



**Eligibility and funding conditions for  
Portuguese entities in Eureka projects**



# Eureka programmes:



supports innovative SMEs conducting international R&D projects  
(two calls for projects per year)



supports research and business ventures in new markets  
(one call for projects per year)



drives companies towards private investment

EUROPEAN  
PARTNERSHIP



Co-funded by  
the European Union



connects thematic industry-led communities  
(at least one call for projects per Cluster per year and possibly joint calls for projects)



offers flexibility for international R&D projects  
(roughly 20 calls for projects per year)



offers flexibility for international partners in non-Eureka countries  
(two - three calls for projects per year)

# Portugal in ITEA



Portugal recently strengthened its position in ITEA with involvement in 13 ITEA Call 2022 projects. Projects with Portuguese participation cover all the ITEA challenges, but primarily focus on Smart Health, Smart Engineering and Smart Industry.

# Eureka funding process in Portugal...

2 step common process for all Eureka programmes:

➤ **1<sup>st</sup>: International Phase:**

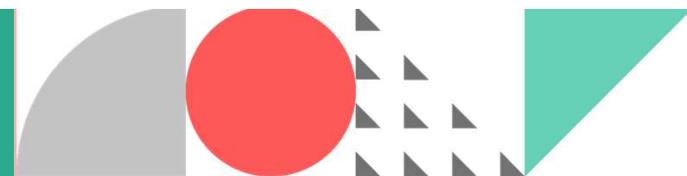
1. Submit the international application to the Eureka call of interest through the respective digital platform
2. International evaluation phase (around 3 months)
3. Decision and Eureka label award

➤ **2<sup>nd</sup>: National Phase (after being awarded with the Eureka label):**

4. Application to national funding – [CURRENTLY OPEN](#)
5. National eligibility criteria check
6. Funding decision (around 60 days)



# National Funding framework (Portugal)



## Funding for Eureka Network Projects (PT entities)\*

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

**2** **Projects covered:**

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

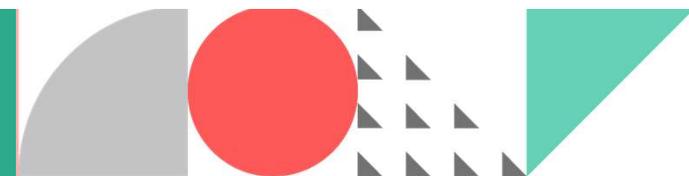
**3** **Type of Funding:** grant

**4** **Eligible entities:** SMEs and/or Small Mid-cap companies (mandatory) + universities, research centres 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)

### Fit into National and/or Regional RIS3

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

### Approval of the project within Eureka

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).



### Must have a Portuguese SME or Small-Mid Cap company\*

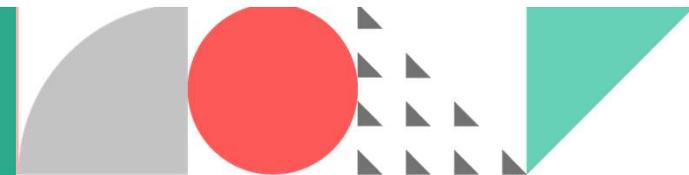
It is mandatory to have a Portuguese SME or a Small Mid-cap leading the national consortium.

- When PT company partners with PT R&D entities: the main partner of the national consortium should ensure the largest share of the national eligible investment.

\***Small-mid cap company** (Small Mid Cap)' means 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)

### Mandatory “financial autonomy ratio”\*

#### If SME or Small Mid-Cap: 15%

Companies that have been active for less than one year at the date of the application, should demonstrate the capacity to finance the project with own capital, equal to or greater than 20% of eligible costs.

Large companies are not eligible for funding.

\* Financial autonomy ratio = Equity / Net Assets



### Additional documents required for the national application

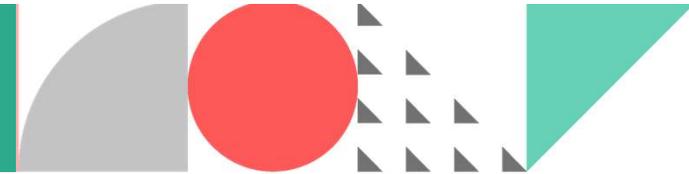
#### After being awarded with the Eureka label,

Portuguese entities must:

- Submit a separate national application complying with Portugal’s 2030 call “Aviso para “Operações de I&D Industrial à Escala Europeia” specific access conditions.
- Upload copy of the original International Application
- Upload copy of the final international evaluation report;
- Submit a draft of the International Consortium Agreement
- National Technical Annex



# National Funding framework (Portugal)



## 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 of project results**

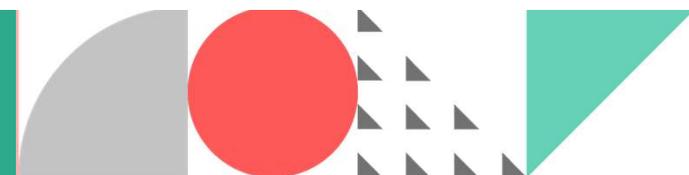
**Travel and accommodation abroad**

**+ Overheads** 7% fixed rate applied to all direct eligible costs (incl. subcontracting costs)

- Possibility of including the eligible investment in R&D share, that is not co-funded by European or national grants in **SIFIDE (Sistema de Incentivos Fiscais à I&D empresarial / System of Tax Incentives for Business R&D)**.



# National Funding framework (Portugal)



## Co-funding rates

Type of organization	Basic Rate Industrial Research activities <sup>1</sup>	Basic Rate Experimental Development activities <sup>2</sup>	Bonus “type of company”	Bonus “cooperation” or “dissemination” <sup>3</sup>	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 <sup>4</sup>	85%				85%

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

<sup>1</sup> “Industrial Research” activities comprise TRL 2 to 4

<sup>2</sup> “Experimental Development” activities comprise TRL 5 to 8

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

<sup>4</sup> provided the companies are not receiving indirect State Aid

## Relevant legislation:

**Aviso MPr-2023-04**  
**SIID – Internacionalização de I&D**  
**Operações de I&D Industrial à**  
**Escala Europeia\***



<https://www.compete2030.gov.pt/aviso/aviso-siid-internacionalizacao-de-id/>



**Regulamento Específico da área**  
**Temática de Inovação e Transição**  
**Digital do Portugal 2030 (REITD)**

[Portaria n.º 328-B/2023](#)

(sobretudo artºs 44º ao 51º + Anexo III)

\*This national call will close on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024, but a new one, with similar conditions, is expected to open on 30<sup>th</sup> October.



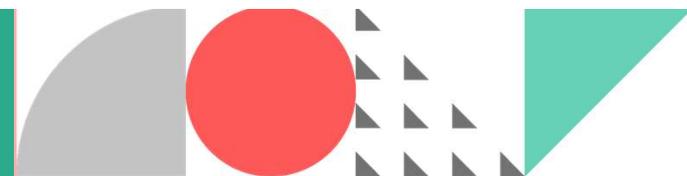
# Jornadas Eureka



## Info sessions on Eureka calls

Programa Eureka	Link Convocatória	Deadline submissão candidaturas	Sessões de Informação
<i>Parceria Europeia Innovative SMEs</i>			
<b>EUROSTARS-3</b>	<a href="#">Call 7</a>	12 setembro 2024 (13.00h PT)	<a href="#">10 de julho 2024</a> <a href="#">Reveja aqui</a>
<b>INNOWIDE</b>	<a href="#">Call 3</a>	15 Outubro 2024 (13.00h PT)	<a href="#">16 de julho 2024</a> <a href="#">Reveja aqui</a>
<b>Eureka CLUSTERS:</b>			
<b>CELTIC NEXT</b> (Next Generation Communications)	<a href="#">Autumn call 2024</a>	21 outubro 2024 (16.00h PT)	<a href="#">12 de setembro 2024 10.00h</a> <a href="#">Registe-se aqui</a>
<b>ITEA4</b> (Software Innovation)	<a href="#">Call 2024</a>	11 novembro 2024 (16.00h PT)	<a href="#">19 de setembro 2024</a> <a href="#">10.00h</a> <a href="#">Registe-se aqui</a>
<b>EUROGIA 2030</b> (Low-carbon Energy Technologies)	<a href="#">Call 27</a>	15 de novembro 2024 (16.00h PT)	<a href="#">23 de outubro 2024</a> <a href="#">10.00h</a> <a href="#">Registe-se aqui</a>
<b>SMART</b> (Advanced Production and Manufacturing)	<a href="#">Call 8</a>	16 de janeiro 2025 (10.00h PT)	<a href="#">10 de dezembro 2024</a> <a href="#">10.00h</a> <a href="#">Registe-se aqui</a>
<b>XECS</b> (Electronic Systems and Components)	<a href="#">Call 4</a>	23 de janeiro 2025 (16.00h PT)	<a href="#">12 de dezembro 2024</a> <a href="#">10.00h</a> <a href="#">Registe-se aqui</a>
<b>Eureka NETWORK PROJECTs</b>	<a href="#">Abertos em permanência!</a>		

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