



## Support Programme Technology – Call XIII

The main objective of the Support Programme and Call is, through grants, to support the growth and competitiveness of SMEs by means of digital transformation, thus contributing to the development of regions.

### SCHEDULE

#### Receipt of aid applications:

- 02/12/2020 – 02/03/2021

### SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

- Such projects will be supported that have a set strategy for further development in the field of digital transformation of society through the acquisition of new technological devices and equipment, which must be connected to existing or newly acquired technologies information system (IS or ERP, MES, MIS) and its other implemented modules integrating all or most areas of business activity, especially production planning and management, inventory, purchasing, sales, finance, human resources, etc.
- Support will be provided for entrepreneurial activities defined in a list of supported economic activities according to CZ-NACE as found in Annex 2 to the Call (hereinafter the “supported economic activity”).

### APPLICANT

- The applicant/ beneficiary may be a business entity; a small business according to the definition in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014, 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/ beneficiary is authorised to conduct business corresponding to the supported economic activity which is to be carried out through the project;
- The beneficiary must have at least 2 consecutive accounting periods closed as of the date of the aid
- 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;
- The applicant does not have any outstanding liabilities, according to its sworn declaration, based on its employees' wage and salary claims.
- The beneficiary shall confirm that within two years preceding the grant application it did not move the establishment where it intends to make the initial investment, for which aid is requested, and will undertake not to move the establishment until the expiry of two years following the end of the initial investment for which the aid is requested.
- Self-employed natural person doing business pursuant to the Trade Licensing Act entered in the Commercial Register, natural person doing business pursuant to the Trade Licensing Act not entered in the Commercial Register, unlimited partnership (*veřejná obchodní společnost*), limited liability company (*společnost s ručením omezeným*), limited partnership (*komanditní společnost*), joint-stock company (*akciová společnost*), cooperative, *societas Europaea*, European cooperative society, and a foreign legal form analogous to the above if the applicant is a foreign entity.

## SECTORAL DEFINITION

- The aid shall be provided to projects with outputs affecting the sectors defined in Annex 2 to Call 2 Supported CZ-NACE Categories, Part A.
- The aid shall not be provided to projects with outputs directly affecting any of the sectors defined in Call 2 Annex I to the EU Treaty, Part B:
  - 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);
  - coal industry (CZ-NACE B 05, C 19.1);
  - steel sector (as defined in Annex 1 to this Call)
  - Manufacture of synthetic fibres (as defined in Annex 1 to this Call),
  - Shipbuilding (CZ-NACE C 30.11);
  - transport and the related infrastructure (CZ NACE H 49, H 50, H 51)
  - Production and distribution of electricity and energy infrastructure (CZ-NACE D 35).

## 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 project has not started before the date of filing the application.
- The aid application and its annexes must be submitted in Czech.
- The financial health of the applicant, expressed in a simplified economic assessment of the intermediate body, must not be lower than 5 points.

- Projects with total eligible expenditure at and over CZK 5 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 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 CBA – Applicant’s Manual.
- 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

- Tangible fixed assets
  - Expenditure on the purchase of production and non-production technologies, machinery and operating units. Also, the purchase of hardware and local networks, including related software. Expenditure and supplies related to technology installation and network building if such expenditure is to be accounted for under the relevant technology or hardware.
- Intangible fixed assets
  - Costs of obtaining patent licenses necessary for the due operation of machinery and equipment and expenditure on software related to machinery and equipment and outputs acquired within the project (CAD/CAM systems, other specific software necessary for optimal project operation, ERP systems including CRM, etc. , license to use a patent, utility model, know-how)

## FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- Aid intensity – an amount equal to a maximum of 35% (medium-sized enterprise) or a maximum of 45% (small enterprise) of proven eligible expenditure.
- The project grant shall be provided at the minimum amount of CZK 1 million and up to the maximum amount of CZK 40 million.