



## Application PROGRAMME – Call III

Are you a business or research and knowledge dissemination organisation and are planning industrial research and experimental development? If so, the Application programme is designed with you in mind.

### SCHEDULE

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Aid applications may be submitted:

- 20. 1. 2017 – 20. 4. 2017

### SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

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- Industrial research and experimental development as defined by Article 25 of Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014, which in accordance with Articles 107 and 108 of the EU Treaty declare certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market.

### APPLICANT

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- The applicant for aid is always one entity; the beneficiary may be a business, and the partner (co-beneficiary) may be a business or research and knowledge dissemination organisation (research organisation). The application for aid may be filed by individual entities or consortiums comprising multiple partners from businesses or organisations for research and the dissemination of knowledge.
- The applicant/beneficiary must demonstrate that it is professionally competent to work on projects<sup>1</sup>.
- The applicant must confirm (in an affidavit) that it is registered as an income tax payer in an EU Member State, for at least two consecutive taxation periods prior to the date on which the aid application was filed; the applicant is aware that when the aid is paid out it must have set up an establishment or branch in the Czech Republic.
- The applicant must confirm (in an affidavit) that it has no outstanding liabilities towards selected institutions in the country in which it is based or in which its branch is based or towards support providers from projects co-financed from the EU budget.

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<sup>1</sup> Applicants demonstrate their professional competence in the business plan in the form of references and links to previous research and development projects they have implemented, prior experience of the implementation team, etc.

- The applicant/beneficiary must confirm (in an affidavit) that it has no outstanding liabilities in connection with employee salaries and has no outstanding liability on the basis of a recovery order issued following a Commission decision declaring aid to be unlawful and incompatible with the internal market.

## **SECTORAL CLASSIFICATION**

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- Aid is awarded to projects whose outcomes take effect in the sectors defined by CZ-NACE sections 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.

## **MAIN CONDITIONS OF CALL**

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- The project must be implemented within the Czech Republic, with the exception of the City of Prague.
- The applicant must provide clear proof of ownership or other rights to the property and land where the project is to be implemented.
- The project must include all the mandatory elements specified in the Call for submission.
- The project does not envisage aid for activities linked to quantities exported (export subsidies), aid for the establishment and operation of a distribution network abroad, or for other current export-related costs (customs duties, insurance, etc.); nor does it envisage aid contingent upon the use of domestic goods over imported goods.
- The project may not have been started before the date of submission of the aid application.
- The project must not violate EU horizontal policies and their basic principles, such as equal opportunities between men and women and sustainable development.

## **ELIGIBLE EXPENSES**

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- Staffing costs – salaries and insurance for researchers, technicians and other ancillary staff to the extent necessary for the purposes of the project.
- Costs of instruments, tools and equipment in the form of depreciation, to the extent and for the time they are used for the purposes of the project.
- Additional overheads and other operating expenses, including costs of materials, supplies and similar products incurred directly as a result of the project.

## **FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID**

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- The grant provided for the project amounts to a minimum of 1 million CZK and a maximum of 100 million CZK.
- The maximum intensity of public aid varies according to the category of supported activities and the size of the enterprise; the maximum intensity of aid for the project as a whole is limited to 70 % of eligible expenses.