



PROGRAMME Application - Call IV

Are you a business entity or organisation for research and dissemination of knowledge and you intend to conduct industrial research and experimental development? If this is the case, then the Application programme is just for you.

SCHEDULE

Receipt of applications for support:

- 3 August 2017 – 30 November 2017

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

The conduct of industrial research and experimental development within the meaning of Article 25 of the Commission Regulation (EU)No. 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 (hereinafter “Commission Regulation No. 651/2014”), declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty⁴.

APPLICANT

- The Applicant/Beneficiary is always one business entity.
- Beneficiaries may be business entities, and partners (co-beneficiaries) may be business entities and organisations for research and dissemination of knowledge (research organisations). The grant application may be submitted by individual entities (business) and consortia composed of multiple partners - enterprises and organisations for research and dissemination of knowledge. In the event of consortia, always one entity (entrepreneur) of the consortium acts as the Applicant/Beneficiary; other entities act as partners involved in the project implementation with their own budgets or different degrees of aid.
- The Applicant/Beneficiary must be authorised to conduct business corresponding to the supported economic activity which is to be carried out through the project.
- In addition, the Applicant/Beneficiary is, based on its sworn declaration, registered as an income tax payer in any of the EU member states and has been so continuously for at least 2 closed tax periods preceding the date of submitting the application; the applicant acknowledges that it will have to have an establishment or a branch established in the Czech Republic at the moment of receiving the support.
- According to the statutory declaration, the Applicant/Beneficiary has no arrears of payment towards selected institution in the country where it is based and aid providers under the projects co-financed from the EU budget and based on its statutory declaration it has no outstanding wage entitlements of its employees.

SECTORAL DEFINITION

- The aid shall support projects with outputs affecting the sectors defined by CZ-NACE C 10 – 11, 13 – 18, 20 – 33, D 35, E 38, F 41 – 43, J 58, 59, 61 – 63, M 69 – 72, 74, 75, N 78, S 95 (Please see Annex No. 2 to this Call).

KEY CONDITIONS OF THE CALL

- The project must be implemented in the Czech Republic outside the territory of the City of Prague.
- The applicant must clearly demonstrate ownership or other rights to buildings and land plots, where the project will be implemented.
- 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.
- Compliance of the project with the National Research and Innovation Strategy for Smart Specialisation of the Czech Republic will be verified as part of the project appraisal in terms of meeting the selection criteria defined in this Call.
- If the Applicant/Beneficiary is a large enterprise then it may submit only one project under this Call (i.e. One active grant application in which it acts as an applicant or partner). SMEs - 2 projects at maximum.
- The Applicant will demonstrate that at least one of the following supported results of the research and development will be the project output: pilot plant, proven technology, utility model, industrial design, prototype, functional sample, certified methodology or software.

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- Personal costs: wages and insurance premiums of research personnel, technicians and other supporting 7/16
- staff in the extent required for the purposes of the project;
- costs of tools, devices and equipment in the form of depreciation of long-term tangible fixed assets, to such extent and over such time when they are used for the purposes of the project;
- costs of contractual research;
- non-investment related costs of licences purchase or obtained from third parties for the time of project implementation;
- cost of consulting services used exclusively for the purposes of the project;
- additional overhead and other operating costs including costs of material and supplies arising
- directly in connection with the project.

THE FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- The minimum grant provided for a project is CZK 1 million and the maximum grant is CZK 50 million.
- Aid intensity for the project:
- Without efficient cooperation of the consortium members – Industrial Research: 70% of eligible costs (hereinafter “EC”) - small enterprise, 60% of EC - medium enterprise, 50% of EC - large enterprise and Experimental Research: 45% of EC - small enterprise, 35% - medium enterprise, 25% - large enterprise
- With efficient cooperation between the consortium members - Industrial Research: 80% of EC - small enterprise, 75% -medium enterprise, 65% - large enterprise and Experimental Research: 60% - small enterprise, 50% of EC - medium enterprise, 40% of EC - large enterprise. Organisation for research and dissemination of knowledge is entitled to a grant award of 75%.