



European research  
projects

*Join the Industry-Driven Research Programme for a Smart Connected World!*

# Celtic-Plus Call for Project Proposals

**Deadline: 29 May 2015**



Celtic-Plus is the EUREKA Cluster  
for Collaborative Research in ICT

[www.celticplus.eu](http://www.celticplus.eu)



## About Celtic-Plus

**Celtic-Plus is the industry-driven European research programme for implementing the vision of a Smart Connected World. It covers a broad range of areas in ICT, including communication infrastructures, services, applications and multimedia.**

The programme started in 2003 and is operated as an ICT Cluster under the umbrella of EUREKA, the intergovernmental network for market-driven industrial R&D. Participation through the regular project calls is open to any organization ready to contribute to the Smart Connected World vision. The collaborative Celtic-Plus research projects are financed through public and private funding.

Companies involved in Celtic-Plus include leading European telecommunications manufacturers, network operators and research institutes, as well as small and medium enterprises. Over 500 private and public organisations have already been involved in Celtic and Celtic-Plus projects.

The programme has a total budget of about 900 million euro for all Celtic-Plus projects. In about 10 years' time, Celtic and Celtic-Plus projects have generated about 600 standards contributions, over 600 prototypes and field trials, and about 390 patents.

### The three main benefits of submitting a Celtic-Plus project proposal

Participation in Celtic-Plus calls offers proposers several unique benefits on top of the public funding. The three most important benefits are:

- You are free to define the content of your project proposal according to your own research interests and priorities. You are not bound by a specific call text.
- Celtic-Plus projects are close to the market and have a track record of fast exploitation results after the end of the project. So far the projects have led to more than 550 new or improved products and services.
- High-quality proposals have an excellent chance of receiving funding, with an average success rate of 70 %.

### Scope of the call – Celtic-Plus research areas

Celtic-Plus gives proposers almost limitless freedom in regard to what research topic they can explore in their ICT research project. The philosophy of the programme is to facilitate projects in a bottom-up way, thus offering projects the chance of both evolutionary as well as disruptive innovation in all relevant ICT areas, without limiting their creativity and disruptive potential by prescribing narrow objectives.

Project proposals typically fit into one of the two Celtic-Plus areas, "Get connected" and "While connected".

## Get connected

“Get connected” addresses everything needed to establish, run and secure the communication, including the infrastructure and connectivity aspects. Key topics of current and future Celtic-Plus projects are related to network capacity, optics, satellite, mobility, security, scalability, robustness, and energy efficiency.


### Current topics in the “Get connected” area include:

- 5G, the next generation of mobile and wireless networks bringing broadband to everybody
- Internet of Things with its sensor networks including billions of sensors and activators
- Energy efficiency to reduce the enormous amount of energy current ICT requires
- Satellite and its convergence with terrestrial networks
- Network deployment, operation and management for economically sustainable networks
- Security, privacy, identity and public safety, including critical communications infrastructure

## While connected

“While connected” tackles all aspects once communication is established, including requirements for end-to-end services and applications. Key topics of current and future Celtic-Plus projects are 5G, Smart Cities, Smart Homes, digital enterprises, e-health, big data, Internet of Things, as well as horizontal services, like security, privacy, identity and public safety.

### Current topics in the “While connected” area include:

- Smart Cities, which require a cross-sector approach, supported by the EUREKA Smart City Intercluster MoU 
- Digital enterprises to ensure that European enterprises stay competitive within the global markets
- E-health, solutions in response to the challenges of the aging European population
- Big data, including the related research challenges for, e.g., data capture, storage, analysis, transfer, and privacy

The topics listed above are not prescriptive and are only meant to give you some idea of the wide scope. Any topic related to the Celtic-Plus vision of a Smart Connected World is eligible.



Telecommunications

Future Internet

New media

Applications & services

### Important dates for the autumn call

Submission deadline: 29 May 2015

Acceptance of proposals: July 2015

Call information and access to online submission:

<http://www.celticplus.eu>

### Celtic-Plus Core Group Members

Alcatel-Lucent, France

Atos Research, Spain

BT, United Kingdom

Deutsche Telekom, Germany

Ericsson, Sweden

Eurescom, Germany

Gemalto, France

Indra, Spain

Italtel, Italy

Nokia, Finland

Orange, France

RAD Data Communications, Israel

Siemens, Austria

Technicolor, France

Telefónica I+D, Spain

Telenor, Norway

Thales, France

Turkcell Technoloji, Turkey

Türk Telekom, Turkey

### Contact

Chair: Jacques Magen, France

Vice-chairs: Valérie Blavette, Orange, France, and Jukka Salo, Nokia, Finland

Celtic Office Director Strategy: Peter Stollenmayer (Tel: +49 6221 989-153)

Celtic Office Director Operations: Peter Herrmann (Tel: +49 6221 989-381)

c/o Eurescom GmbH, Wieblinger Weg 19/4 69123 Heidelberg/Germany

E-mail: [office@celticplus.eu](mailto:office@celticplus.eu)

[www.celticplus.eu](http://www.celticplus.eu)

