



Low Carbon Technologies aid programme - Converting biogas to biomethane and injecting it into the network - Call IV

The Low Carbon Technologies programme aims to support the competitiveness of enterprises and sustainability of the Czech economy by introducing innovative technologies in renewable energy sources and the use of energy. Another aim is to increase the use of more effective and more reliable low-carbon technologies that are not yet common in the Czech Republic.

SCHEDULE

- **Receipt of applications for support: 3.12.2018 – 30.9.2019**

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

- Technologies converting biogas to biomethane and injecting it into the distribution network.
- Technologies converting biogas to biomethane and filling it within local infrastructures (e.g. filling in bottles, CNG vehicles, etc.)

APPLICANT

As of the date of the application, the grant applicant/ beneficiary must meet the following conditions:

- The applicant/ beneficiary may be a business entity; a small or medium-sized enterprise according to the definition in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 or a large enterprise; including agricultural entrepreneurs (defined in Act No 252/1997 Coll. on agriculture), entrepreneurs in the food sector and retail; pursuant to the programme conditions, the enterprise will keep accounts or tax records expanded with special requirements, or keep separate accounts for the project;
- is authorised 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 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 sworn declaration, based on its employees' wage and salary claims.

SECTORAL DEFINITION

- The aid shall be provided to projects with outputs directly manifesting in any of the sectors defined in Annex 1 to this Call:
- The aid shall not be provided to projects with outputs directly affecting any of the sectors defined in Annex 2 - Annex I to the EU Treaty.

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).

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- The eligible expenditure is:
 - a) Tangible fixed assets.
 - b) Intangible fixed assets (if required for due operation of the tangible fixed assets)

FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- The minimum grant is CZK 500,000 and the maximum grant is CZK 35 million.

