France and South Korea call – 2026

Network Projects

FROM 13 MAY 2026 TO 8 JULY 2026

Eureka is the world's biggest public network for international cooperation in research and development (R&D) and innovation, present in over 45 countries. It is a decentralised intergovernmental organisation aiming to boost the productivity and competitiveness of industries by funding and supporting international collaborative market-driven R&D projects.

The national funding bodies from France – Bpifrance, and South Korea – Korea Institute of Advancement of Technology (KIAT) have allocated funding for organisations collaborating on international R&D projects.

You can submit your R&D project application for this call for projects between 13 May 2026 and 8 July 2026 (9 July 2026 in South Korea). Your project consortium must include:

- at least one eligible French enterprise
- at least one eligible South Korean company

The parties listed above must be unrelated parties, meaning there should be no direct, indirect, beneficial or constructive ownership interest between these parties. They must also ensure that no conflicts of interest are present. The project should be led by a commercial company (main applicant) in the respective countries and may include other parties such as research institutes or universities.

Apply from: 13 May 2026

Submission Deadline (France): 8 July 2026, 17:00 CEST

Submission Deadline (South Korea): 9 July 2026, 16:00 KST

Projects can begin (expected): November 2026

About this call

Countries

France, South Korea

Scope

This project call is for R&D projects in all thematic areas or application domains. Project applications in the following areas are welcome:

- Semiconductors
- Advanced manufacturing (including secondary batteries, mobility, and robotics)
- AI

Eligibility criteria

To apply, you must meet several eligibility criteria:

- Your project idea must represent international cooperation in the form of a specific project.
- The project must be directed at researching or developing an innovative product, process or service with the goal of commercialisation.
- The project must have a civilian purpose.
- Your consortium must include at least one eligible French company and at least one eligible South Korean company.
- Please note, that organisations from non-participating countries are welcome to join if (public or self-) funding is secured by the call deadline.
- No single organisation or country can be responsible for more than 70% of the project budget.

Available support

France

French funding agency, Bpifrance, funds R&D costs for SMEs participating in this call. Funding is available as a loan.

The amount of funding available depends on the type of organisation applying.

Type of organisation	Amount of funding available
Startups	Up to 80% of eligible project costs
Small companies	Up to 60% of eligible project costs
Medium-sized companies	Up to 60% of eligible project costs

Companies with more than 2,000 full-time equivalent employees are not eligible for funding but can self-fund their project costs.

Research organisations and universities are not eligible for funding but can participate as subcontractors.

Additional steps for applications from France

Before applying, you must contact your *chargé(e) d'affaires innovation* in your Bpifrance Regional Office to discuss the application with them and verify your eligibility. Then, you will have to **submit your national application** ("*demande d'aide à l'innovation*") on the Bpifrance En Ligne platform by 8 July 2026. You will have to submit financial and technical documents requested by your *chargé(e) d'affaires innovation*.

Additional eligibility criteria for applications from France

The project and the French firm's technical and financial capacity to carry it through must be assessed by Bpifrance.

In order to check their eligibility, French participants must **contact their Bpifrance *chargé(e) d'affaires innovation*** prior to applying. Then, the national funding application must be submitted on the Bpifrance En Ligne platform before 8 July 2026. The *Bpifrance en Ligne* account will be opened with the help of the *chargé(e) d'affaires innovation*.

For more information, please visit the website of Bpifrance.

South Korea

The Korean budget provided by the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (MOTIE) and managed by KIAT is open to all applications from companies with registered R&D laboratories, research institutes and universities.

South Korean participants can receive a grant of up to KRW 500,000,000, approximately 300,000 euro, per year for up to three years. The amount of funding will vary depending on the type of organizations and project in accordance with Article 24 (funding criteria) and Article 25 (civilian dues) of the Common Operational Regulations for the Industrial Technology Innovation Programs.

The amount of funding available depends on the type of organisation applying.

Type of organisation	Amount of funding available
Startups and small companies	Up to 67% of eligible project costs
Large companies	Up to 33% of eligible project costs
Medium-sized companies	Up to 50% of eligible project costs
Research organisations or universities	Up to 100% of eligible project costs

Additional steps for applications from South Korea

Submit a national application through KIAT's Project Advanced Smart System, including Eureka's application form (in English) before 9 July 2026 at 16:00 (KST).

The total costs for each of the partners in your consortium should be reflected in your Eureka (SmartSimple) application and match your national application.

Additional eligibility criteria for applications from South Korea

- The Korean consortium must include at least one company (private enterprise); research institutes and universities can also participate.
- All participating Korean companies must have been in business for more than one year as of the date indicated on the business registration certificate.
- All participating Korean companies should have obtained the "Corporate R&D Centre Accreditation" issued by KOITA (Korea Industrial Technology Association).
- Project funding consists of government grants and matching contributions (cash and in-kind).

For more information, please visit the website of KIAT.

How to apply

Application process

1. Contact your ministry or funding agency through Eureka's website to discuss your project idea, finances, eligibility and procedures.
2. Create an account on our application portal (one per consortium) and select the funding opportunity you want to apply to.
3. To apply, use the portal and complete one application form per consortium in English. Additionally, request that other partners fill out a partner form.
4. Submit a GANTT chart, a signed co-signature form (available for download on the platform), and any other required attachments.
5. We will check your application for completeness and eligibility before reviewing it using a standard evaluation procedure. If successful, your project will receive a Eureka label.
6. Your country or region's ministry or funding agency may conduct another evaluation performed by experts and based on national regulations.
7. The final step is to complete and sign a consortium agreement. We recommend that you seek legal advice when drafting your consortium agreement.

Important: Your national or regional funding body may need you to complete additional steps to apply to this Network Projects call. If you do not provide the information required by your national or regional funding body, you may render yourself ineligible to receive public funding.

Evaluation process

1. Impact
   - Is the market properly addressed (i.e., size, access and risks)?
   - Is the value creation properly addressed (i.e., employment opportunities and environmental and societal benefits)?
   - What are the competitive advantages of your project (i.e., strategic importance, enhanced capabilities and visibility)?
   - Are your commercialisation plans clear and realistic (i.e., return on investment, geographical and sectoral impact)?

2. Excellence
   - What is the degree of innovation? (i.e., is the proposed product, process or service state-of-the-art? Is there sufficient technological maturity and risk)?
   - How is new knowledge going to be used?
   - Is your project scientifically and technically challenging for consortium partners?
   - Is the technical achievability and risk properly addressed?

3. Quality and efficiency of implementation
   - What is the quality of your consortium (i.e., balance of the partnership and technological, managerial and financial capabilities of each partner)?
   - Is there added value through international cooperation?
   - Is your project management and planning realistic and clearly defined (i.e., methodology, planning approach, milestones and deliverables)?
   - Is your cost structure reasonable (i.e., costs and financial commitment for each consortium partner)?

4. Overall perception
    - Experts will list three positive and negative points about your application and state whether they recommend your project for public funding. Your ministry or funding agency may carry out a further evaluation according to national/regional rules before allocating funding to organizations.

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