



PROGRAMME Innovation Vouchers – Call II

The Innovation Vouchers aid programme aims to develop communication and share knowledge and know-how between the business sector and research, which can be used by the enterprises for launching or intensifying their own innovation activities. Increased interaction between enterprises and organisations dealing with research and knowledge dissemination will have a direct impact on enhancing competitiveness of SMEs.

SCHEDULE

Receipt of applications for support:

- 10.7.2017 – 31.12.2017

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

- Purchase of advisory, expert and support services in the area of innovations from organisations for research and knowledge dissemination or from accredited labs with the aim to commence or intensify innovation activities of small and medium-sized enterprises.

APPLICANT

The applicant/ beneficiary is a business entity that:

- meets the definition of a small and medium-sized enterprise pursuant to Recommendation 2003/361/EC;
- is authorized to conduct business corresponding to the economic activity of the beneficiary, at the latest at the moment of submitting a payment claim;
- is registered, according to the applicant's sworn declaration, as an income tax payer in any of the EU member states, and has been so continuously for at least two closed tax periods preceding the date of filing the application for support; the applicant notes that it will have to have an establishment or a branch established in the Czech Republic at the moment of receiving the support;
- is not, based on its sworn declaration, in arrears to selected institutions in the country of its registration, or in the country where its branch is registered, and to providers of support from projects co-financed from the EU budget;
- does not have any outstanding liabilities, according to its sworn declaration, based on its employees' wage and salary claims;

SECTORAL DEFINITION

- The aid shall not be provided to projects with outputs affecting any of the below stated sectors:

- Production, processing and marketing of products listed in Annex 2 to this Call
- Agriculture, forestry, fishery, aquaculture (CZ-NACE A01, A02, A03).

KEY CONDITIONS OF THE CALL

- The project must be implemented in the Czech Republic outside the territory of the City of Prague.
- The project must include all mandatory elements listed in the Call for submission.
- The project does not expect any aid for activities linked to the quantities exported (export subsidies), aid for the establishment and operation of a distribution network abroad or for other current expenditure linked to the export activity (customs duties, insurance, etc.) or any aid contingent upon the use of domestic goods instead of imported goods.
- The project has not started before the date of filing the application.
- The project must not violate EU horizontal policies and their basic principles such as equal opportunities for men and women, non-discrimination and sustainable development.
- The objectives of the project must comply with the objectives of the aid programme and of the Call.

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- Advisory, expert and support services in innovation, i.e. mainly measurements, diagnostics, testing, tests, analyses, verification, certification of products, calculations, designs of new systems, technological processes, unique structural designs, modelling, development of software, hardware, material, equipment, system elements, prototypes, functional sample with respect to the development or marketing of a new product (product, service or process), optimisation of processes, characteristics of products, services, methods, parameters etc.

THE FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- The minimum grant for a project is CZK 50,000 and the maximum grant is CZK 299,999.
- Aid intensity: maximum 75% of certified eligible expenditure.
- The beneficiary must provide a financial contribution at a minimum of 25% of eligible expenditure, either from own sources or through external financing, in a form that does not contain any State aid within the meaning of Art. 107(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU.