



Programme Potential - Call VII

Have you decided to introduce or expand your own research and development capacities and become part of the group of business entities conducting their own research and development? If this is the case, then the Potential programme is just for you.

SCHEDULE

Receipt of aid applications:

- 04/09/2020 – 23/11/2020

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

- Establishment or expansion of industrial research, development and innovation centres based on the acquisition of machinery/equipment, intangible assets and construction or technical improvement of buildings and other equipment of the centre necessary to carry out the activities of the centre.

APPLICANT

The applicant/ beneficiary is a business entity that:

- is a small and medium-sized enterprise according to the definition in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014, or a large enterprise pursuant to the programme conditions, which will be obligated to keep accounts, or tax records expanded with special requirements, or keep separate accounts for the project.
- A large enterprise provided that the specific intervention codes are met, for projects with a significant positive impact on the environment (intervention code 065), i.e. focusing on low-carbon economy and climate resilience. Or also on direct cooperation on a specific research and development project with a small or medium-sized enterprise (intervention code 063).
- The applicant/ beneficiary 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; The applicant/beneficiary must have the branch registered, as of the first request for payment, in the Register of Licensed Trades.

- 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;
- The applicant does not have any outstanding liabilities, according to its sworn declaration, based on its employees' wage and salary claims.

SECTORAL DEFINITION

- Support is provided to projects with outputs manifesting in the sectors defined in sections of CZ-NACE (see Annex 2 to the Call - supported CZ-NACE categories).
- The aid shall not be provided to projects with outputs directly affecting any of the sectors defined in Annex 2 to the Call - excluded areas of support:
 - production, processing and marketing of products listed in Annex I to the EU Treaty,
 - agriculture, forestry, fishery, aquaculture (CZ-NACE A 01, A 02, A03)

KEY CONDITIONS OF THE CALL

- The applicant must have ownership or other rights to the property and land plots where the project will be implemented and demonstrate such rights upon request.
- The project must include all mandatory elements listed in the Call for its 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 objectives of the project must comply with the objectives of the aid programme and of the Call.
- Projects with total eligible expenditure over CZK 5 million will be obligated 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 the cost-benefit analysis is provided in the document CBA – Manual for Applicants/Beneficiaries.
- 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

- Costs of investments in tangible and intangible fixed assets
- Costs of investments in buildings (new buildings and building modifications)

FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- The project grant shall be provided at the minimum amount of CZK 2 million and up to the maximum amount of CZK 50 million (inclusive).
- The subsidy will be granted at 50% of the total eligible expenditure regardless of the size of the enterprise and place of implementation.