

# Chile-Portugal: Cooperation on Lithium innovation

Eligibility and funding conditions for  
Portuguese partners

15<sup>th</sup> January, 2026, 14:00h (online)



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## Promote measures to support innovation and R&TD

We manage a set of policy instruments centered on RTD, business innovation and the economic value of knowledge.



ANI occupies a central position in the relationship between science and the economy, promoting the transfer and valorisation of knowledge along four fundamental axes.



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## Capacity building and promoting the internationalisation of the National Innovation Ecosystem

We contribute to improve Portugal's performance in European R&I programmes, namely:

- EUREKA Network (Intergovernmental Network)
- Horizon Europe (EU Funding programme)

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## Capacity building and funding the National Innovation Ecosystem

We guarantee basic public funding to the interface institutions - CoLAB, CTI - and strengthen their capacity to solve complex societal problems through R&TD. We are also the coordinating body for DIH and the National Network of Test Beds.

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## Promote innovation and knowledge transfer policies

We contribute to public innovation policies, promoting concrete actions and working closely with academia for a more effective transfer of knowledge.

# Chile-Portugal Webinar goals

- Foster scientific and technological collaboration in **Eureka Network projects**.
- Exchange best practices in **sustainable mining, refining and battery innovation** and the **social and environmental impacts** derived from lithium exploration.
- Explore opportunities for **joint research, investment, and industrial development**.

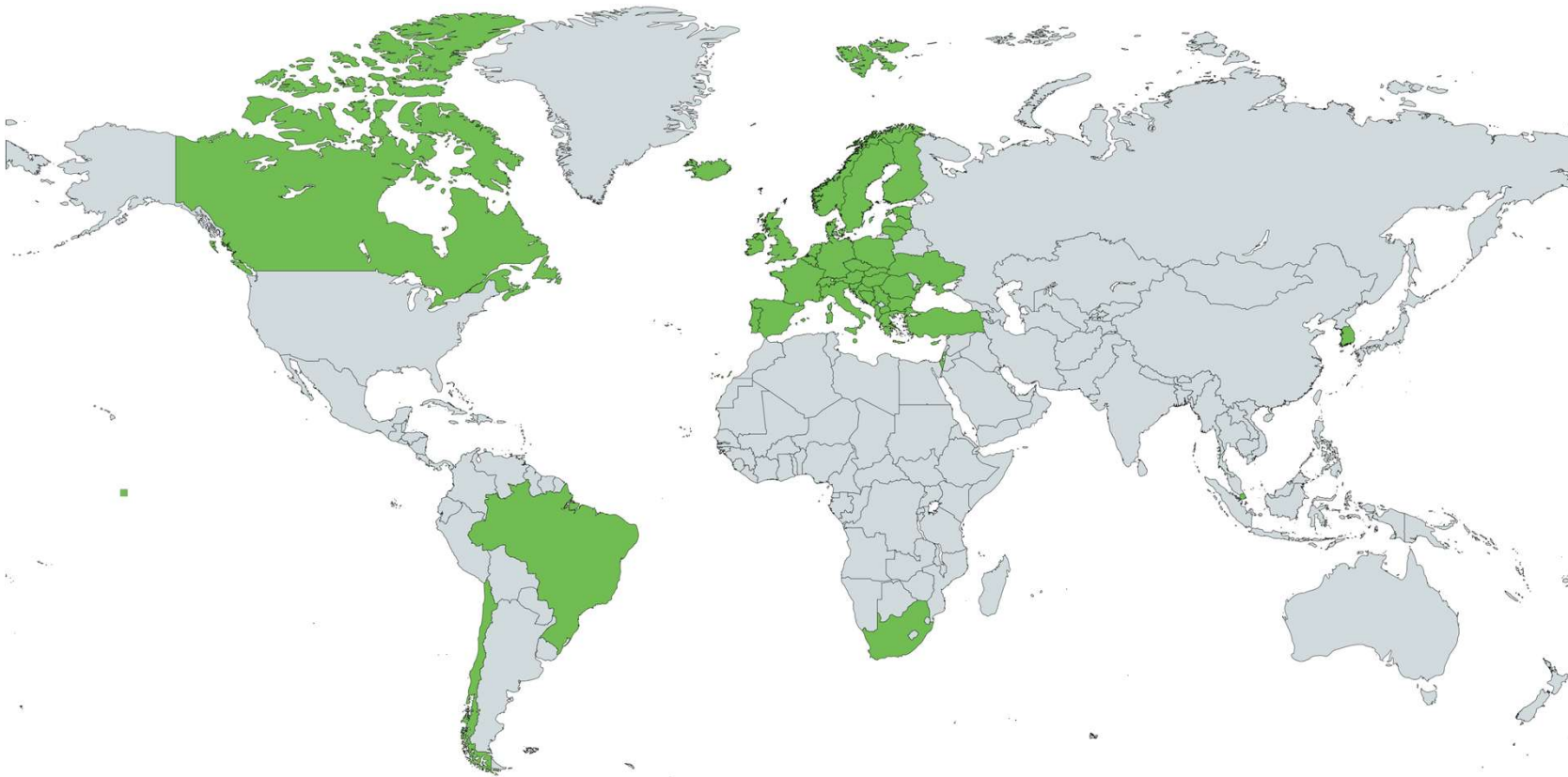
Set the grounds to establish a **Europe (Portugal) – South America (Chile) lithium value chain**, in line with the EU-Chile Interim Trade Agreement (ITA), and the EU's Critical Raw Materials Act.



# About Eureka

**EUREKA is the world's biggest public network for international cooperation in R&DI:**

1. EUREKA is an **intergovernmental network** established in 1985 (Portugal was a founding member)
2. Comprises **47 countries** and the **European Commission**
3. Promotes and supports bottom-up market-oriented **international R&D&I project** generation
4. **Decentralised** and **synchronised funding** by country
5. Facilitates **access to finance**, to **new markets** and incorporation in **global value-chains**
6. Open to **start-ups**, **SMEs**, **large companies**, **research institutions** and **universities**
7. Flexible, bottom-up, global outreach, mobilising **public funding** from over 45 countries.



**Eureka Network: from 18 countries in 1985 to 47 countries today - including the European Commission**

# Eureka Network global presence...



# Type of Projects



International collaboration between entities based in Eureka countries



R&D of a new product, process or service



Bottom-up and market-oriented, where participating entities decide the focus of their R&D projects



Civil application of R&D results

# Programas EUREKA



⇒ Apoia PMEs na liderança de Projetos de I&DI internacionais



⇒ Apoia projetos de viabilidade de negócio e de tecnologias em novos mercados



⇒ Promove o acesso de empresas a investimento privado e parcerias estratégicas



⇒ Facilita o acesso ao EIC Accelerator

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⇒ Clusters temáticos de I&D liderados pela grande indústria europeia  
(ITEA4 – *Software innovation*, CELTIC-NEXT – *Next-generation communications*, XECS – *Electronic components and systems*, SMART – *Advanced manufacturing*, EUROGIA – *Low carbon energy technologies*)



⇒ Oferece flexibilidade para projetos de I&D internacionais (aberto em permanência)



⇒ Apoia projetos de I&D com países não membros da Rede Eureka



# Portugal @EUREKA

## Main partners



Spain



Germany



Turkey



Netherlands



France



United Kingdom



Sweden



Belgium



Finland



Denmark

## Main partners outside the EU



Turkey



United Kingdom



Switzerland



Norway



Israel



South Korea



Canada



Brazil



South Africa



Source: EUREKA project database

# Eureka funding process in Portugal...

## Phase 1

### International Application

1. Submit the international application to the Eureka SmartSimple platform (<https://eurekanetwork.org/login/>)
2. Legal and financial eligibility check of Portuguese entities.
3. Evaluation process (app. 3 months)
4. Decision and awarding of the Eureka label



## Phase 2

### National application

(after being awarded with the Eureka label):

5. Application to national funding under:  
**“Aviso para Operações de I&D Industrial à Escala Europeia”, (Balcão dos Fundos / Portugal 2030).**
6. Application analysis (app. 60 workdays)
7. Notification of the grant decision
8. Funding contract signature



# Funding Rules (Portugal)

## Funding for Eureka Network Projects (PT entities)\*

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**Type of call:** Aviso SIID – Internacionalização de I&D – “Operações de I&D Industrial à Escala Europeia” – Portugal 2030

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**Projects covered:**

- **EUREKA projects**, including “classic” Eureka **Network Projects**, Eureka **Clusters**, **Globalstars** and **Multilateral** calls);
- **EUROSTARS-3**

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**Type of Funding:** grant

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**Eligible entities:** SMEs and/or Small Mid-cap companies (mandatory) + universities, research centres and other non-entrepreneurial entities (ENESII) from all geographic regions from Continental Portugal (Norte, Centro, Lisboa, Alentejo and Algarve) are eligible for funding. ENESII from the Autonomous Regions of The Azores and Madeira, are also eligible for funding.

\* Funded projects must include **industrial research and/or experimental development activities**, leading to the creation of new products, processes or systems or to the introduction of significant improvements in existing products, processes or systems.



# Specific eligibility criteria (main highlights)

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## Obtaining the Eureka Label.

Present evidence of the approval of the project within the Eureka Programmes (Eureka label / Eureka Cluster label / notification of approval in case of Eurostars projects).



## Documents required for the national application

- Original **international application**
- Final **international evaluation report**
- **Eureka label award** notification
- Draft of the **International Consortium Agreement**
- **Technical Annex** (using the template made available at “Balcão dos Fundos”)

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## Must have a Portuguese SME or Small-Mid Cap company

When there is co-promotion between a PT company + PT R&D centres, the company(ies) of the national consortium must ensure the most relevant part of the eligible investment.

**Large Portuguese companies:** Not eligible

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## Balanced economic and financial situation

**Mandatory financial autonomy ratios for companies\*:**

- **SMEs and Small Mid-cap: 15%**
- **Companies active for less than one year:**

Should demonstrate the capacity to finance the project with own capital, equal to or greater than 20% of their own eligible costs

\* **Financial autonomy ratio** = Equity / Net Assets

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## Fit into National and/or Regional RIS3

Your project must **fit into the priority areas** of the research and innovation **strategy for smart specialization** (National and/or Regional **RIS3**).



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# Eligible costs (main)

**Personnel costs**, (technical staff directly allocated to R&D activities, including scholarships and the hiring of new staff)

**Raw Materials, Consumables and Components**


**Subcontracting** (up to 30% of the total eligible investment of the national component of the project)

**Instruments, technical-scientific equipment and specific software**

**Dissemination activities of project results**

**Travel and accommodation abroad**

**+ Overheads** 7% fixed rate applied to all direct eligible costs (incl. subcontracting costs)

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- Possibility of including the eligible investment in R&D share, that is not co-funded by European or national grants in **SIFIDE (Sistema de Incentivos Fiscais à I&D empresarial / System of Tax Incentives for Business R&D)**.

# Funding rates

Type of organization	Basic Rate Industrial Research activities <sup>1</sup>	Basic Rate Experimental Development activities <sup>2</sup>	Bonus “type of company”	Bonus “cooperation” or “dissemination” <sup>3</sup>	On Average
Micro or Small Company	50%	25%	+ 20 p.p.	+ 15 p.p.	65% to 80%
Medium Company	50%	25%	+ 10 p.p.	+ 15 p.p.	60% to 70%
Small Mid-cap companies	50%	25%.	N.A.	+ 15 p.p.	50% to 55%
Research Organization or University <sup>4</sup>	85% <sup>4</sup>				85%

**Important:** For investments located in **NUTS II Lisboa**, the maximum co-funding rate is **40% of eligible costs**.

<sup>1</sup> “Industrial Research” activities comprise TRL 2 to 4

<sup>2</sup> “Experimental Development” activities comprise TRL 5 to 8

<sup>3</sup> “Cooperation” between autonomous companies or between companies and other not for profit organizations; wide technical and scientific “dissemination” of project results

<sup>4</sup> provided the companies are not receiving indirect State Aid



## Relevant legislation:

**Aviso MPr-2024-12**  
**SIID – Internacionalização de I&D**  
**Operações de I&D Industrial à**  
**Escala Europeia**

**(Closed last 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025)**

<https://www.compete2030.gov.pt/aviso/siid-internacionalizacao-de-id-operacoes-de-id-industrial-a-escala-europeia-mpr-2024-12/>



**Regulamento Específico da área**  
**Temática de Inovação e Transição**  
**Digital do Portugal 2030 (REITD)**

[Portaria n.º 328-B/2023](#)

(sobretudo artºs 44º ao 51º + Anexo III)

**Importante Note:**

The next national call is foreseen to  
open next **30<sup>th</sup> April 2026**



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