



Renewable Energy Programme – Call II

The aim of the Renewable Energy programme is to promote the production and distribution of energy from renewable sources. It supports facilities that have the greatest efficiency without compromising the electricity grid.

SCHEDULE

Opening and closing dates for the submission of aid applications:

- 15. 2. 2017 – 15. 7. 2017

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

- Supply of heat from existing electricity generating plants – biogas plants using biogas in a biogas station to generate electricity and heat using heat distribution facilities to the point of consumption; supply of biogas from existing biogas plants via a biogas pipeline to a remote cogeneration unit using biogas from an existing biogas plant for the purpose of utilising useful heat supplied to the heat distribution facility of a thermal energy supply system,
- construction and reconstruction of sources for the production of surplus combined heat and power from biomass and the supply of heat to an exchanger station, inclusive,
- construction and reconstruction of sources for the production of surplus heat from biomass and the supply of heat to an exchanger station, inclusive.
- Construction, reconstruction and modernisation of small hydropower plants (up to 10 MWe of installed capacity).

APPLICANT

The applicant/beneficiary is a business entity that:

- is a small or medium-sized enterprise as defined in Annex I of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 651/2014 of 17 June 2014, which in accordance with Articles 107 and 108 of the EU Treaty declares certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market (“Commission Regulation (EU) No. 651/2014”); a large enterprise, including agricultural entrepreneurs in the case of activities involving heat supplied from existing biogas plants (defined by Act No. 252/1997 Coll., on agriculture).
- is licensed to trade in a business that corresponds to the economic activity for which the project is implemented.
- has signed a statutory declaration confirming that it is registered as an income tax payer in an EU Member State; the applicant is aware that it will have to have an establishment or branch based in the Czech Republic at the moment the aid is paid out.
- has signed a statutory declaration confirming that it has no outstanding liabilities towards selected institutions in the country in which it is based or in which it has a branch or towards support providers from projects co-financed from the EU budget.
- has signed a statutory declaration confirming that it has no outstanding liabilities in connection with employee salaries.
- has no outstanding liabilities arising from a recovery order following a previous Commission decision declaring aid illegal and incompatible with the common market.
- has been engaged in business for longer than 2 complete accounting periods as of the date the aid application is filed. If an applicant has been engaged in business for less than 2 complete accounting periods, the requisite history can also be proven through an entity that exercises controlling influence in the applicant. The condition stipulated for two complete accounting periods may also be considered fulfilled if the applicant’s entity has undergone a change (transformation) during the period in question – see Annex No. 1.
- has provided proof of its ownership structure.

SECTORAL CLASSIFICATION

- Aid is provided for projects whose outcomes take effect in any of the sectors specified in Annex No. 1 Section A of the Call.

- Aid is not provided for projects whose outcomes take effect in any of the sectors specified in Annex No. 1 Section B of the Call.

MAIN CONDITIONS OF CALL

- The project must be implemented within the Czech Republic outside the City of Prague . The project may cover only one implementation site corresponding to the relevant electricity plant – biogas plants, sources of CHP from biomass, sources of heat from biomass and small hydropower plants.
- The aid applicant must clearly demonstrate ownership or other rights to the property and land where the project is to be implemented.
- The project must include all the obligatory components specified in the Call .
- The project does not assume aid for activities related to quantities exported (export subsidies), support for the establishment and operation of a distribution network abroad, or for other ordinary costs connected to export activities (customs duties, insurance, etc.); or aid contingent upon the use of domestic goods in preference to imported goods .
- The project was not started before the date the aid application was filed.
- The project must not violate EU horizontal policies and their basic principles, such as equal opportunities between men and women and sustainable development.

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- Fixed tangible assets
- Fixed intangible assets (if necessary for the proper operation of fixed tangible assets)
- Energy assessment

FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- the grant provided for the project is a minimum of 1 million CZK and a maximum of 100 million CZK
- there is an allocation limit for each supported area:
 - supply of heat, biogas from existing biogas plants, up to a maximum limit of 400 million CZK
 - CHP from biomass, up to a maximum limit of 150 million CZK
 - biomass heating plants, up to a maximum limit of 150 million CZK
 - oblast small hydropower plants, up to a maximum limit of 100 million CZK

- the absolute maximum amount of grant for the Energy assessment is 350 thousand CZK

- **Measures relating to small hydropower plants, CHP from biomass and biomass heating plants:**
 - if the beneficiary is a small enterprise, aid is provided up to a total of 80 % of eligible expenditure
 - if the beneficiary is a medium-sized enterprise, aid is provided up to a total of 70 % of eligible expenditure
 - if the beneficiary is a large enterprise, aid is provided up to a total of 60 % of eligible expenditure

- **Supply of heat and biogas from existing biogas plants:**
 - if the beneficiary is a small enterprise, aid is provided up to a total of 50 % of eligible expenditure
 - if the beneficiary is a medium-sized enterprise, aid is provided up to a total of 45 % of eligible expenditure
 - if the beneficiary is a large enterprise, aid is provided up to a total of 40 % of eligible expenditure

- **Aid intensity for Energy Assessment and project documentation in the case of heat and biogas supplied from existing biogas plants:**
 - if the beneficiary is a small enterprise, aid is provided up to a total of 50 % of eligible expenditure
 - if the beneficiary is a medium-sized enterprise, aid is provided up to a total of 45 % of eligible expenditure
 - if the beneficiary is a large enterprise, aid is provided up to a total of 40 % of eligible expenditure

- **Aid intensity for Energy Assessment and project documentation in the case of small hydropower plants, CHP from biomass and biomass heating plants:**
 - if the beneficiary is a small enterprise, aid is provided up to a total of 80 % of eligible expenditure
 - if the beneficiary is a medium-sized enterprise, aid is provided up to a total of 70 % of eligible expenditure
 - if the beneficiary is a large enterprise, aid is provided up to a total of 60 % of eligible expenditure

