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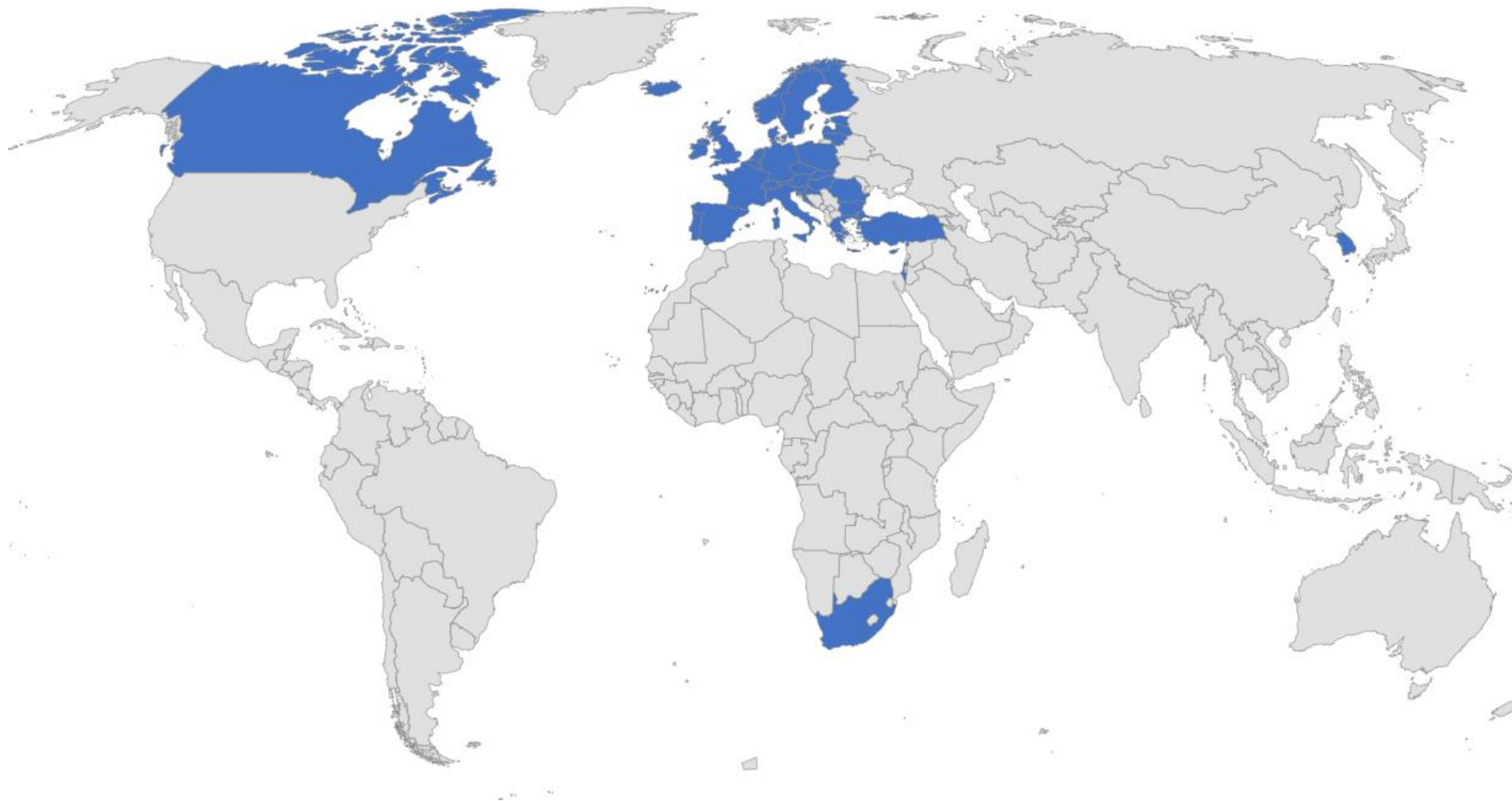
# European Partnership on Innovative SMEs / Eurostars - Call 5

## Webinar for applicants

13 July 2023

Eurostars is part of the [European Partnership on Innovative SMEs](#).

The partnership is co-funded by [37 Eureka Countries](#) and the [European Union](#), through Horizon Europe.



# Topics covered:

- Submission dates.
- What type of projects does Eurostars fund?
- Who can participate?
- Eligibility criteria and funding.
- Legal and financial viability check.
- Application form (short overview).
- Evaluation process and results.
- Submission platform.



# When to apply?

14 July 2023



2 months

14 September  
2023, 14:00 CEST



# Eurostars-3 projects are...



**...collaborative and international**  
(at least two partners from two different countries).



**...in any technological and market areas.**



**...market-driven:**  
they must lead to a new product, process or service that can be rapidly commercialised.\*

\*In case of biotechnology, biomedical or medical projects, clinical trials must start rapidly after the end of the project.

# Eurostars-3 projects have...



...on average 3 to 4  
participants



...an average total cost  
of 1.4M EUR

# Who can participate in Eurostars-3?

All types of organisations: SMEs, large companies, research institutes, universities etc.

Organisations based in  
Eurostars countries

AND

Organisations not based in Eurostars  
countries (but on a self-funding basis)

37 Eurostars countries:

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, 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, Republic of Korea, Romania, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye and the United Kingdom.

# Projects must meet 7 eligibility criteria



1. The project is led by an **innovative SME** from a Eurostars country.

You are an innovative SME if you:

1. comply with the SME definition as laid out in [EU Recommendation 2003/361](#)
2. have the **ambition** to collaborate on R&D and innovation with international partners, to develop innovation that can be rapidly commercialised.

To be considered as “innovative,” an SME does not need a proven track record of R&D activities.

## EU recommendation 2003/361 - what is an SME?



Employs < 250 persons

AND



< or = EUR 50 million

OR



< or = EUR 43 million

These ceilings apply to the figures for individual firms only. A firm that is part of a larger group may need to include staff headcount/turnover/balance sheet data from that group too. Check the user guide to the SME definition: <https://ec.europa.eu/docsroom/documents/42921>



# Projects must meet 7 eligibility criteria



1. The project is led by an **innovative SME** from a Eurostars country.



2. The consortium includes at least two entities that are independent of one another.



3. The project consortium is composed of entities from at least two Eurostars countries with at least one organisation coming from an EU or Horizon Europe Associated Country.\*

\*All Eurostars countries are EU member states or associated to HE except for Canada, Republic of Korea, Singapore, South Africa, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.



4. The budget of the **SMEs** from Eurostars countries (excluding subcontracting) must be **at least 50%** of the total project budget.



5. No single participant or country is responsible for more than **70%** of the total project budget.



6. The project duration is 36 months or less.



7. The project has an exclusively civilian purpose\*  
\*This does not rule out the participation of military partners or the development of 'dual-use' technologies, provided that the project itself has a clear focus on civil applications.

## Remember :

- ✓ Your answer to question 13 on civilian purpose is used to check the eligibility of your application! Make sure you provide the correct answer.

### Civilian purpose

13. Does the project have an exclusive focus on civil application?

Yes

No

- ✓ Your project application must comply with all eligibility criteria from when you submit until you sign your consortium agreement (approximately five to six months later). During the evaluation process, you must inform us of any new information that may affect your eligibility.

# Who can receive Eurostars funding?

Organisations based in Eurostars countries can receive Eurostars funding.

Organisations not based in Eurostars countries self-fund their participation (self-funding declaration to be provided).

## Important note:

Each partner receives funds from their own national funding body who have independent rules on:

- organisations that can be funded,
- activities that can be funded,
- funding rates and thresholds.

Eurostars funding will not cover all your project costs. You must be able to fund the remaining costs yourself.

Before applying, each project partner should check the funding rules in their country on our website and contact their national funding body for more information.\*

\*For call 5, no Eurostars funding is available for organisations based in Bulgaria, Greece, Israel, Lithuania and Slovenia. Check with your NFB if funding is available in your country and your national funding rules.

# The legal and financial viability check

If one or more of the organisations in your consortium do not pass the legal and financial viability check, your project application will be rejected.

## All project partners are checked by their national funding body

- The organisation has provided a valid commitment and signature form as part of the application.
- The organisation who declared itself an SME complies with the EU definition of SME.
- The organisation is a legal entity in the host country.
- The organisation has not been convicted for fraudulent behaviour.
- If the organisation is located in the European Union or the European Economic Area, it is not an undertaking in difficulty based on article 2, no 18 of COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) No 651/2014 of June 2014; or if located elsewhere it is not in a difficult financial situation rendering it ineligible for funding according to national regulations.
- The organisation is compliant with the national rules to receive Eurostars public funding. Should it not be compliant, the NFB will inform the organisation and request a self-funding declaration by a deadline.
- The organisation has the financial capacity to support their part of the project costs. The assessment of the financial capacity is based on national criteria established by each NFB.

# Application form



**5 sections, including a partner-specific section.**



**Mandatory annexes: SME declaration and commitment & signature form.**



**Possibility to upload a Gantt chart and a technical annex.**



**Questions on SDG-related impact and integration of gender dimension into your scientific method.**

# If you are not familiar with...



## Sustainable development goals

### Useful resources:

- Goals, targets and indicators: <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>
- 2019 UN Global Compact “[Framework for Breakthrough Impact on the SDGs through Innovation](#)”
- Project Breakthrough <https://breakthrough.unglobalcompact.org/> (how technologies can impact the SDGs, field-specific examples)



## Gender dimension (= sex, gender and intersectional analysis) as part of your scientific method

### Resources:

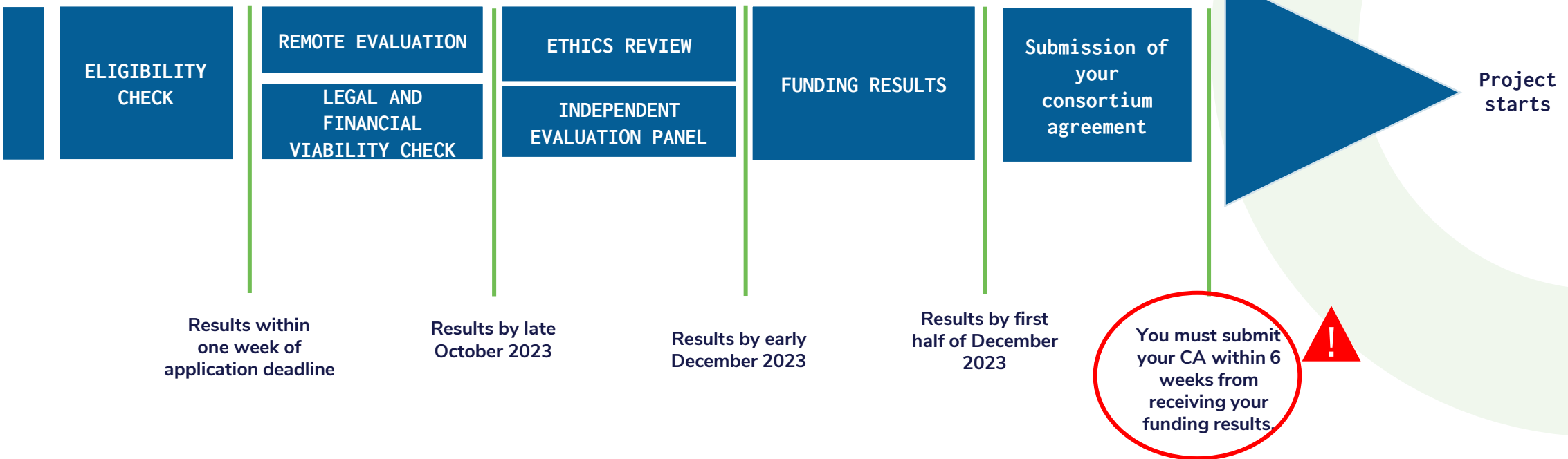
- Report “[Gendered Innovations 2](#)” - General methods and field-specific methods + series of case studies on how to integrate gender dimension.
- Website [Gendered innovation](#)

# Recommendations

- A Word version of the application can be found on [Eureka's website](#). However, you can only apply by submitting the **online application form**, which you must complete on the Eureka Project Management Platform.
- Work on your online application since an early stage, do not wait until the last few days before the submission deadline. **Allow yourself plenty of time to familiarize yourself with the platform.**
- **Allow enough time for a response if you require (technical) assistance.**

# The evaluation process (3 months)

Application deadline:  
14 Sept 2023,  
14:00 CEST





# Redress requests

If your application was rejected and you believe this was due to a **procedural** mistake during the eligibility check, the legal and financial viability check or evaluation, you can submit a redress request.

**Redress requests are accepted only when sent by registered mail. Redress requests sent by other means will be rejected.**

If you plan to send a redress request, please inform the Eureka Secretariat by sending an email to [applications@eurostars-eureka.eu](mailto:applications@eurostars-eureka.eu).

# How to apply

Submit your application through the Eureka Project Management Platform

[www.myeurekaproject.org](http://www.myeurekaproject.org)



Eureka Project Management Platform



**I don't have a Eureka Project Management Platform account**

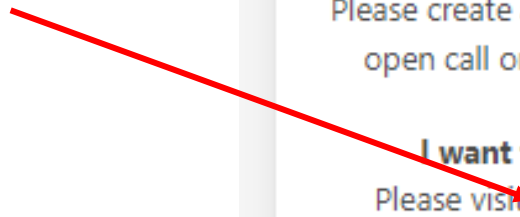
Please create a new account by responding to an open call on our [Competitions Listings](#) page

**I want to create a new application**

Please visit our [Competitions Listings](#) page

Sign in with Eureka

Click here to see the upcoming call.



Once you have chosen your call for projects, start a new application.

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## Innovation calls

Filter competitions 9 calls

Keywords


Innovation area  
Any

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### Eurostars 3

Eurostars 3 open call for innovation projects to stimulate the new products and services of tomorrow

**Call opens:** Sunday 19 March 2023 Central European Time (CET)  
**Call closes:** Wednesday 29 March 2023 12:00pm Central European Time (CET)

 This call has not yet opened.

[Start new application](#)

Summary [Eligibility](#) [Scope](#) [Dates](#) [How to apply](#) [Supporting information](#)

**Description** Eurostars 3 open call for innovation projects to stimulate the new products and services of tomorrow

**Funding type** Grant

Only the leading SME can start an application, thus the leading SME must register first.

The other partners must be invited by the leading SME.

Start new application

## Choose your organisation type

This is the organisation that will lead the application.

- Large company  
Large company
- Research Institute  
Research Institute
- University  
University
- Other  
Other
- Innovative SME  
An Innovative SME
- Association  
An Association

Untitled application

# Application overview

**Application number:**

81

**Call:**

Performance Test Open Call

12:00pm 01 April 2023 Central European Time (CET)

## Application progress



Check eligibility

## Project details

Please provide information about your project.

[Application team](#)

✎ Incomplete

[Application details](#)

✎ Incomplete

[What do you want to do?](#)

✎ Incomplete

[Why do you want to do it?](#)

✎ Incomplete

[How will you make money?](#)

✎ Incomplete

Project partners  
can be invited  
here.



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## Application team

These are the organisations that will work together on the project. You can invite people from these organisations to help you with the application. They can invite other people from their own organisation.

[Redacted] (Main)

### Organisation details

Type	Address	Country
Innovative SME	[Redacted]	BEL - Flemish Region

Phone number	Year of Registration
[Redacted]	2019

### Organisation participants

Full name	Email
[Redacted]	[Redacted]

[Add person to \[Redacted\]](#)

[Add a partner organisation](#)

The main partner can add a partner organisation to the consortium. They will receive an email inviting them to register to the platform.

Untitled application

## Add a partner organisation

You must invite one person from the organisation.

Organisation name

Person's full name

Email

[Invite partner organisation](#)

[Cancel](#)

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Full name	Email	
[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Main applicant

[Add person to \[Redacted\]](#)

[Add a partner organisation](#)

You can add a person to a participating organisation. They will receive an email inviting them to register to the platform.

Anyone from the specific organisation or the main partner can add a new person to the organisation.

Full name

Email

Invite to application

[Remove](#)



The main partner can assign questions to any other partner to complete.

One section is partner-specific and cannot be completed by the main partner.

# Application overview

**Application number:**

1255

**Call:**

Eurostars 3 - Call 2

**Application deadline:**

02:00pm 24 March 2022 Central European Time (CET)

## Application progress



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100%

Check eligibility

## Project details

Please provide information about your project.

[Application team](#)

✓ Complete

[Application details](#)

✓ Complete

[What do you want to do?](#)

[Assigned to you](#)

✎ Incomplete

[Why do you want to do it?](#)

[Assigned to you](#)

✎ Incomplete

[How will you make money?](#)

[Assigned to you](#)

✎ Incomplete

[Exclusion of experts](#)

[Assigned to Eva](#)

✎ Incomplete

## Application questions

These are the questions which will be marked by the assessors.

[1. Impact - Results of the project](#)

[Assigned to Eva](#)

✎ Incomplete

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## Impact - Results of the project

### 1. Impact - Results of the project

Describe individually each product, process and service that will be developed by the project, starting with the main results of the project.

▶ [What should I include in the results of the project section?](#)



Words remaining: 450

[Mark as complete](#)

There are tips in the platform about how to answer each question. However, always keep next to you a copy of the guidelines on how to complete an application as they contain further instructions. **!**

Keep an eye on your word count.

# What do you want to do?

This question is assigned to you. [Assign to someone else.](#)

## What do you want to do?

▶ [What should I include in the what do you want to do section?](#)

I would like to...

[Mark as complete](#)

[Save and return to application overview](#)

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[Application team](#)

✓ Complete

[Application details](#)

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✎ Incomplete

! Use the green button to save the sections that are not finalised, and 'Mark as complete' every time you finalise a section. You can edit a field even if you have already marked it as complete.

! Only the main partner can review and mark a section as complete.

Eurostars Application Opened

# Work packages

Please add and complete the information about your work packages.

[Work package for testing purposes](#)

[Assigned to you](#)

[Remove](#)

[+ Add work package](#)

Only the main partner can create (or remove) a work package. Once created, the work package can be assigned to another project partner.

## Edit this work package

Work package name

Work package summary

Work package start time(Month)

Work package duration(Months)


Work package milestones and outcomes

Work package tasks

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# Your project finances

## Finances

 Only members from your organisation will be able to see a breakdown of your finances.

Please complete your project finances.

[Your project costs](#) 

[Your financial information](#)

[Your funding](#)

### Provide the project costs for 'Terrasen'

Only your organisation can see this level of detail. All members of your organisation can access and edit your project finances.

Work Package	Person Months	Personnel costs (€)	Overhead (€)	Travel (€)	Materials (€)	Other (€)	Sub contracting (€)	Total (€)
WP1 / Work package for testing purposes	<input type="text" value="0.0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	0
Total	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

1. Each project partner must complete their own cost per each Work Package.
2. This is possible only after the main partner has marked the Work Package as complete.
3. Every time a work package is edited, 'Your project costs' must again be completed by each partner.

# Your project finances

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[Your financial information](#) 

[Your funding](#)

In the partner-specific section each partner provides financial information for up to two financial years; if you are a start-up, provide estimates.

**!** If required by your NFB, you must upload a financial annex. Check with your NFB what should be included in the financial annex.

# Your financial information

## Financial overview

**i** This information is mandatory for all organisations that are NOT 100% public funded.

Details relating to your organisation finances.

Section	Financial year 1		Financial year 2	
	Month	Year	Month	Year
Start date of the financial report	<input type="text" value="MM"/>	<input type="text" value="YYYY"/>	<input type="text" value="MM"/>	<input type="text" value="YYYY"/>
End date of financial report	<input type="text" value="MM"/>	<input type="text" value="YYYY"/>	<input type="text" value="MM"/>	<input type="text" value="YYYY"/>
Date the financial report was submitted to national authorities	<input type="text" value="MM"/>	<input type="text" value="YYYY"/>	<input type="text" value="MM"/>	<input type="text" value="YYYY"/>
Headcount (number of people)	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
Number of FTEs	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
Number of FTEs dedicated to R&D	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
Annual turnover (in euros)	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
Annual turnover dedicated to R&D (in euros)	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
Balance sheet total (in euros)	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	

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## Your project finances

### Finances

**i** Only members from your organisation will be able to see a breakdown of your finances.

Please complete your project finances.

[Your project costs](#)


 Incomplete

[Your financial information](#)

 Incomplete

[Your funding](#)

 Incomplete



If you do not request Eurostars funding,  
you can upload a self-funding  
declaration in the application form.

## Declarations

[Commitment and signature](#)

[SME declaration](#)

Each organisation in your consortium must upload a Commitment and Signature form.


! SMEs in your consortium must also upload an SME declaration. Please note: the SME declaration is used to verify your SME status; make sure you complete it in line with the SME definition as laid out in EU Recommendation 2003/361.

These documents are confidential and cannot be seen by the other partners.

### Eurostars Application Opened **SME declaration**

#### SME declaration

Please complete and submit the SME declaration.

 **Download the SME declaration template**

[test-sme-declaration-form.pdf](#)

#### Upload your completed SME declaration

Your upload must be no larger than 10MB

▶ [What is a SME declaration?](#)

No file currently uploaded.


Upload

Eurostars Application Opened

### **Commitment and signature**

#### Commitment and signature

Please complete and submit the Commitment and signature form.

 **Download the Commitment and signature form template**

[test-commitment-signature-form.pdf](#)

#### Upload your completed Commitment and signature form

Your upload must be no larger than 10MB

▶ [What is a Commitment and signature form?](#)

No file currently uploaded.

Upload



You can run an automatic check to check the eligibility of your project application.

! Please note: the platform allows you to submit even if one or more criteria are not fulfilled.

Eurostars Application Opened

## Application overview

Application number:  
12

Call:  
Eurostars 3 Open Call

Application deadline:  
12:00pm 20 March 2023 Central European Time (CET)

### Application progress

4% 100%

[Check eligibility](#)

### Project details

Please provide information about your project.

[Application team](#) Incomplete

### Eurostars 3 Open Call

## Eligibility criteria

The following is the eligibility criteria for call Eurostars 3 Open Call.  
You must satisfy all of these conditions to be eligible for this call.

<b>Budget: At least 50% of the total budget for SMEs from Eurostars countries (excluding subcontracting).</b>	✘ Ineligible
<b>Consortium leader: from a Eurostars country.</b>	✔ Eligible
<b>Civilian applications: project has an exclusive focus on civil purpose.</b>	✔ Eligible
<b>Budget: No single country is responsible for more than 70% of the budget.</b>	✔ Eligible
<b>Consortium: at least two Eurostars countries involved.</b>	✔ Eligible
<b>Consortium: at least two independent entities.</b>	✔ Eligible
<b>Consortium leader: Innovative SME.</b>	✔ Eligible
<b>Duration: the project duration is a maximum of 36 months or fewer.</b>	✔ Eligible

All fields must be marked as “complete” for you to be able to submit.


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1255

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Eurostars 3 - Call 2

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02:00pm 24 March 2022 Central European Time (CET)

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4% 100%

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## Project details

Please provide information about your project.

<a href="#">Application team</a>		✓ Complete
<a href="#">Application details</a>		✓ Complete
<a href="#">What do you want to do?</a>	<a href="#">Assigned to you</a>	✎ Incomplete
<a href="#">Why do you want to do it?</a>	<a href="#">Assigned to you</a>	✎ Incomplete
<a href="#">How will you make money?</a>	<a href="#">Assigned to you</a>	✎ Incomplete
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## Application questions

These are the questions which will be marked by the assessors.

<a href="#">1. Impact - Results of the project</a>	<a href="#">Assigned to Eva</a>	✎ Incomplete
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Make sure all the information in the form is correct before submitting your application. Changes to the form will not be allowed after your application has been submitted. Only the main partner can submit the application.

**i** You will not be able to make changes to your application or resubmit after this point.

**Submit application**

**Declarations** Open all

**Commitment and signature** ✔ Complete +

**SME declaration** ✔ Complete +

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**This is your final chance to make changes to the application.**

You will not be able to access the application after this point. Are you sure you want to submit?

**Yes, I want to submit my application** [Cancel](#)

**i** You will not be able to make changes to your application or resubmit after this point.

**Submit application**

Eurostars Application Overview Test

## Application status

### Application submitted

Application number: 13  
Your application for the competition 'Eurostars 3 Open Call' was submitted on 20 Apr 2021 at 3:32pm  
Central European Time (CET)

[View application](#) [Print application](#)

## What happens next?

### Assessment process

Once the call submission deadline is reached your application will be sent for assessment. This is subject to the fulfilment of the eligibility criteria. The evaluation process follows these steps:

- All eligible applications will be assessed by at least 3 independent experts selected from the Eureka Expert Database. The evaluators will score each question and provide feedback to justify those scores
- The Legal and Financial Viability Check is performed by the National Funding Bodies on a participant basis to determine whether every consortium partner is eligible for funding. This Legal and Financial Check is performed in parallel to the technical evaluation.
- During this step, the National Funding Bodies maybe require additional information to their national applicants. Please check your email regularly.
- The Independent Evaluation Panel will evaluate the proposals and establish a Ranking List that will determine which projects are recommended for funding.
- The Ethics Panel does not give scores to projects, but elaborate an Ethics Report that might require you to submit additional documentation before or during the implementation of the project to ensure that you comply with the ethics standards set up under Horizon Europe.

The main partner will receive an email to confirm that the application has been successfully submitted.

All partners may view or print the submitted application at any time.

You can access your application at any time by opening your dashboard.

**EUREKA** **Project Management Platform**  
[Dashboard](#) [Profile](#) [Sign out](#)

## Applications

### Applications in progress

<a href="#">Eurostars Application In Assessment 1</a> Application number: 30 Call: Eurostars 3 In Assessment Call	Awaiting assessment	<b>Application submitted</b>
<a href="#">Untitled application (start here)</a> Application number: 80 Call: Performance Test Open Call	<b>710</b> days left Deadline 1 Apr 2023	0% complete

# What if my application has a mistake?

You cannot edit your application after you have submitted it. You can **only** edit the following information (phone number, email address, and details of the contact person).

If, after having submitted your application, you realise that you made a mistake, only if you are within the application deadline you can submit a new application.

**Note however:** you cannot participate in a call with two versions of the same applications. If you intend to submit a new version, you must immediately inform Eureka; Eureka will withdraw the incorrect version of your application. To inform Eureka, email [applications@eurostars-eureka.eu](mailto:applications@eurostars-eureka.eu).

**Please note: You will need to copy-paste manually the information from one application to the other.**

# Can I submit a previous application that was not successful?

Yes. However, if you would like to reapply with a previous application, you still need to start a new application (you need to manually copy-paste the information from the previous application to the new one).

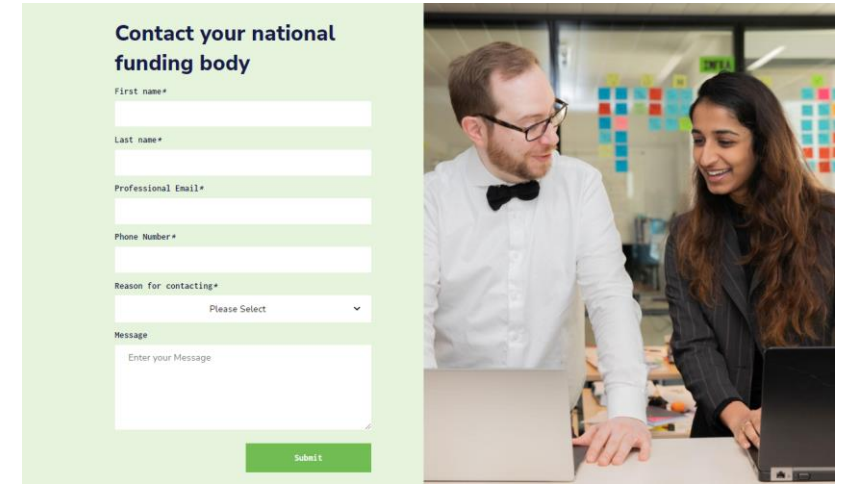
## Contacts

Eureka Secretariat (ESE): [applications@eurostars-eureka.eu](mailto:applications@eurostars-eureka.eu)

National project coordinators: [contact form on Eureka's website](#)

## Guidelines

<https://www.eurekanetwork.org/programmes/eurostars/guidelines>







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