Announcement:

Korea – Spain Call for Proposals for Joint R&D Projects

Deadlines for Submission – 31st March 2015 (call 2015-1), 31st August 2015 (call 2015-2)

Scope

Korea and Spain are announcing the Call for Proposals for joint R&D projects, focusing on developing innovative products and applications in all technological and application areas. Applicants are expected to develop ready to market solutions or projects which have strong market potential for Korea and Spain.

★ KIAT (Korea Institute for Advancement of Technology) and CDTI (Centre for the Development of Industrial Technology of Spain) will provide access to public funding for joint projects.

★ The call is announced within the framework of the bilateral Cooperation Agreement on Industrial Cooperation between KIAT and CDTI. The call is managed in cooperation and in line with the procedures of EUREKA Programme (www.eurekanetwork.org).

★ KIAT and CDTI will provide all necessary assistance to project partners during project proposal, evaluation and monitoring phase. In addition, both parties will facilitate EUREKA application process and the acquisition of the EUREKA label for accepted proposals.

Call Launch and Structure*

The Call is launched on 14th January, 2015 by KIAT and CDTI, and is open until 31st March 2015 for the first half of the year and 31st August 2015 for the second half at 18:00 (local time). This call is open in line with EUREKA programmes.

Eligible partners are invited to present joint proposals for industrial R&D projects according to the following criteria:

Qualifications

• The partners should consist of least one Korean and one Spain R&D performing commercial company. Participation of research institutes/universities is welcome as additional participants or subcontractors according to each country’s funding regulations.

• Innovative projects ready to market, which have also strong market potential for Korea and Spain, are expected.

* The following call will also support bilateral R&D projects.
• The project should have an obvious advantage and added value resulting from the cooperation between the participants from the two countries and should meet the following criteria:
  - Technological excellence and qualification of the applicants (assessment by external referees or expert committee)
  - Contribution to the competitiveness in the area of research
  - Sustainability of the project: long-term strategy of the partnership
  - Intensity of the collaboration with the Korean and Spain partners
  - Ability of the teams to successfully conclude the project
  - Mutual advancement of research through the transfer of knowledge and expertise

• The project should demonstrate the contribution of the participants from both countries on an equal base, and the project must be equally significant to both participants.

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.

**Submission and Approval Procedures**

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](http://www.eurekanetwork.org/download-project-application-form)

• The completed electronic forms of the phase 1 outlines should be submitted to the contact person in KIAT and CDTI (see details below) simultaneously by **31st March 2015** for the first call in 2015 and **31st August 2015** for the second call in 2015.
• The forms have to be legally signed by all participants. 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 KIAT and CDTI. The applicants will be notified of the results of the evaluation process within 15 days after the completion of the national evaluation. The national evaluation process depends on each countries individual policies and procedures.

2) In the second phase, partners with approved outlines will be invited to submit their national applications according to national procedures to EUREKA no later than **1st of May** for the first call and **1st of October** for the second call. Partners with outlines approved for phase 2 will be instructed by KIAT and CDTI on how to complete submission of their national applications.
In Korea, the participants will have to submit a formal national application through Project Management System (https://www.pms.re.kr) including the signed version of EUREKA Application Form.

In Spain the participants will have to submit a formal R&D international project application through CDTI’s website (https://sede.cdti.gob.es/) including updated and signed application form (according to the comments made by the national authorities), draft consortium agreement and national project outline.

Partners with approved outlines that qualify for the EUREKA programme (http://www.eurekanetwork.org) will be invited to submit the EUREKA label and funding applications according to national procedures.

**Financing Rules**

Each country will fund its eligible participants in the framework of EUREKA programmes, subject to budget availability, on a non-exchange of funds basis and according to their national procedures and funding rules. Funding conditions and eligibility criteria may vary from one country to another. The main aspects of funding criteria are explained below:

**Spain:**
- CDTI will finance industrial research and/or technological development activities to companies legally established in Spain. Universities and research centers can be funded as subcontractors.

  The funding modality for the project will be a partially reimbursable soft loan at Euribor interest rate on the date of the contract, with a financial cover of 75% of the total approved budget. The non-reimbursable part will be within 20%-30% of the loan. Detailed information can be reached from here.

  Spanish tasks in the project will only be able to start after submitting the funding application to CDTI. For further information directly contact with CDTI.

**Korea:**
- The Korean dedicated budget provided by the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (MOTIE) and managed by KIAT is open to all applications from companies with registered R&D laboratories, research institutes and universities. The partners should consist of at least one Korean and one Spain R&D performing commercial company. Participation of research institutes or
universities is welcome as additional participants or subcontractors according to each country’s funding regulations.

For applications by large companies or in a consortium where less than two-thirds of the partners are comprised of SMEs, the company or consortium is eligible to apply for up to 50% of the project budget, with an upper limit set at approximately €360,000 per year (funding year; 2015). National funding limit may vary according to changes in 2015.

For applications by SMEs or in a consortium where greater than two-thirds of the partners are comprised of SMEs, the company or consortium is eligible to apply for up to 75% of the project budget, with an upper limit set at approximately €360,000 per year. National funding limit may vary according to changes in 2015.

Universities, research institutes and non-profit organizations are not included in the above calculations. For further information about financing of Korean participants please contact KIAT directly.

**Partnering Opportunities**

**KOREA EUREKA DAY 2015**

Date: 20–22 May, 2015  
Place: Seoul, Korea  
Invitees: Ministerial representatives from Korea and Europe, EUREKA HLRs and NPCs, European Commission and Parliament representatives, EUREKA Cluster and Umbrella chairpersons  
Attendees: About 250-300 people from private, public research organizations, universities and companies  
Technology sectors: ICT Convergence, Green Tech, Life Science, Maritime/Offshore  
Hosted by: Ministry of Trade, Industry & Energy (MOTIE), Swiss EUREKA Chairmanship  
Organized by: Korea Institute for Advancement of Technology (KIAT)  
Supported by: EUREKA Secretariat, Enterprise Europe Network

Tentative Agenda:

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