Current support for EUREKA & Eurostars in the Czech Republic

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EUREKA and Eurostars in Czech Republic offer

- Involving in international R&D&I cooperation
- Co-financing from national EUREKA and Eurostars budgets
 - EUREKA network projects, EUREKA cluster projects, Eurostars-2 projects
- Support during project preparation (methodology a consultation)
- Help to search foreign partners
- Contacts between national coordinators and experts in EUREKA members
- Promotion of results of EUREKA and Eurostars projects at branch events and fairs

EUREKA - national funding scheme



INTER-EXCELLENCE 2016 - 2024 / INTER-EUREKA (LTE)

Type of Applicant (Organisation)	Maximum % Funding of Eligible Costs	Maximum Support (Thous. CZK / Year / Project)	Additional Information
Small and Medium Enterprise	50%	3 000 4 000 (two and more Czech participants in project)	R&D must be incorporated in company activities
Large Company	30%	3 000 4 000 (two and more Czech participants in project)	R&D must be incorporated in company activities
University	50%	3 000 4 000 (two and more Czech participants in project)	Joint Participation with Czech SME is fully recommended
Research Organisation	50%	3 000 4 000 (two and more Czech participants in project)	Joint Participation with Czech SME is fully recommended

Eurostars - national funding scheme



Program Eurostars-2 Czech International Commitment : 1 M€ /Year (2014-2020)

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Preparation and deadlines of national calls (1)

EUREKA network projects

- National calls are announced by MEYS
 - www.msmt.cz/vyzkum-a-vyvoj-2/inter-eureka
- National advisory EUREKA, INTER-EUREKA and Eurostars Board provides assessment – so. National Green List
- National coordinator administrates submission of projects from the National Green List for international approval by High Level Group
- New projects should be co-financed following HLG endorsement (in general it should be four time per year)
- Two national calls in 2017:
 February / March and September / August



Preparation and deadlines of calls(2)

EUREKA Cluster projects

 Overview of cluster projects and the terms of calls for proposals are published on the website of the EUREKA Secretariat

www.eurekanetwork.org

- link to web pages of all clusters projects
- different rules of Cluster projects for submission projects /announced of thematic goals depends on strategy of the clusters; project outline; attachments....../
- Assessment of projects is provided by Cluster's International Evaluation Board
- Calls for projects are usually announced twice a year



Preparation and deadlines of calls (3)

Eurostars projects

- Two Cut off twice a year organised by ESE
- Submission only electronically via Eurostars website

www.eurostars-eureka.eu

- Obligation towards to national project coordinator to explore eligibility of the private subjects (organisations)
- Cut off in 2017:
 2 March 2017 (20h00) and 14 September 2017 (20h00)



Eurostars 5th Cut off (closed 18 February 2016)

Czech results:

- 17 proposals with CZ participation submitted (ESE)
- 4 projects qualified by IEP, contracted in September 2016
 (7 months from deadline to national contract should be respected)
- National financing transferred to project participants in November
 2016



National infrastructure (1)

- ✓ Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports
 - Governmental responsibility for international R&D&I cooperation
 - EUREKA and Eurostars National Project Coordinator Office
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- National and international administration of EUREKA and Eurostars projects (EUREKA CZ, INTER-EUREKA, Eurostars and Eurostars-2)
- Financing from public national EUREKA a Eurostars budgets
- Consultancy and methodological support
- Czech representative in EUREKA/Eurostars international NPC Group



National infrastructure (2)

- ✓ EUREKA, INTER EUREKA and Eurostars Advisory Board to MEYS
 - The Board consists of Chairman plus 14 members
 - Members experts from industry and research fields (appointed by Deputy-Minister)
 - Responsibility:
 - National assessment of EUREKA network project and cluster (sub)projects proposals submitted by Czech organizations (National Green List)
 - Recommendation of EUREKA projects towards to the MEYS and international endorsement (EUREKA Label)
 - Monitoring <u>contracted</u> ongoing EUREKA projects with (mainly)
 Czech participation
 - Evaluation of results of EUREKA finished projects with Czech participation
 - Monitoring activities and results of Eurostars projects with Czech participants



National infrastructure (3)

- ✓ Association of Innovative Entrepreneurship CR
 - EUREKA/Eurostars consultancy and advisory centre
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EUREKA/Eurostars HLR Office in Czech Republic

Assoc. prof. Karel Šperlink, PhD.

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- Participation in EUREKA and Eurostars governing bodies and ad hoc working groups
- Support to EUREKA/Eurostars NPC
- Support to EUREKA, INTER-EUREKA and Eurostars Advisory Board of MEYS
- EUREKA/Eurostars public relations and presentation of EUREKA and Eurostars results
- Preparation and publishing guidelines and other methodological



Results of the Czech Republic

- ✓ Very active in preparation and number of endorsed EUREKA network projects
 - Consequences of long-term targeted national financing (from 1994 till 2014, etc.)
 - Long-term and motivating experiences in network projects participation
 - Priority to be in position of project leader (main participant)
- ✓ Less participation in Cluster projects
 - Diversified interest of companies and research organizations (usually mother company are dealing with R&D and they are located in abroad)
 - In case of participation excellent and awarded results were achieved
- ✓ Good results in Eurostars programme
 - Average invention and topics in projects including commercial applications
- Sometimes not too much suitable selection of foreign strategic partner

Program Eurostars



Prerequisites for successful evaluation and approval of submitted Eurostars projects

- ✓ Appropriate choice of technological field and strategic partner
- ✓ A clear focus of project and its outputs on the new product, service, technology
- ✓ Properly description all aspects of the project (project management, methodology solutions, technological advancements, market size and the ability to succeed)
- ✓ The original ("nish") thematic ideas have always a greater chance
 for success

(M. Janeček, Chairman of the Eurostars IEP in 2008-2013)



EUREKA & Eurostars offer

- ✓ Highly flexible conditions for preparing and submitting international projects R&D
- ✓ The projects are always defined by their participants
 ("bottom-up")
- ✓ Small administrative and bureaucratic burden
- ✓ Simple projects rules
- ✓ Opened and/or often repeated calls for submission of projects
- ✓ Public budget available to use for co-financing projects
- ✓ Base for further commercial cooperation across Europe

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