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Announcement: Belgium – Switzerland Call for R&D Project Outlines

Submission by 15 January, 2015

Scope

Switzerland and Belgium are member states of the EUREKA initiative and support innovation projects through the different EUREKA instruments (EUREKA and Eurostars projects). Both countries collaborate continuously with the over 40 EUREKA member states and support all innovation topics as EUREKA is by nature bottom-up and focused mainly on the innovation activities of companies.

Belgium and Switzerland are jointly announcing a bi-lateral Call for outlines for joint innovation projects under EUREKA and Eurostars. The **Call is open for all topics, but focuses on health biotechnologies and medical technologies, manufacturing (advanced systems, sensors, automation, additive manufacturing) and aeronautic applications and systems.**

The call is managed, in line with the EUREKA initiative (www.eurekanetwork.org), by the EUREKA offices at:

- la Direction des Programmes fédéraux et internationaux (SPW-DGO6) – Wallonia Belgium
- the government agency for Innovation by Science and Technology (IWT) - Flanders Belgium,
- l'Institut Bruxellois pour la Recherche et l'Innovation (Innoviris) – Brussels Belgium,
- the State Secretary for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI) – Switzerland.

Call Launch and Structure

The Call is launched on 23 August, 2014. Eligible partners are invited to present joint outlines for market-oriented, innovative R&D projects according to the following procedures:

1. Qualifications

- The consortium should include at least one company. Research institutes and universities are welcome as additional participants.
- The project must 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 etc.).
- The project should demonstrate the contribution of the participants from both countries in a balanced way, and the project must be significant to both countries.
- Partners from other Eureka countries may also participate. This requires funding from their respective home countries.

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.

2. Submission and the approval procedures will be of two phases:

In the **first phase**:

- Partners will be asked to present a **short project outline** using the template, which is available on www.sbf.admin.ch/eureka or <http://recherche-technologie.wallonie.be/go/eureka>.
- The completed project outlines of the phase 1 should be submitted to the Eureka offices in Belgium and Switzerland simultaneously with copy to all partners of the project outline.

- **Submission** is open between **23 August, 2014** and **15 January, 2015**. Project outlines can be submitted at any time within that timeframe. The submission of all relevant documents has to be done by email to the addresses listed at the end of this document (no physical documents needed).

The outlines will be screened by EUREKA offices in Belgium and Switzerland and the partners will be notified of the results within the shortest possible delay after the submission (about 2-3 weeks).

In the **second phase**:

- Partners with approved outlines will be recommended to submit their **full applications** according to national procedures to Eureka or international procedures to Eurostars.
- In cases where Eureka and Eurostars do not seem to be suitable, the EUREKA offices in Belgium and Switzerland can propose other funding measures.
- the EUREKA offices in Belgium and Switzerland will assist on how to submit full applications.

3. Financing

Funding support to successful project proposals of Phase 2 will be given to each partner by its own funding organization (SPW- DGO6, IWT and, Innoviris in Belgium and SERI and Commission for Technology and Innovation CTI in Switzerland) in accordance with the national laws, rules, regulations and procedures in effect.

Concrete funding mechanisms depend on the funding framework (EUREKA/Eurostars) that will be decided on in Phase 2 of the submission process.

Information on the funding mechanisms is available on the following websites:

Switzerland: SERI: www.seri.admin.ch/eureka

Belgium:

SPW-DGO6: Eureka Projects: <http://recherche-technologie.wallonie.be/go/eureka>

Innoviris: www.innoviris.be/fr/soutien-financier-entreprises/programmes-europeens/eureka,

IWT: www.iwt.be/subsidies/extrasteun/eureka

Supportive Measures

The EUREKA offices in Belgium and Switzerland will facilitate the identification of project partners within academia as well as among industry partners. These offices are cooperating with Enterprise Europe Network, with national clusters and other national experts and points of contact.

Partners participating in the present call are invited to attend the:

- **Walloon-Swiss networking event taking place on 23 August, 2014 in Chaudfontaine (BE)**. The event is dedicated to meet potential partners from both countries and learn about the functioning of the call procedures and about funding rules in BE and CH.
- **Mission Microtechnologies and Skywin taking place on 17 and 18 November, 2014 in Neuchâtel (CH), Lausanne (CH) and Payerne (CH)**. The mission provides detailed insight to R&D institutions specialized in the main technology fields of the call. Contact SPW-DGO6.
- **EUREKA Innovation Event taking place on 19 November, 2014 in Basel (CH)**. The event matches partners from the entire EUREKA network. Visitors from Belgium and Switzerland will have the opportunity to talk directly to their EUREKA representative. Register on www.swiss-innovation.com/eureka.
- **Biowin Day taking place on 26 November, 2014 in Louvain-La-Neuve (BE)**. The event allows Swiss companies to meet Walloon companies in the domains of health biotechnology and medical technologies and profit from personalized assistance to find suitable partners. Register on www.biowin.org

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