



## Canada – Spain Call for Eureka joint R&D&I projects

**Deadline for submission: 31 October 2022.**

Within the cooperation practices existing between Canada and Spain in the fields of industrial and technological research and development in the framework of the Eureka program, in which both countries are active members, participants from both countries are invited to submit joint project proposals. This call is managed in cooperation and in line with the procedures of Eureka innovation platform ([www.eurekanetwork.org](http://www.eurekanetwork.org))

### Scope

The National Research Council Canada from Canada and the Centre for the Development of Industrial Technology, EPE (CDTI) from Spain are announcing this call for Proposals for joint R&D projects, focusing on developing innovative products and applications in all technological and market areas. Applicants are expected to develop ready to market solutions or projects which have strong market potential for Canada and Spain.

This call invites projects in **ALL thematic areas or application domains**.

### National Authorities

The Canadian National Authority is the Industrial Research Assistance Program of the National Research Council Canada (NRC-IRAP), Canada's premier innovation assistance program for small and medium-sized enterprises.

CDTI is the Spanish National Authority, responsible for fostering the technological development and innovation of Spanish companies.

Both NRC-IRAP and CDTI will provide all necessary assistance to project partners during project proposal preparation and submission, evaluation and monitoring phase. In addition, both parties will facilitate Eureka application process and acquisition of the Eureka label for accepted proposals.

These organizations will also provide access to public funding for the joint projects. The support will be given to each partner by its own Authorities in accordance with the national laws, rules, regulations and procedures in effect, on a non-exchange of funds basis, and subject to budgetary availability in each country.

## Call criteria

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

- The partners should include at least one Canadian and one Spanish company, independent from each other. Participation of research institutes/universities and other organizations is welcome as self-funded participants or subcontractors according to each country's funding regulations.
- Organizations from other countries may also participate, but they will not be funded by CDTI or by NRC-IRAP.
- The Canadian and Spanish partners must express their will to cooperate to the development of a new product, industrial process or service. The product, process or service must be innovative and there must be a technological risk involved.
- The project should have an obvious advantage and added value resulting from the technological cooperation between the participants from the countries (e.g. increased knowledge base, commercial leads, access to R&D infrastructure etc.).
- The project should demonstrate the contribution of all participants (not more than 70% of participant's contribution from one country or one company) and the project must be significant to them.
- The participants are required, prior to obtaining the Eureka label endorsement, to have signed a project consortium agreement.

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 at international level

Participants are invited to contact the officers from the National Authorities (see contact details at the end of the text) before submitting the documents.

Consortia will have to submit their applications through the Eureka platform (eureka.smartsimple.ie) and additionally each applicant must submit all required documents to their respective national funding authority and meet its due diligence process requirements.

- In Canada, the participants requesting financial assistance will have to submit a national expression of interest application following the regular NRC-IRAP process, before August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. See [International opportunities - National Research Council Canada](#)
- In Spain the participants will have to submit a formal R&D international project aid application through CDTI's website (<https://sede.cdti.gob.es/>) including the Eureka Application form (in English) and the draft consortium agreement by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Additional documents in Spanish language, containing detailed information on the Spanish participants, could be requested depending on the specific type of funding requested by the company.

### Timetable

1. Call launch: 16<sup>th</sup> May-2022
2. Deadline for submission of international application at Eureka website: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022
3. Eureka label (estimated): May 2023

## Funding conditions and procedures at national level

The funding support will be given to each eligible partner by its own National Authority. Funding conditions and eligibility criteria may vary from country to country. The information regarding funding for each country is explained below:

### Canada:

In order to be considered for possible NRC IRAP funding, the basic eligibility criteria are:

- be a small and medium-sized enterprise in Canada, incorporated and profit-oriented;
- have 500 or fewer full-time equivalent employees; and
- have the objective to grow and generate profits through development and commercialization of innovative, technology-driven new or improved products, services, or processes in Canada.

Before entering into a financial commitment with a client, both the firm and the project are evaluated on an individual basis in consultation with the firm's NRC IRAP Industrial Technology Advisors (ITA).



In Canada project activities shall not start before the project start date indicated in the Contribution Agreement (funding contract).

### Spain:

CDTI will finance industrial research and/or technological development activities of Spanish companies. Universities and research centers could take part as subcontractors.

CDTI will check the eligibility of the Spanish applicants after receiving the international application. If it is eligible, funding applications will be generated by CDTI to each Spanish company and it must be completed and submitted by them. A full memory (in Spanish) must be attached to these applications. Deadline to reply 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022. If the funding applications are not submitted in time, the international project could be rejected.

Funding conditions for Spanish partners may vary depending on the nature of the project and the beneficiaries. For more information please access:

<http://www.cdti.es/index.asp?MP=100&MS=802&MN=2>

Funding decision is expected within 4-5 months after submitting an eligible funding application

It is mandatory that project activities do not start before submitting the funding applications to CDTI. For further information, please contact CDTI.

According to Eureka's practices, applicants may choose to request a label without public financing (e.g. self-funding is also applicable).

### Monitoring and impact

Applicants will be requested to provide information during the lifetime of the project at international level to make sure the project has been developed as expected. Additionally, they will have to provide information regarding the impact of the project once it has been finished.

### Contact details

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