



## Consultancy Support Programme – Consultancy Services for SMEs – Call I

The call focuses on the provision of consultancy services for start-ups and development SMEs throughout the Czech Republic with the exception of NUTS 2 Prague area. The aim of the call is to support the development of business activities and increase competitiveness.

### SCHEDULE

#### Receipt of applications for support:

- 05/08/2019 – 05/12/2019

### SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

- Purchase of consultancy services for SMEs aimed at obtaining new certificates needed for business and industry (certification of products, processes, management systems, etc.)
- Purchase of consultancy services for SMEs aimed at developing a digital transformation plan for part or the whole of the applicant's company

### APPLICANT

The applicant/ beneficiary is a business entity that:

- Is a small or medium-sized enterprise according to the definition in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No. 651/2014 which pursuant to the programme conditions keeps accounts, or tax records expanded with special requirements, or 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 moment of receiving the support.
- 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.
- It does not have any outstanding liabilities, according to its sworn declaration, based on its employees' wage and salary claims.

- Demonstrative list of supported legal forms: natural person running business, limited liability company, joint stock company, cooperative or analogous foreign legal form to the above-mentioned, if the applicant is a foreign entity.

## SECTORAL DEFINITION

- Support will be provided to projects with outputs affecting CZ-NACE divisions listed in Annex 2 to this Call “Supported CZ-NACE categories / Annex I to the EC Treaty”.
- The aid shall not support projects with outputs affecting the sectors defined in Part B of Annex 1 to this Call.
  - production, processing and marketing of products listed in part B of the Annex to this Call
  - agriculture, forestry, fishing, aquaculture (CZ-NACE A 01, A 02, A03);

## KEY CONDITIONS OF THE CALL

- The project must be implemented in the Czech Republic outside NUTS 2 Prague.
- 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 did not start before the submission of the application
- The project must not violate EU horizontal policies and their basic principles, in particular equal opportunities for men and women, equal opportunities and non-discrimination and sustainable development

## ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- Purchase of external consultancy services that facilitate the acquisition of new certificates needed for business and industry (certification of products, processes, management systems, etc.) and output processing in the form of technical documentation (or other document of a similar nature, e.g. expert opinion, study, proposed solution, system solution)
- purchase of external consultancy services aimed at increasing the digital transformation of small and medium-sized enterprises with an evaluation of the current technical state and preparation of the Digital Transformation Plan of the company including preparation of financial budget for the acquisition of new technological facilities and equipment which will meet the condition of interconnection of newly acquired or existing technologies by autonomous two-way communication

## FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- The minimum grant provided for one project is CZK 100 thousand and the maximum grant is CZK 1 million.
- The aid application will specify the grant up to a maximum of 50% of the total eligible expenditure.