



Technology support programme – Call IX

Call IX of the Technology programme aims to support the growth and competitiveness of SMEs by means of digital transformation, thus contributing to the development of the regions.

SCHEDULE

- Applications for support are to be submitted from 11 March 2019 to 13 June 2019.

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

- Aid will be provided for the purchase of new technological equipment and the connection of acquired or existing technologies with autonomous two-way communication. Support cannot be granted for the simple replacement of existing machinery with no degree of innovation.

APPLICANT

The applicant/beneficiary is a business entity that:

- is a business entity;¹ a small enterprise as defined in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014.
- is entitled to conduct business corresponding to the supported economic activity which is to be supported by the project.²
- is registered, according to the applicant's statutory declaration, as an income tax payer in any of the EU Member States, and has been so continuously for at least three closed tax periods preceding the date of filing the aid 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, documented in an extract.
- is not, based on its statutory declaration, in arrears in respect 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.
- is not, based on its statutory declaration, in arrears in respect to providers of support from projects co-financed from the EU budget.
- shall confirm that within the two years preceding the application for support it did not move the establishment where it intends to make the initial investment for which support is requested, and will undertake not to move the establishment for two years following the end of the initial investment for which the support is requested.

¹ A self-employed person or legal person with an assigned Business ID or a similar identification number of another State.

² Applicants from other EU Member States shall submit a certified Czech translation of the business licence document proving that the applicant is licensed to pursue business activities corresponding to the supported economic activity and the objects of the applicant's business correspond to a similar CZ-NACE.

SECTORAL DEFINITION

- Support will be provided to projects with outputs affecting the sectors defined by CZ-NACE listed in Part A of Annex 2 to this Call.
- No support shall be provided to projects with outputs affecting the sectors defined in Part B of Annex 2 to the Call.

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 the 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 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.
- The objectives of the project must comply with the objectives of the programme and of the Call.

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- **Tangible fixed assets**
 - Expenditure on the purchase of production and non-production technologies, machinery and operating units. Also, the purchase of hardware and local networks, including related software.
 - Non-Production technology – technology which supports the production technology but does not change the processed input.
- **Intangible fixed assets**
 - The cost of acquiring patent licences necessary for the proper operation of machines and equipment and SW related to technology and equipment and the outputs obtained under the project in question.

FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- The minimum grant provided for a project is CZK 1 million and the maximum grant is CZK 20 million.
- Aid intensity for the project:
 - Grants will be awarded up to a maximum of 35% (medium-sized enterprise) or 45% (small enterprise) of eligible expenditure.

