



Potential PROGRAMME - Call III

Have you decided to establish or to expand your in-house research and development capacity, thereby joining the group of businesses that carry out their own research and development? If so, the Potential programme has been designed for you.

TIMETABLE

Receipt of aid applications:

- 16. 1. 2017 – 17. 4. 2017

ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED

- The establishment or expansion of centres for industrial research, development and innovation, consisting of the acquisition of land, buildings machinery/equipment and other fixtures and furnishings, needed to support the activities of such centres.

APPLICANT

- The aid applicant may be a small, medium-sized or large enterprise. The applicant may be a natural person or legal entity established under one of the legal forms set out in the Call, which:
- Is licensed to operate a business similar to the supported economic activity for which the project is to be implemented.
- It has declared in an affidavit that it has been continuously registered as an income tax payer in one of the EU Member States for a period of at least two full tax years preceding the date of submission of the aid application.
- It has declared in an affidavit that it has no debt towards selected institutions in the country in which it is based, or in the country in which its branches are based.
- It has declared in an affidavit that it is not in arrears for wages to its employees and has no outstanding obligations arising from a recovery order drawn up on the basis of a Commission Decision, declaring the aid as unlawful and incompatible with the internal market.

SECTORAL RESTRICTION

- Projects whose outputs relate to sectors classified under CZ-NACE codes (see Annex No. 2 to the Call) can receive support.
- Projects whose outputs are classified under any of the following sectors are not eligible for support:

- o the manufacture, processing and marketing of products listed in Annex No. 2 to this Call.
- o agriculture, forestry, fishery and aquaculture (CZ-NACE A 01, A 02, A 03).

MAIN CONDITIONS OF THE CALL

- The project must be implemented on the territory of the CR, outside the Capital City of Prague.
- The aid applicant must clearly demonstrate ownership or other rights to the property and land where the project is to be implemented.
- The project must contain all the mandatory components set out in the Call to justify its extension.
- The project must not envisage aid for activities associated with export volumes (export subsidies), support for the establishment and operation of a distribution network abroad, or for other standard costs related to export activities (customs duties, insurance, etc.); or aid contingent on the use of domestic goods in preference to imported goods.
- The project has not started before the date of submission of the aid application.
- The project may not violate EU horizontal policies nor their fundamental principles, such as gender equality and sustainable development.
- Each applicant (1 Co.Reg.) may submit a maximum of one project (i.e. one active aid application in which it appears as the beneficiary).
- The project's compliance with the National Research and Innovation Smart Specialisation Strategy of the CR will be verified during project evaluation in terms of meeting the relevant evaluation criteria set forth in this Call.
- The beneficiary is required to carry out the supported activity at the site of project implementation in accordance with the conditions set forth in the Grant Award Decision and to maintain it at the location for a period of 5 years following the last aid payment made to the beneficiary's account (i.e. must maintain ownership of) tangible and intangible assets that were wholly or partially purchased using the aid provided and to use them for the supported economic activity.

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- Expenditure on the acquisition of tangible assets necessary for R&D activities, purchase of land, buildings, machinery and other essential equipment for research infrastructure, provided these are depreciable (apart from land).
- Tangible fixed assets (purchase of land, buildings, new buildings or technically renovated buildings, purchase of machinery and other equipment needed to equip R&D centres).
- Costs of mandatory project publicity.

FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- The maximum level of aid is 50% of EE, regardless of the size of the company and the implementation location.
- The grant provided for a project ranges from a minimum of CZK 2 million and a maximum of CZK 75 million.