



## TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME - Call IV

The objective of the IVth Call for the Technology Programme is to promote the growth and to strengthen the competitiveness of small enterprises, thereby contributing to regional development and increased employment.

### TIMETABLE

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Receipt of aid applications:

- 9. 12. 2016 – 28. 2. 2017

### ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED

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- The acquisition of new machinery, technology and equipment. Aid may not be provided for the simple renovation of existing machinery with no element of innovation.

### APPLICANT

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- The aid applicant/beneficiary must be a natural person engaged in business or a legal entity which meets the definition of a small or medium-sized enterprise as set out in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014.
- As at the date of submission of the aid application, the beneficiary must have closed its accounts for at least the previous 3 consecutive tax periods.
- The applicant is licensed to operate a business in the supported economic activity, for which the project has been implemented.
- It must declare in an affidavit that it has been continuously registered as an income tax payer in one of the EU Member States for a period of at least three full tax years preceding the date of submission of the preliminary aid application.
- It must declare in an affidavit that it has no debt towards selected institutions in the country in which it is based, or in the country its branches are based or towards aid providers from projects co-financed from the EU budget.
- It must declare in an affidavit that it is not in arrears for wages for its employees.
- It may not have any outstanding obligations arising from a recovery order drawn up on the basis of a Commission Decision, declaring the aid as unlawful and incompatible with the internal market.

## **SECTORAL RESTRICTION**

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- Projects relating to sectors classified under the following CZ-NACE codes are eligible for support: 10, 11, 13 to 18, 20 to 33, and 38 (more detailed information is provided in Annex 3 to Call IV of the Technology Programme).
- Projects whose outputs are classified under any of the following sectors are not eligible for support:
  - production, processing and marketing of products listed in Part B of Annex No. 3 to this Call
  - agriculture, forestry, fishery and aquaculture (CZ-NACE A 01, A 02 and A03.
  - the coal industry (CZ-NACE B05, C19.1)
  - the steel sector (as defined in Annex 1 to this Call)
  - industrial production of synthetic fibres (according to the definition in Annex 1 to this Call)
  - shipbuilding (CZ NACE C 30.11)
  - transport and related infrastructure (CZ NACE H49, H 50, H 51)
  - production and distribution of energy and energy infrastructure (CZ NACE D 35)

## **TERRITORIAL DIMENSION**

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- It is not the head office of the applicant/beneficiary that is decisive for an assessment of its local eligibility, but the actual location in which the project is to be implemented = where the expenditure is to be made, in other words the actual local impact of the completed project in terms of its benefits for the relevant region.
- The list of supported regions is included in Annex 1 to Call IV of the Technology Programme.

## **MAIN CONDITIONS OF THE CALL**

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- The aid application and its annexes must be submitted in Czech.
- The project must contain all the mandatory components set forth in the Call for its submission.
- The project must not envisage aid for activities associated with export volumes (export subsidies) support for the establishment and operation of a distribution network abroad, or for other standard costs related to export activities (customs duties, insurance, etc.); or aid contingent on the use of domestic goods in preference to imported goods.
- The project has not started before the date of submission of the preliminary aid application.
- The project may not violate EU horizontal policies nor their fundamental principles, such as gender equality and sustainable development.
- Each applicant (1 Co.Reg.) may submit a maximum of 1 project (i.e. one active application in which it appears as the beneficiary).

## **ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE**

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- Tangible assets – purchase of machinery, equipment, technology, HW and equipment which is not subject to depreciation, inc. the necessary software to ensure its operation.

- Intangible assets – expenditure on the acquisition of patent licences necessary for the proper operation of machinery and equipment and expenditure on SW related to the machinery and equipment purchased and outputs from the project in question.
- Expenditure on the acquisition of machinery and equipment for operating sets. Also expenditure for the acquisition of hardware and local networks inc. related software, provided this software comprises part of the purchase price for the technology.

## **FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID**

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- Aid is provided to a maximum of 45% of EE.
- The amount of aid for a project totals CZK 1 million and the maximum totals CZK 20 million.