



Cooperation PROGRAMME – Technology platforms - Call II

The Call meets the programme objective to support the development of innovative networks – technology platforms, as tools to increase the intensity of joint research, development and innovation activities between businesses and the research sector.

TIMETABLE

Receipt of aid applications:

- 1. 3. 2017 - 1. 6. 2017

ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED

- Promoting the development of national technology platforms (hereinafter referred to as “TP”) leading to a partnership between the public and private sectors in research, development and innovations in areas of technology that are important for business. Coordination activities for technology platforms are also supported, primarily:
 - a) Addressing the industrial (and related social) challenges of the given sector and the application of new technologies (technological foresight).
 - b) Establishing increased cooperation between the TP and European technology platforms and involving Czech research organisations and businesses in their activities.
 - c) Coordinating access for Czech businesses and research organisations to the Horizon 2020 programme, and other European programmes.

Activities aimed at developing the sector and technology platforms, improving the innovation environment, removing identified barriers to its development, sharing knowledge and information, further elaboration/updating of strategic documents and the initiation of research and development projects in areas defined in the Strategic Research Agenda¹ and the Implementation Action Plan² as crucial for future competitiveness and sustainable development, will also be supported.

APPLICANT

- Is a legal entity within the meaning of Section 118 et seq. of Act No. 89/2012 Coll., the Civil Code, as amended, in the case where an association of businesses together with organisations for research and the dissemination of knowledge has been specifically established, or other institutions and organisations, provided they are intended to meet the objectives set out in parts 2 and 12 of the Call. The beneficiary must stipulate in its statutes that one of its primary activities is to promote innovation and increased competitiveness.
- The scope of the beneficiary's activities as set out in its statutes or Memorandum of Association must also include provisions on the activities of a technology platform, in accordance with the EC initiative of 16 June 2004, relating to the creation of technology platforms, published in COM (2004) 353 final, and in accordance with the Innovation Union initiative under the Europe 2020 strategy.
- The association's main, or governing body, should be established on the basis of representation (e.g. a general meeting of all members).
- In the case of an entity that already exists (e.g. federation, association, chamber), where it is not possible to change the statutes or the Memorandum of Association, the aforementioned activities of the technology platform, the "technology platform bodies" (contact and managerial representatives of associations etc.) and their areas of competence and rules of management may be specified in a contract (e.g. a contract for a company pursuant to Section 2716 et seq. of the Civil Code), concluded by the members of the technology platform.

The majority of the members of a technology platform established in this way must also be members of the existing entity (e.g. federation, association, chamber), or work with this entity on the basis of cooperation agreements, partnership agreements or other. Given that this technology platform will not have legal personality and will not be the applicant, it must establish relations with the applicant through this or some other contract, at least in the scope set out above for

¹ SRA, for more details see point 12 of the Call

² IAP, for more details see point 12 of the Call

newly established entities (or entities that have amended their statutes/Memorandum of Association). This means, in particular, the way in which representatives of the technology platform will participate in the approval, reimbursement and reporting of expenditure, the way in which the technology platform will obtain mandatory co-financing (e.g. from resources held by the association or chamber, from special contributions from the signatories of the contract establishing the TP, etc.).

- According to an affidavit, the aid applicant/beneficiary is registered as an income tax payer in one of the EU Member States. The aid applicant/beneficiary notes that it must have established an operating unit or branch in the CR at the time the support is paid.
- According to an affidavit, the aid applicant/beneficiary has no debt towards selected institutions in the country in which it is based, or the country in which its branches are based, or towards aid providers for projects co-financed from the EU budget.
- According to an affidavit, the aid applicant/beneficiary is not in arrears for wages for its employees and does not have any outstanding obligations arising from a recovery order drawn up on the basis of a Commission Decision, declaring the aid as unlawful and incompatible with the internal market.

SECTORAL RESTRICTION

- Projects whose outcomes are classified under the following sectors are not eligible for aid:
 - Production, processing and marketing of products listed in Annex I to the Treaty on the EC.
 - Agriculture, forestry, fisheries and aquaculture, pursuant to Council Regulation (EC) No. 1379/2013.

MAIN CONDITIONS OF THE CALL

- The project must be implemented on the territory of the CR, outside the Capital City of Prague, and the majority of the members of the technology platform must also have their head offices on the territory of the CR, outside the Capital City of Prague.
- The applicant must clearly demonstrate ownership or other rights to the property and land where the project is to be implemented.
- The project must contain all mandatory components set forth in the Call for its submission.
- The project does not envisage aid for activities associated with export volumes (export subsidies) support for the establishment and operation of a distribution network abroad, or for other

standard costs related to export activities (customs duties, insurance, etc.); or aid contingent on the use of domestic goods in preference to imported goods.

- The project has not started before the date of submission of the aid application.
- The project may not violate EU horizontal policies nor their fundamental principles, such as gender equality and sustainable development.
- The technology platform must bring together businesses, tertiary education institutions and research organisations whose activities are closely related to the subject-matter of the project and whose number and composition are significant at a national level in terms of their area of activity.
- The Strategic Research Agenda and Implementation Action Plan documents prepared by the technology platform must be available to the public at the latest as at the date on which the aid application is submitted.
- The main and secondary objectives of the TP, which are consistent with the programme objectives, must be set out in its statutes/Memorandum of Association.
- A connection between the focus of the technology platform and the focus of an existing ETP³, with which it will cooperate, must be demonstrated.
- The project must contain planned activities and define the individual outputs within the context of the main activities supported, a), b) and c).
- Each applicant (1 business registration number) is authorised to submit a maximum of 1 project under this Call. An applicant who has been issued a Grant Award Decision under Call I for Cooperation– Technology platforms, may not be an aid beneficiary under this Call.

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- Wages and insurance, travel expenses, services of consultants and experts, studies, marketing and promotion, seminars, conferences, rent, materials, hardware and software.

FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- Aid is granted up to a maximum of 75% of eligible expenditure.
- The minimum overall grant for one project: CZK 500,000.
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³ European technology platform, for details see point 12 of the Call