



Programme Infrastructure Services – Call VI

The main aim of the programme and of Call VI is to improve the services of support innovation infrastructure that will help to increase the intensity of joint research, development and innovation activities among business entities and between the public and the business sector, with a focus mainly on implementing new technologies and competitive products and services

SCHEDULE

- aid applications will be received from 29.03.2019 till 30.06.2019

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

- providing services to innovative companies - SMEs (= **activity A**)
- operating innovation infrastructure – only in the de minimis scheme (= **activity B**)
- expanding the space of an innovation infrastructure, purchasing new equipment and improving the capacities for joint use of technologies (= **activity C**)
- construction of new shared innovation infrastructure in the region where lack of suitable research or innovation infrastructure for business entities will be demonstrated (= **activity D**)

FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

The grant for the project is provided:

- under activity A:
 - in the minimum amount of CZK 1 mil. and at maximum up to CZK 15 mil. per one project of the beneficiary
 - in the minimum amount of CZK 50 thousand and at maximum up to CZK 250 thousand for services for the final recipient – a specific SME
- Under activities B, C, D:
 - CZK 1 – 30 mil. for projects not containing construction works
 - CZK 5 – 100 mil. for projects containing construction works

Aid intensity:

- Under activity A:

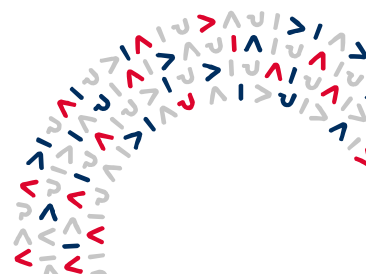
- 75 % of demonstrated eligible expenditure in the case of final recipients (SMEs) – users of the advisory services
- 100 % of demonstrated eligible expenditure in the case of beneficiaries who are the mediators of aid according to the Framework
- Under activities B, C, D:
 - 50 % of demonstrated eligible expenditure
 - 75 % of demonstrated eligible expenditure according to the Framework outside the State aid scheme for beneficiaries who meet the conditions under points 19 and 20 of Communication from the Commission – Framework for State aid for research, development and innovation (2014/C 198/01)

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- Under activity A:
 - personnel costs related to providing advisory services to final recipients – innovative SMEs (advisors and experts)
 - purchase of external advisory services
 - marketing and promotion (maximum CZK 400 thousand per project)
 - overhead costs (15 % of personnel costs under item 5.2a of the Call – details in Czech only)
- Under activities B, C, D:
 - expenditure on purchasing fixed tangible assets, e.g. purchase of land, buildings, machinery and other installations necessary for equipping the innovation infrastructure under the condition that these are depreciable assets (except for land)
 - expenditure on purchasing fixed intangible assets (purchase of patents, licences and know-how not exceeding the normal price, while the opinion must not be older than 3 months on the day of purchasing the assets; software etc.)
 - costs of purchasing fixed intangible assets up to 50% of total eligible expenditure on the project
 - operating costs, mainly services of advisors, experts, studies, training, seminars, workshops, promotion, network non-storable supplies etc.
 - costs of compulsory publicity of the project are eligible only if they meet the definition of compulsory publicity set out in the rules stipulated by the aid provider

THE APPLICANT

- is a small and medium-sized enterprise according to the definition in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 or is a large enterprise according to the conditions of the programme and at the same time is a legal entity acting as the owner/ operator of the innovation infrastructure
- is a municipality or a research organization or a research infrastructure
- is authorized 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 two closed tax periods preceding the date of filing the application for support; the applicant/beneficiary notes that it must have an establishment or a branch established in the Czech Republic at the moment of receiving the support; upon filing the first request for payment, the applicant must have the branch recorded in the extract from the Trade Licensing Register



- 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 arrears, according to its sworn declaration, relating to its employees' wage and salary claims
- in the case of supported activity A it meets the definition of a research organisation or research infrastructure according to Chapter 1 (field of operation and definition), par. 1.3 (definition), letters ee) and ff) of Communication from the Commission (2014/C 198/01) Framework for State aid for research, development and innovation; at the same time undertakings (entities performing an economic activity) that can exert a decisive influence on the applicant/ beneficiary e.g. as shareholders or members, do not have preferential access to the results achieved by the research organisation and recognises the economic and non-economic activities separately in the accounting records
- in the case of supported activities B, C and D in a regime not constituting State aid, meets the definition of a research organisation pursuant to Chapter 1 (field of operation and definition), par. 1.3 (definition), letter ee) of Communication from the Commission (2014/C 198/01) Framework for State aid for research, development and innovation; at the same time undertakings (entities performing an economic activity) that can exert a decisive influence on the applicant/ beneficiary e.g. as shareholders or members, do not have preferential access to the results achieved by the research organisation and recognises the economic and non-economic activities separately in the accounting records; the aid applicant/ beneficiary can be only an entity set out on the list of research and knowledge dissemination organisations – see <http://www.msmt.cz/vyzkum-a-vyvoj-2/vyzkumne-organizace>

SECTORAL DEFINITION

- The aid shall be provided to projects whose outputs will affect sectors defined in Annex 3 Part 1 to this Call (only in Czech)
- The aid shall not be provided to projects whose outputs will affect directly any of the sectors set out in Annex 3 Part 2 to this Call (only in Czech):
 - production, processing and marketing of projects listed in Part B of the Annex to this Call,
 - agriculture, forestry, fishery, aquaculture (CZ-NACE A 01, A 02, A03)

KEY CONDITIONS OF THE CALL

- The project must be implemented in the Czech Republic outside NUTS 2 Prague
- The applicant/ beneficiary must own the ownership or other rights to the property and land where the project will be implemented and shall demonstrate such rights upon request
- The project must contain all mandatory elements set out in the Call for its submission (details only in Czech)
- The project was not launched before the date of submitting the application for support
- Compliance of the project with the National Research and Innovation Strategy for Smart Specialisation of the Czech Republic will be verified as part of the project appraisal in terms of meeting the selection criteria defined in this Call. For verification, the applicant will use the annex to the call entitled “Supporting material for the implementation of National RIS3 Strategy”.

