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Eurostars Call 12

Open Call Analysis

Programme	Call position	Deadline
Horizon Europe · European Partnership on Innovative SMEs · Eurostars-3 · national funding (Romania: UEFISCDI)	Call 12 of Eurostars-3 · single-stage · forthcoming, opens 17 December 2026	4 March 2027, 14:00 CET

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Decision in brief: CONDITIONAL GO for R&D-active Romanian SMEs with positive financial results and a partner in a funded Eurostars country — up to €400,000 for the Romanian side at up to 70% for SMEs. The condition is UEFISCDI's confirmation of Romania's Call 12 participation and 2027 budget, which was not published on 6 October 2026. HOLD for start-ups and loss-making companies that need Romanian funding.

1 Executive summary

Eurostars Call 12 is the twelfth call of Eurostars-3, the SME-led R&D programme within the European Partnership on Innovative SMEs, which the European Union co-funds through Horizon Europe. It opens on 17 December 2026 and closes on 4 March 2027 at 14:00 Brussels time. It funds collaborative, close-to-market R&D projects of up to 36 months, led by an innovative SME with at least one independent partner from another Eurostars country, in any civil field. There is no central grant: each participant is funded by its own national funding body under national rules, and partners from countries without budget pay their own costs. [S1, S2]

Romania is a Eurostars country and is listed with an allocated budget. The Eureka call page gives Romanian SMEs up to 70%, large companies up to 45% and universities and research organisations up to 100% of project costs, with a maximum of €400,000 for a 36-month project. UEFISCDI's 2026 documents state the cap as 2,100,000 lei for the Romanian side, pro rata for shorter projects, and add that start-ups are not funded and that beneficiaries need positive financial results. [S1, S19, S20]

The Romanian route carries a timing risk. Romania had no budget for Call 10 (deadline March 2026), returned for Call 11 (deadline September 2026), and UEFISCDI's pages had no Call 12-specific notice on 6 October 2026. The 2026 national allocation for Eureka Network and Eurostars together was 3,800,000 lei. [S15, S14, S17, S19]

EUnita's reading: CONDITIONAL GO for R&D-active Romanian SMEs with a positive financial record and a credible foreign partner, provided UEFISCDI confirms its Call 12 participation before the window opens. Start-ups and loss-making companies seeking Romanian money should not lead; they can join only as self-funded partners. [S1, S20]

2 Call at a glance

Parameter	Verified position	Practical reading
Call	Call 12 of Eurostars-3, joint transnational call for proposals [S2]	Bottom-up: any civil technology or market
Status on 6 October 2026	Forthcoming — shown as 'Upcoming' on the Eureka page [S1]	Nothing can be submitted before 17 December 2026; preparation can start now
Opening	17 December 2026 [S1, S2]	A 77-day window that includes the year-end holidays
Deadline	4 March 2027, 14:00 CET (Brussels time) [S1, S2]	All annexes must be uploaded by then; no changes after submission [S7]
Funding model	National funding bodies; Horizon Europe co-funds the partnership [S1, S2]	No consortium grant agreement — one national contract per funded partner
Romania	Listed with budget; implementation by UEFISCDI [S1]	Up to €400,000 (2,100,000 lei) for the Romanian side of a 36-month project [S1, S19]
Romanian rates	SMEs up to 70%, large companies up to 45%, universities and research organisations up to 100% [S1]	The UEFISCDI 2026 documents checked print no percentages — confirm
Consortium	At least two independent entities from at least two Eurostars countries, one EU or associated [S3]	The lead must be an SME
Budget rules	Eurostars-country SMEs ≥50% of total cost excluding their subcontracting; no entity or country >70% [S3]	Calculated automatically from the budget table, unrounded
Duration	Maximum 36 months [S3]; Romania minimum 24 months [S1, S20]	Plan 24–36 months if a Romanian partner needs funding
TRL	No binding rule; projects usually run from about TRL 4 to TRL 6–7 [S6]	Germany funds only up to TRL 6 [S1]
Evaluation	Three remote experts, 13 sub-criteria scored 1–6, each criterion average ≥3.6, then a panel [S4, S5]	Only the best 200 applications reach the panel [S2]
Results	Funding notification by mid-June 2027 [S2]	Agreements 5–7 months after the deadline
Platform	myeurekaproject.org, in English [S2, S21]	A PIC is needed for every partner [S7]

Official basis: S1 Eureka Call 12 page; S2 Call 12 call text; S3 eligibility guidelines v5.3; S4 assessment and ranking guide v3.2; S5 remote expert guidelines v3.6; S6 FAQ; S7 application guidelines v3.9; S19–S20 UEFISCDI 2026 information package and brochure.

3 What the grant funds and what it does not

Funded	Not funded
Collaborative R&D to develop new products, processes or services for European and global markets [S2]	Projects without an exclusively civil focus — dual-use results are possible, but the project itself must be civil [S3]
Close-to-market work that lets commercialisation, or clinical trials, start rapidly after the project [S5, S6]	Work with no route to market soon after completion — not an eligibility issue, but marked down under Impact [S5, S6]
Personnel, overheads, travel, materials, other costs and subcontracting to third parties, as each national funder allows [S7]	Subcontracting between project partners, or payments between partners for project work [S3, S7]
In Romania: R&D activities, with experimental development at least 50% of the state-funded value [S20]	In Romania: start-ups; projects under 24 months; subcontracting above 10% of state funding; overheads above 20% of direct costs [S19, S20]
Romanian universities and research organisations at up to 100%, alongside an SME [S1]	Grants for partners from Belgium (Brussels), Cyprus, Greece, Israel, Italy and non-Eurostars countries — they may join but self-fund [S1, S2]
Romanian large companies at up to 45% [S1]	Large companies in Germany and Spain, and large companies and universities in the UK — those funders exclude them [S1]

Business implication: Eurostars buys development, not a market launch. A Romanian SME should plan to fund at least 30% of its own costs, keep subcontracting below 10% of the state funding it requests, and expect each partner's funding to follow different rules, rates and calendars. [S1, S19]

4 Programme and evaluator logic

Eurostars is part of the European Partnership on Innovative SMEs, co-funded by the European Union through Horizon Europe and run by the Eureka Secretariat with national funding bodies. Its purpose is narrow: help SMEs develop new products, processes and services with international partners and bring them to market quickly. An 'innovative SME' is any SME with the ambition to collaborate on R&D internationally; no proven R&D track record is required. [S2, S3, S13]

Experts are told that Eurostars supports close-to-market research, with commercialisation planned to start rapidly after the project. They look for a quantified market, realistic growth and market share, a clear competitive advantage, identified barriers and a commercialisation timeline. They judge whether the budget fits the activities and ambition, but not the partners' financial capacity, which national funders check separately. Each score needs a written justification of 45 to 250 words. [S5]

- Quality and efficiency of the implementation: quality of the consortium; added value through cooperation; realistic and clearly defined project management and planning; reasonable cost structure [S5]
- Impact: market size; market access and risk; competitive advantage; clear and realistic commercialisation plans; economic, environmental and societal impact [S5]
- Excellence: degree of innovation; new applied knowledge; level of technical challenge; technical achievability and risk [S5]

What this means: the three criteria carry equal weight, but Impact has five sub-criteria and is where engineering-led SMEs usually lose points. Name the customers, size the market with sources, show how each partner earns money from the result and when. [S4, S5]

5 Calendar and action points

When	Official or indicative event	Action
October–November 2026	Indicative: preparation	Check the Romanian gates, choose partners, obtain PICs, draft work packages and budgets [S7]
November–December 2026	Indicative: Romanian confirmation — ANC's Call 10 non-participation notice was dated 11 December 2025 [S17]	Ask UEFISCDI to confirm Romania's Call 12 participation and its 2027 budget
17 December 2026	Official: call opens [S1, S2]	The lead SME starts the application on myeurekaproject.org and invites partners [S25]
January–February 2027	Indicative: drafting	Collect signed commitment forms, SME declarations and two years' financial reports [S7]
4 March 2027, 14:00 CET	Official: deadline [S2]	Submit several days early; nothing can be changed afterwards [S7]
Within one week of 4 March 2027	Official: eligibility result [S2, S3]	A procedural redress request must be filed within 12 days of a notification [S11]
Within four weeks of submission	Official: deadline for extra information requested in the legal and financial viability check [S8]	Keep finance staff available in March
Mid-April 2027	Official: viability check and expert evaluation [S2]	—
End of May 2027	Official: panel ranking and ethics review [S2]	—
Mid-June 2027	Official: funding notification [S2]	Contact UEFISCDI within 10 days; upload the signed consortium agreement within six weeks [S9, S10]
After approval	Official (national): Romanian application on uefiscdi-direct.ro, ANC budget allocation, UEFISCDI negotiation and contract [S19, S20]	Prepare the Eureka results letter and the HLG approval as PDFs [S18]
August–October 2027	Official estimate: agreements signed 5–7 months after the deadline [S2]	Earliest realistic start of funded work
18 and 36 months after the project	Official: market impact reports [S9]	Keep sales and commercial records

6 Funding, eligible costs and cash flow

Budget or payment item	Call rule	Decision implication
Project size	No Eurostars maximum; average project budget €1.5 million [S6]	Size the project to the work and to each funder's cap, not to the average
Romanian cap	€400,000 for a 36-month project (Eureka page) [S1]; 2,100,000 lei for the Romanian side of a Eurostars project, pro rata for shorter projects (UEFISCDI) [S19, S20]	A 24-month Romanian side is capped at two-thirds of the maximum; the lei figure is the national one
Romanian rates	SMEs up to 70%, large companies up to 45%, universities and research organisations up to 100% [S1]	An SME funds at least 30% of its own costs
Romanian national envelope	3,800,000 lei for 2026, shared by Eureka Network and Eurostars; no 2027 figure published [S19]	Eureka approval does not by itself guarantee national money
Romanian activity mix	Experimental development at least 50% of the state-funded value [S20]	Weight Romanian work packages towards development and validation
Subcontracting (Romania)	Maximum 10% of the state funding [S19]	Keep external services small; never subcontract a partner [S3]
Overheads (Romania)	Maximum 20% of direct costs [S19, S20]	Do not copy overhead rates from partners' budgets
Equipment (Romania)	Only depreciation during the project is eligible where the asset outlives it [S19]	Large purchases rarely pay off inside the grant
Payments (Romania)	The 2026 national documents checked do not describe advance payments [S19, S20]	Assume own cash for the first months until UEFISCDI confirms the payment schedule
Other funders	Germany €500,000 for all German partners; Spain €400,000 per Spanish participant; Bulgaria €200,000 per project; UK €360,000 per project; Netherlands €500,000 per Dutch partner [S1]	Partner choice changes the consortium's total public funding
Self-funded partners	Non-Eurostars and no-budget countries self-fund; at least one participant must be publicly funded [S2, S3]	A self-funded partner needs a self-funding declaration [S7]

Cash-flow note: funding decisions are due by mid-June 2027 and agreements five to seven months after the deadline, and the project cannot start before the approval notification. A Romanian SME should model its 30% share plus the period before the first national payment, and expect UEFISCDI to negotiate the budget after ANC allocates the national money. [S2, S6, S20]

7 Strands and geography

There are no thematic strands: the call is bottom-up and any civil technology or market qualifies. Applicants choose market and technology areas from Eureka's taxonomies in the application form. [S2, S7]

Country group	Position in Call 12	Change from Call 11
Romania	Budget allocated; UEFISCDI implements; 70% / 45% / 100% rates, €400,000 cap, 24–36 months [S1]	Rules unchanged on the Eureka page [S14]; Romania had no budget in Call 10 [S15]
Greece	No allocated budget for this call [S1]	Was listed with budget in Call 11 [S14]
Singapore	Budget allocated; local enterprises need at least 30% local shareholding [S1]	Had no budget in Call 11 [S14]
Belgium (Brussels), Cyprus, Israel, Italy	No allocated budget [S1]	Unchanged [S14]
Canada, South Korea, Singapore, South Africa	Eurostars countries, but not EU or associated [S3]	Need at least one EU or associated partner
United Kingdom, Switzerland	Treated as Horizon Europe associated countries [S3]	UK funds SMEs only, with £2.5 million for the call [S1]
Any other country	May participate by self-funding [S2]	Unchanged

For a Romanian lead, the simplest consortium is one Romanian SME plus one partner from a funded EU country, with the Romanian side above 30% and below 70% of the total. [S3]

8 Applicant and partner eligibility

Gate	Official condition	Evidence or decision to prepare
Lead	Innovative SME under Recommendation 2003/361, legally and operationally based in a Eurostars country [S3]	SME declaration covering partner and linked enterprises [S24]
Independence	At least two legal entities, neither controlling the other (over 50% of capital or votes, or decision-making power) [S3]	Shareholder structure of each partner
Countries	At least two Eurostars countries, at least one EU Member State or associated country [S3]	Partner locations and their funders' budgets [S1]
50% SME rule	Eurostars-country SMEs' budgets minus their subcontracting ≥50% of total project cost, unrounded [S3]	Budget model tested before drafting
70% rule	No single entity or country above 70% of total budget, including subcontracting; linked entities combined [S3]	Same budget model
Duration	36 months maximum [S3]; Romania 24 to 36 months [S1, S20]	Work plan length
Civil focus	Exclusively civil purpose; checked on question 13 and again by the ethics panel [S3]	Answer question 13 accurately
Public funding	At least one participant must receive public funding [S3]	No all-self-funded consortia
Viability check	SME status, legal establishment, no undertaking in difficulty, national rules, capacity to fund own share; one negative result disqualifies the application [S8]	Run Eureka's self-assessment tool for every partner
Romania: coordinator	Only an SME may coordinate the project [S1]	Confirm whether this means the Romanian side or the whole project
Romania: R&D object	SMEs must prove an active R&I object of activity [S1]; enterprises must have R&D in their object of activity [S19]	Trade-register extract
Romania: research bodies	Universities, research institutes, associations and foundations take part only with an SME [S1, S20]	Pair with a Romanian SME
Romania: start-ups	No funding for start-ups [S20]; Eureka says start-ups may participate subject to national rules [S6]	Confirm UEFISCDI's definition of start-up
Romania: viability	Positive net result in the last financial year or positive three-year average [S19, S20]; Eureka page: viability 'for the last 3 years' [S1]	Financial statements for three years

9 Application package and portal sequence

Sequence	Control point
1. Obtain a PIC for every partner on the EU Funding & Tenders Portal	Without a PIC, registration and submission are impossible [S7]
2. Contact each national funding body (UEFISCDI for Romanian partners)	National rules, eligible costs and extra documents vary [S1, S7]
3. The lead SME starts the application on myeurekaproject.org and invites partners	Only the lead can start the file [S25]
4. Each partner completes its own organisation section: costs by work package, financial data, funding request	The form cannot be completed by the lead alone [S7]
5. Upload commitment and signature forms, SME declarations, financial reports or business plans, the ethics table and optional annexes	Financial annexes must be in before the deadline [S7]
6. Submit by 4 March 2027, 14:00 CET	Only contact details can be corrected after submission; to fix an error before the deadline, ask the Secretariat to remove the first file and submit again [S2, S7]
7. Answer viability-check requests	Within four weeks of submission [S8]
8. After approval: consortium agreement and national filing	Agreement within six weeks; Romanian partners file on uefiscdi-direct.ro [S9, S19]

10 Proposal content and limits

Part	Content and limits
Section 1 — Project details	Partners, title and acronym, start date, duration, market and technology areas, keywords, and three short narratives: what you want to do, why, and how you will make money [S7]
Section 2 — Application questions	14 questions on impact, business case, commercialisation, market, SDGs, risks, technical approach, state of the art, civil purpose and ethics; each box has a fixed word limit [S7]
Section 3 — Your organisation	Completed by each partner: costs by work package, two years of financial data including R&D staff and turnover, funding requested, expected impact [S7]
Section 4 — Declarations	Commitment and signature forms and SME declarations [S7, S23, S24]
Section 5 — Work packages	Descriptions, milestones, results, tasks, timing and cost tables; no work package may start in or after month 36 [S7]
Optional annexes	Technical annex in PDF, at most 10 pages and under 10 MB; Gantt chart in PDF or Excel [S7]
Language	English for the form and all annexes [S2, S7]

Partner names and countries, organisation types, title, acronym, technology and market areas, the answer to 'What do you want to do?' and the total project cost are made public; the rest stays confidential. Person-months are calculated on 18 working days per month. An offline Word version of the form exists for drafting only; it cannot be submitted. Open science practices are not evaluated in Eurostars-3. [S7, S22]

11 Evaluation and selection

Criterion	Maximum	Threshold	What to prove
Quality and efficiency of the implementation (4 sub-criteria)	6 (average of three experts)	≥3.6	A complementary consortium, real added value from cooperation, a realistic plan and a reasonable cost structure [S4, S5]
Impact (5 sub-criteria)	6 (average of three experts)	≥3.6	Quantified market, access route and risks, competitive advantage, commercialisation plan, wider economic, environmental and societal impact [S4, S5]
Excellence (4 sub-criteria)	6 (average of three experts)	≥3.6	Degree of innovation, new applied knowledge, technical challenge, achievability and risk [S4, S5]
Total score	54 (sum of nine expert scores)	Not stated as a fixed number	Ranking position among the best 200 that go to the panel [S2, S4]

Each expert scores every sub-criterion from 1 to 6 in whole numbers; the sub-criterion scores are averaged into one rounded score per criterion per expert, and the three experts' scores for each criterion must average at least 3.6. The nine scores are added into the total that ranks applications. Only applications that pass the legal and financial viability check for every partner, and fall within the limit set for the panel — the best 200 for Call 12 — go to the Independent Evaluation Panel of 10 to 20 experts. The panel places applications in groups 1 to 6: group 6 is funded automatically, group 5 is funded where national money is available. Redress is possible only on procedural grounds, within 12 days of a notification. Competition is heavy: Call 10 drew 687 applications, and Eureka puts the share funded at about 20%. [S2, S4, S6, S11, S16]

12 Legal, IP, data and ethics

The project must be exclusively civil. Dual-use results under Regulation (EU) 2021/821 are not excluded, but the project's focus must be civil; question 13 is checked automatically and the ethics panel checks civil purpose again. Every applicant completes the ethics issues table, and an ethics review takes place by the end of May 2027. [S2, S3, S7]

Eurostars sets no central IP regime. Ownership, access rights, exploitation, confidentiality, publication, liability and dispute settlement are agreed by the partners in the consortium agreement, whose format is free but which must be signed by all partners within six weeks of approval. The application is confidential apart from the summary data that Eureka publishes. [S7, S10]

National funding is state aid. UEFISCDI's 2026 package refers to Regulation (EU) No 651/2014, and the viability check excludes undertakings in difficulty as defined in Article 2(18) of that Regulation. Romanian partners should confirm the applicable state-aid conditions with UEFISCDI at the national stage. [S8, S19]

13 Contracting, implementation and reporting

After the mid-June 2027 notification, each partner contacts its national funding body within 10 days, and the lead uploads the consortium agreement signed by all partners within six weeks; otherwise the Eurostars label and public funding are withdrawn. The official start date is confirmed when the agreement is uploaded, and it cannot be earlier than the approval notification. [S6, S9, S10]

In Romania, partners upload the Eureka evaluation-results letter and the HLG approval, as PDFs, on uefiscdi-direct.ro; ANC then approves the national budget allocation and UEFISCDI negotiates the budget and signs the financing contract. The 2026 documents do not describe the payment schedule. [S18, S19, S20]

Each partner reports to Eureka every six months and files an end-of-project report; the project is closed only when all reports are validated. Market impact reports follow 18 and 36 months after the project ends. Participants must acknowledge Eurostars in external communications and show the Eurostars logo with the project number or acronym. [S9]

14 Best-fit applicant profiles

- **Strong fit:** a Romanian software, hardware, medtech or industrial SME with R&D in its object of activity, a profitable last year and a prototype it wants to take to TRL 6–7 with a foreign partner
- **Strong fit:** a Romanian SME joining a project led by an SME from a funded EU country, with its own work package worth up to €400,000
- **Strong fit:** a Romanian university or research institute paired with a Romanian SME, funded at up to 100% for its share
- **Weak fit:** a Romanian start-up without closed positive accounts — no Romanian funding under the 2026 rules
- **Weak fit:** a project led by a university or a large company — Eurostars requires an SME lead
- **Weak fit:** a consortium whose key partner sits in Greece, Italy, Cyprus, Israel or Brussels and cannot fund itself

The deciding question is not the technology but the combination of an SME lead, a financially sound Romanian side and a partner whose national funder has money for Call 12. [S1, S3, S20]

15 Strategic application angles

Romanian lead with one EU partner. The most controllable design is a Romanian SME leading with one complementary SME or research partner from a funded EU country. Keep both shares between 30% and 70%, put the Romanian side's experimental development at the centre, and build the Impact section around the Romanian SME's commercial plan. [S1, S3, S20]

Romanian SME as a partner. Joining a foreign-led consortium avoids the coordination burden, but the Romanian SME still faces all national gates, including the 24-month minimum and the viability rule. Ask the lead early whether the project length and budget split suit UEFISCDI's caps. [S1, S20]

SME plus research organisation on the Romanian side. A Romanian university or institute can be funded at up to 100% alongside a Romanian SME, within the same 2,100,000-lei cap for the Romanian side. That raises the public share but uses the cap faster, and Romanian research bodies cannot take part without an SME. [S1, S19, S20]

Resubmission from Call 11. Projects not funded in Call 11 can be resubmitted as new applications; they are evaluated afresh and must be flagged as resubmissions. Rework the weakest criterion against the experts' comments rather than polishing the strongest. [S6]

16 Risks and decision blockers

Risk	Why it matters	Mitigation
Romania not funding Call 12	Romania sat out Call 10 at a month's notice; no Call 12 notice on UEFISCDI's pages on 6 October 2026 [S15, S17]	Ask UEFISCDI before mid-December; keep a self-funding fallback
Small national envelope	3,800,000 lei in 2026 for Eureka Network and Eurostars combined [S19]	Confirm the 2027 budget; size the Romanian side realistically
Start-up exclusion	No Romanian funding for start-ups under the 2026 brochure [S20]	Confirm the definition; consider a self-funded role
Viability failure	One negative partner result disqualifies the application [S8]	Run the self-assessment tool for every partner before signing up
Threshold failure	Any criterion below 3.6 rejects the application [S4]	Independent review of Impact before submission
50% / 70% rules	Checked automatically; unrounded [S3]	Lock the budget split before writing
Late annexes	Financial annexes and declarations cannot be added after the deadline [S7]	Collect signatures in January
Eligibility drift	Rules apply until the consortium agreement, five to six months later [S3]	Avoid ownership changes before contracting
Consortium agreement	Due within six weeks of results or funding is withdrawn [S9, S10]	Negotiate IP terms during drafting
Conflicting national texts	Start-ups and the viability rule differ between Eureka and UEFISCDI [S1, S6, S19, S20]	Get written confirmation from UEFISCDI

17 EUnita opportunity scorecard

Provisional public-market score: 63/100. This is EUnita's commercial and delivery assessment of the call, not an official evaluator score or applicant success forecast. Eurostars offers substantial, flexible R&D money for Romanian SMEs, but the Romanian budget is unconfirmed, competition is heavy and the process takes most of 2027.

Dimension	Score / 20	Rationale
Funding value	15	Up to €400,000 for the Romanian side at up to 70% for SMEs and 100% for research bodies; no central cap
Access and fit	11	Any civil topic, but an SME lead, a foreign partner, the 50% / 70% rules and Romania's start-up and viability gates narrow the field
Strategic value	16	Builds an international R&D partnership and a commercial product; recognised track record for later Horizon Europe or EIC work
Delivery burden	9	Joint online application, financial annexes before the deadline, viability checks in two systems, consortium agreement and national contract

Dimension	Score / 20	Rationale
Timing and competition	12	149 days to the deadline is workable; about 20% success, 687 applications in Call 10 and an unconfirmed Romanian budget
Total	63 / 100	Worth pursuing for R&D-active, profitable Romanian SMEs once UEFISCDI confirms its participation

18 Official sources and document availability

The links below are the official source set used for this analysis. URLs are printed in full so they can be checked; all were checked on 6 October 2026.

S1 Eureka Network — Eurostars Call 12 for projects, deadline March 2027 (call page with national funding rules by country)
https://www.eurekanetwork.org/programmes-and-calls/eurostars/eurostars-call-12-for-projects-deadline-march-2027/

S2 Eureka Network — Call 12 of Eurostars-3, joint transnational call for proposals (call text PDF, published May 2026)
https://www.eurekanetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Eurostars-call-12.pdf

S3 Eureka Network — Eurostars eligibility guidelines, version 5.3, June 2026 (PDF)
https://www.eurekanetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/eurostars-eligibility-guidelines.pdf

S4 Eureka Network — How we assess and rank Eurostars applications, version 3.2, June 2026 (PDF)
https://www.eurekanetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/how-we-evaluate-eurostars-applications.pdf

S5 Eureka Network — Eurostars remote expert guidelines, version 3.6, June 2026 (PDF)
https://www.eurekanetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/remote-expert-guidelines.pdf

S6 Eureka Network — Eurostars frequently asked questions (modified 6 October 2026)
https://www.eurekanetwork.org/programme-resources/eurostars-frequently-asked-questions/

S7 Eureka Network — How to complete a Eurostars application, version 3.9, June 2026 (PDF)
https://www.eurekanetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/how-to-complete-eurostars-application.pdf

S8 Eureka Network — Eurostars legal and financial viability check guidelines, version 3, June 2025 (PDF)
https://eurekanetwork.org//wp-content/uploads/2025/08/eurostars-legal-financial-viability-check-guidelines.pdf

S9 Eureka Network — Guidelines for participating in a Eurostars project, version 4, November 2024 (PDF)
https://www.eurekanetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/guidelines-for-participating-eurostars-project.pdf

S10 Eureka Network — How to complete a Eurostars consortium agreement (resource page, modified 29 April 2026)
https://www.eurekanetwork.org/programme-resources/how-to-complete-a-consortium-agreement/

S11 Eureka Network — Eurostars guidelines for requesting redress (resource page, modified 18 August 2026)
https://www.eurekanetwork.org/programme-resources/eurostars-guidelines-for-requesting-redress/

S12 Eureka Network — Eurostars resource library
https://www.eurekanetwork.org/programmes-and-calls/eurostars/eurostars-resource-library/

S13 Eureka Network — Eurostars programme page
https://www.eurekanetwork.org/programmes-and-calls/eurostars/

S14 Eureka Network — Eurostars Call 11 for projects, deadline September 2026 (comparison)
https://www.eurekanetwork.org/programmes-and-calls/eurostars/eurostars-call-for-projects-september-2026/

S15 Eureka Network — Eurostars Call 10 for projects, deadline March 2026 (comparison: Romania without budget)
https://www.eurekanetwork.org/programmes-and-calls/eurostars/eurostars-march-2026/

S16 Eureka Network — 'Eurostars Call 10 attracts SME applications across Europe and beyond' (news, 20 March 2026)
https://www.eurekanetwork.org/eurostars-call-10-attracts-sme-applications-across-europe-and-beyond/

S17 UEFISCDI — European Partnership on Innovative SMEs / Eurostars (national page)
https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/european-partnership-on-innovative-smes

S18 UEFISCDI — Eureka (national page with 2026 information package and brochure)
https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/eureka

S19 UEFISCDI — Pachet de informații Eureka 2026, PN-IV-CEI-IEI-EUREKA-2026-1 (PNCDI IV, PDF)
https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/resource-832164-Pachet-de-informatii-Eureka_2026.pdf

S20 UEFISCDI — Broșură PNCDI IV Eureka 2026 (PDF)
https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/resource-832138-Brosura-PNIV-Eureka-2026.pdf

S21 Eureka Project Management Platform — myeurekaproject.org (submission platform)
https://myeurekaproject.org/

S22 Eureka Network — Eurostars application form in Word format (offline draft, modified 3 July 2026)
https://www.eurekanetwork.org/programme-resources/eurostars-application-form-word-format/

S23 Eureka Network — Commitment and signature form (resource page, modified 29 April 2026)
https://www.eurekanetwork.org/programme-resources/commitment-and-signature-form/

S24 Eureka Network — Eurostars SME declaration form (resource page, modified 29 April 2026)
https://www.eurekanetwork.org/programme-resources/eurostars-sme-declaration-form/

S25 Eureka Network — Eurostars application platform guidelines (resource page, modified 29 April 2026)
https://www.eurekanetwork.org/programme-resources/eurostars-application-platform-guidelines/

S26 UEFISCDI — Pachet de informații Parteneriate europene, PN-IV-CEI-OE-PME-2025-1 (PDF; checked for the ANC decision cross-reference)
https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/resource-865311-PI-Parteneriate-europene_2025_30.05_OE_postat-site.pdf

Checked but not found as standalone public files: no total Call 12 budget is stated in the call text or call page. UEFISCDI had published no Call 12-specific notice or information package on its Eurostars or Eureka pages on 6 October 2026, and https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/eurostars returned 'not found'. UEFISCDI's Eurostars page cites ANC Decision no. 20359 of 8 July 2026 for the information package, but on the Eureka page that decision is linked to the European Partnerships package (PN-IV-CEI-OE-PME-2025-1), which does not mention Eurostars; the Eurostars national conditions used here come from the Eureka 2026 package and brochure [S17, S18, S19, S20, S26]. The call text PDF carries no version number; all forms, templates and guidelines are listed in the Eurostars resource library [S12]. The Eureka Call 12 page states an opening time of 00:00 CET; the call text gives only the date.

19 Final verdict

CONDITIONAL GO. For a Romanian SME with R&D in its object of activity, a positive financial record and a credible partner in a funded EU country, Call 12 offers up to €400,000 for the Romanian side at up to 70%, on any civil topic, with 149 days to prepare. The condition is national: UEFISCDI must confirm Romania's participation and 2027 budget, and the start-up and viability rules must be confirmed in writing. HOLD for start-ups, loss-making companies and projects shorter than 24 months that need Romanian money; they can take part only as self-funded partners. [S1, S17, S19, S20]

20 How EUnita can help

EUnita can check an SME's Romanian eligibility (object of activity, financial results, start-up status) and confirm the national position with UEFISCDI; find and vet a partner in a funded Eurostars country; model the consortium budget against the 50% and 70% rules and the Romanian caps; write and review the application with particular attention to Impact; assemble the annexes before the deadline; and support the consortium agreement and the national contract with UEFISCDI. Each assignment would be scoped to the applicant's verified facts and the current official documents.

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