

# Lightweighting meets Eureka

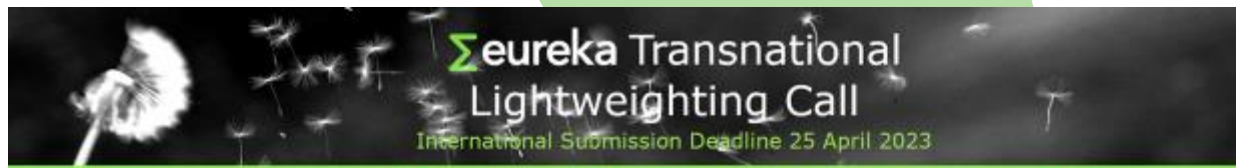
LAUNCHING THE THIRD EDITION OF THE  
EUREKA LIGHTWEIGHTING CALL  
IN 2025

# Eureka Lightweighting Initiative

- Eureka R&D&I funding initiative supported by European and international **Lightweighting Networks**: serves to strengthen **Lightweighting** in its role as a **cross-sectoral enabler technology**
- **Lightweighting technology** is the **key enabling technology** that provides **environmental-friendly solutions**, while at the same time adding **commercial value**, across all industries. Driven by challenges in sectors like mobility and production, lightweighting technology is the path to fundamental resource savings. At the same time, **collaboration across borders is essential** in an increasingly connected world. Strong partnerships within leading European regions and worldwide allow access to customers, technologies and best practices for all stakeholders' businesses and research institutions.

# Eureka Lightweighting Call Series

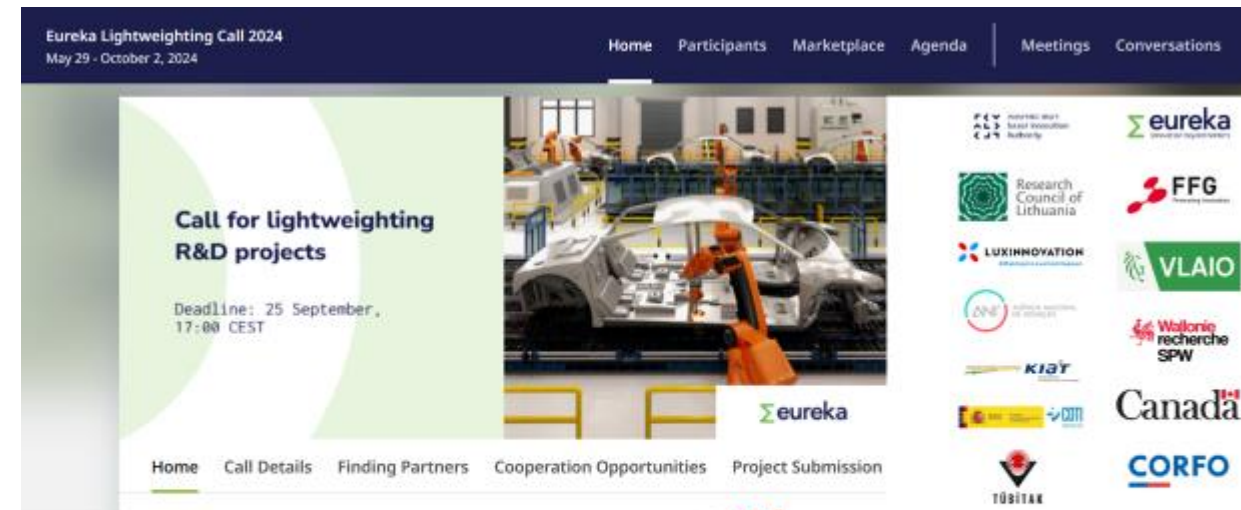
## 1<sup>st</sup> Edition in 2023 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition in 2024



### Eureka Lightweighting Call 2023

- Goal: establish Eureka as an instrument for Lightweighting
  - to strengthen the lightweighting movement
  - to extend the funding landscape in a focussed way
- Call was launched in a short timeframe with a participation of 10 countries

5 Projects were generated for a total project volume of € 6.7 Mio  
Awareness in the community was established



Eureka Lightweighting Call 2024  
29 Projects were submitted in 13 countries  
total project volume of € 51.7 Mio

# Pre-announcement: 3rd Edition of the Eureka Lightweighting Call 2025

- Projects from the 2023 Lightweighting all are already running, projects from the 2024 lightweighting call are being started. This is a **great success for the Lightweighting community** and shows the demand for launching the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Lightweighting call in 2025.
- Interested/participating countries in 2025: Austria, Belgium (Flanders & Wallonia), Chile, France, Germany, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, South Korea, Spain and Türkiye, and others.

**Contact your consortium partners in these countries right away!**

- **Call content and timeline for 2025:**
  - Eureka Instrument: Eureka Network Projects
  - Call content: ensures continuity for the lightweight community based on the [Eureka Lightweighting Call 2024](#)
  - Call start date: 15 May 2025 (call announcement in April 2025 at the [Global Innovation Summit](#))
  - Submission deadline: 23 October 2025

# Eureka Lightweighting Call 2025 (tbc)

## Scope

- Joint international R&D project in the field of **Lightweighting** that will result in a new commercially viable product, process or service

**Effects to be targeted by Lightweighting Technologies include (but are not limited to)**

- Optimization of resource and energy efficiency
- Maximizing Efficiency and Performance
- Bolstering lightweight advancements in mobility and integration in more areas

**Relevant industry sectors include (but are not limited to)**

- All sectors with a need for Lightweighting Technologies are welcome e.g. automotive, railway, aerospace, space, maritime, mechanical engineering, energy, construction, infrastructure, health, farming, forestry, ...

**Funding is provided on the national level considering national priorities and national funding conditions**

For further details please check the call text from April 2025 at  
<https://eurekanetwork.org/opencalls/network-projects-lightweighting-2025/>



## BUDGET AND SCOPE IN **AUSTRIA** (TBC)

### National budget

**2 Mio €**

### Call topics

#### Mobility:

- Optimisation of lightweight design approaches
- Novel lightweight materials including optimised manufacturing
- Recycling of lightweight materials
- Joining technology
- Additive Manufacturing
- Digitalisation

# Partner Search

1. Register to the **b2match Matchmaking Plattform** starting from April 2025 at <https://eureka-lightweighting-call-2025.b2match.io/>, find suitable project partners, and pitch your project idea.
2. **The Enterprise Europe Network (EEN)** is one of the largest online database for collaboration opportunities. Find a partner via EEN in three steps:
  - Search the global partnership database (<https://een.ec.europa.eu/partnering-opportunities>) based on your criteria
  - Express your interest by telling your EEN representative (<https://een.ec.europa.eu/local-contact-points/>) about your company, project idea, and the type of partner you are looking for
  - The EEN representatives help to put interested partners in touch