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# Malta National Funding Rules

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National rules as per guidelines for  
**Research and Development scheme**



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## R&D scheme Scope

Assist undertakings in Industrial Research and Experimental Development activities leading to the **development of innovative products and solutions**

Encourage **cooperation** by providing additional assistance for collaborative projects  
**(EUROSTARS)**

## Industrial Research

- aimed at developing or bringing about a **significant improvement**

## Experimental Development

- using existing scientific technological business and other knowledge to **develop new or improved products, processes or services**
- conceptual definition activities
- **does not include routine or periodic changes**



Eligible for funding	Project	Aid intensity for collaboration
<p>Partnership A limited liability company Co-operative</p> <p><b>Excludes:</b> undertakings in difficulty / RO &amp; subsidiaries / public entities / etc</p>	<p>Up to 36 months</p> <p>Effective collaboration: no partner bears above 70 % of costs</p> <p>Joint contribution to implementation</p> <p><b>Not provision of research services</b></p>	<p>60% Small 50% Medium 40% Large</p> <p>towards the eligible costs</p>



Assistance type	Eligible cost items	Further provisions
Cash grant on reimbursement basis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Personnel costs (wages)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 FTE = 1760 hrs per annum</li><li>Supporting staff - 10% of total personnel costs</li></ul>
Tax credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Instruments &amp; equipment used</li><li>Contractual research, technical knowledge &amp; patents</li><li>Other operating expenses: materials, supplies and similar products</li><li><b>Excludes shipping, repair &amp; maintenance, taxes &amp; duties</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PhD / RO &amp; knowledge-dissemination organisations / technical laboratories or similar infrastructures.</li></ul>



## Scheme Updates in pipeline

R&D 2014-2020



R&D 2020

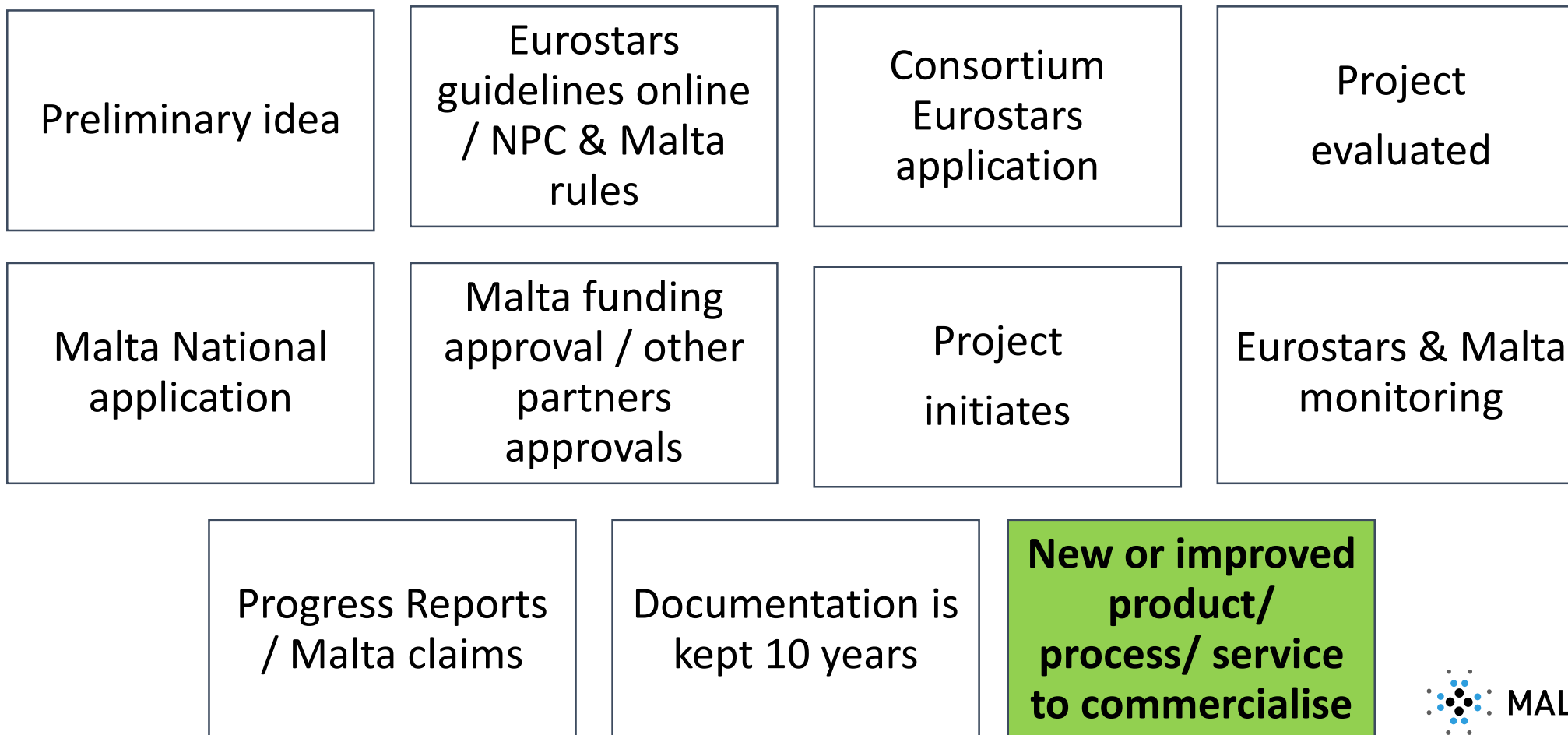
National requests for cash assistance to be submitted prior to project initiation

- More flexibility for well presented projects
- Show R&D uncertainties and challenges to be addressed
- Show a link between innovation & economic growth (impact on knowledge, employment, activity)
- Refer Malta Enterprise website for the latest R&D scheme guidelines:  
<http://maltaenterprise.com/support/research-and-development-2020>



## National EUREKA page & application forms

<http://maltaenterprise.com/support/eureka-instruments-network-projects-eurostars-clusters>





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## In conclusion:

- Malta Enterprise offers **support in business & innovation** activities
- Eligible Malta Eurostars participants are **funded 40%-60%** towards the eligible costs
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Thank you!