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Announcement:

Denmark - Switzerland Call for Proposals for Joint R&D Projects

Submission by March 24, 2011

Scope

Denmark and Switzerland are jointly announcing a Call for Proposals for joint R&D projects under the Eurostars programme. The Call focuses on developing innovative products and applications within Cleantech and Biotech.

The main objective of this call is to help generating a higher degree of cooperation between companies and research institutions in Denmark and Switzerland within Cleantech and Biotech. The call is managed by the Eurostars secretariats in the Danish Ministry for Science Technology (DASTI) and The Federal Office for Professional Education and Technology (OPET) in cooperation and in line with the EUREKA-Eurostars innovation programme (www.eurostars-eureka.eu).

Call Launch and Structure

The call will be concluded the 24 March 2011, 20:00, and follows the same application form, registration and up-loading as Eurostars project: www.eurostars-eureka.eu

Projects starts are expected approximately 6 months after the application deadline. The submission and the approval procedures will be as follows.

1. The Swiss and Danish Eurostars secretariat will facilitate request of identifying project partners within academia as well as among SME's. We are cooperating with national clusters and other national experts and points of contact. This cooperation will guarantee access to the best possible project partners within Denmark and Switzerland.
2. When cooperation partners have been identified, guidelines and the application forms can be downloaded from the Eurostars web site: www.eurostars-eureka.eu.
3. Partners, who cooperate in the framework of the present call are offered the following choice of supplementary services:
 - a. One day patent search for the description of the state of the art in their technology field at the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual property.
 - b. Formal eligibility check of their Application
 - c. Partner search at the EUREKA Eilat/Eilot Cleantech Conference in Israel 22.-24. February.
4. The application must be uploaded no later than the 24 March 2011, 20:00. It is however recommended to up-load the application a few days in advance on the cut off day in order to avoid technical problems delaying the application.
5. Within 4 months the project will be evaluated and ranked by a team of international evaluators. The ranking will be done on a competitive basis with Eurostars applications from all other Eurostars countries. If the application is evaluated above the threshold and can be funded within the national budgets it can be approved and start when a national registration etc. has been completed and a consortia agreement has been signed between the project partners. The consortia agreement must be completed within two months after the funding decision has been communicated by the national authority.

Project content and evaluation

Expected project results will have to contribute to the development of commercial products, applications and or services. The proposals should comply with the following guidelines:

- The partners should include at least one Swiss or Danish research intensive SME and at least one other SME, research institute or university from the other country. Other partners and partners from other Eurostars-countries are welcome to participate as well
- At least 50 pct. of the project activities must be conducted by the participating SME or SMEs.
- The project should have an obvious advantage and added value resulting from the cooperation between the participants from the two or more countries (e.g. increased knowledge base, commercial leads, access to R&D infrastructure etc.).
- The project should demonstrate the contribution of the participants from both countries

Financing

Applying the Eurostars structure, project participants will finance their costs from own funds and earmarked Eurostars funding in Denmark and in Switzerland. Switzerland provides of an earmarked Eurostars budget of 2.5 Mio. Euro for the present Eurostars Call and Denmark provides 2 Mio. Euro. Maximum project funding for all partners in one project for Swiss project partners is 600.000€ and 300.000€ for Danish project partners.

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For a comprehensive "Tour-de-Table" of the Danish Cleantech sector see: www.energymap.dk

Registration, Application form, Guidelines and Nation Funding Rules:

- Registration, application form & guidelines: www.eurostars-eureka.eu
- Danish funding rules within Eurostars: www.en.fi.dk/eurostars
- Swiss funding rules within Eurostars: www.bbt.admin.ch/eurostars