Eureka projects funding framework (Portugal)

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Funding for Eureka/Eurostars Projects (PT entities)*

1. **Type of call:** open call for projects within the next multiannual funding framework PT2030 (to be published on the second semester 2022 / beginning of 2023), via future call for: “Projetos de I&D Industrial à Escala Europeia”.

2. **Budget** foreseen for future PT2030 call: approximately 12M

Projects covered:

- **EUREKA projects**, including “classic” Eureka Network Projects, Eureka Clusters, Globalstars and Multilateral calls);
- **EUROSTARS**

* Funded projects must include industrial research and/or experimental development activities, leading to the creation of new products, processes or systems or to the introduction of significant improvements in existing products, processes or systems.
National Funding framework

Specific eligibility criteria (main highlights)

Fit into National and/or Regional RIS3
Fit into the priority areas of the research and innovation strategy for smart specialization - National and/or Regional RIS3.

Approval of the project within Eureka
Present evidence of the approval of the project within the Eureka Programmes (Eureka label / Eureka cluster label / letter of approval in case of Eurostars projects).

Whole Eureka project must be executed
The national component of the European project will only be funded if the investments of the international partners are also executed.

Must have a Portuguese company
It is mandatory to have a Portuguese company (SME or Large).
  - When PT company + PT R&D entities: the main partner of the national consortium must ensure at least 30% of the national eligible investment.
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Specific eligibility criteria (main highlights)

Balanced economic and financial situation

Beneficiaries must present a balanced economic and financial situation

Mandatory “financial autonomy ratio”*

If SME: 15%
If Large company: 20%

Companies that have been active for less than one year at the date of the application, should demonstrate the capacity to finance the project with own capital, equal to or greater than 20% of eligible costs.

* Financial autonomy ratio = Equity / Net Assets

Additional documents required for the national application

After being awarded with the Eureka label, Portuguese entities must submit a separate national application complying with the future Portugal 2030 call specific access conditions.

- Upload copy of the original International Application
- Upload copy of the final international evaluation report;
- Draft of the International Consortium Agreement
- National Technical Annex
Eligible entities and form of funding

**Eligible participants**

All companies, universities and research centres registered in Portugal are eligible for funding.

**Form, amount and limits of funding**

- **Research Institutions**
  - Grant

- **Companies**
  - Up to 1 Million Euros: Grant
  - The exceeding amount over 1 million euros: 75% Grant and 25% reimbursable funding
Eligible costs

**Staff costs** including scholarships and the hiring of new staff

Raw Materials, Consumables and Components

Sucontracting

Equipments

Software and Hardware

Dissemination of project results

Travel and accommodation abroad

**Overheads** 25% fixed rate applied to the projects’ direct costs
### National Funding framework

**Co-funding rates**

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<th>Type of organization</th>
<th>Basic Rate</th>
<th>“Industrial Research” activities(^1)</th>
<th>Type of company</th>
<th>Bonus “cooperation” or “dissemination”(^2)</th>
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<td>Micro or Small Company</td>
<td>25%</td>
<td>+ 25 p.p.</td>
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<td>Medium Company</td>
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<td>Large Company</td>
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**Important** For investments located in **NUTS II Lisboa**, the maximum co-funding rate is **50% of eligible costs**.

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1. “Industrial Research” activities comprise TRL 2 to 4
2. “Cooperation” between autonomous companies or between companies and other not for profit organizations; wide technical and scientific “dissemination” of project results
3. provided the companies are not receiving indirect State Aid
Very IMPORTANT!

All information presented is based on the regulations of the Portugal 2020 national calls for “Projetos de I&D Industrial à Escala Europeia”

Projects resulting from the present Eureka/Eurostars calls will be funded through a future call under the next multiannual funding framework “Portugal 2030” (ESIF), whose criteria and specific rules are still to be published.

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