

Eurostars

What is the Eurostars Programme?

Eurostars is a source of R&D funding aimed solely at SME's, unlike FP7. SMEs can apply for Eurostars funding through their national agency, in the UK this is the Technology Strategy Board. There is a total of €400 million available, €300m of which comes from Eurostars-dedicated national budgets, topped up by €100 million from the EU Framework Programme.

Who can apply?

- In the United Kingdom only **research-performing SME's** are eligible for funding under the Eurostars programme.
- The eligibility criteria for a research-performing SME's is 10% of turnover or 10% of staff time dedicated to R&D activities.
- Eurostars projects needs one other partner from a different EU country

Project Criteria

- It can address any technological area, but must have a civilian purpose and be aimed at the development of a new product, process or service.
- maximum duration of three years, and within two years of project completion, the product of the research should be ready for launch onto the market.
- The exception to this rule applies to biomedical or medical projects, where clinical trials must be started within two years of project completion.
- At least 50% of the project's core activity should be carried out by SMEs.
- no participant or country will be required to invest more than 75% of the total project costs

Calls for Proposals

The next application submission deadline is 30th September 2010

Website

www.eurostars-eureka.eu

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