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What is EUREKA?

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A European network for hi-tech
companies and research institutes

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- strengthening European competitiveness
- through high quality 'market-driven' R&D projects
- involving industry and research institutions
- cooperating across European national borders
- and beyond
- producing world-class products, processes and services

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EUREKA's history

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- Initiated in 1985 with 17 members from Western Europe
- 1992 - EUREKA opened its doors to C&E European members
- 1998 - encouraged project participation from anywhere in the world, allowing industry to 'work with the best'
- currently 38 members (Europe + Israel, and Morocco as associated country)

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EUREKA at a glance

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- 700 running projects
- Total budget of running projects: 1,7 billion EUR
- involving 2760 participants
 - dominated by industry:
1187 SMEs and 583 large companies
 - 491 research institutes
 - 435 universities
 - 64 government/public administration

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How does EUREKA benefit you?

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- **EUREKA helps you to:**
 - pool resources and expertise, share risks
 - team up with suppliers & customers
 - build networks & improve science-industry links
 - accelerate transfer of technology to market
 - gain critical mass, access European and world markets
 - gain access to national public funding
 - open the door to private funding and venture capital

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EUREKA services

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- partner search
- project management support
- financial sourcing
- market and technological intelligence

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What is a EUREKA project?

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A EUREKA project is:

- proposed, defined and managed by its partners (the 'bottom up' approach)
- international - partners from at least two of EUREKA's 38 members
- led by industry
- developing hi-tech products/processes/services for the market

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Starting a EUREKA project

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Do you have an idea for a project?

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- **Contact your National Project Coordinator (NPC) who will:**
 - help you find a partner
 - help you define your project
 - help you access funding
 - help you access other EUREKA services



Remember - you're in charge

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EUREKA's 'Bottom-up' principle

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- The participants decide:
 - what the project aims to do
 - who is in it
 - how much it will cost
 - how long it will take
 - how it will be managed
 - how risks and results will be shared

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Croatia – Austria EUREKA cooperation

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In the beginning...

We thank Austria for its active role
in:

- establishing of Croatian EUREKA office
- training Croatian EUREKA officers
- starting first EUREKA projects with HR partners

Special thanks to EUREKA NPC Philippe Loward,
and prof. Manfred Horvat, director of (then) BIT,
spiritus movens of many AT – HR joint initiatives

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EUREKA Web site

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- project database, partner search
- launch project suggestion
- forthcoming events
- EUREKA contacts
- Features: project management, finding venture capital, sectoral analysis ..

www.eureka.be

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EUREKA eligibility for participation and funding - Croatia

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- All legal entities are eligible to participate
- Only academia and SMEs are eligible for funding
- To be eligible for funding, SMEs should be established as Ltd, exist in business for at least two years and must not be blocked, or in legal process that could lead to bankruptcy or blockage
- Academia partner should have approval/consent from legally responsible person/body e.g. dean, scientific council or director (refer to internal rules)



EUREKA evaluation procedure and funding - Croatia

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- Open call
- Grants only, up to 50% of HR contribution, but max. 150.000 EUR per project
- National evaluation done by independent experts from academia and industry
- 2-3 evaluators per project
- Evaluation procedure takes up to 60 days after all documents are delivered to EUREKA national office
- Decision on funding after processing of evaluation results
- Contracts signed between Ministry of Science, Education and Sports and partner in Croatia. In case there are more than one partner entities from Croatia on the same project, only one among them signs the contract – decision up to partners. Consortium agreement is compulsory.

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EUREKA budget in Croatia

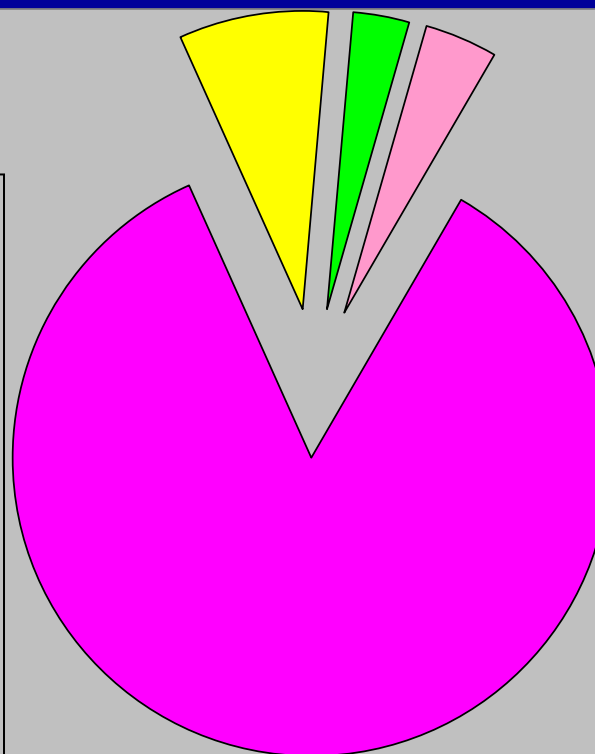
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REVISED
ANNUALY

FISCAL YEAR
JANUARY TO
JANUARY

•2008 BUDGET–
550.000,00 €



- 85% - ONGOING & NEW PROJECTS
- 8% - PROJECT PREPARATION
- 3% - MARKETING
- 4% - EUREKA OFFICE

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- Cooperation in 13 projects (all statuses included)
- Total value of projects 21,57 mil. EUR
- Sectors: Environment technologies (7), ICT (2), New materials (2), Medicine and biotechnology (1), Agriculture (1)

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Thank you for your attention!

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