A look at Eurostars

Joint projects for SMEs in Europe and beyond with the support of H2020

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Types of European funding opportunities

Traditional H2020 Calls
- Call text describes in detail what kind of research and results can get funded
- Good funding rates and grants
- 500+ calls still open in 2020

H2020’s instruments with relatively free topic
- Fast Track to Innovation FTI
- EIC Accelerator Pilot (was SME2)
- MSCA
- ERC

H2020 partnerships
- Funding from combined sources (H2020, national, industry)
- For transport, ECSEL-JU is the most relevant
- For SMEs, Eurostars is relevant

EUREKA and ERA-NETs
- One application channel, trans-national decisions, national eligibility and funding
- Eureka Cluster Calls (Penta, ITEA etc)
- ERA-NET Cofund Calls

EU funding outside H2020
- CEF, TEN-T
- LIFE+
- Pesco/PADR
- ERDF Structural funds
- etc
SMEs in the driving seat

- 72% SME is always the project leader
- 12% R&D-performing SMEs and SMEs
- 9% University
- 6% Large company
- 6% Research institute
A typical Eurostars project is...

- **3-4 participants**
- **2-3 countries**
- **average duration**: 30 months
- **average project cost**: €1.4 million

**Finnish partners get grants:**
- 50% grant for SMEs
- 40% for midcaps
- 60% for research limited to 60k€ or 120 k€

Finnish SME and midcap partners are eligible only if they
- pursue a growth-oriented internationally oriented strategy
- display sufficient own capital and/or turnover enabling the completion of the project
Eurostars evaluation process

Cut-off dates
• 13 Feb 2020
• ___ Sep 2020

Ranking ready
• June 2020
• Dec 2020

Finalised
• July 2020
• Dec 2020
Eurostars eligibility

Project leader is an R&D-performing SME from a Eurostars country

At least 2 participants
• Autonomous entities
• Legal entities from at least 2 Eurostars countries

SMEs are in the driving seat
International balance

Project duration is max. 3 years
Market introduction within 2 years
Eurostars countries

A Ministry, a Funding Organization or a Department

Austria
Bulgaria
Belgium
Canada
Croatia
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Denmark
Estonia
Finland
France
Germany
Greece
Hungary
Iceland
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Latvia
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Malta
The Netherlands
Norway
Poland
Portugal
Romania
Slovak Republic
Slovenia
South Africa
South Korea
Spain
Sweden

36 countries

Switzerland
Turkey
United Kingdom