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## EUROTRANS-BIO 5<sup>th</sup> Call Announcement

The 5<sup>th</sup> joint call for trans-national projects of the EUROTRANS-BIO (ETB) initiative has opened on the 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2009. The deadline for submitting proposals is **February 1<sup>st</sup> 2010**. The overall budget allocated for this call is about 30 millions €.

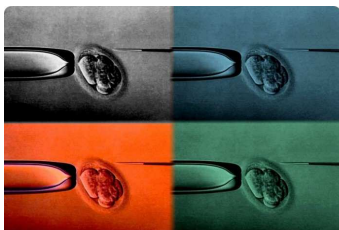


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Funding will be offered to **innovative** industrial R&D&I and applied research projects **in all fields of biotechnology** (red, green, white, blue, etc). Projects in the field of Health & Nutrition related to biotechnology may also be funded depending on national/regional funding criteria.

Consortia consisting of at least two SMEs from two different participating Countries can apply for ETB funding. Each applicant should contact his/her national funding agency before proposal submission.

## EUROTRANS-BIO Joint Calls Statistic

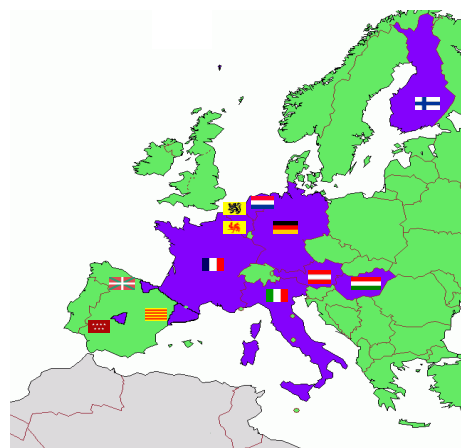
EUROTRANS-BIO (ETB) launches common calls for industry-driven trans-national R&D&I projects with a view to create an integrated funding programme for biotech SMEs. Since 2004 **four joint calls** were implemented and 80 projects, with overall project costs of 139 millions €, were funded. From 2009 to 2012 ETB will launch annual calls and establish a sustainable joint program for funding biotech SMEs R&D&I projects in Europe.

## EUROTRANS-BIO Initiative

EUROTRANS-BIO (ETB), established as an ERA-NET project supported by the European Commission, is an initiative between governmental R&D&I funding agencies in **Austria, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, The Netherlands, Basque Country, Catalonia and Madrid (Spain), Flanders and Wallonia (Belgium)**.

ETB's main goals are:

- to establish cross-border partnerships between SMEs and their strategic partners;
- to improve and accelerate technology transfer;
- to strengthen European efforts ;
- to achieve sustainable industrial development in the field of biotechnology.



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