



## Programme Potential- Call V

Have you decided to introduce or expand your own research and development capacities and become part of the group of business entities conducting their own research and development? If this is the case, then the Potential programme is just for you.

### SCHEDULE

#### Receipt of applications for support:

- 1. 10. 2018 – 15. 1. 2018

### SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

- Establishment or expansion of industrial research, development and innovation centres based on the acquisition of land, buildings, machinery and other equipment necessary to carry out the activities of the centre.

### APPLICANT

The applicant/ beneficiary is a business entity that:

- is a small and medium-sized enterprise according to the definition in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014, or a large enterprise pursuant to the programme conditions, which will be obligated to keep accounts, or tax records expanded with special requirements, or keep separate accounts for the project
- The grant application may be submitted by individual entities, the applicant/beneficiary may be a natural or legal person of an admissible legal form in line with the Call, which will act as the owner and operator of the infrastructure
- is authorized to conduct business corresponding to the supported economic activity which is to be carried out through the project
- 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 two closed tax periods preceding the date of submitting the application; 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
- does not have any outstanding liability arising from a recovery order issued following a Commission decision whereby the support is declared illegal and incompatible with the internal market

## SECTORAL DEFINITION

- Support is provided to projects with outputs manifesting in the sectors defined in sections of CZ-NACE (see Annex 2 to the Call).
- Support is not provided to projects, the outputs of which will manifest directly in any of the sectors set out in Annex 2 to Annex I of the EU Treaty: production, processing and marketing of products set out in Annex I to the EU Treaty, agriculture, forestry, fisheries, aquaculture (CZ-NACE A 01, A 02, A 03).

## KEY CONDITIONS OF THE CALL

- The project must be implemented in the Czech Republic outside NUTS II Prague, the location of the establishment where the project of the enterprise is to be implemented is decisive.
- 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 the EU horizontal policies and their basic principles such as equal opportunities (equality of men and women, removing discrimination based on sex, race, ethnic origin, religious belief, world view, disability, age or sexual orientation), equal opportunities and non-discrimination (e.g. due to social exclusion or health environment) and sustainable development (observing the EU and national regulations concerning environmental protection).
- 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 evaluation criteria defined in this Call. For verification, the Applicant will use the annex to the Call entitled "Supporting material for the implementation of National RIS3 Strategy".

## ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- Expenditure on purchasing tangible fixed assets necessary for the R&D activity (purchase of land, buildings, machinery and other equipment required to furnish the R&D centre on condition that these assets can be depreciated (except for the land)). With regard to purchases of land and buildings, the Managing Authority may prepare its own expert peer review to the expert opinion that must be submitted by the Beneficiary, the eligible expenditure on the purchase shall be eligible at maximum up to the amount given in that opinion, or the purchase price, or the value given in the expert opinion submitted by the Beneficiary, whichever is lower.

## THE FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- The minimum grant provided for a project is CZK 2 million and the maximum grant is CZK 30 million.
- The subsidy is granted in the amount of 50% of the total eligible expenditures regardless of the size of the business and place of implementation.