



Infrastructure Services aid programme - Call V

The main objective of the Infrastructure Services programme is to use subsidies to improve the quality of auxiliary infrastructure services, which will lead to increased intensity of common research, development and innovation activities among business entities and between the public and business sectors focused mainly on the implementation of new technologies and competitive products and services.

SCHEDULE

- **Receipt of applications for support: 28.8.2018 – 27.11.2018**

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

- **Providing services to innovation enterprises - SMEs.**

Science and technology parks, innovation centres and business incubators will, through their own experts or as intermediaries of verified external services, provide specialised consultancy services to incubated and other innovative SMEs.

APPLICANT

The applicant/ beneficiary is a business entity that:

- is a business entity; a small or medium-sized enterprise as defined in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014¹ or a large enterprise that is also a legal entity which acts as an owner/operator of innovation infrastructure (a science and technology park, innovation centre or a business incubator), in line with the programme conditions it must have an analytical accounting system in relation to the eligible expenditure of the project, necessary for audits and checks, and its statute explicitly sets out that the legal entity was established in order to support the intensity, quality and speed of innovation dissemination and technology transfer to the economic activity of the given region with an emphasis on progressive (high-tech) technologies,
 - or a municipality
 - or a higher education institution
 - is a member of the European Business Centre Network or a science and technology park accredited by the Science and Technology Parks Association of the Czech Republic;
- is authorised to conduct business corresponding to the supported economic activity which is to be carried out through the project;
- 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 2 closed tax periods preceding the date of filing the grant application. The applicant notes that it will have to have an establishment or a foreign branch established in

¹ Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty ("Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014"). EU Official Journal, L 187, 26 June 2014, p. 1-84.

the Czech Republic at the point of receiving the support. The applicant must have the branch registered, as of the first request for payment, in the Register of Licensed Trades;

- 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, or to providers of support from projects co-financed from the EU budget;
- does not have any outstanding liabilities (according to its affidavit) based on its employees' wage and salary claims, and meets the definition of a research organisation or a research infrastructure under Chapter 1 (Scope of Application and Definitions), par. 1.3 (Definitions), letter (ee) and (ff) of Communication from the Commission (2014/C 198/01) of the Framework for State aid for Research and Development and Innovation. At the same time, undertakings (entities pursuing economic activities) that can exert a decisive influence upon the applicant/beneficiary, for example in the quality of shareholders or members, may not enjoy preferential access to the results generated by the research organisation, and must account separately for economic and non-economic activities.

SECTORAL DEFINITION

- Support is provided to projects with outputs affecting the sectors defined in sections of CZ-NACE: C 10, 13 – 33; E 38.32; J 62, L 68.2, M 70.2, 71.2, 72, 74.1, 74.9, N77.3, S 95.1 S 95.1 (see Annex 3).
- 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 Common Annex 2 - Annex I to the EU Treaty - of this Call
 - agriculture, forestry, fishing, aquaculture (CZ-NACE A 01, A 02, A03)

KEY CONDITIONS OF THE CALL

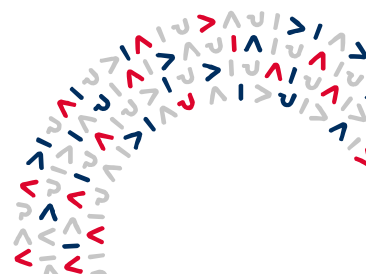
- The project must be implemented in the Czech Republic outside the territory of the City of Prague. The actual place of the project implementation is decisive, not the registered office of the applicant/ beneficiary
- The applicant must clearly demonstrate ownership or other rights to buildings and land plots where the project will be implemented.
- The project must include all mandatory elements listed in the Call for its submission.
- The project does not expect any aid directly linked to the quantities exported (export subsidies), aid to the establishment and operation of a distribution network abroad or any aid to 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).

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- a) personnel costs related to the provision of advisory services to final recipients
- b) purchase of external advisory services
- c) marketing and publicity (maximum CZK 400,000 per project)
- d) overhead costs (15% of the personnel costs under point a)

FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- The minimum **grant provided for a project of a beneficiary (innovation infrastructure)** is CZK 1 million and the maximum grant is CZK 15 million.
- The minimum **grant provided for a project of a final recipient – a specific SME** – is CZK 50,000 and the maximum grant is CZK 250,000.



- **Aid intensity for the project:**
 - 75% of demonstrated eligible expenditure **in the case of final recipients (SMEs)** – users of the advisory services
 - 100% of demonstrated eligible expenditure **in the case of beneficiaries** who are the intermediaries of aid according to the Framework.

