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## Technological platforms - Call II

The main goal of the call is to support activities that will help support the development of innovation networks - technological platforms as a tool for increasing the intensity of joint research, development and innovation activities between business entities and the research sector.

### TIMETABLE

#### Receipt of grant applications:

- 15.07. 2024 - 11.11.2024

### SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

The coordination activities of the technology platform (TP) are supported, in particular:

- when designing and implementing strategies for the digital and green transition of industry, which will enable enterprises to respond to the common challenges, needs and requirements associated with the transition to digital and green technologies in industry. As part of its activity the TP will prepare an Action Plan for digital and green transition, which defines what measures are necessary to implement the twin transition, what scope, benefits and conditions it requires.
- establishment of deeper cooperation of TP with European Technology Platforms (ETP) and European Technology and Innovation Platforms (ETIP) or a similar strategic partner at the European level, e.g. with one of the existing Joint Technology Initiatives (JTI)<sup>1</sup>, or with a European association, or another entity that plays a key role in the given sector within the EU with an emphasis on research, development and innovation, and involving Czech research and knowledge-dissemination organizations and enterprises in their activities with an emphasis on coordination and implementation of the so-called transition pathways in a given ecosystem,
- coordination of Czech business entities and research and knowledge-dissemination organizations in access to the Horizon Europe programme and other European programmes.

### THE APPLICANT

- is an entrepreneurial **legal entity** that has **been assigned a Czech ID number**.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/thinktank/en/document.html?reference=EPRS\\_ATA\(2017\)603936](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/thinktank/en/document.html?reference=EPRS_ATA(2017)603936)

- is a purpose-built association of entrepreneurs with research and knowledge-dissemination organizations or other institutions and organizations<sup>2</sup>. The subject of the applicant's activity set out in the articles of association or founding agreement<sup>3</sup> must include the establishment of a technological platform and its activities defined in these documents are in line with the objectives of the call<sup>4</sup>;
- provided **the data to the extent required in Section 14, paragraph 3, letter e) of Act No 218/2000 Coll.**, the Act on Budgetary Rules and amending certain related acts, as amended:
  - in IS KP21+ it entered information on the identification of persons acting on behalf of the applicant, indicating whether they act as its statutory body or whether these persons act on the basis of a granted power of attorney,
  - has registered the real owners of the legal entity in accordance with Act No 37/2021 Coll., on the registration of real owners (fulfilment of the condition will be verified by IB),
  - in IS KP21+, it entered information on the identification of the entities in which it has a share and the amount of this share.
- According to its sworn statement, it **is not in liquidation**.
- According to its sworn statement, it has been registered as an income tax payer in the Czech Republic, continuously for at least two tax periods<sup>5</sup> preceding the date of submission of the grant application.

## TERRITORIAL FOCUS

- Target territory: The territory of the Czech Republic, except NUTS 2 Prague
- The territorial eligibility is not assessed based on the registered office of the applicant (beneficiary) but based on the actual place of project implementation, i.e. the territory where the physical implementation takes place and the project expenses are incurred.

## MAIN CONDITIONS OF THE CALL

- The project must not violate horizontal EU policies and their basic principles. In particular, the project must comply:
  - with principles of non-discrimination (primarily non-discrimination based on race, gender, religion, ethnic origin, disability, age or sexual orientation),
  - with the principles of sustainable development,
  - with the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.
- The project objectives shall be in line with the objectives of the operational programme and the Call.

<sup>2</sup> In the case of an already existing entity (e.g. union, association, chamber, research organization) where a change in the statutes or founding agreement cannot be considered, the TP activities, bodies and their competences and the TP management rules can be specified in a contract (e.g. a partnership contract according to Section 2716 et seq. of the Civil Code), which the members of the Technology Platform will conclude among themselves.

<sup>3</sup> In the application in IS KP21+, the applicant indicated the CZ-NACE in which the project is implemented, which corresponds to the activity recorded in the public registers. The registered CZ-NACE must not be listed in the Call Annex under the title "Unsupported CZ-NACE".

<sup>4</sup> see the definition of European Technology and Platform Technology Platform in section 13.

<sup>5</sup> This is a tax period according to Section 16b for natural persons / Section 21a for legal entities of Act No 586/1992 Coll., on income taxes.

- The project does not significantly harm the environmental objectives within the meaning of Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/8521 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>6</sup>.
- Grant applications of applicants who have submitted a similar active project (in any PP status up to PP37 including) under OP TAC will not be approved in the phase of appraisal of formal requirements and eligibility, unless the applicant has withdrawn from the project. A similar project is a project that has the same place of implementation (up to the level of the municipality), similar activities and a similar amount of budget and its structure. The aim of the above-mentioned measure is to prevent the blocking of budget funds by the fact that the still unfinished projects are submitted again in an identical wording, or slightly modified.

## ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- Personnel costs to the extent necessary for the purposes of the project
- Project implementation costs: hardware, software; services of consultants, experts, studies; seminars, conferences; marketing and promotion; rent;
- Additional overhead costs are applied at a flat rate of up to 15% of the Personnel expenses budget item.

## FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- The aid is provided in the form of a grant.
- The total eligible expenditure (TEE) of a project must be at least CZK 2 million<sup>7</sup> and at most CZK 10 million.
- The aid will be paid in accordance with the "Rules for the co-financing of the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund, the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund, the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Instrument for financial support for border management and visas for the 2021-2027 programming period<sup>8</sup>" and will be reimbursed **retrospectively after the end of the project** or its stage (if the project is staged in accordance with the Rules for applicants and beneficiaries - general part) provided that the conditions of the Decision are met.
- The beneficiary is obliged to ensure the financing of expenses for the implementation of the project, including VAT.
- The aid may not be provided for the same project expenses for which other aid from public sources has already been or will be provided, including an aid from Union funds that are centrally managed by bodies, agencies, joint ventures and other Union entities and that are not directly or indirectly under control of member states.
- The aid may not be provided to a beneficiary who has an unpaid obligation arising from a recovery order issued after a previous decision of the Commission declaring that the aid received from a provider from the Czech Republic is illegal and incompatible with the internal market.

## AID INTENSITY AND BREAKDOWN OF FUNDING SOURCES<sup>9</sup>

Type of entity	EU share
Regardless of the type of entity	75%

<sup>6</sup> See Chap. 7, par. e)

<sup>7</sup> Valid at the stage of approval by the selection committee.

<sup>8</sup> Document of the Ministry of Finance approved by the Government of the Czech Republic in Resolution No 354 of 12 April 2021.

<sup>9</sup> The chapter shows the EU share. The remaining part of the funding will be covered from the beneficiary's resources.