



Low Carbon Technologies aid programme - Secondary Raw Materials - Call IV

The Low Carbon Technologies programme aims to support the competitiveness of enterprises and sustainability of the Czech economy by introducing innovative technologies in the use of secondary raw materials.

SCHEDULE

- **Receipt of applications for support:** 3.12.2018 – 31.5.2019

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

- Introduction of innovative technologies to recover secondary raw materials at a quality suitable for further use in industrial production.
- Introduction of innovative technologies to effectively obtain valuable secondary raw materials from used products.
- Introduction of innovative technologies to produce products from secondary raw materials, including replacement of primary sources with secondary raw materials, where economically viable.

APPLICANT

As of the date of the application, the grant applicant/beneficiary must meet the following conditions:

- it may be a business entity; a small or medium-sized enterprise according to the definition in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014, or a large enterprise; pursuant to the programme conditions; the enterprise will keep accounts or tax records expanded with special requirements, or keep separate accounts for the project;
- is authorised to conduct business corresponding to the supported economic activity which is to be carried out through the project;
- is, based on its sworn declaration, registered 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 submitting the application; the applicant notes that it will have to have an establishment or a 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, or 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;

- shall confirm that it has not carried out a relocation¹ to the establishment in which the initial investment for which aid is requested is to take place, in the two years preceding the application for aid, and give a commitment that it will not do so up to a period of two years after the initial investment for which aid is requested is completed.

SECTORAL DEFINITION

- The aid shall support projects with outputs affecting the sectors defined in Annex 1 Part B to this Call.
- The aid shall not be provided to projects with outputs directly affecting any of the sectors defined in Annex 1 to this Call.

KEY CONDITIONS OF THE CALL

- The project must be implemented in the Czech Republic outside NUTS II Prague: the location of the establishment where the project of the enterprise is to be implemented is decisive.
- 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 legislation concerning environmental protection).

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- The eligible expenditure is:
 - a) Tangible fixed assets.
 - b) Intangible fixed assets (if required for due operation of the tangible fixed assets).

FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- **The minimum grant is CZK 1 million and the maximum grant is CZK 100 million.**
 - If the beneficiary is a small enterprise, the support is provided up to 45% of EE
 - If the beneficiary is a medium-sized enterprise, the support is provided up to 35% of EE.
 - If the beneficiary is a large enterprise, the support is provided up to 25% of EE.

¹ 'Relocation' means a transfer of the same or similar activity or part thereof from an establishment in one contracting party to the EEA Agreement (initial establishment) to the establishment in which the aided investment takes place in another contracting party to the EEA Agreement (aided establishment). There is a transfer if the product or service in the initial and in the aided establishments serves at least partly the same purposes and meets the demands or needs of the same type of customers and jobs are lost in the same or similar activity in one of the initial establishments of the beneficiary in the EEA.

