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ITALY - INDIA Collaborative Industrial Research & Development Program 2019 CALL FOR THE SUBMISSION OF JOINT PROJECT PROPOSALS

The Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India and the Directorate General for Cultural and Economic Promotion and Innovation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Italian Republic, have created funding mechanisms through which companies may seek support for joint India-Italy research and development (R&D) projects and other activities intended to generate new or expanded research and technology-based partnerships between the two countries.

This India-Italy program aims to foster and support the development of collaborative R&D projects that bring together companies, research organizations, academics and other collaborators from both countries for the joint development of innovative products or processes. It aims to stimulate innovative R&D projects that address a specific market need or challenge; demonstrate high industrial relevance and commercial potential; and aim to deliver benefit to all participants, and more broadly, to both nations. These projects help participants to become more competitive by developing global research-based alliances with the potential to foster increased or expanded international R&D collaboration.

AREAS OF COOPERATION:

Advanced Manufacturing and Materials;

Aerospace;

Clean Tech (Renewables, Water, Environment);

Internet of Things (Smart Mobility, Smart Cities, Smart Manufacturing, Precision Agriculture etc.);

Technologies for Cultural Heritage.

Projects submitted in other research areas will not be considered for evaluation.

FUNDING SCHEME:

In India the project lead and other project partners such as R&D Organisations and Academia are eligible for funding support. On behalf of the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India, the Global Innovation & Technology Alliance (GITA) will provide funding and other services to Indian project partners.

In Italy the project lead only, will receive the financial support from Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. Other project partners such as R&D Organisations and Academia must be paid as sub-contractors by the project lead.

Funding and other services to Italian project partners will be provided by the Directorate General for Cultural and Economic Promotion and Innovation (DGSP, Unit IX) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI), of the Italian Republic.

ELEGIBILITY CONDITIONS

Each proposal must include:

1. An Indian Project Lead (IPL), responsible for the Indian application submission, leading the Indian part of the project and communicating with the Italian Project Lead.
2. An Italian Project Lead (ITPL), responsible for the Italy application submission, leading the Italian side of the project and communicating with the Indian Project Lead.

- Collaborations must be business-led in both sides.
- The Indian partner must be a commercial company that operates in and is headquartered in India. Academic institutions, research hospitals, other R&D institutes (including not-for-profit research institutes recognised by DST/GITA) having the HQ and operating in India are encouraged to participate in the projects as coinvestigators/partners.
- The Italian partner must be an industrial entity (company) running activities of R&D. In the case of an industrial entity without a mandate in R&D, it must collaborate as partner in the research activities with a non-industrial entity (university, research center, etc.). SMEs that apply in collaboration with a research partner as stated above, innovative start-up companies and certified incubators (as defined by art. 25 of Italian DL 179/2012) or innovative SMEs (as defined by art. 4 of Italian DL 3/2015) have priority in the selection assessment (please refer to Annex –2 for more details).
- The Italian and Indian partners must express their willingness to cooperate, on a balanced basis, towards the development of a new product, industrial process or service.
- Applicants are required to submit an identical common application form, plus country specific information to GITA (in India) and MAECI (in Italy) to request funding for the proposed R&D project. GITA and MAECI will implement an integrated, merit-based project evaluation and selection process.

PROCEDURES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS:

A full proposal consists of:

- a description of the working teams;
- a description of the research activities that the teams intend to carry out within the project timeframe;
- a detailed description of the costs of the project.

For Italian Applicants:

The Italian partner has to provide the annexed application form, signed by the legal representative of the Company and a copy of the signed Consortium MoU/Agreement including IP terms between the lead participants from the respective countries, by email.

COMMUNICATION OF RESULTS:

For Italian applicants the list of the selected proposals and the funding procedures will be published exclusively on the website of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

CLOSING DATE JUNE 28TH, 2019

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

https://www.esteri.it/mae/it/politica_estera/cooperscientificatecnologica/avvisiincaricobandi.html?id=1828