

CELTIC Proposers Day

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Funding Process in Portugal – 2 Phases

Phase 1

International Application

1. Submission of the international application to the [Eureka Clusters platform](#)
2. Legal and financial eligibility check of Portuguese entities
3. Evaluation process (app. 3 months)
4. Decision and awarding of the Eureka label



Phase 2

National Application

AFTER RECEIVING THE EUREKA LABEL

5. Application to national funding under [Aviso para Operações de I&D Industrial à Escala Europeia” \(Balcão dos Fundos / Portugal 2030\)](#)
6. Application analysis (app. 60 workdays)
7. Notification of the grant decision
8. Funding contract signature

National Funding Framework – Portugal

Funding for Eureka Network Projects for Portuguese entities*

1

Type of call: PT2030 - SIID – Internacionalização de I&D - “Operações de I&D Industrial à Escala Europeia”.

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Projects covered:

- **EUREKA projects**, including “classic” Eureka **Network Projects**, Eureka **Clusters**, **Globalstars** and **Multilateral** calls);
- **EUROSTARS-3**



!! NEW CALL TO OPEN ON OCTOBER 31st !!

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Type of Funding: grant

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Eligible entities: SMEs and/or Small Mid-cap companies (mandatory) + universities, research centers and other non-entrepreneurial entities (ENESII) from all geographic regions from Continental Portugal (Norte, Centro, Lisboa, Alentejo and Algarve) are eligible for funding. ENESII from the Autonomous Regions of The Azores and Madeira, are also eligible for funding.

* 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 – Portugal

Specific eligibility criteria (main highlights)



Obtaining the Eureka Label

Present evidence of the approval of the project within the Eureka Programmes (Eureka label / Eureka Cluster label / notification of approval in case of Eurostars projects).



Fit into National and/or Regional RIS3

Your project must **fit into the priority areas** of the research and innovation strategy for **smart specialization** (National and/or Regional RIS3).



Balanced economic and financial situation

Beneficiaries must present a balanced economic and financial situation

Mandatory financial autonomy ratios for companies*:

- **SMEs and Small Mid-cap: 15%**
- **Companies active for less than one year:**

Should demonstrate the capacity to finance the project with own capital, equal to or greater than 20% of their own eligible costs



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* When PT company + PT R&D entities: the main partner of the national consortium must ensure the largest share of the national eligible investment.

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Small-mid cap company (Small Mid Cap)' refers to a **company that does not meet the SME criteria and whose number of employees does not exceed 499, whose annual turnover does not exceed 100 million euros or whose annual balance sheet does not exceed 86 million of euros**, as provided for in point 103-E of article 2 of Regulation (EU) no. 651/2014, of the Commission, of 17 June, in its current wording.

National Funding framework -Portugal

Specific eligibility criteria (main highlights)



Documents required for the national application

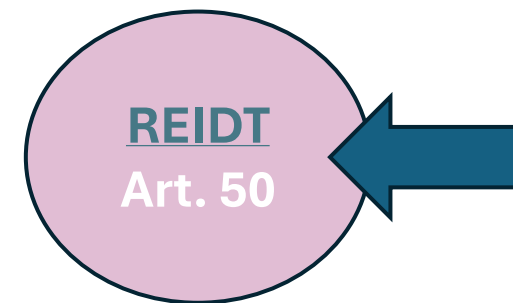


- > Original **international application**
- > Final **international evaluation report**
- > **Eureka label award** notification
- > Draft of the **International Consortium Agreement**
- > **Technical Annex** (using the template made available at “Balcão dos Fundos”)

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Eligible costs

- > **Personnel costs**, (technical staff directly allocated to R&D activities, including scholarships and the hiring of new staff)
- > **Raw Materials, Consumables and Components**
- > **Subcontracting** (up to 30% of the total eligible investment of the national component of the project)
- > **Instruments, technical-scientific equipment and specific software**
- > **Dissemination activities of project results**
- > **Travel and accommodation abroad**
- > **+ Overheads** 7% fixed rate applied to all direct eligible costs (incl. subcontracting costs)



National Funding framework -Portugal

Co-funding rates

Type of organization	Basic Rate Industrial Research activities ¹	Basic Rate Experimental Development activities ²	Bonus “type of company”	Bonus “cooperation” or “dissemination” ³	On Average
Micro or Small Company	50%	25%	+ 20 p.p.	+ 15 p.p.	65% to 80%
Medium Company	50%	25%	+ 10 p.p.	+ 15 p.p.	60% to 70%
Small Mid-cap companies	50%	25%	N.A.	+ 15 p.p.	50% to 55%
Research Organization or University ⁴					85%

Important For investments located in **NUTS II Lisboa**, the maximum co-funding rate is **40% of eligible costs**.

¹ “Industrial Research” activities comprise TRL 2 to 4

² “Experimental Development” activities comprise TRL 5 to 8

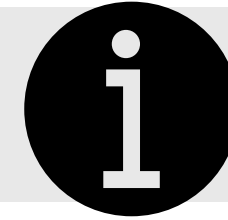
³ “Cooperation” between autonomous companies or between companies and other not for profit organizations; wide technical and scientific “dissemination” of project results

⁴ provided the companies are not receiving indirect State Aid

Jornadas Eureka 2025

INSTRUMENTO	CONVOCATÓRIA	ABERTURA	ENCERRAMENTO	Sessão de Informação ANI	Project outline and Brokerage call
	Call 9	04-julho-25	04-setembro-25		
 Comunicações Avançadas	Autumn Call 2025	1-julho-25	24-outubro-25		Proposers Brokerage Day Aveiro (Portugal) 11 de setembro - Registe-se aqui
 Tecnologias de Baixo Carbono	Call 29	1-julho-25	30-outubro-25	9 de setembro, 10.00h Registe-se aqui .	PO DAYS 2025 Istambul (Turquia). 26 de setembro - Registe-se aqui
 Tecnologias de Produção Avançada	Call 9	01-julho-25	22-janeiro-26	1 de outubro, 10.00h Registe-se aqui .	SMART Proposers Day 2025 Dublin (Irlanda) 14 de outubro - Registe-se aqui
 Componentes e Sistemas Electrónicos	Call 5	01-junho-25	22-janeiro-26	14 de outubro, 10.00h Registe-se aqui .	Matchmaking Event Riga (Letónia) 9 de outubro - Registe-se aqui
 Inovação em Software	Call 2025	16-setembro-25	10-novembro-25	26 de setembro, 10.00h Registe-se aqui .	PO Preparation Days Estoril (Portugal) 16 a 18 de setembro - Registe-se aqui
	Call 4	25-setembro-25	25-novembro-25	25 de setembro, 10.00h Registe-se aqui .	
Lightweighting Call	Multilateral Call	15-maio-25	23-outubro-25		
Quantum Call	Multilateral Call	06-maio-25	05-setembro-25		
Cloud Computing					

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Thank you!