



## PROGRAMME Smart Grids II – Call III

The objective of Call III of the Smart Grids II programme is to improve the quality, reliability, security and sustainability of electricity supplies to end customers while minimising bottlenecks and integrating decentralised energy sources.

### SCHEDULE

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#### Acceptance of applications for support:

- 31 March 2017 – 30 April 2017

### SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

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- Construction, strengthening, modernisation and reconstruction of transmission lines and substations, including modernisation of control and communication systems (in accordance with the smart grids concept).

### APPLICANT

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An applicant/beneficiary is an enterprise – a transmission system operator that:

- Has authorisation to conduct the type of business corresponding to the supported economic activity that is the focus of the implemented project.
- Is, in accordance with its affirmation, registered as an income tax payer in some EU Member States; the applicant acknowledges that it must have an established place of business or branch in the Czech Republic at the moment of payment of support.
- Does not have, according to its affirmation, any arrears towards selected institutions in the state of its registered office, respectively in the state of the registered office of its branch, or towards providers of support for projects co-financed from the EU budget. Deferred payment of arrears or an agreement on the payment of arrears are considered as settled arrears.
- Does not have, according to its affirmation, any arrears as regards the wage entitlements of its employees.
- Does not have an outstanding liability that arose based on a recovery order issued in connection with a decision of the Commission through which support was declared unlawful and incompatible with the internal market.
- Has, on the submission date of the application for support, at least two consecutive closed accounting periods. If the applicant has been in business for a shorter time, the required history may be demonstrated through an entity/entities with a controlling influence in the applicant. The

condition of two closed accounting periods can be considered fulfilled if, during the monitored period, there was a change in entity as regards the applicant, see Annex No 1.

- Has demonstrated its ownership structure.

## **SECTOR CLASSIFICATION**

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- Projects are not supported whose outputs will impact sectors listed in Annex No 2 Part A of this Call. Projects are not supported whose outputs will impact any of the sectors listed in Annex No 2 Part B of this Call.

## **MAIN CONDITIONS OF THE CALL**

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- The project must be implemented in the territory of the Czech Republic outside Prague Capital City.
- The applicant must unequivocally demonstrate its ownership or other rights to the property and land where the project will be implemented, by demonstrating that it holds a licence for electricity transmission issued by the Energy Regulatory Office in accordance with Section 5 of Act No 458/2000, on business conditions and public administration in the energy sectors (the Energy Act).
- The project was not commenced before the submission date of the application for support.
- The project must not violate EU horizontal policies and their basic principles, such as equal opportunities for men and women, equal opportunities and non-discrimination, and sustainable development.
- The objectives of the project must be in accordance with the objectives of the programme and the Call.
- The applicant holds a licence for electricity transmission issued by the Energy Regulatory Office in accordance with Section 5 of Act No 458/2000, on business conditions and public administration in the energy sectors (the Energy Act).
- A project that receives less than 60 points through this assessment will not be supported.

## **ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE**

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- Fixed tangible assets
- Fixed intangible assets – if essential for the proper operation of fixed tangible assets.

## **FORM AND AMOUNT OF SUPPORT**

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- Project subsidies are provided at a minimum of CZK 10 million and a maximum of CZK 1500 million, with a concurrent maximum of EUR 50 million.
- The aid intensity is a maximum of 40% of eligible expenditure.