

## Sweden and Brazil call for R&D projects within sustainable mining, bioeconomy or sustainable cities

FROM 29 SEP 2025 TO 30 JAN 2026

National funding agencies from Sweden and Brazil have funds for organisations who wish to collaboratively develop R&D projects within the areas of sustainable mining, bioeconomy or sustainable cities. This call is a cooperation between FINEP, Vinnova and Embrapii.

Submit a project application for this funding opportunity between 29 September 2025 and 30 January 2026. Your project consortium must include:

- at least one eligible Swedish company
- at least one eligible Brazilian company

It is optional to include an Embrapii unit (ICT accredited by Embrapii) in the consortium on the Brazilian side.

The parties listed above must be unrelated (i.e. no direct, indirect, beneficial or constructive ownership interest between the parties.) and have no conflicting interests. The consortium for your R&D project should consist of at least one company from Sweden and one company from Brazil. A company must lead the project, but the consortium may include universities and research institutes as project partners.

Eureka funding programme: Network projects

### Countries and regions with funding

SWEDEN

BRAZIL

### R&D project scope

This call is prioritising R&D projects in the following field(s):

- Sustainable mining
- Bioeconomy
- Sustainable cities

Your project should:

- Address at least one of these fields and
- Show the potential to research or develop a product, process or service that you can commercialise.

In the area of **sustainable mining**, your R&D project should consider, but not be limited to, the following topics:

- Eco-efficient comminution
- More efficient material handling processes/methods
- Recycling
- More efficient water management

In the area of **bioeconomy**, your R&D project should consider, but not be limited to, the following topics:

- Sustainable forest management
- Bio-based materials including related processes, new technologies, business models and policy issues

In the area of **sustainable cities**, your R&D project should consider, but not be limited to, the following topics:

- Smart and fossil-free transportation systems
- Efficient water-management systems
- Flood management systems

## Call for projects timeframe

Call for projects opens: A link will be available shortly.

Deadline (date of receipt CE(S)T): 30 JAN 2026

Feedback for project applications: 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

Eureka label given: Q2 2026

Projects can start: 1 OCTOBER 2026

Key dates are subject to modification.

## Funding details

Funding will be provided only to projects that are positively evaluated by all the participating national funding bodies. Each funding agency will fund organisations according to national laws, rules, procedures and available budget.

Sweden (Vinnova):	<p>Vinnova has a dedicated budget of approximately 2,190,000 EUR for this call.</p> <p>Funding for Swedish project participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SMEs up to 60% of eligible costs</li> <li>• Large companies up to 40% of eligible costs</li> <li>• Universities and research institutes up to 100% of eligible costs</li> </ul> <p>The maximum funding (grant) per project is approximately 500,000 EUR (SEK 5 500 000).</p> <p>See further below.</p>
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Brazil (FINEP)	<p>Maximum Finep Funding (on total project value): R\$ 5.000.000,00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SMEs - GOR (2024) less than R\$ 4,800,000.00 – up to 90% of eligible costs</li> <li>- Small Company - GOR (2024) from R\$ 4,800,000.00 to R\$ 16,000,000.00 – up to 85% of eligible costs</li> <li>- Medium Company I - GOR (2024) from R\$ 16,000,001.00 to R\$ 90,000,000.00 – up to 70% of eligible costs</li> <li>- Medium Company II - GOR (2024) from R\$ 90,000,000.01 to R\$ 300,000,000.00 – up to 60% of eligible costs</li> <li>- Large Company - GOR (2024) greater than R\$ 300,000,000.00 – up to 50% of eligible costs</li> </ul> <p>See further below.</p>
Brazil (EMBRAPPII)	<p>EMBRAPPII has 91 accredited RDI units (EMBRAPPII Units) operating across a wide range of expertise areas.</p> <p>The model serves all types of companies.</p> <p>To develop a project, a Brazilian company must form a partnership with an EMBRAPPII Unit.</p>

If your funding agency does not have funding for organisations like yours, you can still join a project. Contact your ministry or funding agency for information about other funding options or self-funding.

## Eligible R&D projects

Eureka has eligibility criteria for organisations participating in a Network projects consortium:

- Your project idea must represent international cooperation in the form of a specific project.
- You must direct your project towards researching or developing an innovative product, process or service with the goal of commercialising your project results.
- Your project must have a civilian purpose.
- Your consortium must include organisations based in both Eureka countries.
- No single organisation or country can be responsible for more than 70% of the project budget.

This call for projects has additional criteria for organisations to be eligible to receive funding:

- The duration of your project must not exceed 36 months.

### Swedish eligibility

- See further below.

### Brazilian eligibility

- See further below.

An Embrapii unit can be part of the project consortium on the Brazilian side (although not a formal requirement).

Information about the Brazilian Agency for Industrial Research and Innovation (EMBRAPII):

EMBRAPII is the Brazilian Agency for Industrial Research and Innovation, a Social Organization connected to the Ministry of Science, Technology, Innovations and Communication (MCTIC) and to the Ministry of Education (MEC), and the Health Ministry. EMBRAPII's operating model enables quickness, flexibility, and reduced risk in supporting companies' RD&I projects. The non-refundable grants offered by EMBRAPII are invested in projects carried out by companies and research institutions, acknowledged for their excellence, technological focus, and the ability to meet companies' RD&I demands, called EMBRAPII Units and/or Poles. The resources of the Agency cover up to 1/3 of the value of collaborative projects between companies and EMBRAPII Units and/or Poles.

The EMBRAPII resources work in a continuous flow so companies can, at any time, go directly to the EMBRAPII Units and Poles, negotiate, and contract their projects in a simple and non-bureaucratic way.

## Evaluation

We will review your R&D project application according to our evaluation criteria.

### 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, geographic 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 would you use new knowledge?
- 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 another evaluation according to national or regional rules before allocating funding to organisations.

Funding will only be provided to projects that receive a positive evaluation from all relevant national or regional ministries and funding agencies.

## How to apply for funding

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 project) and select the funding opportunity you want to apply to.
3. Use the portal and complete one application form per consortium (in English). Invite other partners to fill out a partner form.
4. Submit a GANTT chart, a signed co-signature form (available to download on the portal) and any other required attachments.
5. We will check your application is complete and eligible before evaluating it. If successful, your project will receive a Eureka label.
6. We evaluate project applications to determine if your ministry or funding agency should grant funding. Your 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.

Additional steps for applying:

Sweden	
Topics of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainable mining</li> <li>• Bioeconomy</li> <li>• Sustainable cities</li> </ul>
Timeline - National Application	Vinnova's national call opens on 29 September 2025 and closes on 6 February 2026, 14:00 CET.
Budget	Approximately EUR 2,190,000 (SEK 24 000 000)
Specific National rules	Vinnova's national call is aimed at companies, universities, research institutes or other relevant actors in Sweden that want to collaborate with organisations in the participating Eureka countries. A participant seeking a grant must be a Swedish legal entity. In this respect, a Swedish legal entity is equated to a foreign organization with a branch or establishment in Sweden. The project costs must have been incurred in the Swedish legal entity.
Eligible costs and funding rates	<p>Swedish participants can apply for grants according to Vinnova's general terms and conditions for grants. State aid rules apply to organisations that carry out economic activities<sup>1</sup>. The rules on state aid for research, development and innovation are stated in the European Commission's General Block Exemption Regulation No 651/2014 (GBER). In this call article 25 in GBER applies with support for industrial research or experimental development.</p> <p>The following funding levels apply: SMEs up to 60% of eligible costs, large companies up to 40% of eligible costs and universities and research institutes up to 100% of eligible costs ("icke statsstöd"). The maximum funding (grant) per project is SEK 5 500 000 (approximately EUR 500.000). Information on terms and conditions for funding and eligible costs:</p> <p><b><u><a href="https://www.vinnova.se/en/apply-for-funding/rules-for-our-funding/terms-and-conditions-for-our-funding">https://www.vinnova.se/en/apply-for-funding/rules-for-our-funding/terms-and-conditions-for-our-funding</a></u></b></p>

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.vinnova.se/en/apply-for-funding/rules-for-our-funding/state-aid-to-companies/>

Additional documents required	<p>Swedish participants that require funding from Vinnova are recommended to get in touch with one of the Vinnova contact persons before submitting the national application.</p> <p>In addition to the centrally submitted online Eureka project application form, Swedish participants of the international project consortium apply on the Vinnova web page <a href="https://www.vinnova.se/en/">https://www.vinnova.se/en/</a> to the national call that will open on 29 September 2025 [<a href="https://www.vinnova.se/e/utlysning-2023-02472/samarbete-med-brasilien-inom-hallbar-2025-03963/">https://www.vinnova.se/e/utlysning-2023-02472/samarbete-med-brasilien-inom-hallbar-2025-03963/</a>]. Only the Swedish participants should be entered as project partners in Vinnova's application portal.</p> <p>The complete Eureka application form of the international project consortium, including all partner forms, project budget and a Gantt diagram of work packages, must be submitted as the project description in the application to Vinnova. A CV for the Swedish project coordinator should also be submitted as an appendix to the application (use the template provided for the call).</p> <p>Prior to the project start, all Swedish participants, including the assigned Swedish coordinator, must fill in the form "Participant Approval." All project participants in the international Eureka project shall enter into a Consortium Agreement. The Consortium Agreement shall include the Participants' mutual commitments, conditions concerning rights to foreground and background information and other issues of significance to the cooperation. The participants shall have entered into the Consortium Agreement no later than the date when the first Vinnova status report is due.</p>	
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<b>Brazil (FINEP)</b>		
Topics of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainable mining</li> <li>• Bioeconomy</li> <li>• Sustainable cities</li> </ul>	
Timeline - National Application	Finep's national call opens on 29 September 2025 and closes on 30 January 2026.	
Budget	To be determined	
Specific National rules	Finep offers non-reimbursable grants to Brazilian companies for developing innovative products, processes, or services in partnership with companies from at least one other participating country. Proposals must meet Eureka Network eligibility conditions. Only projects awarded the Eureka Label must submit a Portuguese version with detailed activities through a designated link.	

Eligible costs and funding rates	<p><b>Eligibility of Brazilian Companies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brazilian companies of any size may apply, either individually (as Applicants) or jointly with other Brazilian companies (as Co-executors).</li> <li>• A “Brazilian company” means a legal entity headquartered in Brazil, engaged in organized economic activity for the production or circulation of goods or services with profit-making purposes.</li> <li>• Non-profit organizations (associations, foundations, cooperatives), sole proprietors, and individual micro-entrepreneurs are <b>not eligible</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Conditions for eligibility:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Must be registered with the Commercial Registry by <b>December 31</b> of the year prior to proposal submission.</li> <li>2. Must have carried out some operational activity in the <b>12 months prior</b> to project submission, demonstrable through Financial Statements.</li> <li>3. The company’s corporate purpose, at the time of submission, must be compatible with the activities proposed in the project.</li> <li>4. The main research and development activity of the economic group (applicant and co-executors), in the project’s field, must be located in <b>Brazil</b>.</li> </ol> <p>Brazilian participants can apply for grants according to Brazil’s general terms and conditions for grants, subject to the following limits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SMEs, Small Company and Medium Company I: up to R\$ 2.200.000,00</li> <li>- Medium Company II and Large Company: up to R\$ 5.000.000,00</li> </ul>	
Additional documents required	Finep will provide a list of the required documents in its regulations, along with templates for some of them.	
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<b>Brazil (Embrapii)</b>		
Topics of interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainable mining</li> <li>• Bioeconomy</li> <li>• Sustainable cities</li> </ul>	
Timeline - National Application	There is no national application timeline.	



Budget	Embrapii does not set a budget.
Eligible costs and funding rates	<p><b>Eligible Costs</b></p> <p>Under EMBRAPII's funding model, the following types of costs are typically eligible within a project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Personnel costs:</b> salaries of researchers, technicians, and project-related staff.</li> <li>• <b>Equipment and materials:</b> costs for prototypes, testing, and technological development directly linked to the project.</li> <li>• <b>Third-party services:</b> specialized consulting, testing, or certification services.</li> <li>• <b>Travel and logistics:</b> expenses directly related to the execution of the project (if applicable).</li> <li>• <b>Overheads:</b> administrative or operational expenses, when justified and related to the project.</li> </ul> <p><b>Funding Rates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EMBRAPII provides <b>non-reimbursable funding</b> directly to its accredited research units.</li> <li>• Companies are required to provide a <b>matching contribution</b>, which can be in <b>cash</b> or <b>in-kind</b> (e.g., equipment, personnel, infrastructure).</li> <li>• The typical funding model follows a <b>co-investment approach</b>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>EMBRAPII funding:</b> up to <b>1/3 of total project cost</b> (public resources).</li> <li>○ <b>Company contribution:</b> at least <b>1/3 of total project cost</b> (private resources).</li> <li>○ <b>EMBRAPII Unit contribution:</b> at least <b>1/3</b>, provided through its own infrastructure, equipment, or human resources.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>This structure ensures risk-sharing between public funding, private companies, and research institutions while fostering collaborative R&amp;D.</p>

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