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**European Partnerships –
EUROSTARS-3 Programme
EP/EUROSTARS-3/0724 Call for
Proposals**

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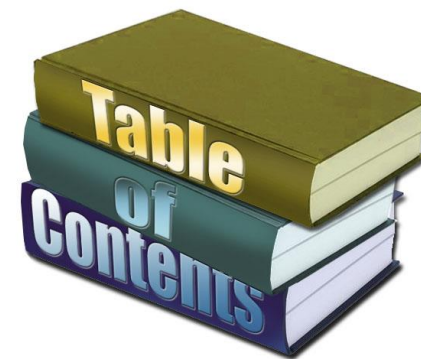
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► Introduction – EUROSTARS-3 Programme (1)






































EUROSTARS-3 Programme ...

- ❑ Aims to **support innovative SMEs to develop products, processes and services and bring them to the market through market-led, international, collaborative R&D&I funded projects**
- ❑ **Follow up** of the previous Eurostars-1 (FP7) and Eurostars-2 (Horizon 2020) joint programmes between the **European Commission (EC)** and **Eureka Countries**
- ❑ Co-Funded by the **EC** (Horizon Europe) and **Eurostars Countries** for the **2021-2027 Period** in the frame of the **«Partnership for Innovative SMEs»**
- ❑ **€ 250 Million** from the EC and **€ 800 Million** from the Participating Countries
- ❑ Participants are funded by their **countries' funding organisations**

Eurostars-3 principles					
Bottom-up approach	International cooperation	SME-led	Close-to-market innovations	Technological and societal challenges	Centralised evaluation / decentralised funding

► Introduction – EUROSTARS-3 Programme (2)

37 Participating Countries

 Austria	 France	 Luxembourg	 South Africa
 Belgium	 Germany	 Malta	 South Korea
 Canada	 Greece	 The Netherlands	 Spain
 Bulgaria	 Hungary	 Norway	 Sweden
 Croatia	 Iceland	 Poland	 Switzerland
 Cyprus	 Ireland	 Portugal	 Turkey
 Czech Republic	 Israel	 Romania	 United Kingdom
 Denmark	 Italy	 Singapore	
 Estonia	 Latvia	 Slovakia	
 Finland	 Lithuania	 Slovenia	

▶ EUROSTARS in Numbers (1)

A Typical Eurostars Programme ...



3-4 participants



2-3 countries



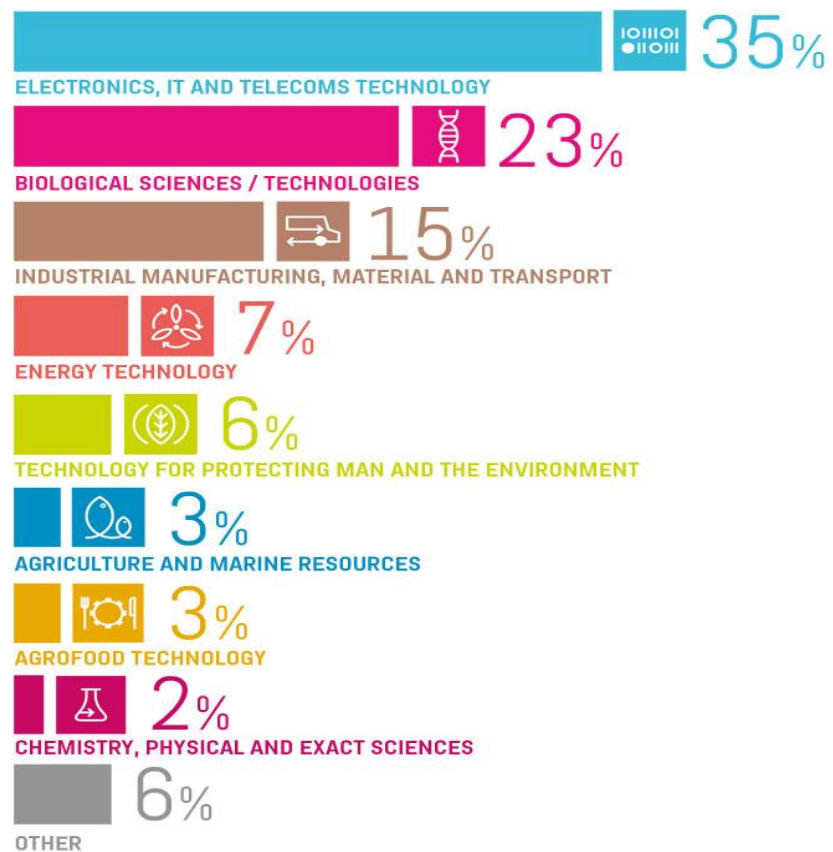
29 months
average duration



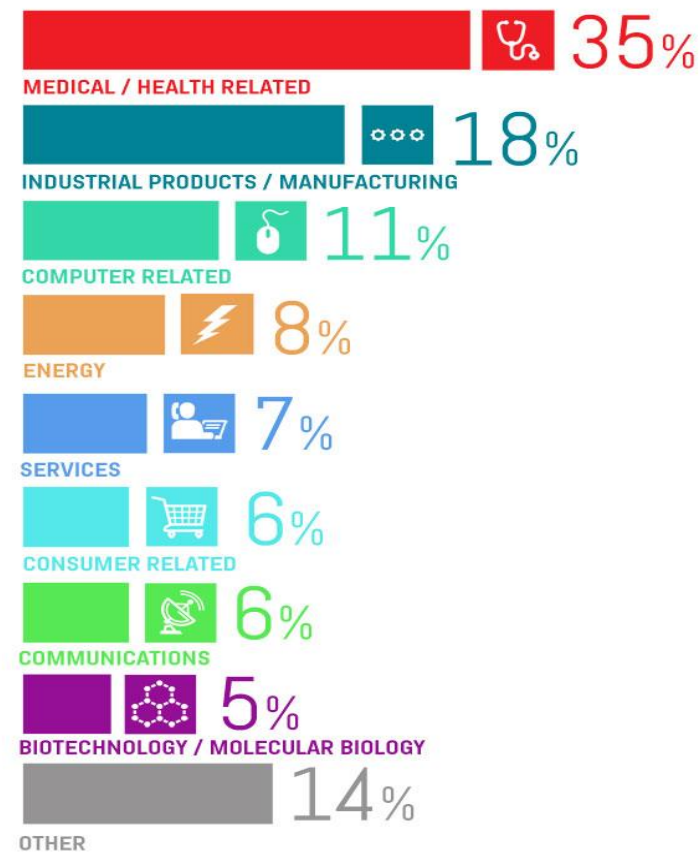
14 M€
average project cost

▶ EUROSTARS in Numbers (2)

TECHNOLOGICAL AREAS PROJECTS SUBMITTED



MARKET AREAS PROJECTS SUBMITTED



► Eligibility Criteria

- The project consortium is **led by an innovative SME* from a participating country**
- The project consortium is composed by **at least two entities** that are independent of one another
- The project consortium is composed by entities from **at least two participating countries**, with at least one organisation coming from an EU or Horizon Europe Associated Country
- The **budget of the SMEs** from the participating countries (excluding any subcontracting) is **50% or more of the total project cost**
- No single participant or country is responsible for more than **70% of the budget of the project**
- The project **duration** is **36 months or fewer**
- The project has an exclusive **focus on civil applications**

** SMEs with the ambition to collaborate on R&D and innovation with international partners to develop new products, processes and services for European and global markets.*

▶ European Partnerships - EUROSTARS-3 Programme

- ❑ **National Funding Scheme** for the support of local Organisations wishing to participate in EUROSTARS Projects
- ❑ Budget: **€ 2.000.000** for 2021-2027
- ❑ Regular **Calls for Proposals** (**Deadlines within March and September in 2024**)

Current Call for Proposals: EP/EUROSTARS-3/0724

- ❑ **Budget:** € 658.000
- ❑ **Announcement Date:** 29 July 2024
- ❑ **Funding per Project (for Cypriot partners):** € 200.000 **or** € 250.000 if the Transnational Project Coordinator is a Cypriot SME
- ❑ **Funding Intensity:** Up to **70%** for Enterprises, **100%** for Research Organisations
- ❑ **Deadlines:**
 - ✓ **12 September 2024**, 14.00 (Brussels Time) - Submission to the Eureka Secretariat
 - ✓ **19 September 2024**, 13:00 (Local Time) – Submission to the RIF



► Specific Conditions for Participation (1)

- ❑ **Host Organisation** (of the Cypriot Consortium) should be a **Small or Medium Enterprise** (B.1, B.2)
- ❑ Research Organisations, Enterprises and Other Organisations can participate as **Partner Organisations**
- ❑ **Maximum number of organisations** in the Cypriot Consortium should be between **one to three** (1-3)
- ❑ Participation of startups is not allowed except for those with **marketable products/services, with a record for sales and turnover and audited financial statements** for at least two (2) years
- ❑ Each Enterprise can receive funding from the RIF for a **maximum of two (2) Projects in the frame of EUROSTARS-3 Programme** during the 2021-2027 period.



► Specific Conditions for Participation (2)

- ❑ **Eligible Activities:** Industrial Research and/or Experimental Development
- ❑ The calculation of the Proposal Budget will be based on the **simplified cost method «Personnel Costs» plus 40%** on Personnel Costs for covering the rest of the Project costs
- ❑ The budget of the proposal to be submitted to the RIF should be the **same with the budget of the Cypriot participant(s) included in the transnational proposal budget!**



▶ Proposal Submission (1)

- ❑ **Transnational Proposal is submitted electronically** (on-line application form) by the **Transnational Project Coordinator**, through the **EUROSTARS Programme Project Management Platform** (<https://auth.myeurekaproject.org/>)
- ❑ **Coordinator of the Cypriot Consortium** should also submit a **Proposal to RIF** through IRIS. Project Coordinator and all local participating organizations of the Cypriot Consortium, should **register in advance** on IRIS
- ❑ Proposal submitted to the RIF includes only **general information regarding the Transnational Proposal** and **the Consortium** and **detailed budget** for each partner participating in the Cypriot Consortium

▶ Proposal Submission (2)



Proposal Parts:

- ✓ *Part A – General Information & Budget*
- ✓ *«SMART SPECIALISATION SECTORS (S3Cy 2023-2030)» Table for the selection of the Priority Sector/ of the Smart Specialisation Strategy that the Proposal is applied to). The relevant document is available in IRIS Portal, under the specific Call (Call Documents). The selection is **obligatory** and should be limited to only one Priority Sector.*
- ✓ ***Audited Financial Statements** of the HO for the previous financial year or the year preceding it. Organisations undergone a financial viability check by the RIF in the frame of previous contract preparation, with valid financial viability check results, are exempted.*



► Evaluation and Selection Procedure (1)

- ❑ **Evaluation Procedure performed Centrally by the EUREKA Secretariat**
 - **Eligibility check** (within one week from 12 September 2024)
 - **Legal and financial viability check** (late October 2024)
 - **Expert evaluation conducted by three independent experts per project** (late October 2024)
 - **Independent Evaluation Panel and ranking of project applications** (early December 2024)
- ❑ **Funding decision is taken centrally** by all the participating countries in the Programme, based on the results of the **evaluation** and the available budget
- ❑ RIF selects Proposals with Cypriot participation based on the **final Ranking List**, until the **exhaustion of the available budget** and provided that the Proposals have the **financial support of the other participating countries**
- ❑ Funding Decision for the present Call by **December 2024**



► Evaluation and Selection Procedure (2)

Evaluation Criteria





► Useful Documents

- [National Call for Proposals \(EL\)](#)
- [National Call for Proposals \(EN\)](#)

- [Transnational Call for Proposals](#)

- [EUROSTARS-3 Eligibility Guidelines and Guidelines for Applicants](#)

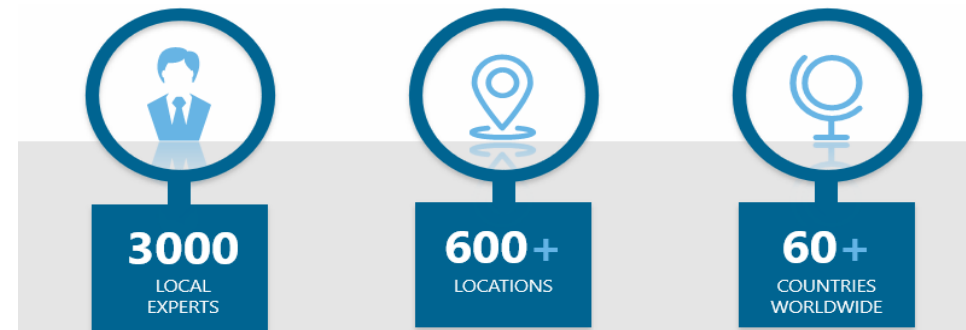


▶ Information and Support

- ❑ RIF Support Service
support@research.org.cy
- ❑ EUREKA Secretariat
applications@eurostars-eureka.eu

▶ Partnering Opportunities through EEN (1)

- ❑ **Enterprise Europe Network:** The world's largest support Network for SMEs with international ambitions



- ❑ **A broad range of services for growth-oriented SMEs**



International partnerships
Expertise, contacts and events to connect you with the right international partners to grow your business.

Advice for international growth
Expert advice for growth and expansion into international markets.

Support for business innovation
Solution-driven services to help you turn your innovative ideas into international commercial successes.

▶ Partnering Opportunities through EEN (2)

- ❑ EEN manages **Europe's largest online database** of business opportunities
- ❑ **Search EEN's global partnership database** based on your criteria:
<https://een.ec.europa.eu/partners>
- ❑ **Register** in order to **Express your Interest** on Profiles and/or to **receive personalized email alerts** based on your own search criteria:
<https://een.ec.europa.eu/tools/services/>
- ❑ Contact us in order to support you to create your own R&D Profile (Offer or Request) to be uploaded in the Database
[http://eencyprus.org.cy/en/
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► Contact / Support



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▶ Thank you!

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