

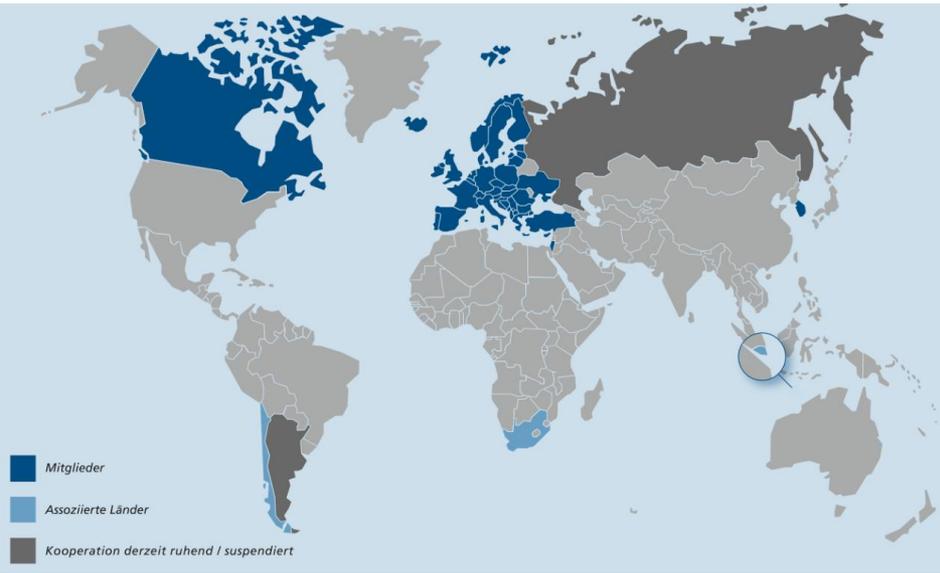


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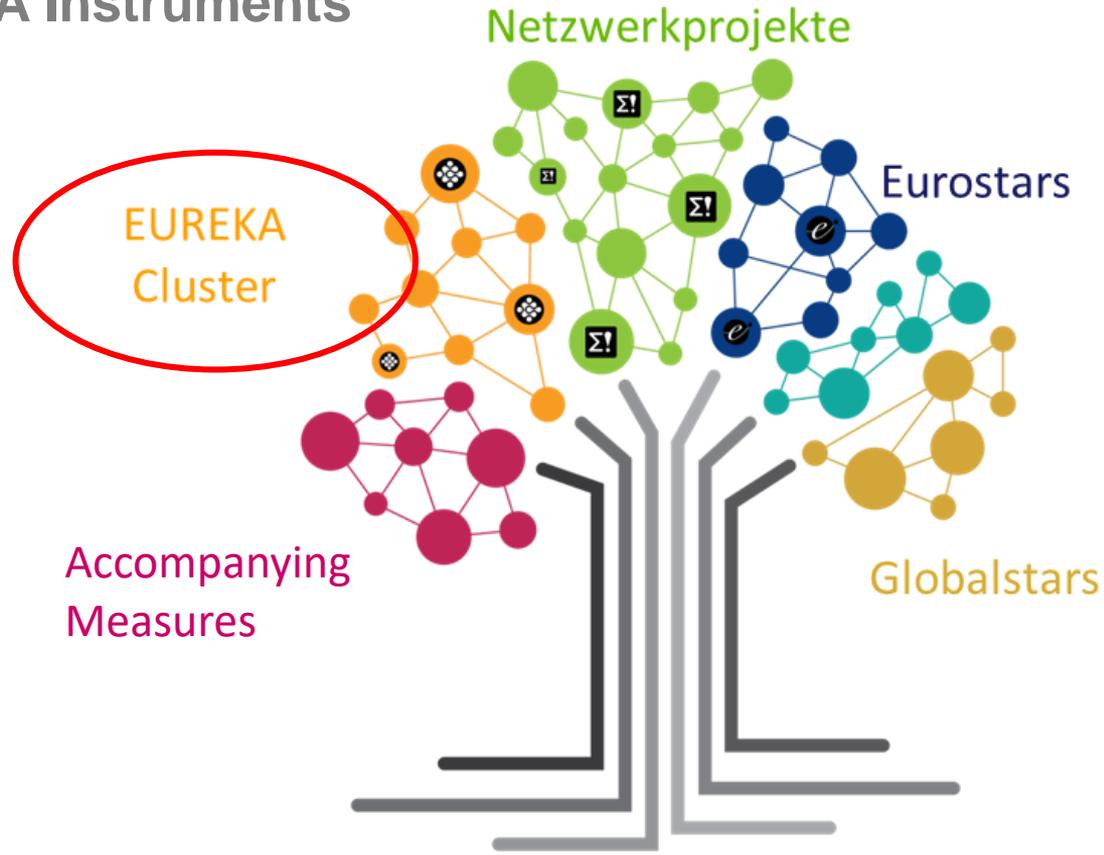


# EUREKA – Overall setup



- EUREKA is the European answer to the American SDI programme
- Founded in 1985 by Francois Mitterand and Helmut Kohl
- Today: Ministries and National Funding Agencies from 46 countries; 47th member is the European Commission
- Non-European countries: Canada, Chile, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea
- German EUREKA Office: on behalf of BMBF, located at DLR Project Management Agency
- EUREKA is an intergovernmental network of national funding ministries, countries collaborate on bi- or multilateral basis, funding is decentralized
- Application and evaluation is national
- => no ,common pot'

# EUREKA Instruments

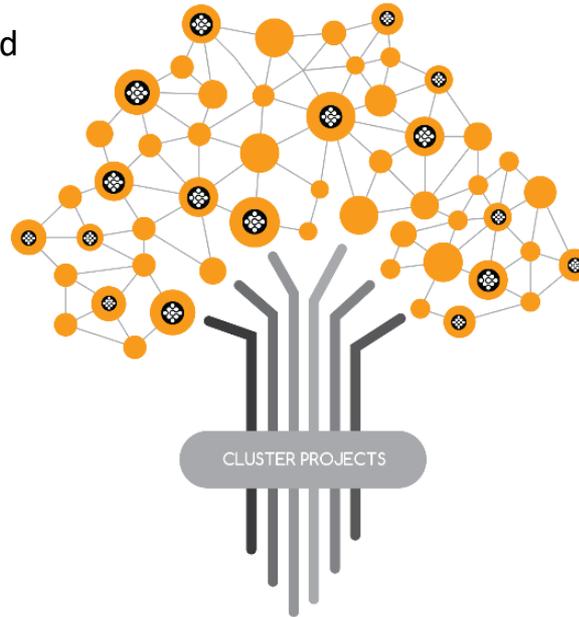


# What is a EUREKA-Cluster?

- Thematic Public Private Partnerships (PPP), supported by at least five countries
- Catalyze excellent projects in R&I
- Inspiring communities of trust and exchange
- Technology experts provide quality checks for proposals, increasing funding success rates
- Clusters launch regular calls
- Industry-led Cluster calls – countries participate according to national interest
- Bilateral Consortium is enough to start a project
- Since 1990ies, established industry communities in strategic important technology fields

# EUREKA-Clusters – what is in it for me?

- ✓ Helps companies and research to internationalize
- ✓ Funding provided nationally – less ‚red tape‘



- ✓ High flexibility in project setup
- ✓ Value Chain can be covered, not focused on innovation but also pre-competitive
- ✓ Quality checks help increase success rate

# Funding in Clusters

## Decentralized funding means:

- No „common pot“, each country (involved in a project proposal) provides funding for its partner(s).
- Partners apply for national funding, and national rules apply. These vary, which can be advantageous because it allows flexibility in consortium setup.

Please Notice This



### Before applying:

- **It is strongly recommended to contact your national advisor** (contacts provided on the Celtic website: <https://www.celticnext.eu/national-public-contacts-funding-schemes/#germany> ) to discuss your project idea, how it matches the national funding interest and the rules.
- Make sure that all partners in a consortium do the same for their country

Thank you for  
your attention!

More information on EUREKA and on Clusters in general may be found here:

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