

# National Funding Scheme

*South Korea*

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## National Funding Body



- ➔ Funding of Korean companies, Research Institutions, Universities

## Funding Management Agency



- ➔ Acts on behalf of the Ministry
- ➔ Responsible for managing all EUREKA programmes



# Funding scheme



**Funding Type**

**Grant**

**Funding Size**

**Grant up to 500M KRW (approx. 300K EUR) / year / project**

**Project Period**

**Up to 3 years**

**Funding  
Commitment**

**Open budget**



# Funding rules



- ➔ Total Project Cost = **Public Funding + Private Cost (Cash, In-Kind)**
- ➔ Public funding & Private Matching Funds

Type	Public Funding Ratio	Civilian dues (Cash ratio)
Large Enterprise	Up to 33%	More than 15% of the total Private Cost
Mid-Tier Enterprise	Up to 50%	More than 13% of the total Private Cost
SMEs	Up to 67%	More than 10% of the total Private Cost
Others (Univ, Research institutes)	Up to 100%	N/A (if needed)

✓ **(Example)** Total Project Cost : **1M EUR** / Applicant : **SME**





# Funding rules



## ➔ Eligible R&D Cost Items

- ✓ Personnel Costs
- ✓ Materials & Supplies
- ✓ Outsourced R&D / Services
- ✓ Research Activity Costs
- ✓ Facilities & Equipment
- ✓ Other Direct R&D Costs

■ Costs not directly attributable to R&D activities—*such as general administration, sales and marketing, office operations, entertainment, financial expenses, and business expansion investments*—are not eligible as R&D costs



# Funding eligibility



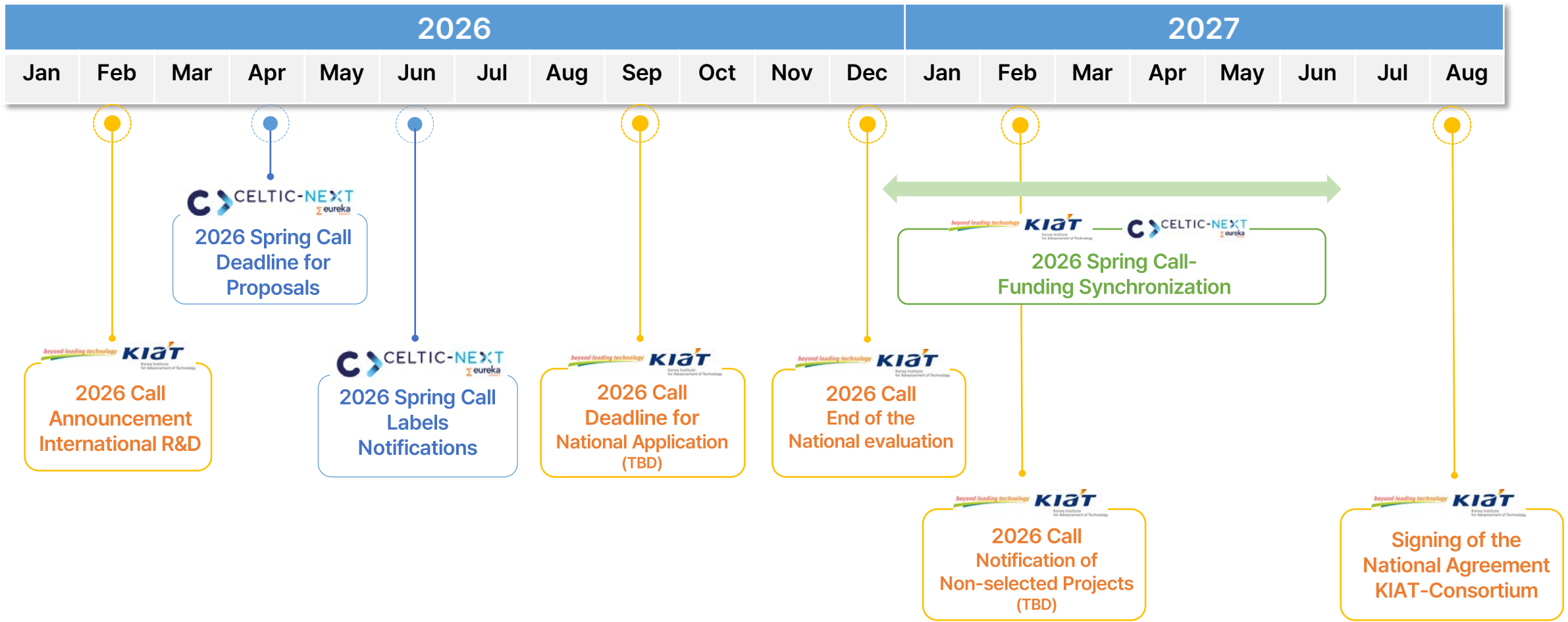
- ➔ All sizes of companies, universities and research institutes can participate in the consortium and receive public funding
- ➔ At least one Korean private company must be included in the Korean consortium
- ➔ All participating Korean companies must have been registered as a legal entity in Korea for at least one year
- ➔ Korean companies must hold a valid "certificate of accredited company-affiliated research institute" issued by KOITA (Korea Industrial Technology Association)



Evaluation Framework		Score
Market Expansion Potential	Need for Technology Development	20
Technical Strategy & Feasibility	Clarity of Development Objectives	20
	Adequacy of R&D Scope and Implementation Strategy	15
	Appropriateness of Development Targets	10
R&D Capability	Adequacy of Consortium Structure and Execution Plan	15
Commercialization & Impact	Commercialization Strategy	10
	Socio-Economic Impact	5
Budget Structure		5
Total		100

➔ Projects scoring **70 points or higher** are classified as **“Eligible for Funding”**

# Evaluation timeline







## ...To Sum up



- ➔ **KIAT** is Korea's National Funding Agency for EUREKA
- ➔ **At least 1 Korean company** in the Korean consortium
- ➔ Funding follows a **cost-sharing model**: Public Funding + Private Contribution
- ➔ Korean consortium can receive up to **1.5 Billion KRW** (approx. 900K EUR) over a maximum of **3 years**
- ➔ 2026 National Call text will be published in **February 2026**
- ➔ **Only labelled projects** will be invited to submit the national application – Deadline **Q3-Q4 2026 (TBD)**
- ➔ Successful KR projects may start **from Aug 2027** – Any activities carried out before this date are not eligible for public funding, **as retroactive funding is not permitted**



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