



Smart Grids II support programme – Call VI

Call VI of the Smart Grids II programme focuses on “Improving the quality, reliability, security and sustainability of electricity supplies to end customers while minimising narrow profiles and integrating decentralised energy sources”.

SCHEDULE

- **Receipt of applications for support: 8 October 2018 – 30 September 2019**

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

- Construction, enhancement and modernisation of transmission grid lines and transformer stations, including modernisation of control and communication systems.

APPLICANT

The applicant/beneficiary is a business entity that:

- is a transmission system operator – a small or medium-sized enterprise as defined in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014, or a large enterprise.
- 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 moment 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, 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 support projects with outputs affecting the sectors defined in Annex 2 Part A to this Call.
- The aid shall not support projects with outputs affecting the sectors defined in Part B of Annex 2 to the Call:
 - Production processing and marketing of products listed in part B of Annex 2 to the Call.

- Agriculture, forestry, fisheries, aquaculture (CZ-NACE A 01, A 02, A 03).

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 unequivocally prove the ownership or other rights to the real estate and land where the project will be implemented, by demonstrating that they hold an electricity transmission licence issued by the Energy Regulatory Office in accordance with Section 458/2000, on the conditions for business and State administration in the energy sector (the Energy Act).
- 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 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 EU horizontal policies and their basic principles such as equal opportunities, non-discrimination and sustainable development.

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- a) Tangible fixed assets
- b) Intangible fixed assets

FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- The minimum grant for a project is CZK 10 million and the maximum grant is CZK 950 million and simultaneously EUR 50 million.
- Aid is provided up to a maximum of 40% of documented eligible expenditure.

