



Cooperation Programme – Technology platforms – Call IV

The Call follows the programme's objective to support the development of innovation networks – technology platforms as an instrument to increase the intensity of research, development and innovation-related activities conducted jointly by businesses and the research sector.

SCHEDULE

- The grant applications shall be accepted from 30/10/2019 to 29/01/2021

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

- The support of the development of national technology platforms (TP) intended to connect public and private sectors with regard to research, development and innovation in technology fields that are important for the business sphere. The following TP coordination activities are supported, including but not limited to:
 - A. solutions regarding industrial (and related social) challenges in the given field and application of advanced technologies. As part of activities, TPs will prepare a roadmap for industrial modernisation and the introduction of advanced technologies, which are key to shifting the technological level in the relevant priority application domain and knowledge domains of the National RIS3 Strategy,
 - B. establishing deeper cooperation of TPs with European Technology and Innovation Platforms (ETIP) or a similar strategic partner at European level, e.g. with one of the existing Joint 3/19 Technology Initiatives (JTIs), or with a European association or any other entity that plays a key role in the sector within the EU with an emphasis on research, development and innovation) and the involvement of Czech organisations for research and dissemination of knowledge and enterprises in their activities,
 - C. coordination of the Czech business entities and organisations for the development and knowledge dissemination with regard to the access to the Horizon 2020 programme and other European programmes.
- Supported are also activities to develop the field and TP, to improve the innovation environment, to remove the identified barriers of its development, to share knowledge and information, technology foresight and to initiate research and development projects in areas defined in SVA and IAP as core activities for future competitiveness and sustainable development; supported are also further elaboration/updates of strategic documents. All beneficiaries are required to submit an updated Strategic Research Agenda at the end of the project.

FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

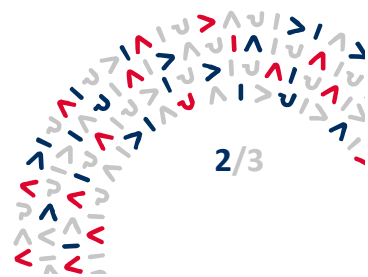
- Aid is provided up to a maximum of 75% of eligible expenditure
- The minimum grant per project: CZK 500,000
- The maximum grant per project: CZK 5,000,000

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- The eligible expenditures are specified in more detail in Annex No. 2 to this Call and in the Eligibility and Publicity Rules– General Part (only in the Czech language)
- The eligible expenditures are: salaries and premiums; hardware and software; services of consultants, experts, studies; workshops, conferences; marketing and promotion; rentals; additional overhead expenses; additional overhead expenses are applied at the fixed rate of 15% from the budgeted item - salaries and premiums

APPLICANT

- is a legal entity within the meaning of Section 118 et seq. of Act No 89/2012 Coll., the Civil Code, as amended, if it is an association of entrepreneurs and research and knowledge-dissemination organisations or other institutions and organisations; if it aims to fulfil the objectives referred to in parts 2 and 12 of the Call; pursuant to the terms of the programme, the applicant/beneficiary will keep accounting or tax records with additional special requirements or keep separate accounting for the project
- is registered, according to the applicant's sworn declaration, as an income tax payer in any of the EU member states, and has been so continuously for at least one closed tax period preceding the date of filing the grant application;
- 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.
- the line of business of the beneficiary defined in the Articles of Association or Memorandum of Association must include the establishment of TP and its activities defined therein must be in line with the Strategy for European Technology Platforms: ETP 2020 (STRATEGY FOR EUROPEAN TECHNOLOGY PLATFORMS: ETP 2020) of 12 July 2013
- the main, or the managing body of the association, should be established on the basis of an representative approach (e.g. a general meeting of all members) – it must particularly respect the mandatory TP composition; in such body, all members should have equal number of votes with regard to the transparency of the association (i.e. the voting power should not be derived from the amount of the financial contribution for the operation and fulfilment of the TP objectives); the amount of financial contributions for the operation and fulfilment of the TP objectives may be differentiated under the Articles/Memorandum of Association, or decision of the relevant body of the association, on condition that this will neither discriminate the existing nor the new members
- in the event of an existing entity when the amendment to the Articles/Memorandum of Association is not an option, the TP activities above, TP "bodies" (contact persons and managers of the association etc.) and their competencies and TP management rules will be specified in more detail in the contract (e.g. the contract on partnership under Section 2716 et seq. of the Civil Code) to be entered into by and between the TP members.



The majority of members of the established TP must also be members of the already existing entity (e.g. federation, association, or chamber), or cooperate with the entity under cooperation agreement, partnership or other agreements. Due to the fact that such TP will not have legal capacity and will not be an applicant per se, it must regulate the relationships with the applicant's entity in the agreement at least in the scope given for the newly established entities (or entities that will amend their own Articles/Memorandum of Associations). i.e. particularly, how the TP representatives will participate in the expenditure reimbursement and reporting, how TP will obtain mandatory co-financing (e.g. from the resources of the federation or chamber, from special contributions of signatories of the contract establishing the TP etc.)

SECTORAL DEFINITION

- The aid shall not be provided to projects with outcomes directly affecting any of the below stated sectors:
 - production, processing and marketing of products listed in Annex 3 Category CZ-NACE unsupported under this Call (only in the Czech language)
 - Agriculture, forestry, fishery, aquaculture (CZ-NACE A01, A02, A03)

KEY CONDITIONS OF THE CALL

- The project must be implemented in the territory of the Czech Republic outside NUTS 2 Praha and at the same time, the majority of the TP members must have a registered office in the Czech Republic outside NUTS 2 Praha
- 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 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 and/or contingent upon the use of domestic services
- The project must include all mandatory elements listed in the Call for its submission
- The project must not violate the EU horizontal policies and their basic principles, in particular equal opportunities for men and women (equality of men and women, removing discrimination based on sex, race, ethnic origin, religious belief, world view, disability, age or sexual orientation), equal opportunities and non-discrimination (e.g. due to social exclusion or invalidity), sustainable development (observing the EU and national regulations concerning environmental protection).
- The project has not started before the date of filing the application
- TP shall associate business entities, institutions of tertiary education and organisations for research and knowledge dissemination, the activities of which are closely related to the subject-matter of the project solution and the number and composition of which is significant with regard to their field of operation at the national level
- The “Strategic Research Agenda and Implementation Action Plan” documents prepared by TP must be publicly accessible no later than by the date when the grant application is filed
- The Articles/Memorandum of Association shall define both the primary and secondary objectives that are in line with the programme objectives
- The openness of TP for an entry of new members and TP management transparency must be ensured