

Polish - Israeli Call for Proposals for Joint R&D Projects Deadline for Submission – June 29th, 2022

Scope

Poland and Israel are announcing the eighth Call for Proposals for joint R&D projects, focusing on developing innovative products and applications **in all technological and application areas.** Applicants are expected to develop ready to market solutions or projects which have strong market potential for Poland, Israel and Europe.

Israel Innovation Authority and the National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR) will support joint R&D projects involving parties from both countries. The program is managed within the framework of the Agreement between the Government of Poland and the Government of Israel on bilateral cooperation in private sector industrial research and development. Approved projects will be provided access to the relevant national public funding scheme for joint projects provided by Israel Innovation Authority and by the NCBR respectively.

Call Launch and Structure

The Call is launched on 29 March 2022 by the NCBR and Innovation Authority.

Eligible partners are invited to present joint proposals for industrial R&D projects according to the following procedures:

Qualifications:

The project consortia should include at least one Israeli and one Polish R&D performing commercial company. Participation of research institutes/universities is welcome as additional participants or subcontractors according to each country's funding regulations. Companies from other countries may also participate, but they will not be funded neither by Innovation Authority nor by the NCBR.

- The project should have an obvious advantage and added value resulting from the cooperation between the participants from the two countries (e.g. increased knowledge base, commercial leads, access to R&D infrastructure etc.).
- The project should demonstrate the sustainable contribution of the participants from both countries (minimum 30% of project costs per each country) and the project must be significant to both participants.

Any partner whose cooperative R&D project is consistent with the aforesaid criteria can apply in the present call in accordance with the National Laws, Rules, Regulations and Procedures in effect.

Submission and the approval procedures will be the following:

Submission and the approval procedures consist of one phase. This announcement invites partners to present joint proposals for R&D projects **no later than June 29, 2022**.

Applicants are required to follow the local requirements and use the provided application format and instructions. Proposals that are not in the approved format will not be accepted.

In addition to the local application, an Letter of Intent (LOI) and a Bilateral Application Form (BAF) must be submitted by each project partner to their respective funding organizations.

The BAF and LOI must be completed and signed by both Polish and Israeli partners and must include IP and commercialization plans for the project.

In ISRAEL:

The Israeli partner is required to submit the full IIA application **by June 29th at noon**, in accordance with the Israel Innovation Authority regulations, through an [online system](#) following the instructions on the relevant incentive program on the [IIA's website](#). In addition to the local application, an LOI/MOU and a Bilateral Application Form (BAF) must be submitted by Israeli companies.

In POLAND:

The Polish partner is required to submit an Application form in Polish **by June 29th at noon** to the following e-mail address: izrael@ncbr.gov.pl with some additional documents indicated in the call for proposals. The call documents and templates are available at the following link:

<https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/viii-konkurs-w-ramach-wspolpracy-polska-izrael>

Companies should contact Innovation Authority and the NCBR before submission in order to receive the submission guidelines (see contact information at the bottom).

Financing

Projects in the frame of this call for proposals will be financed by the respective national authorities in Poland and Israel. Funding conditions and eligibility criteria may vary from country to country. As summary, main aspects of funding criteria are explained below:

Israel:

- An Israeli R&D performing company which initiates single or multi-year program that will provide know-how, processes or methods for the manufacture of a new product, application, technology base service or process.
- The product must have a sizeable potential for export sales.
- Research institutes or other participants may apply as a subcontractor to a company.
- The support is in the form of a conditional grant amounting generally up to 50% (+ regional incentives for companies located in "development zone") of the eligible R&D budget. *Further details regarding grants and payment of royalties are available at the Innovation Authority web site.*

Poland:

- Partners eligible for funding in a project consortium are: Micro, Small, Medium enterprise (SME) and group of entities consisting of: a) SMEs or b) a research organisation (research and knowledge-dissemination organisations) and at least one SME. The project consortium with Polish participation must contain at least one Polish SME to be eligible for funding. Both a company or a research organisation can be the leader of a consortium.
- The project should be carried out according to the project contract, consortium agreement and in line with the information given in the Eureka Project Form.
- Maximum project funding levels are stated in the Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education dated 19 August 2020 specifying the conditions and rules of state aid allocated by the National Centre for Research and Development.

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