
EUREKA

European cooperation in the field of industrial research and innovation

EUREKA is a **publicly-funded, intergovernmental network**, involving over 40 countries. EUREKA's **aim is to enhance European competitiveness** by fostering innovation-driven entrepreneurship in Europe, between small and large industry, research institutes and universities. By doing this, EUREKA concentrates the existing potential of experts, of knowledge, research facilities and financial resources in a more efficient way. EUREKA is constantly proving its value through a wealth of success stories – innovative products, processes and services that have been launched onto the market over the last 30 years, creating additional turnover and jobs for European companies, small and large – and by supporting the internationalization of businesses with innovative ideas.

EUREKA is a leading open platform for international cooperation in innovation. It is present in over 40 countries and remains to this day the only initiative of its kind committed to the "bottom-up" principle - ensuring that any R&D project with a good business plan receives the support it deserves, independent of its technological nature, or the type of organisations involved.



EUREKA was established in 1985. At present, EUREKA is a cooperation of 40 member countries (with EU Commission). Some other countries that have the status of associated EUREKA countries or "the third" countries have also been involved in the cooperation.

The Czech Republic has been a full member since 1995.

More information about EUREKA can be found [here](#).

And more information about Czech participation on the website of [Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports](#) (in Czech).

Projects:

EUREKA projects are focused on the areas of private and public sectors. Their output have to be a new products, technologies and services capable of commercial use.

EUREKA projects are focused on:

- Information Technology
- New Materials
- Environment
- Biotechnology and Medical Technologies
- Robotics and Automation
- Communication Technologies
- Power Engineering
- Transportation
- Lasers

Small and medium-sized enterprises, universities and research organizations can be the target organizations for these projects.