



Programme Knowledge Transfer Partnership – Call V

The objective of the programme is to enhance interaction between businesses and research and knowledge-dissemination organisations and to make higher education institutions more open to cooperation with the business sector.

SCHEDULE

Receipt of applications for support:

- 7. 10. 2019 – 7. 1. 2020

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

The supported activity is establishment of partnership between a small and medium-sized enterprise and a research and knowledge-dissemination organisation ("knowledge organisation") for the purpose of transfer of knowledge, related technologies and skills to which the enterprise does not have access. Knowledge transfer is carried out with the participation of a graduate of the Master's or doctoral studies directly in the premises of the enterprise under the supervision of a selected expert centre.

The project must focus on at least one of the following activities and must be of strategic importance for further development of the enterprise:

- Improvement of production processes.
- Development/innovation of new products and services or process innovation in the development and introduction of new products and services.
- Improvement of business processes including the process of product certification.

APPLICANT

The applicant/ beneficiary may be a business entity that:

- is a small or medium-sized enterprise or a research and knowledge-dissemination organisation (i.e. entities meeting the definition of a research and knowledge-dissemination organisation under par. 1.3(ee) of the Communication from the Commission — Framework for State aid for research and development and innovation (2014/C 198/01).
- shall keep accounting or tax records expanded with special requirements or separate accounting for the project in line with the programme conditions;
- is authorized to conduct business corresponding to the supported economic activity which is to be carried out through the project;

- 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;
- is, based on its statutory 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 aid; The applicant must have the branch registered, as of the first request for payment, in the Register of Licensed Trades,

SECTORAL DEFINITION

The aid shall not be provided to projects with outputs affecting any of the below stated sectors:

- production, processing and marketing of products listed in the Common Annex - Annex I to the EU Treaty - in Annex 3 to this Call.
- agriculture, forestry, fishery, 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 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 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
- The financial health of the applicant, expressed in a simplified economic assessment by the intermediate body, must not be lower than 5 points

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- For small and medium-sized enterprises: hardware and networks, machinery and equipment, software and data, wages and contributions, travel costs, material.
- For knowledge organisations: wages and contributions
- Moreover, knowledge organisations may submit indirect (overhead) expenditure at a flat rate of up to 15% of budget item Wages and contributions (does not include wages and contributions of the SME). Eligible expenditure for indirect expenditure is: personnel costs of administration staff, cost of use of university facilities, accounting, phone fees, network deliveries, consumables, cost of organisation of workshops, mandatory publicity.

FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- The grant shall not exceed 70% for all types of applicants.
- The project subsidy shall be provided at the minimum amount of CZK 500 thousand and up to the maximum amount of CZK 5 million.
- The SME must provide to the partner organisation a financial contribution of at least 30% of the eligible expenditure of the partner organisation associated with the project, either from its own resources or through external financing, and in a form which does not include any state aid.
- In the case of SMEs, grant will be provided only in the de minimis mode, Commission Regulation (EU) No 1407/2013.