



Cooperation aid programme - Clusters - Call V

The objective of the programme is to support the development of innovation networks, or clusters, as an instrument to increase the intensity of research, development and innovation-related activities conducted jointly by businesses and the research sector.

SCHEDULE

- **Receipt of applications for support: 28.8.2018 – 28.11.2018**

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

- Collective research
- Shared
- Internationalisation of a cluster
- Development of a cluster organisation

APPLICANT

The applicant/beneficiary must meet the following conditions as of the date of submitting the application. It:

- May be a special-purpose association of entrepreneurs together with research and knowledge dissemination organisations or other institutions and organisations, if it is aimed at achieving the objectives set in parts 2 and 12 of the Call. The applicant/beneficiary must stipulate in its statutes that one of its principal activities is support for innovation and increasing competitiveness, and the beneficiary's line of business defined in the statutes or the memorandum of association must include the establishment and operation of a cluster.
- Must consist of at least 15 independent members. As far as business entities are concerned, for the purposes of this Call an independent member is a business entity meeting the conditions of independence within the meaning of the SME definition (regardless of its size). Interconnected or partner enterprises within the cluster represent, for this purpose, a single independent member.
- Must meet the definition of a small or medium-sized enterprise (SME), which is, for the purposes of this Call, understood as an entrepreneur meeting the conditions stipulated in Annex I to the European Commission Regulation No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty.
- At least one research and knowledge-dissemination organisation, i.e. an entity meeting the definition in Art.2(83) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014⁷, must be a member.
- Is authorised 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 2 closed tax periods preceding the date of filing the grant application. The applicant notes that it will have to have an establishment or a foreign branch established in

the Czech Republic at the point of receiving the support. The applicant must have the branch registered, as of the first request for payment, in the Register of Licensed Trades.

- 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.
- Does not have any outstanding liabilities, according to its sworn declaration, based on its employees' wage and salary claims.

SECTORAL DEFINITION

- Support is provided to projects with outputs affecting the sectors defined in sections of CZ-NACE: C10, 11, 13 – 33; E 38.32; J 58, 59, 60, 62, 63
- 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 I to the EU Treaty,
 - agriculture, forestry, fishing and aquaculture (CZ-NACE A 01, A 02, A03)

KEY CONDITIONS OF THE CALL

- The project must be implemented in the Czech Republic outside the territory of the City of Prague. The actual place of the project implementation is decisive, not the registered office of the applicant/beneficiary.
- 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 its submission.
- The project does not expect any aid directly linked to the quantities exported (export subsidies), aid to the establishment and operation of a distribution network abroad or any aid to 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

Collective research:

- Wages and contributions, externally acquired services in research and development (contractual research, consultancy services), material, additional overhead costs.

Shared infrastructure:

- Purchase of buildings, technical appreciation of buildings, machinery and equipment including hardware and networks, software and data, intellectual property rights, rent.

Internationalisation of a cluster:

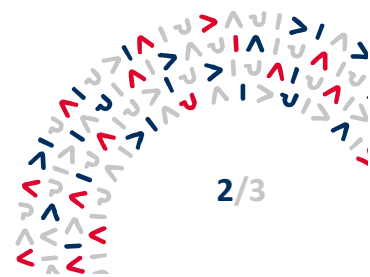
- Wages and contributions, travel costs, services of consultants, experts, studies, marketing and promotion, seminars, conferences.

Development of a cluster organisation:

- Wages and contributions, travel costs, marketing and promotion, seminars, conferences, rent, cluster's facility management, material.

FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- The aid for one project shall not be lower than CZK 500,000.
- Aid intensity for a project:



- For activity (a): 45% of eligible expenditure for small enterprises and 35% for medium-sized enterprises for the experimental development category and 70% of eligible expenditure for small enterprises and 60% for medium-sized enterprises in the industrial research category
- For activities (b), (c) and (d): 50% of eligible expenditure