



Technology support programme – Call VIII

The main objective of Call VIII of the Technology programme is to support an increase in the number of new business plans implemented by small businesses, contributing to the development of the regions and increasing employment.

SCHEDULE

- Applications for support are to be submitted from 28 January 2019 to 28 May 2019.

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

- Support will be provided for business plans of small businesses that were created between 1 January 2014 and 31 December 2017,¹ specifically for the purchase of new machinery and equipment. Support cannot be granted for the simple replacement of existing machinery. Support will be provided to entrepreneurial activities defined by a list of supported economic activities according to CZ-NACE as found in Annex 1 to the Call.

APPLICANT

The applicant/beneficiary is a business entity that:

- is a business entity;² a small enterprise as defined in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014.
- is authorised to conduct business corresponding to the supported economic activity which is to be carried out through the project.³
- according to its statutory declaration, is registered as an entity subject to income tax in one of the EU Member States. 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.

¹ This condition applies to the particular applicant's ID No registered in the Trade Register, including suspended activities.

² A self-employed person or legal person with an assigned Business ID or a similar identification number of another State.

³ Applicants from other EU Member States shall submit a certified Czech translation of the business licence document proving that The applicant is licensed to run a business corresponding to the supported economic activity and the objects of the applicant's business correspond to a similar CZ-NACE.

- 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.

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 machinery and equipment and operating units. Also, the purchase of hardware and local networks, including related software.⁴ This budget item may include expenditure and supplies related to technology installation and network building (non-construction expenditure) if such expenditure is to be accounted for under the relevant technology or hardware.

Intangible fixed assets

- Purchase costs of patent licences necessary for the proper operation of machinery and equipment and SW related to machinery and equipment and outputs acquired under the project in question, at least up to the total cost of the acquisition of tangible fixed assets.

FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- Projects may receive support from CZK 450,000 to CZK 1,000,000.
- Aid intensity for the project:
 - Aid intensity for a small business of a maximum of 45% of eligible expenditure.

⁴ Up to the total cost of the fixed assets purchased.

