



PROGRAMME Innovation Vouchers – Call III

The Innovation Vouchers aid programme aims to develop communication and share knowledge and know-how between the business sector and research, which can be used by the enterprises for launching or intensifying their own innovation activities. Increased interaction between enterprises and organisations dealing with research and knowledge dissemination will have a direct impact on enhancing competitiveness of SMEs.

SCHEDULE

Receipt of applications for support:

- 15.01.2018 – 31.12.2018

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

- Purchase of advisory, expert and support services in the area of innovations from organisations for research and knowledge dissemination or from accredited labs with the aim to commence or intensify innovation activities of small and medium-sized enterprises.

APPLICANT

The applicant/ beneficiary is a business entity that:

- is authorized to conduct business corresponding to the supported economic activity which is to be carried out through the project;
- is a natural person conducting business or a legal entity which meets the definition of a small or medium-sized enterprise under Recommendation 2003/361/EC;
- 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 two closed tax periods preceding the date of filing the application for support; the applicant must 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;

SECTORAL DEFINITION

- 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 Annex 2 to the Call;
 - agriculture, forestry, fishery, aquaculture (CZ-NACE A 01, A 02, A 03), i.e. support for primary production of agricultural products is excluded.

KEY CONDITIONS OF THE CALL

- The project must be implemented in the Czech Republic outside the territory of the City of Prague.
- 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

- Advisory, expert and support services in innovation, i.e. mainly measurements, diagnostics, testing, tests, analyses, verification, certification of products, calculations, designs of new systems, technological processes, unique structural designs, modelling, development of software, hardware, material, equipment, system elements, prototypes, functional sample with respect to the development or marketing of a new product (product, service or process), optimisation of processes, characteristics of products, services, methods, parameters etc.

THE FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- The minimum aid for one project is CZK 50,000 and the maximum aid is up to CZK 299,999.
- Aid is provided up to maximum 75% of documented eligible expenditure.