

Portugal

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Portuguese entities participating in project applications that have been awarded the Eureka Label will be eligible to apply to a national call for funding under *SIID – Internacionalização de I&D “Operações de I&D Industrial à Escala Europeia”*, in the framework of *Portugal 2030*, the multiannual funding framework programme (expected to be published on the second semester 2023).

All Information about the national funding programme will be available soon at:

<https://www.ani.pt/pt/promo%C3%A7%C3%A3o-internacional/redesinternacionais/eureka-eurostars/>

Maximum project duration: 36 months.

Important reference documents:

Regulamento Específico da área temática Inovação e Transição Digital, which stipulates the framework and general funding rates for applied R&D projects in Portugal under PT2030, (soon to be published).

General eligibility conditions:

- The national consortium must integrate at least one SME or Small Mid-Cap enterprise.
- When applying in partnership with Portuguese R&D organisations, the Portuguese company(ies) must assume the largest share of the investment.
- The project must fall within the priority areas of the national or regional Research and Innovation Strategy for Smart Specialization (RIS3).

Eligible participants:

All SMEs and Small Mid-Cap¹ enterprises, universities, research centres and other non-entrepreneurial entities from all geographic regions from Continental Portugal (Norte, Centro, Lisboa, Alentejo and Algarve) are eligible for funding.

¹ **Small mid-cap enterprise designation:** "Small mid-cap enterprise" means a company that does not meet the SME criteria and whose number of employees does not exceed 499, whose annual turnover does not exceed 100 million euros or whose annual balance sheet does not exceed 86 million euros, as provided for in point 103-E of Article 2 of Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June, as amended;

Mandatory “Financial autonomy ratios”:

The Portuguese companies need to comply with the following financial autonomy ratios:

- For **SMEs and Small Mid-Cap enterprises**: 15% financial autonomy ratio.
- **Companies that have been active for less than one year** at the date of the application: they must demonstrate the capacity to finance the project with equity, equal to or greater than 20% of eligible costs.

Form of public funding

- For companies and non-entrepreneurial entities: grant

Co-Funding rates:

- For SME: from 45% to 80% of project costs for Micro and Small companies, and from 35% to 75% for Medium companies.
- For Universities and research organisations: 85% of project costs for universities or research organisations, provided that such cooperation does not involve indirect State Aid for beneficiary companies.

The exact funding percentage depends on the national consortium collaboration, the wide dissemination of project results and whether your project activities fall into the category of industrial research or experimental development.

Eligible costs:

R&D direct costs that fall into the category of industrial research or experimental development, including:

- Personnel costs (including scholarships and the hiring of new staff – only technical profiles)
- Raw Materials,
- Consumables and Components,
- Sucontracting,
- Equipments
- Software and Hardware,
- Dissemination of project results,
- Travel and accommodation abroad

Overheads: 15% flat rate applied over personnel eligible costs.

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