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EUREKA 16th German – Israeli Call for Proposals for Joint R&D Projects; Deadline Proposal: 29.07.2025

Germany and Israel are announcing a 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 for products, technology-based services, or methods, which have strong market potential for Germany, Israel, and Europe. Partners apply for their R&D project for a EUREKA label, a pan European network for market-oriented R&D.

Innovation Authority and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWE) will provide access to public funding for joint projects provided by The Innovation Authority and by BMW's ZIM program (Central Innovation Program for SMEs), respectively.

Expected project results will have to contribute to the development of commercial products, applications and / or technology-based services. The project proposals must comply with the following guidelines:

- The German applicant must be represented by a R&D performing company in collaboration with a non-profit research institution (university, Fraunhofer institute, research center, etc.) to facilitate technology transfer by the conclusion of project.
- The Israeli applicant must be an R&D performing company, which will be able to generate future revenue based on the developed or transferred IP post the project. The industrial partner must be technologically and scientifically assisted by a research institution (university, Fraunhofer institute, research Center, etc.) acting as a subcontractor.
- The outcome of research activities (product or service) must display clear potential for improving existing products or creating new marketable products that guarantee sale profits to the participating company.
- The Technology Readiness Level (TRL) of the proposed project should be within the range of TRL 2 - TRL 5, where TRL 5 is the highest TRL that is expected to have been reached by the end of the project. The final goal of the project must include company's validation of processes previously tested in the laboratory, or leveraging academic expertise to meet specific company needs.
- 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.).
- The project should demonstrate the contribution of the participants from both countries.

All German companies with up to 1.000 employees (or consortia of such enterprises) which perform R&D to develop an innovative product, process or technological service - also in cooperation with a research institution/university - have the right to apply. There are no restrictions to specific technologies or branches. German research institutes/universities are accepted as additional partners according to the rules available on the ZIM website. More detailed criteria can be found on the ZIM website www.zim.de/kooperationsprojekte (in German).

The simple online Eureka application form (<https://eureka.smartsimple.ie>) must be submitted by 29th of July 2025, 12:00 (CEST). Simultaneously all partners must submit in addition their funding applications according to national procedures. Companies should contact the national funding organizations before submission!

Contact Germany: German Aerospace Center, Project Management Agency, EUREKA-Office Phone: +49 228 3821 1352, Mail: eureka@dlr.de

Further information:

<https://eurekanetwork.org/opencalls/network-projects-germany-israel-2025/>

BMFTR African-European Call for Proposals "Climate Services for Risk Reduction in West Africa" (CS4RRA); Deadline Proposal: 11.09.2025

The overall strategic aim of the CS4RRA-initiative is to develop pathways to climate-resilience in Western Africa and con-

tribute to long-term multinational cooperation including strengthening joint capacity development. In doing so, CS4RRA aims at encouraging co-design of activities between African and European partners on Knowledge of the regional climate system, Innovation of climate services, and Capacity development (Knowledge-Innovation-Capacity building or KIC) by identifying actionable and complementary short to midterm steps via multilateral joint actions (South-South or South-North). The CS4RRA initiative is built on the achievements and findings of previous EU and AU programmes in advancing climate services (H2020, JPI Climate/ ERA4CS and SINCERE, Copernicus CCS, EIT Climate-KIC, etc.). In addition, CS4RRA objectives are closely aligned with the GMES4Africa initiative and the World Meteorological Organization Global Framework for Climate Service.

The content of this call is grounded in the priorities for Knowledge-Innovation-Capacity development (KIC) identified during the four CS4RRA webinars summarised in the CS4RRA White Paper, and the CS4RRA Stocktaking Conference (reports). Experts from Africa and Europe, from science and practice identified gaps and priorities and provided recommendation on the following four topics: (1) Improvement of early warning system and adaptation measures for disaster risk reduction; (2) Climate and environmental services for excessive water management; (3) Climate impacts and resilience under present and future scenarios; (4) Climate-smart agriculture and sustainable landscapes. The thematic focus of the call comprise the themes and crosscutting priorities identified during the CS4RRA events and accompanied exchange with key stakeholders.

Each proposal must address one or more of the following topics:

- 1) Improving Early Warning Systems (according to the WMO definition)
- 2) Improving operational assessment and prevention of Climate Security Risks
- 3) Improving financing mechanism and institutional integration of climate services

In addition, proposals are encouraged to:

- Build upon or foster the impact of successful existing initiatives (incl. services);
- Could be easily scaled up or replicated;
- Comprise representatives of different types of partners in their consortia;
- Encourage the use of local knowledge and/or citizen science;
- Use combined or advanced technologies (e.g. AI, earth observation, etc.) to address the data gap in West Africa and to improve the uptake of climate services.

A Project Consortium must comprise at least three eligible project partners representing at least two African institutions from two different African countries and one European institution. In addition, the Project Consortium has to be led by a partner based in a West African country. The consortium should reflect a balanced and equitable partnership relationship between African and European project partners. Organisations can represent research and higher education entities, companies, and other legal entities such as NGOs, but the institutional restrictions of each funder apply: applicants must be eligible for funding according to the regulations of their respective national Funding Parties (see annex to the call, available in pt-outline).

The total cash funding for a project may not exceed 2,000,000 EURO. The funding period is a maximum of 36 months.

Interested consortia must submit a preliminary proposal by the 11th of September 2025 (10 CET).

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Further information:

https://www.fona.de/medien/pdf/CS4RRA/CS4RRA_Call-Text-Guide-ApplicantsAnnex_EN.pdf?m=1749033547&

Other EU Academic Network of Saxony-Anhalt (nEUTzwerk)

The universities in the state of Saxony-Anhalt founded the "EU Academic Network of Saxony-Anhalt" at the beginning of 2011 in order to support researchers at all universities in the acquisition and use of EU funding for research and innovation

by providing information, application advice and project management. By strengthening and networking the administrative and advisory skills of the universities, the aim is to increase the acquisition of EU funding for research and innovation and technology transfer.

You may contact the EU Academic Network of Saxony-Anhalt via the information provided online: https://www.euhochschulnetz-sachsen-anhalt.de/eu_hsnetz/en/

Other Contact Research Funding Advisory Service at Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg

If you have any questions about funding opportunities, specific calls for proposals, help with submitting applications and project support, please contact the Research Funding Advisory Service/EU University Network at Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg.

Information about current event, funding structures and contact details online at:

<https://www.ovgu.de/en/ContactResearchFundingAdvice.html>

<https://www.euhochschulnetz-sachsen-anhalt.de/en/>