

National Funding Scheme

South Korea

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National Funding Body



산업통상부

Ministry of Trade, Industry and Resources

- Funding of Korean companies, Research Institutions, Universities

Funding Management Agency



Korea Institute
for Advancement of Technology

- 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)



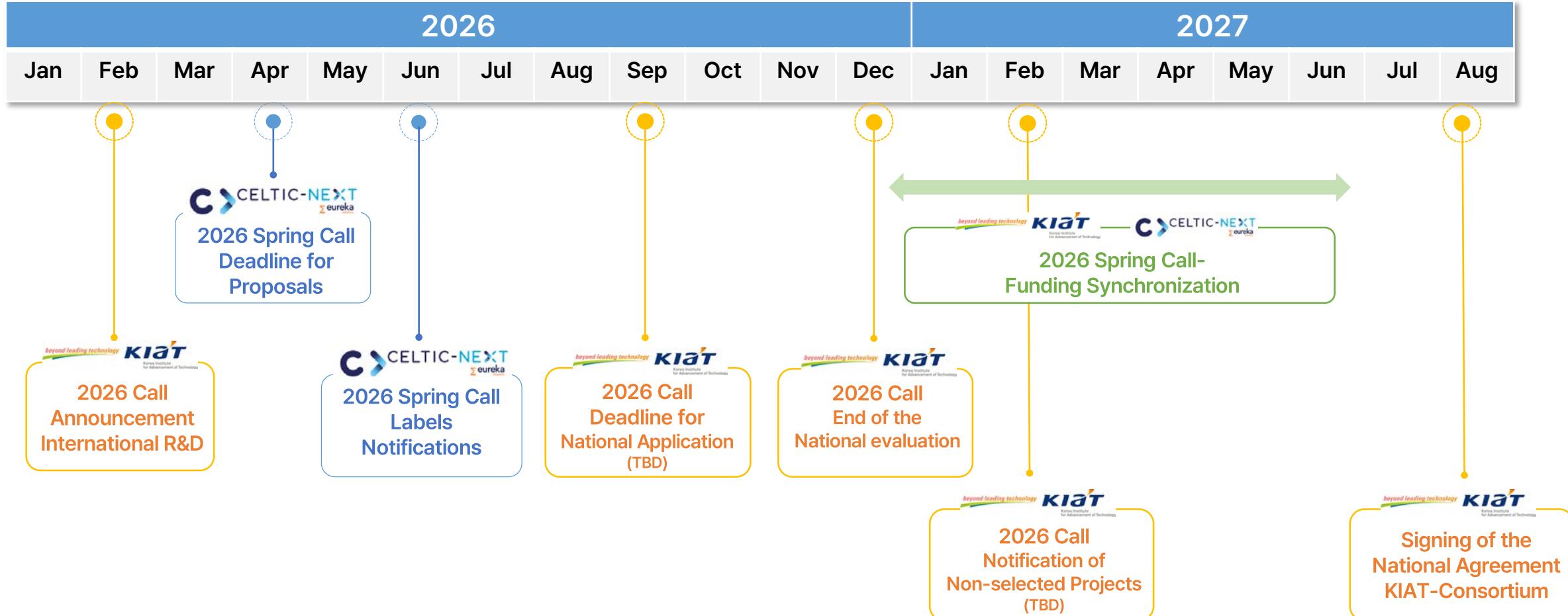
Evaluation criteria



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**



감사합니다 *Thank you*

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