

DRIVING GROWTH ▲

**European Partnership  
«Partnership for Innovative SMEs»  
EUROSTARS-3 Programme**

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## ► Introduction – EUROSTARS-3 Programme (1)

*Partnership for Innovative SMEs / EUROSTARS-3 Programme ...*

- ❑ *Aims to support innovative SMEs to develop products, processes and services and bring them to the market through market-led, international, collaborative R&D&I funded projects*
- ❑ **Follow up** of the previous Eurostars-1 (FP7) and Eurostars-2 (Horizon 2020) joint programmes between the **European Commission (EC)** and **Eureka Countries**
- ❑ Co-Funded by the **EC (Horizon Europe)** and **Eurostars Countries** for the **2021-2027 Period** in the frame of the «**Partnership for Innovative SMEs**»
- ❑ **€ 250 Million** from the **EC** and **€ 800 Million** from the **Participating Countries**
- ❑ *Participants are funded by their **countries' funding organisations***

### Eurostars-3 principles

Bottom-up approach	International cooperation	SME-led	Close-to-market innovations	Technological and societal challenges	Centralised evaluation / decentralised funding
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# ► Introduction – EUROSTARS-3 Programme (2)

## *37 Participating Countries*

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

## ▶ EUROSTARS in Numbers (1)

*A Typical Eurostars Programme ...*



3-4 participants



2-3 countries



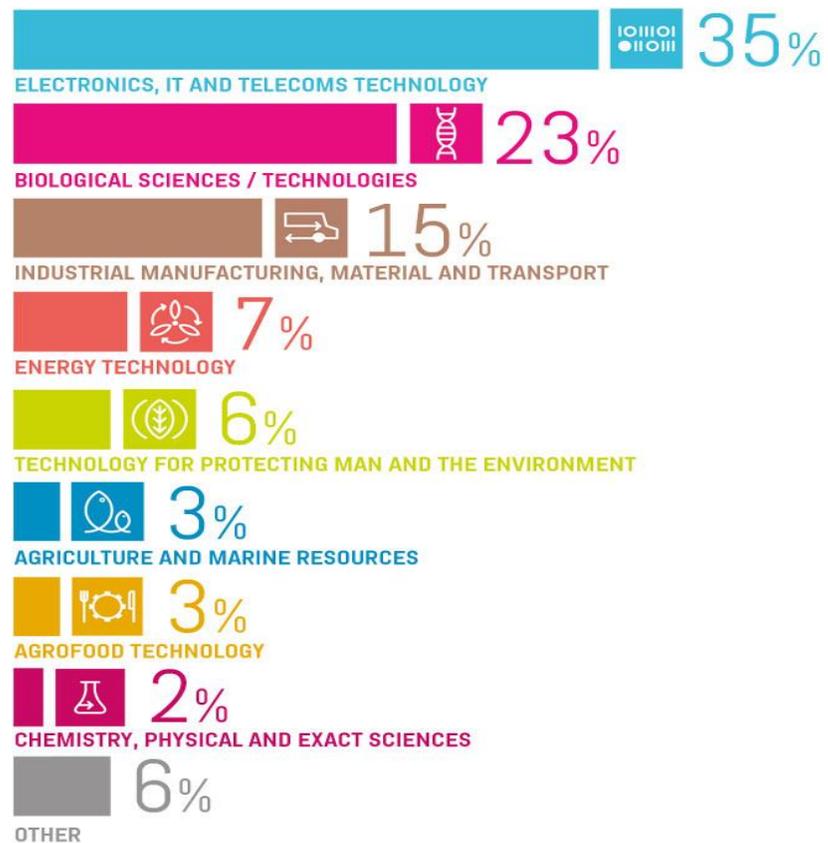
29 months  
average duration



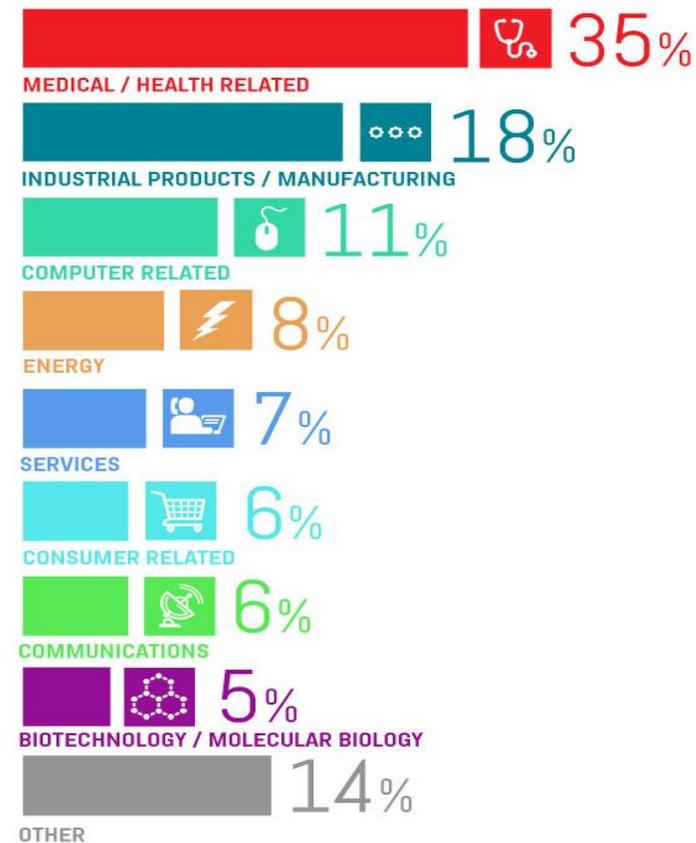
14 M€  
average project cost

# ▶ EUROSTARS in Numbers (2)

## TECHNOLOGICAL AREAS PROJECTS SUBMITTED



## MARKET AREAS PROJECTS SUBMITTED



## ► Eligibility Criteria

- The project consortium is **led by an innovative SME\*** from a **participating country**
- The project consortium is composed by **at least two entities** that are independent of one another
- The project consortium is composed by entities from **at least two participating countries**, with at least one organisation coming from an EU or Horizon Europe Associated Country
- The **budget of the SMEs** from the participating countries (excluding any subcontracting) is **50% or more of the total project cost**
- No single participant or country is responsible for more than **70% of the budget of the project**
- The project **duration** is **36 months or fewer**
- The project has an exclusive **focus on civil applications**

***\* SMEs with the ambition to collaborate on R&D and innovation with international partners to develop new products, processes and services for European and global markets.***

## ▶ European Partnerships - EUROSTARS-3 Programme

- ❑ **National Funding Scheme** for the support of local Organisations wishing to participate in EUROSTARS Projects
- ❑ Budget: **€ 2.000.000** for 2021-2027
- ❑ Regular **Calls for Proposals**

### *Forthcoming Call for Proposals:*

- ❑ **Budget:** € 1.150.000
- ❑ **Announcement Date:** 10 February 2023
- ❑ **Funding per Project (for Cypriot partners):** € 200.000 or € 250.000 if the Transnational Project Coordinator is a Cypriot SME
- ❑ **Funding Intensity:** Up to **70%** for Enterprises, **100%** for Research Organisations
- ❑ **Deadlines:** 13 April 2023, 14.00 (CET)



## ► Specific Conditions for Participation

- ❑ **Host Organisation** (of the Cypriot Consortium) should be a **Small or Medium Enterprise** (B.1, B.2)
- ❑ Research Organisations, Enterprises and Other Organisations can participate as **Partner Organisations**
- ❑ **Maximum number of organisations** in the Cypriot Consortium should be between **one to three (1-3)**
- ❑ Participation of startups is not allowed except for those with **marketable products/services, with a record for sales and turnover and audited financial statements** for at least two (2) years
- ❑ Each Enterprise can receive funding from the RIF for a **maximum of two (2) Projects in the frame of EUROSTARS-3 Programme** during the 2021-2027 period.
- ❑ The calculation of the Proposal Budget will be based on the **simplified cost method «Personnel Costs» plus 40%** on Personnel Costs for covering the rest of the Project costs



## ▶ Proposal Submission

- ❑ **Transnational Proposal is submitted electronically** (on-line application form) by the **Transnational Project Coordinator**, through the **EUROSTARS Programme Project Management Platform** (<https://auth.myeurekaproject.org/>)
- ❑ **Coordinator of the Cypriot Consortium** should also submit a **Proposal to RIF** through IRIS. Project Coordinator and all local participating organizations of the Cypriot Consortium, should **register in advance** on IRIS
- ❑ Proposal submitted to the RIF includes only **general information regarding the Transnational Proposal and the Consortium** and **detailed budget** for each partner participating in the Cypriot Consortium

## ► Evaluation and Selection Procedure



- ❑ Evaluation Procedure performed Centrally by the EUREKA Secretariat
  - *Eligibility check*
  - *Legal and financial viability check*
  - *Expert evaluation conducted by three independent experts per project*
  - *Independent Evaluation Panel and ranking conducted by internationally recognised experts*
  - *Ethics review*
- ❑ Funding decision is taken centrally by all the participating countries in the Programme, based on the results of the **evaluation** and the available budget (approx. 3 months after the deadline)
- ❑ RIF selects Proposals with Cypriot participation based on the **final Ranking List**, until the **exhaustion of the available budget** and provided that the Proposals have the **financial support of the other participating countries**



## ▶ Information and Support

- ❑ Website  
<https://www.eurekanetwork.org/countries/cyprus/eurostars/>
- ❑ RIF Support Service  
[support@research.org.cy](mailto:support@research.org.cy)
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# Thank You!

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