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## Title

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Start date: Fri, 2010-10-01  
[2] Budget: 30 million Euro  
Deadline: Tue, 2011-02-01

## Technical Call:

Funding possibilities will be offered to excellent and innovative industrial R&D and applied research projects.

All EUROTRANSBIO projects should be designed according to the following principles:

- All project partners contribute to, and benefit from, an equitable and balanced cooperation.
- Results of collaborative projects are shared through a controlled process that protects and allocates any intellectual property rights used and established during cooperation.

The project duration is not restricted, but 2 to 3 year projects are recommended. The overall budget of the call is about 30 million Euros. National funding programmes may limit the scope of the proposals to specific areas of biotechnology.

## Specific Programme(s):

## Theme:

**EUROTRANS-BIO** is an initiative among government research and development funding bodies aiming at coordinating national and regional funding programmes for the benefit of SMEs in the field of biotechnology. **EUROTRANS-BIO's** objective is to foster economic and academic biotech players in sharing risks, costs and skills related to innovation in order to develop new products, technologies or supply services that could reach the market more efficiently. **EUROTRANS-BIO's** goal is to establish cross-border partnerships between SMEs, improve and accelerate technology transfer, strengthen European efforts to achieve sustainable industrial development. **EUROTRANSBIO** launches common calls for industry-driven trans-national R&D&I projects to create integrated funding programme for biotech SMEs.

## Restrictions to Participation:

Consortia consisting of at least two SMEs (see SME [definition](#) <sup>[31]</sup> <sup>[3]</sup>) from two different participating countries and/or regions can apply for ETB funding (please see below p.7 for a complete list of participating countries and regions). In addition to SMEs, a consortium can include large companies, academic research groups and organisations which belong to the respective countries. Consortia can involve as many partners as necessary to achieve the project goals. The coordinator of the consortium needs to be an SME from an ETB member country/region. Parties from countries/regions which do not take part in the ETB call may be part of a consortium at their own cost if their contribution is mandatory to achieve the project goals.

The application process is a one-step process with the ETB office as the central communication point for all applicants. The ETB consortium will check the compliance with the ETB and national eligibility criteria, **which are published in the ETB Call Guidelines** <sup>[4]</sup>. All consortium partners must prove sufficient financial stability to conduct the project properly. National agencies/ministries will check the financial status of their countries/regions' partner. The project coordinator has to make sure that all consortium partners provide the necessary information as requested from the agencies/ministries (see ETB [Call Guidelines](#) <sup>[4]</sup>) to ensure the eligibility of the project. The deadline for submitting the project proposals is **February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011**. The applicants will be informed about the ETB-funding recommendations by July 2011.

## Eligibility and Evaluation:

Eligibility of proposals will be checked by the ETB consortium. Eligible proposals will be evaluated by an international panel of evaluators. The evaluation criteria fall into four equally important categories: 1) Technological/Scientific Innovation, 2) Economic and Social Perspective, 3) Consortium and Project Management, and 4) Resources.

## More information:

As each country / region participating in the ETB call may have additional national requirements it is strongly recommended to contact their national contact persons before submission for further information.

## Documents:

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