



Knowledge Transfer Partnership aid programme – Call IV

The objective of the programme is to enhance interaction between businesses and research and knowledge-dissemination organisations and to make higher education institutions more open to cooperation with the business sector.

SCHEDULE

- Applications are received from **17.09.2018 till 14.12.2018**

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

- Establishment of partnership between a small or medium-sized enterprise and a research and knowledge-dissemination organisation ("knowledge organisation") for the purpose of transfer of knowledge, related technologies and skills to which the enterprise does not have access. Knowledge transfer is carried out with the participation of a graduate of Master's or Doctoral studies ("Knowledge Transfer Assistant") directly in the establishment of the enterprise under the supervision of a selected expert centre.
- The project must focus on at least one of the following activities and must be of strategic importance for the further development of the enterprise:
 - improvement of production processes,
 - development/innovation of new products and services or process innovation in the development and introduction of new products and services,
 - improvement of business processes including the process of product certification.

APPLICANT

The applicant/beneficiary:

- May be a business entity¹; a small or medium-sized enterprise as defined in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014; and a research and knowledge dissemination organisation (i.e. entities meeting the definition of a research and knowledge dissemination organisation in point 1.3 (ee) of the Communication from the Commission: Framework for State aid for research and development and innovation (2014/C 198/01). The research and knowledge dissemination organisation must also meet the definition of a Knowledge Organisation as set out in item 3.1 of the Call;
- Is the business entity that is a small or medium-sized enterprise and the Grant Decision is issued for such applicant. The research and knowledge-dissemination organisation is the recipient of the support; it will

¹ An enterprising natural or legal person; these persons must have an assigned Company ID or a similar identification number of another State.

receive the grant through the business entity as an intermediary and based on conditions set out in the concluded partnership contract between the business entity and the research and knowledge-dissemination organisation. A binding sample of that contract forms Annex 6 to the Call. For that reason, research and knowledge dissemination organisations are not subject to the conditions of the Call under points 4.1 c), d), e), f) and under point 4.2;

- Is authorised to conduct business corresponding to the aided economic activity which is to be carried out through the project²;
- 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 two closed tax periods preceding the date of filing the grant application. The applicant notes that it will have to have an establishment or a foreign branch established in the Czech Republic at the point of receiving the support. The applicant must have the branch registered, as of the first request for payment, in the Register of Licensed Trades, documented in an extract;
- 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;
- Does not have any outstanding liabilities, according to its sworn declaration, based on its employees' wage and salary claims;
- Is not, based on its sworn declaration, in arrears to providers of support from projects co-financed from the EU budget.

SECTORAL DEFINITION

- The aid shall support projects with outputs affecting the sectors defined by CZ-NACE sections C 10, 11, 13 – 33; E 38.32; J58, 59, 60, 62, 63, M 71.2, 72, 73.2, 74.1.
- The aid shall not be provided to projects with outputs affecting any of the below stated sectors:
 - Production, processing and marketing of products listed in the Common Annex - Annex I to the EU Treaty of this Call.
 - Agriculture, forestry, fishing and aquaculture (CZ-NACE A 01, A 02, A 03)

KEY CONDITIONS OF THE CALL

- The project must be implemented in the Czech Republic outside the territory of the City of Prague. The actual place of the project implementation is decisive, not the registered office of the applicant/beneficiary.
- The applicant must clearly demonstrate ownership or other rights to buildings and land plots where the project will be implemented.
- The project must include all mandatory elements listed in the Call for its submission.
- The project does not expect any aid directly linked to the quantities exported (export subsidies), aid to the establishment and operation of a distribution network abroad or any aid to 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 project must not violate the EU horizontal policies and their basic principles such as equal opportunities (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 health environment) and sustainable development (observing the EU and national regulations concerning environmental protection).
- The financial health of the applicant, expressed in a simplified economic assessment of the intermediate body, must not be lower than 5 points.

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- a) For SMEs: hardware and networks, machinery and equipment, software and data, wages and contributions, travel costs, materials.

² Applicants from other EU Member States shall submit a certified Czech translation of the business licence document proving that the applicant is licensed to run a business corresponding to the supported economic activity and the objects of the applicant's business correspond to a similar CZ-NACE.



- b) For a Knowledge Organisations: wages and contributions, travel costs, workshops and seminars, services of experts, access to information, databases.
- c) Knowledge organisations may also claim indirect (overhead) costs at a flat-rate of up to 15% of the item budget Wages and Contributions (this does not include wages and contributions of SMEs). The final amount of indirect eligible expenditure of a Knowledge Organisation is directly proportional to the actually spent directly eligible expenditure of the knowledge organisation on wages and contributions.
- d) When checking the amount of indirect eligible expenditure, the Managing Authority does not check the accounting documents or any other support documentation relating to indirect expenditure of the beneficiary, but checks the actual amount of direct costs.

FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- The minimum grant provided for a project is CZK 500,000 and the maximum grant is CZK 5 million.
- Aid intensity for the project:
- The grant shall not exceed 70% for all types of applicants.

