

What is the range of funding available?

Needs-Driven Technology Development programme (KIAT)

Total budget 2011: €10.7 million (€1.07 million for new projects; €9.22 for on-going projects).

Estimated funding per project: €200,000 per year for a maximum of 3 years. 5/6 new projects in 2011.

Global Market-Oriented Technology Development programme (KIAT)

Total budget 2011: €6 million (€2.18 million for new projects; €3.6 million for on-going projects).

Estimated funding per project: Between €300,000 and €400,000 per year for a maximum of three years.

6 new projects in 2011.

Global Research Network (NRF)

Total budget 2011: €3.1 million.

Estimated funding per project: €63,000 per year for a maximum of 3 years. 16 new projects funded in 2011.

Global Research Laboratory (NRF)

Total budget: €12 million

Estimated funding per project: €300,000 per project per year for 3 years (renewable once for 3 more years).

7 new projects funded in 2011.

International Collaborative R&D Programme (KETEP)

Total budget: €12.6 million. Estimated funding per project: €450,000

Are there any case studies on European participation in Korean RTD programmes?

At the KORRIDOR infoday organised in Bonn in March 2011, a German researcher presented his experience of participating in **KIAT's programme**. To download his presentation, please click on the following link:

<http://www.access4.eu/southkorea/775.php>

The KORRIDOR consortium is currently conducting a series of interviews to create case studies based on researchers' experiences in Korean RTD programmes. Some of the selected interviews will be included in the next version of our participation guidelines (October/November 2011).

Are administrative details carried out in English throughout?

KIAT: All the materials, such as the agreement, both the interim and final technical report, and the financial report are written in English.

NRF: Administration is carried out in English, both at the signing stage and throughout the entire project.

KETEP: Throughout the project, most of KETEP's administration is conducted in Korean. The Korean coordinator will be responsible for translating necessary information for his or her partners.

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PARTICIPATING IN KOREAN RTD PROGRAMMES

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Which Korean programmes are open to European participation?

The KORRIDOR consortium has identified three Korean funding agencies with programmes open for European participation: the Korea Institute for Advancement of Technology (KIAT), the National Research Foundation (NRF) and Korea Energy Technology Evaluation and Planning (KETEP).

There are currently six programmes open for European participation:

- 1) Needs-Driven Technology Development programme - KIAT
- 2) Global Market-Oriented Technology Development programme - KIAT
- 3) Strategic Technology Development programme - KIAT
- 4) Global Research Network (GRN) - NRF
- 5) Global Research Laboratory (GRL) - NRF
- 6) International Collaborative R&D Programme - KETEP

When do the calls for participation open?

KIAT's programmes are open in the first quarter of each year. They are open for a duration of approximately 4 months (e.g. 1 February – 27 May 2011). If the maximum number of projects is not funded following this submission period, proposals may also be submitted in September.

NRF's programmes also tend to open at the beginning of each year, for a period of around 6 weeks (e.g. 4 March – 13 April 2011).

KETEP's call for participation is open until 28 September 2011. For further information please see the section "open calls" on the KORRIDOR website.

<http://www.access4.eu/southkorea/636.php>

Is there a template for proposals or is the proposal written by Korean partners?

For **KIAT, NRF and KETEP's** programmes, proposal templates are available online once the call for participation is released. Proposals are written in English. All partners participate, but as with European programmes, the coordinator oversees the writing of the proposal.

Can European researchers act as coordinators (lead participants)?

European researchers may act as coordinators in **KIAT's** Needs-Driven Technology Development programme but not in the Global-Market Oriented Technology Development programme. In **NRF** and **KETEP's** programmes, European researchers cannot act as coordinators.

How can I find Korean partners?

As the calls for participation are open for a shorter period of time than European programmes, it is important to ●●●

●●● form consortia in the months prior to the publication of the call for participation.

In our **Participation Guidelines**, you can find a list of Korean organisations whose research fields correspond to the research fields of each funding agency.

<http://www.access4.eu/southkorea/820.php>

The CORDIS partner service includes a short list of Korean-based organisations. It is also advisable to contact Korean NCPs (National Contact Points) who can help you find a Korean partner.

<http://cordis.europa.eu/partners/web/guest/home>

Face-to-face contact is key. Keep an eye out for European and Korean cooperation or thematic research events that will enable you to network with Korean partners.

Our sister project KORANET has carried out an inventory of European and Korean research organisations, which you can access here:

<http://www.koranet.eu/en/220.php>

How many partners are required for a consortium in a Korean RTD programme?

In **KIAT's programmes**, there is no limit on the number of partners. However, there must be at least one Korean partner (generally a company), and a good balance between Korean and foreign partners is preferable. In past projects most consortia were composed of 2 – 3 partners.

In **NRF's programmes**, the number of partners is not limited: many foreign and Korean organisations can be involved but the project must be coordinated by a Korean partner. Like KIAT's programmes, most projects involve a small number of partners.

For **KETEP's** programme, there is no limit on the number of organisations but the project coordinator must be a Korean organisation.

Why are records of correspondence needed in order to apply to NRF's programmes?

For the GRL programme a LOI (Letter of Intent) or a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) must be submitted. The GRN programme requires that the Korean Principal Investigator (KPI) and the Foreign Principal Investigator (FPI) show proof of correspondence to prevent a case where a KPI submits a proposal without the FPI's consent to participate in the project.

How are Intellectual Property Rights agreed in each project?

There are no fixed IPR rules for **KIAT's, NRF's and KETEP's programmes**. Each consortium should take care to establish a solid IPR agreement with its partners.

KIAT's programmes: Applicants are expected to devise an IPR-sharing plan. In a case where the lead organisation (coordinator) is a for-profit organisation and is using the developed technology for its own products, it is allowed to choose either a running ●●●

●●● royalty or a fixed royalty rate during the agreement negotiation procedure. In a case where the lead organisation is a non-profit organisation or a for-profit organisation but does NOT intend to exploit the developed technology for its own products, a running royalty shall be applied. For further details on KIAT's royalty conditions, please view page 12 of our participation guidelines that you can download from this website:

<http://www.access4.eu/southkorea/820.php>

For more general legal information on the Ministry of Knowledge Economy's (MKE) royalty regulations, you may consult the following document: **Comprehensive Regulations on Collection, Use and Management of Royalties**.

This information is also valid for **KETEP's programme** as KETEP is under the Ministry of Knowledge Economy. A relevant contract, MOU, or an agreement between the Korean project leader and the overseas participating organisation(s) should be signed by all partners and submitted. Division of royalties is decided within each consortium.

For **NRF's programmes**, IPR should be discussed among the consortium members and agreed on in the MOU that is included in the full proposal.

How long does it take for the evaluation of the submitted proposal?

KIAT: In 2011, for example, proposals were submitted from the 23 – 27 May. The evaluation committee meeting was held between 7 – 10 June and new projects were selected for funding between 27 – 30 June. Agreements are signed until the end of July, after which the funding is then allocated to the partners. The project may begin almost immediately.

NRF: Once the proposal is submitted, projects usually start within 3 – 5 months.

KETEP: Projects generally start within 4 months of the application.

How are European participants funded in each programme?

In **KIAT's** programmes, 75% of the project budget is funded by KIAT if two-thirds of the Korean companies participating in the consortium are SMEs. Non-profit organisations are not counted.

Project partners are then expected to finance 25% of the budget by seeking funding from other sources. In all other cases, KIAT will fund 50% of the budget. The consortium members decide which partners will contribute to the "civilian dues".

For **NRF** and **KETEP's** programmes, matching funding from foreign participants is not mandatory but preferable. ■