

# Eurostars: Innovation Projects of Innovative Swiss SMEs with International Partners

## Overview

Eurostars is a funding instrument that supports innovative SMEs and project partners (large companies, universities, research organisations) by funding international collaborative R&D and innovation projects. By participating, organisations from 37 countries can access public funding for international collaborative R&D projects in all fields.

Projects must have an innovative SME in the leading role, but it can also include other types of organisations like large companies, universities, research organisations and more.

## Eligibility

There are seven eligibility criteria:

- The project consortium is led by an innovative SME from a participating country.
- The project consortium is composed by at least two entities that are independent of one another.
- The project consortium is composed by entities from at least two participating countries, with at least one organisation coming from an EU or Horizon Europe Associated Country.
- The budget of the SMEs from the participating countries (excluding any subcontracting) is 50% or more of the total project cost.
- No single participant or country is responsible for more than 70% of the budget of the project.
- The project duration is 36 months or fewer
- The project has an exclusive focus on civil applications.

## Funding Information

The Swiss funding agency, Innosuisse is the Swiss Innovation Agency, funds R&D costs for SMEs, universities, R+D institutions and large companies participating in the Eurostars programme.

For Swiss participants, Innosuisse covers:

- up to 50% of project costs in grants for small and medium-sized companies.
- up to 25% of project costs in grants for large companies.
- up to 50% of project costs in grants universities and R+D institutions

## Next Deadline for Submission of Proposals:

24 March 2022 (14:00 CET)

## Further Details

- Eurostars on the Innosuisse website.
- Eurostars on the Eureka Network website

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