



High-speed Internet Support Programme – Call IV

The aim of the programme is to provide the next generation access network in areas where it has not been provided yet.

SCHEDULE

Receipt of applications for support:

- 04/06/2020 – 05/08/2020

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

- The extension (modernization) of existing access network infrastructure for high-speed Internet access provided at a fixed location in order to achieve the NGA network characteristics under Article 2(138) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014, in order to offer and enable end-users to use high-speed Internet access 2 pursuant to the definition in NPRSNG, please see chapters 3.1 and 3.2 3 at a commonly available speed of at least 30 Mbit/s on the condition that in the future it will be possible to enable a commonly available speed of at least 100 Mbit/s simply by replacing active components or upgrading them.
- Establishing new networks with the characteristics under Article 2(138) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014, provided at a fixed location, enabling a commonly available speed of at least 30 Mbit/s, provided that, by the end of 2020, the network must enable a commonly available speed of at least 100 Mbit/s.

APPLICANT

- The applicant/ beneficiary may be a business entity; a small and medium business according to the definition in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014, or business entity not falling under the definition of a small and medium business, which pursuant to the programme conditions must keep accounts or tax records expanded with special requirements or keep separate accounts for the project.
- The applicant is authorized to conduct business corresponding to the supported economic activity which is to be carried out through the project;
- The applicant is registered with the Czech Telecommunication Office.
- The applicant/ beneficiary is, based on their sworn declaration, registered as an income tax payer in any of the EU member states; 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. The applicant must have the branch registered, as of the first request for payment, in the Register of Licensed Trades.

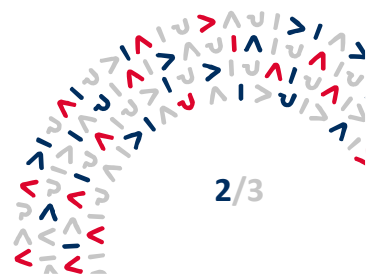
- The applicant is not, based on its sworn declaration, in arrears to selected institutions in the country of its registration, or in the country where its branch is registered, and to providers of support from projects co-financed from the EU budget. Deferral of outstanding arrears or an agreement to pay the arrears shall be considered to constitute settled arrears.
- The applicant does not have any outstanding liabilities, according to its sworn declaration, based on its employees' wage and salary claims.
- The applicant / beneficiary excludes state-owned enterprises and a national enterprises.
- A demonstrative list of the types of supported legal forms: Natural and the following legal persons: a joint stock company, a European company, a European cooperative society, a European economic interest association, a limited liability company, a limited partnership, an unlimited partnership, a cooperative (except from housing cooperatives), analogous foreign legal form if the applicant is a foreign entity.

SECTORAL DEFINITION

- Under this Call, the following categories of CZ-NACE are allowed: 610000 Telecommunications activities (610000 to 619000)
- The aid shall not be provided to projects with outputs directly affecting any of the following sectors:
 - 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 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.
- Projects with total eligible expenditure at and over CZK 500,000 and at the same time with investment expenditure that forms more than 50 % of the total eligible expenditure will be required to carry out a Financial Analysis of the investment. Projects with total eligible expenditure at and over CZK 100 million and at the same time with investment expenditure that forms more than 50% of the total eligible expenditure will be required to carry out an economic analysis taking into account socio-economic impacts of the project based on a set code-book. More detailed information on cost-benefit analysis is provided in the CBA – Applicant's Manual.
- The financial health of the applicant, expressed in a simplified economic assessment by the intermediate body, must not be lower than 5 points
- 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 project must focus on one of the intervention areas, according to Specific Annex 6 to this Call. The applicant may submit more projects in one intervention area. The intervention area cannot be changed during formal and factual assessment.
- The project must be in line with the objectives and focus of the Call presented in Chapter 2 and 3. The technical parameters and the operation of infrastructure must be in accordance with the technical and operational aspects of NGA networks established using public resources (Specific Annex 4).
- The project can only use aid for the establishment of the network in “white” address areas of residential buildings, i.e. at address areas where there is no high-speed access to a NGA network enabling high-speed Internet access with a commonly available speed of at least 30 Mbit/s rate and where it is unlikely that the infrastructure will be built under commercial conditions within three years.
- The project must contain a description of the basic terms and conditions of wholesale access to the subsidized infrastructure, the applicant having to accept the basic wholesale access conditions recommended by CTO for a period of at least seven 22 years. The wholesale offer for other operators and other related economic aspects of the infrastructure must be in line with the economic–investment aspects of NGA networks funded from public resources (Specific Annex 4 + reference to the wholesale offer).

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- Eligible costs are defined in Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 (hereinafter the “GBER”) in the specific Annex 1 to this Call – Definition of eligible costs, namely:
 - a. in accordance with Article 52(2a) of the GBER
 - Investment costs for the deployment of a passive broadband infrastructure
 - b. in accordance with Article 52(2d) of the GBER
 - Investment cost of active elements integrated into a broadband Internet
 - Purchase of physical and network infrastructure
 - c. in accordance with Article 52(2b) of the GBER
 - Investment costs of broadband-related civil engineering works related to the construction of a high-speed internet network infrastructure or the upgrading of existing broadband infrastructure to the high-speed next generation access network infrastructure (hereinafter the “NGA networks”)

FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- The grant is provided at 75 % of the demonstrable eligible project costs.
- The grant per project and per applicant under the Call shall be provided at the minimum amount of CZK 0.5 million and up to the maximum amount of CZK 200 million.

