

### **Announcement:**

## **Turkey – Slovenia 1<sup>st</sup> Call for Proposals for Joint R&D Projects**

**Deadline for Submission – 01<sup>st</sup> September, 2010**

### **Scope**

Turkey and Slovenia are announcing the 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 or projects which have strong market potential for Turkey and Slovenia.

Although this call invites projects in ALL thematic areas, special focus is given to the following domains:

- **Electronic, IT and Telecoms Technology**
- **Industrial Manufacturing, Materials and Transport**
- **Environment and Energy Technologies**

- ★ Republic of Slovenia Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology (MHEST) and the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) will provide access to public funding for joint projects.
- ★ The call is announced in the field of industrial research and development between Slovenia and Turkey and in cooperation with Eureka, in which both countries participate. Hence, the program is managed in cooperation and in line with the procedures of Eureka innovation platform ([www.eurekanetwork.org](http://www.eurekanetwork.org)).
- ★ MHEST and TÜBİTAK will provide all necessary assistance to project partners during project proposal, evaluation and monitoring phase. In addition, both parties will facilitate EUREKA application process and acquisition of the EUREKA label for accepted proposals.

### **Call Launch and Structure**

The Call is launched on **06<sup>th</sup> August, 2010** by TÜBİTAK and MHEST.

Eligible partners are invited to present joint proposals for industrial R&D projects according to the following procedures:

## Qualifications

### An innovative project must:

- Include at least one Slovenian and one Turkish R&D performing commercial company. Participation of research institutes/universities is welcome as additional participants or subcontractors according to each country's funding regulations.
- Demonstrate an interest in collaboration to achieve the stated goals.
- Intent to achieve or contribute to substantial technological progress towards realisation of the specified product, process or service.
- Address a civil sector application.
- Carry a significant financial engagement by the partners.
- Target the development of a product, process or service to a state of market readiness.

Any partner whose cooperative R&D project is consistent with the aforesaid criteria can apply to the present announcement in accordance with the national Laws, Rules, Regulations and Procedures in effect.

### Submission and the approval procedures will be of two phases:



1) In the non-obligatory first phase, partners will be asked to present a short project outline via the following EUREKA Project Application Form: <http://www.eurekanetwork.org/download-project-application-form>

- The completed electronic forms of the phase 1 outlines should be submitted to MHEST (via e-mail: [gp.mvzt@gov.si](mailto:gp.mvzt@gov.si) and [natasa.komolec@gov.si](mailto:natasa.komolec@gov.si)) and TÜBİTAK (via e-mail: [eureka@tubitak.gov.tr](mailto:eureka@tubitak.gov.tr)) simultaneously **until 01<sup>st</sup> September, 2010 at 12:00 (local time)**.
- The outlines will be screened by MHEST and TÜBİTAK and the results of the eligibility check of the outlines will be notified to the companies within 5 days.

2) In the second phase, partners will be invited to submit their funding applications according to national procedures. Full proposals (Eureka + National application forms) must be submitted to TÜBİTAK and MHEST **until 07<sup>th</sup> September, 2010 at 12:00 (local time)**.

## **Financing**

Each country will fund its eligible participants within EUREKA framework. Funding conditions and eligibility criteria may vary from country to country. As summary, main aspects of funding criteria are explained below:

### **Turkey:**

All companies which were established in accordance with Turkish law can apply for funding for their international projects. There is no budget limit for international projects and they can be funded by TUBITAK without any restriction in project duration. Only companies participating in international projects are funded within this program but universities and research centers can be funded as subcontractors.

Companies receive certain percentage of their eligible costs as a grant in this call. There is no maximum or minimum limit to the budget of project. The percentage is 60% for large companies and 75% for SMEs.

For further information about financing of Turkish participants please directly contact with TÜBİTAK.

### **Slovenia:**

In Slovenia, MHEST will provide funding conditions for Slovene partners; 75.000,00 € per project per year for Slovenian participants of the eligible costs strictly connected with R&D work on the project (personnel costs, amortization of equipment, buildings, outsourcing limited to 30%, other costs limited to 20%).

According to EUREKA practices, applicants may choose to ask for a label without public financing (e.g. project endorsement in EUREKA based on a self-funding declaration is also applicable).

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