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Announcement:

Turkey – Switzerland Call for Proposals for Joint R&D Projects

Deadline for Submission – 22nd October, 2010

Scope

Turkey and Switzerland 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 Switzerland.

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

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

- ★ OPET and TÜBİTAK will provide access to public funding for joint projects.
- ★ The call is announced in the field of industrial research and development between Switzerland and Turkey and in cooperation with Eureka and Eurostars programs, 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).
- ★ OPET 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 **30th July, 2010** by TÜBİTAK and OPET.

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





Qualifications

- The partners should include at least one Swiss 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.
- Innovation actors from other countries may also participate, but they will not be funded by OPET or by TÜBİTAK.
- 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 etc.).
- The project should demonstrate the contribution of the participants from both countries on an equal base, and the project must be equally significant to both participants.

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 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 OPET and TÜBİTAK simultaneously **until 22nd October, 2010 at 18:00 (local time)**.
- The forms have to be legally signed by all participating companies. The signatures must be scanned and sent together with the Eureka form as an integral part of the application of phase 1.
- The outlines will be screened and evaluated by OPET and TÜBİTAK and the results will be notified to the companies within two weeks.

2) **In the second phase**, partners with approved outlines will be invited to submit their funding applications according to national procedures to **Eureka** or international procedures to **Eurostars**. Partners with outlines approved for phase 2 will be instructed by OPET and TÜBİTAK on how to complete submission of their funding applications.





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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.

Switzerland:

All companies collaborating with public R&D institutions seated in Switzerland can apply for funding for their international projects. The limit for public funding is 600'000 Euro and the maximum project duration is 36 months. Only Swiss consortia in international projects are funded within the Eureka and Eurostars programs.

Companies and R&D institutions receive a certain percentage of their eligible costs as a grant in this call. The funding rate depends on the choice of either Eureka or Eurostars and will be communicated to the partners on request at the Swiss Eureka Office at OPET (see below).

For further information about financing or other questions concerning Swiss participants please directly contact the Swiss Eureka Office at OPET.

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