

17th German - Israeli Call for Proposals for Joint R&D Projects – July 2026

Network Projects

FROM 21 MAY 2026 TO 21 JULY 2026

Eureka is the world's biggest public network for international cooperation in research and development (R&D) and innovation, present in over 45 countries. It is a decentralised intergovernmental organisation aiming to boost the productivity and competitiveness of industries by funding and supporting international collaborative market-driven R&D projects.

This call for projects has been launched by Germany and Israel following Eureka's Network Projects framework.

Apply from: 21 May 2026, 12:00 CEST

Submission Deadline: 21 July 2026, 12:00 CEST

About this call

Countries

Germany, Israel

Funding information

Germany and Israel are announcing a Call for Proposals for joint R&D projects, focusing on developing innovative products and applications **in all technological and application areas**. Applicants are expected to develop ready-to-market solutions for products, technology-based services, or methods, which have strong market potential for Germany, Israel, and Europe. Partners apply with their R&D project for a Eureka label, a pan European network for market-oriented R&D.

The Israel Innovation Authority (IIA) and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWE) will provide access to public funding for joint projects supported by the IIA and by BMWE's ZIM program (Central Innovation Program for SMEs), respectively. The minimum requirement concerning the project consortium is the participation of at least one company from each of the participating countries.

The program is managed in cooperation and in line with the procedures of the Eureka Network.

The IIA and BMWE (supported by the Eureka-Office, Bonn, and the ZIM project management agency) will provide all necessary assistance to project partners during the project proposal, evaluation, and monitoring phases. In addition, both the IIA and the Eureka-Office will facilitate the Eureka application process and acquisition of the Eureka label for accepted proposals and will accompany the progress of the respective Eureka projects.

Eligibility criteria

Expected project results will have to contribute to the development of commercial products, applications and/or technology-based services. The project proposals must comply with the following guidelines:

- The partners should include at least one Israeli and one German commercial company (though participation of research institutes/universities is welcome as additional participants or subcontractors according to each country's funding regulations).
- Companies and/or academia from other countries may also participate. These partners' participation follows Eureka participation and financing rules and procedures and the funding regulations of these partners' countries of origin.
- The project should have an obvious advantage and added value resulting from the cooperation between the participants from the two countries (e.g. increased knowledge base, commercial leads, access to R&D infrastructure, new fields of application, etc.).
- The project should demonstrate the contribution of the participants from both countries.

To apply, you must also meet several eligibility criteria:

- Your project idea must represent international cooperation in the form of a specific project.
- The project must be directed at researching or developing an innovative product, process or service with the goal of commercialisation.
- The project must have a civilian purpose.
- No single organisation or country can be responsible for more than 70% of the project budget.

Available support

Germany

All German companies with up to 1.000 employees (or consortia of such enterprises) which perform R&D to develop an innovative product, process or technological service – also in cooperation with a research institution/university – are eligible to apply. There are no restrictions to specific technologies or business sectors. More detailed criteria can be found **on the ZIM website** (in German). The application must be in line with the ZIM regulation, e.g. it must be in the German language. Support is rendered in the form of a grant amounting to 60% of the project costs, which are limited to 560,000 euro per industrial partner.

The final approval is made by the ZIM project agency. It is possible to begin a research project at the applicant's own risk after receiving a confirmation of the receipt of the funding application from AiF Projekt GmbH. We recommend contacting AiF Projekt GmbH before the application to clarify open questions and to hand in a project sketch up to six weeks before the deadline. German research institutes/universities are accepted as additional partners according to the rules available on the ZIM website. The proposal form is available **on the ZIM website**.

Israel

An Israeli R&D performing company which initiates a single or multi-year program that will provide know-how, processes or methods for the manufacture of a new product, application, technology-based service or process is eligible to apply. The product must have a sizeable potential for export sales. Research institutes or other participants may apply as a subcontractor to a company.

The support is in the form of a conditional grant amounting generally up to 50% (plus regional incentives for companies located in a “development zone “) of the eligible R&D budget. Further details regarding grants and payment of royalties are available [at the Innovation Authority website](#).

How to apply

Application process

The simple [online Eureka application form](#) must be submitted by 21 July 2026, 12:00 (CEST). The forms must be legally signed by all participating companies. The signatures must be scanned and sent electronically together with the Eureka application form. The final Eureka status is only granted if the funding of all project partners has been secured.

The Eureka project application will be screened and evaluated by the IIA in Israel and the German Eureka Office.

Simultaneously, all partners must additionally submit their funding applications according to national procedures. Companies should contact the national funding bodies before submission.

- Israeli partners will be invited to submit, in addition and at the same time as the short project outline, their [funding applications to the IIA](#).
- A provisional consortium agreement among project partners is needed at the moment of proposal submission in this phase.
- Submission to the IIA must be done by 21 July 2026, 12:00 CEST.

Each country will fund its eligible participants within the Eureka framework. Funding conditions and eligibility criteria vary between participating countries. Up-to-date information in relation to bilateral projects in research and innovation is available on [the website of the BMFTR](#).

The standard procedure for Eureka Network Projects project applications is as follows:

1. Contact your ministry or funding agency through Eureka's website to discuss your project idea, finances, eligibility and procedures.
2. Create an account on our application portal (one per consortium) and select the funding opportunity you want to apply to.
3. To apply, use the portal and complete one application form per consortium in English. Additionally, request that other partners fill out a partner form.
4. Submit a GANTT chart, a signed co-signature form (available for download on the platform), and any other required attachments.
5. We will check your application for completeness and eligibility before reviewing it using a standard evaluation procedure. If successful, your project will receive a Eureka label.
6. Your country or region's ministry or funding agency may conduct another evaluation performed by experts and based on national regulations.
7. The final step is to complete and sign a consortium agreement. We recommend that you seek legal advice when drafting your consortium agreement.



Important: Your national or regional funding body may need you to complete additional steps to apply to this Network Projects call. If you do not provide the information required by your national or regional funding body, you may render yourself ineligible to receive public funding.

Evaluation process

1. Impact

- Is the market properly addressed (i.e., size, access and risks)?
- Is the value creation properly addressed (i.e., employment opportunities and environmental and societal benefits)?
- What are the competitive advantages of your project (i.e., strategic importance, enhanced capabilities and visibility)?
- Are your commercialisation plans clear and realistic (i.e., return on investment, geographical and sectoral impact)?

2. Excellence

- What is the degree of innovation? (i.e., is the proposed product, process or service state-of-the-art? Is there sufficient technological maturity and risk)?
- How is new knowledge going to be used?
- Is your project scientifically and technically challenging for consortium partners?
- Is the technical achievability and risk properly addressed?

3. Quality and efficiency of implementation

- What is the quality of your consortium (i.e., balance of the partnership and technological, managerial and financial capabilities of each partner)?
- Is there added value through international cooperation?
- Is your project management and planning realistic and clearly defined (i.e., methodology, planning approach, milestones and deliverables)?
- Is your cost structure reasonable (i.e., costs and financial commitment for each consortium partner)?

4. Overall perception

- Experts will list three positive and negative points about your application and state whether they recommend your project for public funding. Your ministry or funding agency may carry out a further evaluation according to national/regional rules before allocating funding to organisations.

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