN since 2008. Together with the Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences and the NBank, we form the [Enterprise Europe Network Lower Saxony](#) (in German only). Take advantage of the free support around the topics EU, innovation and internationalization provided by the EEN Niedersachsen. The cooperation with our approximately 600 network partners worldwide opens up the opportunity for cross-border cooperation. We offer you:



- We distribute information on cooperation requests from the EEN via our [EU Info Service](#). For this purpose, simply select the EEN cooperation offers category in addition to your topic area when registering.
- If you are interested in an international cooperation offer, we will create an Expression of Interest (EOI) on your behalf and establish the international contact. We can also conduct partner searches within the network for you.

We create an individual profile for your cooperation request on your behalf and distribute it via the EEN. Feel free to contact us!

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