



# Proof of Concept support programme – Call II

The programme is aimed at business entities or research and knowledge-dissemination organisation, ensuring that their activities are directed towards verifying the application potential of new results of research and development before their possible practical application.

## SCHEDULE

- Aid applications can be submitted from 4 January 2019 to 6 May 2019.

## SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

- The implementation of a proof of concept project may build on an idea or an ongoing research in which a new direction has been found for potential future application and commercialisation. Support will be granted to such projects of enterprises which are aimed at verifying the application potential of new R&D results of research and knowledge-dissemination organisations by research organisations before their possible employment in practice, whereas the transfer of technologies to the enterprise might already be completed, i.e. the enterprise has already secured its industrial property rights, or is in the preparation stage.

## APPLICANT

The applicant/beneficiary is a business entity that:

- meets the definition of an SME under Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014, which, according to the programme:
- is entitled to conduct business corresponding to the supported economic activity which the project is implemented for, not later than as at the date of filing the last request for payment.
- based on its statutory declaration, is registered as an income tax payer in any of the EU member states and has been so continuously for at least one closed tax period 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 upon receiving the aid. The applicant must have the branch registered in the Trade Register upon the submission of the first aid application.
- based on its statutory declaration, is not in arrears in respect to selected institutions in the country of its registration or in the country where its branch is registered, or in respect to providers of support from projects co-financed from the European Union budget.
- according to its statutory declaration, the applicant does not have any outstanding liabilities based on its employees' wage and salary claims.

## SECTORAL DEFINITION

- The aid shall support projects with outputs affecting the sectors defined by CZ-NACE sections C 10, 11, 13 – 33; E 38.32; J58, 59, 60, 62, 63, M 71.2, 72, 73.2, 74.1.

- 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 the Common Annex - Annex I to the EU Treaty - of this Call.
  - Agriculture, forestry, fishing and aquaculture (CZ-NACE A 01, A 02, A 03)

### KEY CONDITIONS OF THE CALL

- The project must be implemented in the Czech Republic outside NUTS 2 Prague.
- The applicant must clearly demonstrate ownership or other rights to the 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 directly linked to the quantities exported, aid to the establishment and operation of a distribution network abroad or any aid to other current expenditure linked to export activity 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 EU horizontal policies and their basic principles such as equal opportunities, non-discrimination and sustainable development.

### ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- **For activity (A):**
  - Costs directly related to conducting the feasibility study: these may include the following cost categories:
    - a. personnel costs.
    - b. costs of instruments and equipment in the form of depreciation of tangible and intangible fixed assets.
    - c. costs of consulting services used exclusively for the purposes of the project.
    - d. additional overhead and other operating costs incurred as an immediate consequence of the project.
    - e. costs of materials.
- **For activity (B):**
  - Costs for this activity are eligible only under the condition that the project or its supported part falls fully under the category of experimental development.
    - a. personnel costs.
    - b. costs of instruments and equipment in the form of depreciation of tangible and intangible fixed assets.
    - c. costs of consulting services used exclusively for the purposes of the project.
    - d. additional overhead and other operating costs incurred as an immediate consequence of the project.
    - e. costs of materials.

### FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- The minimum grant provided for a project is CZK 300,000 and no more than CZK 5 million for activity (a) and CZK 10 million for activity (b).

