



ICT and shared services PROGRAMME – Call II (Activity - Creation of new IS/ICT solutions)

Do you plan to create a new software solution? If so, the ICT and shared services programme has been designed for you.

TIMETABLE

Receipt of aid applications:

- 16. 11. 2016 – 16. 2. 2017

ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED

- Creation of new IS/ICT solutions – creation of advanced digital services, applications and firmware e.g. in the field of communication, entertainment, business, education, healthcare, access to employment or even in the cultural and creative industries, including related implementation.

APPLICANT

- The applicant, beneficiary may be a small, medium-sized or large enterprise.
- It is licensed to operate a business similar to the supported economic activity for which the project is to be implemented.
- It must declare in an affidavit that it has been registered as an income tax payer in one of the EU Member States; the applicant should also realise that it must have established business premises or a branch in the CR at the time the aid 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 or towards aid providers from projects co-financed from the EU budget.
- 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.

SECTORAL RESTRICTION

- Projects whose outputs are classified under any of the following sectors are not eligible for support:
 - agriculture, forestry, fishery and aquaculture (CZ-NACE A 01, A 02, A 03)
 - the coal industry (CZ-NACE B 05, C 19.1)
 - the steel sector
 - industrial production of synthetic fibres
 - shipbuilding (CZ-NACE C 30.11)
 - transport and related infrastructure
 - production and distribution of energy
 - energy infrastructure

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 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, 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.
- The number of projects from one applicant (1 Co.Reg.) is limited to 1 active application.
- The minimum amount of investment in tangible and intangible assets used to support the project's activities totals CZK 0.3 million for a small enterprise, CZK 0.5 million for a medium enterprise and CZK 1 million for a large enterprise. This condition must be met at the latest by the date of project completion.
- During project implementation, the beneficiary must create a minimum number of new jobs (small enterprise – 2; medium enterprise – 3; large enterprise – 4) and staff them with employees who will carry out specialised work corresponding to the supported activity. This condition must be met at the latest by the date of project completion and documented in the final payment request.
- The beneficiary is required to maintain the supported jobs for a period of at least 5 years (3 years in the case of SMEs) from the creation of the given job. The jobs must be maintained in connection with the performance of the supported activity and in the supported region.
- 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 selection criteria.

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- a) Staffing costs (amounting to at least 50% of all eligible expenditure), rental, services of experts.
- b) Hardware, software and other expenditure relating to the project under a de minimis regime.

FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- The grant provided for a project ranges from a minimum of CZK 1 million to a maximum of CZK 50 million.
- The maximum amount of aid represents:
 - 45% of EE for a small enterprise
 - 35 % of EE for a medium enterprise
 - 25 % of EE for a large enterprise