

Catalonia - Israel 1st Call for Proposals for Joint R&D Projects

Deadline for Submission – Monday, April 16, 2012

Scope

Following the signing of the bilateral cooperation agreement in joint R&D between Catalonia and Israel, the two parties are pleased to launch the first Call for Proposals for joint R&D projects.

This call aims at 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 both Catalonia and Israel.

Although this call invites projects in **ALL thematic areas**, special focus is given to the following domains: ICT – information and communication technologies and Water technologies.

The Israeli Center for R&D : MATIMOP and the Agency to Support Catalan Companies : ACCIO provide access to public funding for joint projects provided by OCS (Office of the Chief Scientist of the Ministry of Industry & Trade and Labour, Israel) and by ACCIO (Catalonia) respectively.

The call is announced within the framework of the Cooperation Agreement for Promotion of Industrial Research and Development between ACCIO: Agency to Support Catalan Companies and MATIMOP: Israeli Centre for R&D with the objective to strengthen the existing economic relations between Catalonia and Israel, based on principles of equality and reciprocity, allowing the best use of opportunities generated by technical and scientific advances, improving the technological and industrial research and development cooperation between Catalonia and Israel and to establish a framework for such cooperation.

Call Launch and Structure

Project scope and funding

The strategic objectives of the call are industrial collaborative R&D projects meaning, inter alia, research, development and demonstration projects intended to develop new products, applications or processes to be commercialized in the global market.

Funding is intended for industrial collaborative R&D projects in all technological areas.

Eligibility criteria (mandatory for any proposal submitted to this call)

Eligible project proposals for industrial R&D projects must fulfill the following criteria:

- The consortia must include at least 2 independent enterprises belonging to Catalonia and Israel (one from each region at least).
- Academic research groups, universities or other public/private R&D performer organisations may also participate as subcontractors according to each country's funding regulations.
- There is no upper limit on consortia size. Consortia can involve as many partners as necessary to achieve the project goals, although , small medium projects with no more than 4 or 5 partners are expected.
- 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, new fields of application, etc.).

In addition, projects must comply with the EUREKA / Eurostars eligibility criteria for the acquisition of the EUREKA/ Eurostars label for accepted proposals:

- Strong scientific, technological and commercial synergies and that the collaboration will be fruitful for both entities participating in the project.
- Transnational collaboration with a significant degree of innovation and scientific and technical risk
- The partners must have technological, commercial and financial capabilities to successfully bring the new product to market
- The project should demonstrate the equivalent contribution of the participants from both countries and must be equally significant to both participants that mean that the contribution of one country to the collaborative project must not exceed 70% of the total project costs.
- The project must have a civilian nature

Application procedure

The call is launched **on March 5th, 2012** by ACC10 and MATIMOP.

Submission and the approval procedures consist 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/c/document_library/get_file?uuid=2f2bfe2d-e988-4afb-ae38-906c958347a7&groupId=10137

The completed electronic forms for phase 1 should be submitted simultaneously to Matimop and ACC10 by **April 16th, 2012**

The forms have to be legally signed by all participating companies.



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The signatures must be scanned and sent together with the form as an integral part of the application.

The forms must be filled in English, signed by both project partners and sent to the program managers.

2) In the second phase,

In ISRAEL: Israeli partners will be invited to submit **in addition** and **at the same time as the short project outline** their funding applications according to respective national procedures.

A provisional consortium agreement among project partners is needed at the moment of proposal submission in this phase.

Period submission: from **March, 5th 2012** until **April, 16th 2012**

In CATALONIA: Catalan partners with approved outlines will be invited to submit their funding applications according to respective national procedures.

Partners with outlines approved for phase 2 will be instructed by ACC10 on how to complete submission of their funding applications.

A provisional consortium agreement among project partners is needed at the moment of proposal submission in this phase.

Period submission: from **May, 15th 2012** until **June, 14th 2012**

3) In the third phase

Recommended projects for funding will have to apply for the **EUREKA label acquisition**.

Funding for projects is **only granted when the EUREKA label is acquired** (expected date **October 2012**).

Budget and funding modalities

Catalonia and Israel will earmark up to 1 Million Euro each.
However, each country may decide to exceed this level of financing.

Projects in the frame of this announcement will be financed by the respective national authorities in Catalonia & Israel, in accordance with the national laws, rules, regulations & procedures in effect:

➤ **Beneficiaries :**

Small, medium and large companies registered in Catalonia or Israel can be funded.
Private research centres, universities and other public entities can participate as subcontractors.

➤ **Elegible projects:**

Project proposals must clearly demonstrate:

- Transnational, collaborative R&D projects with a significant degree of innovation and scientific and technical risk
- Market orientation
- Application and practical use in a specific field
- Expertise of the project partners in their respective fields of competence
- Added value through transnational cooperation
- Scale of impact and the market positioning of the applicant

Funding is intended for innovative projects in the fields of:

- Industrial research & development
- Applied research
- Experimental development

➤ **Type of funding :**

Funding is provided as a grant (Catalonia), conditional grant (Israel).



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- **Catalonia regulations**

Eligible expenses:

Personnel costs, external collaborations for R&D activities related to the project, equipment (where applicable), IPR activities (for SME only), other costs such as travelling and management costs are eligible.

Limits of funding per project:

- Minimum amount of eligible expenses for the Catalan part of the collaborative project: **150.000 Euros**
- Maximum amount of funding for the Catalan part of the collaborative project: **up to 250.000 euros**
- Large companies: Maximum of 50% of the costs of research activities and 25% of the costs of development activities can be funded
- Medium companies: Maximum of 60% of the costs of research activities and 35% of the costs of development activities can be funded
- Small companies: Maximum of 70% of the costs of research activities and 45% of the costs of development activities can be funded

Project duration:

2 years long project

For information about financing of Catalan participants please visit ACC10 website:

<http://www.acc10.cat/ACC10/cat/ajuts-financament/>



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- **Israel regulations :**

An Israeli R&D performing company which initiates a single or multi-year program to provide know-how, processes or methods for the manufacture of a new product, application, technology base service or process. The product must have a sizeable potential for export sales. Research institutes or other participants may apply as a subcontractor to a company. The support is in the form of a conditional grant amounting generally up to 50% (+ regional incentives for companies located in designated "development zones") of the eligible R&D budget.

Further details regarding grants, eligible costs and payment of royalties are available at the OCS web site:

<http://www.moital.gov.il/CmsTamat/Rsrc/MadaanEnglish/MadaanEnglish.html>

Evaluation of the proposals

The evaluation of the projects proposals is on the basis of :

- Technological / scientific innovation aspects
- Consortium potential and project management capabilities
- Project results impact in the market and in the enterprises competitiveness

Publicity of the Results

Project partners whose projects have been funded by its own authorities in accordance with the national regulations and procedures will be informed by means of email by the contact person mentioned below.



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For further information and partner search requests

MATIMOP and ACC10 will provide all necessary assistance to project partners during project proposal, evaluation and monitoring phase.

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