

## **Polish - Israeli Call for Proposals for Joint R&D Projects Deadline for Submission – July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

### **Scope**

Poland and Israel are announcing the fourth 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 Poland, Israel and Europe.

ISERD and NCBR will support joint R&D projects involving parties from both countries. The program is managed within the framework of the Agreement between the Government of Poland and the Government of Israel on bilateral cooperation in private sector industrial research and development."

Approved projects will be provided access to the relevant national public funding scheme for joint projects provided by OCS (Office of the Chief Scientist of the Ministry of Economy, Israel) and by the NCBR (the National Center for Research and Development) respectively.

### **Call Launch and Structure**

The Call is launched on 19 April 2016 by NCBR and ISERD.

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

### **Qualifications:**

The project consortia should include at least one Israeli and one Polish R&D performing commercial company. Participation of research institutes/universities is welcome as additional

participants or subcontractors according to each country's funding regulations. Companies from other countries may also participate, but they will not be funded neither by OCS nor by NCBR.

- 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 sustainable contribution of the participants from both countries (minimum 30% of project costs per each country) and the project must be significant to both participants.

Any partner whose cooperative R&D project is consistent with the aforesaid criteria can apply to the present call in accordance with the National Laws, Rules, Regulations and Procedures in effect.

### **Submission and the approval procedures will be the following:**

Submission and the approval procedures consist of one phase. This announcement invites partners to present joint proposals for R&D projects using Eureka form no later than July 19<sup>th</sup> 2016.

Partners will be asked to present a short project outline via the following *Eureka Project Form*. The completed electronic form (the Eureka Project Form) must be submitted simultaneously to ISERD and NCBR by July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

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

The signatures must be scanned and sent together with the form as an integral part of the application. The forms must be filled in in English, signed by both project partners and sent to the program managers.

- In ISRAEL: Israeli partners will be invited to submit in **addition and at the same time** as the short project outline their funding applications to the OCS using this link: [הגשת בקשה](#).

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

Submission to the OCS and Iserd: July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

- In POLAND: Polish partners should submit the Eureka Project Form to the following e-mail address: [izrael@ncbr.gov.pl](mailto:izrael@ncbr.gov.pl). In addition to the Eureka Project Form (in English), an

Application form in Polish (template available in the NCBR website) and some additional documents indicated in the call for proposals must be submitted to the NCBR. The call for proposals document and the templates are available using the following link:

<http://www.ncbir.pl/programy-miedzynarodowe/wspolpraca-dwustronna/izrael/iv-konkurs-pl-il/>

Submission to NCBR: July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 (17:00 h. local time).

Projects starts are foreseen at the end of 2016.

Companies should contact ISERD and NCBR before submission in order to receive the submission guidelines (see contact information at the end of the document).

### **Financing**

Projects in the frame of this call for proposals will be financed by the respective national authorities in Poland & Israel Funding conditions and eligibility criteria may vary from country to country. As summary, main aspects of funding criteria are explained below:

#### **Poland:**

- Partners eligible for funding in a project consortium are: SMEs, Universities, Research Institutes, however only a company can be the leader of a consortium.
- The project should be developed according to the project contract, consortium agreement and in line with the information given in the Eureka Project Form.
- Maximum project funding levels are stated in the Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education dated 25 February 2015 specifying the conditions and rules of state aid allocated by the National Centre for Research and Development.

#### **Israel:**

- An Israeli R&D performing company which initiate single or multi-year program that will 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 "development zone") of the eligible R&D budget.  
*Further details regarding grants and payment of royalties are available at the OCS web site.*

Projects selected for funding will be additionally submitted to the Eureka Secretariat in order to obtain a Eureka label according to respective rules and regulations.

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