



Smart Grids II PROGRAMME - Call II

The objective of Call II of the Smart grids II Programme is to improve the quality, reliability, safety and sustainability of electricity supplies to end customers, while at the same time minimising bottlenecks and integrating decentralised energy sources.

TIMETABLE

Receipt of aid applications:

- 1. 12. 2016 – 2. 1. 2018

ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED

- The construction, reinforcement, upgrade and reconstruction of transmission system lines and transformer stations, including the upgrade of control and communication systems (in line with the smart grids policy).

APPLICANT

The aid applicant/beneficiary may be a business entity – a transmission system operator, which:

- Is licensed to operate a business corresponding to the supported economic activity for which the project is implemented.
- Must declare in an affidavit that it is registered as an income tax payer in one of the EU Member States, the applicant also notes that it must have established an operating unit or branch in the CR at the time the support is paid.
- It must declare in an affidavit that it has no debt towards selected institutions in the country in which it is based, or in the country its branches are based.
- It must declare in an affidavit that it is not in arrears for wages for its employees.
- It may not have any 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.
- It must have closed its accounts for at least 2 consecutive accounting periods as at the date the aid application is submitted.

SECTORAL RESTRICTION

- Projects whose outcomes are classified under sectors listed in Annex No. 2 Part A to this Call are eligible for aid.
- Projects whose outcomes are classified under sectors listed in Annex No. 2 Part B to this Call are not eligible for aid.

MAIN CONDITIONS OF THE CALL

- The project must be implemented on the territory of the CR, outside the Capital City of Prague.
- The applicant must clearly demonstrate ownership or other rights to the property and land where the project is to be implemented, by proving it holds a licence to transmit electricity, issued by the Energy Regulatory Office.
- The project must contain all mandatory components set forth in the Call for its submission.
- The project does 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 preliminary aid application.
- The project may not violate EU horizontal policies nor their fundamental principles, such as gender equality and sustainable development.

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- Tangible assets. In the case of construction work, the aid provider will only consider costs up to the level of the prices set out in ÚRS catalogues for the year in which the aid application was submitted to be eligible.
- Intangible assets (in the event these are needed for the proper operation of the tangible assets).

FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- Aid is provided up to 40% of EE.
- The minimum amount of aid for a project amounts to CZK 10 million and the maximum amount up to CZK 500 million.