



## Switzerland - Israel Joint Eureka Cooperation

### Call for Joint Applications

Submission by February 1, 2010

#### Scope

**Eureka supports the competitiveness of European companies through international collaboration, in creating links and networks of innovation. In anticipation of the forthcoming Israeli Eureka Chairmanship**, Switzerland and Israel are jointly announcing a joint initiative for Eureka/ Eurostars projects with parties from both countries. The joint R&D projects will focus on developing innovative products and applications in different technology areas. A special focus will be given to: Bio-Medical Technologies, ICT, Chemical Products, Optical Instruments and Machinery.

The main objective of this initiative is to launch projects with joint participation from the two countries and provide R&D funding to qualifying participants through the national programs managed by respective: the Office of the Chief Scientist (OCS) in Israel and the Federal Office for Professional Education and Technology (OPET) in Switzerland. The program is managed in cooperation and in line with the Eureka-Eurostars innovation platform ([www.eureka.be](http://www.eureka.be) and [www.eurostars-eureka.eu](http://www.eurostars-eureka.eu)).

#### Call Launch and Structure

The Call is launched on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The call invites partners to present joint proposals for R&D projects and the first phase of the call will close on February 1, 2010. Projects starts are foreseen at the second quarter of 2010. The submission and the approval procedures will be of two phases:

1. A short project outline via the following EUREKA project application form should be submitted by February 1 to Matimop and OPET. The outlines will be screened and evaluated by the joint appraisal committee.
2. Partners with approved outlines will be invited to submit their funding applications either to EUREKA or Eurostars. Since the Eurostars framework is specifically targeted to support R&D performing SME's ([www.eurostars-eureka.eu](http://www.eurostars-eureka.eu)) approved project outlines that qualify to the Eurostars program will be recommended to submit funding applications using the Eurostars procedures towards the next Eurostars application submission deadline on Thursday 25th February 2010. Matimop and OPET will provide the submission guidelines and timetable to the project partners. For EUREKA projects see chapter *Submission and Evaluation Procedures for EUREKA*.



## Partnering Opportunities

For partner search requests contact details are given below.

## Project content and evaluation

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

- The partners should include at least one Israeli and one Swiss commercial company and one Swiss Research Institution or University (participation of additional participants or subcontractors is welcome according to each country's funding regulations).
- Companies from other countries may also participate, but they will be funded neither by OCS nor by OPET.
- 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 contribution of the participants from both countries

## Submission and evaluation procedures for EUREKA

Phase 1 outlines should be submitted using the EUREKA Application form.

An electronic copy of the proposal should be e-mailed to the appraisal committee (for e-mail addresses, please see end of this document). Project partners will be asked to send their signatures by fax. Partners with outlines approved for phase 2 will be instructed how to complete submission of their funding applications, including those qualifying to Eurostars.

## Financing

Applying the EUREKA structure, project participants will finance their costs from own funds, capital market or the applicable national, regional or international funding schemes.

## Contacts for questions and partner search requests:

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