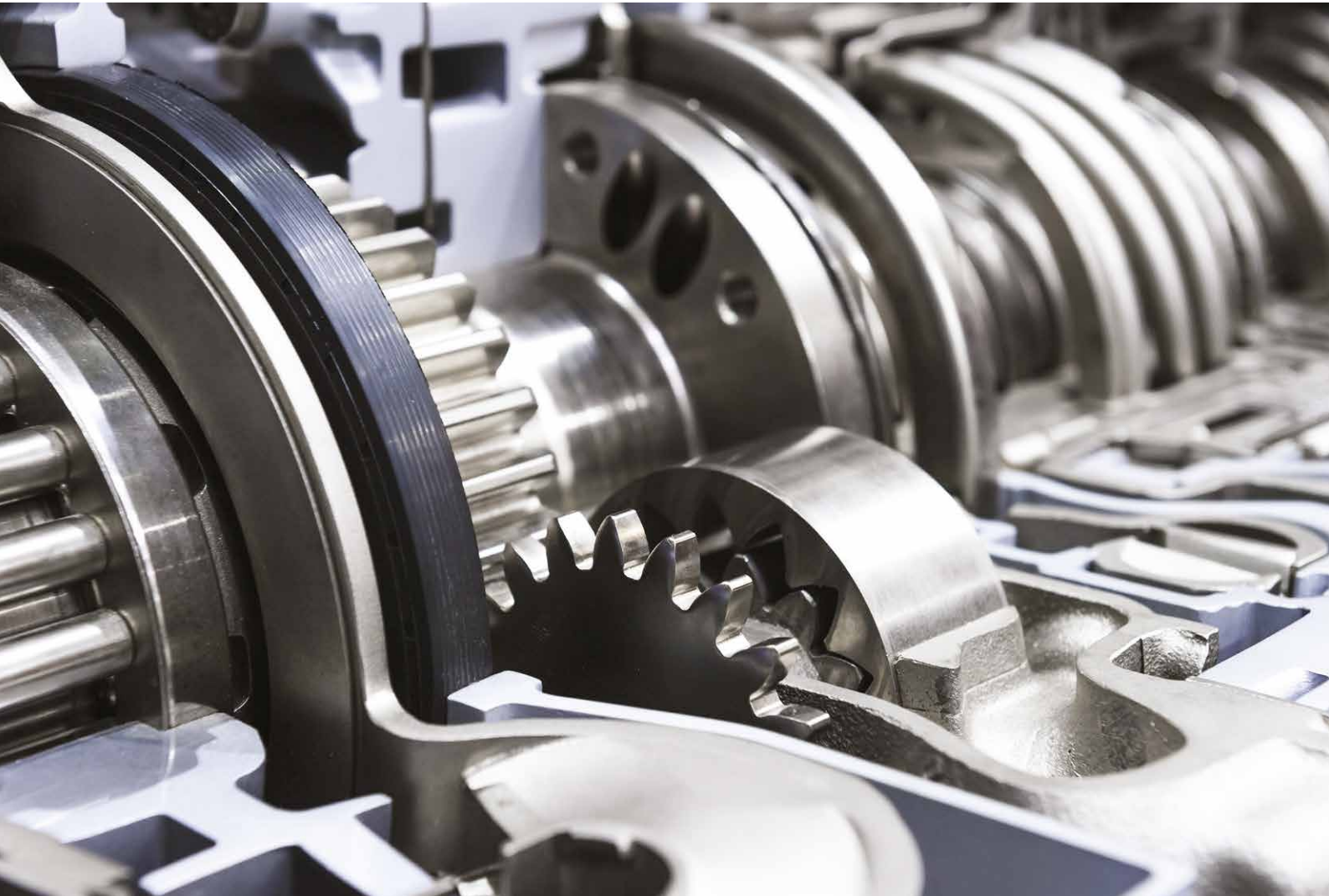




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# Operational Programme

## Enterprise and Innovation for Competitiveness



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PA 1	SO 1.1:	<b>Innova-tions – Innovation project</b>	25/35/45% (Article 14 GBER, de minimis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Increasing the technical and use values of products, technologies and services (product innovation)</li> <li>*Increasing efficiency of manufacturing processes and service provision (process innovation)</li> <li>*Implementing new methods of corporate process organisation via deployment of new information systems to integrate and automate intra-company processes targeted especially at connecting R &amp; D activities, innovation and production (organisational innovation)</li> <li>*Increasing sales of products and services by a substantial change in a product or packaging design, or launching new sales channels (marketing innovation)</li> </ul>	*Enterprises (particularly SME)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Tangible fixed assets – machinery equipment, HW</li> <li>*Intangible fixed assets – patents, licences, know-how, SW</li> <li>*Operating costs – certification of goods, technologies and services (products)</li> </ul>	*Subsidy of CZK 1–50 million	<p>The following activities are not supported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Projects dealing with a simple alteration of the product, alteration of technologies, machines and equipment, or production rationalisation</li> <li>*Projects related solely to increased energy efficiency or reduced energy consumption of the applicant applying for the subsidy</li> <li>*Projects in research and development in accordance with Act No. 130/2002 Coll., on the Support of Research and Development, as amended</li> <li>*Organisational and marketing innovations can only be implemented together with a product or process innovation, never separately</li> </ul>
PA 1	SO 1.1:	<b>Innova-tion – Project aimed at protection of industrial property rights</b>	50% (de minimis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Ensuring protection of industrial property in the Czech Republic and abroad in the form of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– patents</li> <li>– trademarks</li> <li>– utility models</li> <li>– industrial designs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Public research institution established under Act No. 341/2005 Coll., on Public Research Institutions, as amended</li> <li>*University and other tertiary education institutions operating under Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on Higher Education Institutions, as amended</li> <li>*SMEs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Services of authorised representatives</li> <li>*Translations</li> <li>*Administration fees</li> </ul>	*Subsidy of CZK 100 thousand – 1 million (within de minimis limit)	
PA 1	SO 1.1:	<b>Potential</b>	50% (Article 26 GBER – Investment aid for research infrastructure)	*Establishment or expansion of industrial research, development and innovation centres based on the acquisition of land, buildings, machinery and other equipment necessary to carry out the activities of the centre	*Enterprises (particularly SME)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Tangible fixed assets – land, buildings, machinery and equipment</li> <li>*Intangible fixed assets – patents, licences, know-how, SW</li> <li>*Mandatory project publicity</li> </ul>	*Subsidy of CZK 2–50 million	<p>The following activities are not supported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Simple asset reproduction</li> <li>*Activities related to support of exports to the European Union member states and third countries, either through aid linked directly to export volume or aid related to establishment and operation of a distribution network or other common expenditure associated with export activities</li> <li>*Activities related to support of preferred use of domestic goods over imported goods</li> <li>*Production activities</li> </ul>
PA 1	SO 1.1:	<b>Applica-tions</b>	<p>Industrial research 50/60/70%</p> <p>Experimental research 25/35/45%</p> <p>In case of efficient cooperation, the aid rate shall be increased as follows: IR 80/75/65% and ER 60/50/40%; aid rate of 75% for IV/ER in case of research and knowledge-dissemination organisations, regardless of their size (Article 25 GBER – Support for research and development projects, industrial research, Act No. 130/2002 Coll., on Support of Research, Experimental Development and Innovation)</p>	*Conducting industrial research and experimental research (including participation in international industrial research and development projects, e.g. through ERA-NET networks) in accordance with Article 25 of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 651/2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Enterprises and research and knowledge-dissemination organisations (i.e. entities meeting the definition of a research and knowledge-dissemination organisation pursuant to Article 2(83) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014)</li> <li>*Consortia composed of multiple partners – enterprises and research and knowledge-dissemination organisations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Personnel costs – researchers, technicians and other support personnel</li> <li>*Costs of tools and equipment in the form of depreciation</li> <li>*Costs of contractual research, knowledge and patents purchased or acquired as part of licence from external sources, and costs of consulting services</li> <li>*Additional overhead and other operating costs incurred as an immediate consequence of the project;</li> </ul>	*Subsidy of CZK 1–50 million	<p>The following activities are not supported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Establishment and development of research and development centres, introduction of innovations, etc.</li> <li>*In case of consortia, one entity from within the consortium shall always act as the beneficiary/applicant; that entity assumes the role of the contracting authority, asset owner and subsidy beneficiary in all project-related cases; the subsidy beneficiary shall conclude a partnership agreement with other consortium members covering the mutual relations arising from joint use of assets, joint project financing and financial settlement of the subsidy once paid</li> </ul>

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PA 1	SO 1.2	<b>Knowledge transfer partnership</b>	up to 70% (100% for specific activities carried out by research and knowledge-dissemination organisations) (de minimis, RDI state aid framework)	<p>*Establishment of partnership between a small and medium-sized enterprise and a research and knowledge-dissemination organisation with a view to transfer 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 the Master's or doctoral studies directly in the premises of the enterprise under the supervision of a selected expert centre.</p> <p>*The project must focus on at least one of the following activities and must be of strategic importance for further development of the enterprise:</p> <p>(a) improvement of production processes (b) development/innovation of new products and services or process innovation in the development and introduction of new products and services (c) improvement of business processes including the process of product certification</p>	*SMEs *Research and knowledge-dissemination organisations	<p>*Wages and insurance premiums, travel expenses *Expert services, participation at workshops *HW, SW acquisition costs *Additional overhead and other operating costs *Access to information, databases, material</p>	*Subsidy of CZK 0.5–5 million	*Aid shall not be provided to a partnership between a research and knowledge-dissemination organisation and an enterprise, which does not correspond to the definition of a knowledge transfer, i.e. particularly contractual research and consulting, production activities *All profit from knowledge transfer carried out by the research and knowledge-dissemination organisation must be reinvested in the principal activity of the organisation
		<b>Cooperation</b>	up to 75% (Article 18 GBER – Aid for consulting services in favour of small and medium enterprises, Article 25 GBER – Aid for research and development projects, Article 27 GBER – Aid designed for innovation clusters, de minimis)	<p>*Clusters:</p> <p>(a) Collective research – research and development activities within the cluster and implementation of cross-border R &amp; D projects (b) Shared infrastructure – establishment/development and equipment of the cluster's centre with open access for the purposes of industrial research, development and innovation (c) Cluster internationalisation – establishment of cooperation in the European research area, participation in cross-border networks of excellent clusters, etc. (d) Development of cluster organisation – activities leading to expansion of the cluster and improved quality of its management, improvement of cooperation, knowledge sharing, marketing, networking, etc.</p> <p>*Technological platforms – aid for coordination activities of the platform, technological foresight, establishing a deeper cooperation between TP and European technological platforms and participation of Czech research organisations and enterprises in their activities, coordination of Czech enterprises and research organisations as regards access to Horizon 2020 and other European programmes</p> <p>*Cooperative innovation networks – aid for building and development of cooperative networks based on SME cooperation; the aid is intended for network administration and management and coordination of joint activities in research, development and innovation</p>	*Clusters and technological platforms: Dedicated association of enterprises (in particular SME) together with research and knowledge-dissemination organisations or other institutions and organisations *Cooperative innovation networks: enterprises, research and knowledge-dissemination organisations or innovation infrastructure entities (science and technology parks, innovation centres, specialized associations, etc.)	<p>*Tangible and intangible fixed assets *Wages and insurance premiums, travel expenses *Services provided by consultants and experts, studies *Costs of research and development projects – i.e. particularly personnel costs for researchers, contractual research (only for the supported activity of collective research by clusters) *Workshops, conferences, marketing *Rent, material *Cluster equipment management</p>	*Subsidy of CZK 0.5–80 million	
		<b>Innovation vouchers</b>	up to 75% (de minimis)	*Purchase of advisory, expert and support services in the area of innovations from organisations for research and knowledge dissemination or from accredited labs with the aim to commence or intensify innovation activities of small and medium-sized enterprises	*SMEs	<p>*Advisory, expert and support services in innovation, i.e. mainly measurements, diagnostics, testing, tests, analyses, verification, certification of products, calculations, designs of new systems, technological processes, unique structural designs, modelling, development of software, hardware, material, equipment, system elements, prototypes, functional sample with respect to the development or marketing of a new product (product, service or process) *optimisation of processes, characteristics of products, services, methods and parameters</p>	*Subsidy of CZK 50,000–299,999	

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PA 1	SO 1.2	<b>Infra-structure services</b>	50–75 % depending on the entity's activity and type (giving or not giving rise to the public aid) (Article 26 GBER) de minimis, RDI state aid framework	<p>*Activity "a" – providing specialized consulting services to innovative SMEs by STP, innovation centres and business incubators through own experts and in the form of mediating verified external services</p> <p>*Activity "b" – operating an existing science and technology park or business incubator or innovation centre (only under the de minimis scheme)</p> <p>*Activity "c" – expansion of STP space, acquisition of new equipment and improvement of capacities for joint use of technologies</p> <p>*Activity "d" – development of new shared innovation infrastructure in the region with demonstrated lack of suitable research infrastructure for enterprises</p>	<p>*Legal entity which will act as the owner/operator of the innovation infrastructure (hereinafter the "II", i.e. particularly the science and technology park, business incubator or innovation centre)</p> <p>*Municipality</p> <p>*Higher education institutions and universities</p> <p>*For activity "a", the legal entity must also be a member of the European Business Center Network or a scientific and technical part accredited by the Science and Technology Parks Association of the Czech Republic and meet the definition of a research organisation or research infrastructure</p>	<p>*Tangible fixed assets – in particular land acquisition and planning, building acquisition, new constructions, removal of constructions, reconstruction/ upgrade of constructions, engineering activities under construction, project documentation, building-related networks and communications, other machinery and equipment including technical improvement, hardware and networks</p> <p>*Intangible fixed assets – particularly software, licences and know-how</p> <p>*Operating costs, in particular services provided by consultants and experts, studies, training, seminars, workshops, network non-storable supplies (for unoccupied space in II), travel expenses, marketing, etc.</p> <p>*Mandatory project publicity</p>	<p>*Projects involving construction works:</p> <p>*Subsidy of CZK 5–100 million</p> <p>*Projects not involving construction works:</p> <p>*Subsidy of CZK 1–30 million</p>	<p>*Ineligible expenditure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Expenditure associated with project administration;</li> <li>– VAT where the beneficiary is entitled to deduct VAT input tax (VAT taxable person),</li> <li>– Loan and credit repayments,</li> <li>– Expenditure, for which other public funds were already provided,</li> <li>– Expenditure for real estate acquisition, if the person acquiring the real estate is, or has been for two years after the submission of the Application, a person personally or economically related to the person selling the real estate,</li> <li>– Wage expenditure,</li> <li>– Expenditure for consumables (paper, toners, office and kitchen equipment . . .),</li> <li>– Reconstruction or construction of accommodation and catering facilities,</li> <li>– For more information on (in) eligible expenditure, see the Call</li> </ul>
		<b>Proof of Concept</b>	50–70% (Articles 25, 28 GBER) + FI	<p>*Support in form of subsidy:</p> <p>*Activities associated with verifying the technical feasibility and commercial potential of research and development, in order to market a new product/ service</p> <p>*The implementation of a proof of concept project may build on an idea or an ongoing research, in which a new direction was found for potential future application and commercialisation.</p> <p>Support will be granted to such projects of enterprises, which are aimed at verifying the application potential of new results of research and development developed by research organisations before their possible employment in practice, whereas the transfer of technologies to the enterprise might already be completed, i.e. the enterprise has already secured its industrial property rights, or is in the preparation stage</p>	<p>*Support in form of subsidy:</p> <p>*Enterprises – small and medium enterprises</p>	<p>*Support in form of subsidy:</p> <p>(a) Costs directly related to conducting the feasibility study; these may include the following cost categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. personnel costs: wages and insurance premiums for researchers, technicians and other support personnel at the extent necessary for the project;</li> <li>2. costs of tools, devices and equipment in the form of depreciation of long-term tangible and intangible movable property, to the extent and during the time they are used for the purposes of the project;</li> <li>3. costs of consultancy and external expert services used exclusively for the project; non-investment costs of licences purchased or acquired from third parties for the project;</li> <li>4. additional overhead and other operating costs incurred as an immediate consequence of the project;</li> <li>5. costs of material;</li> </ol> <p>(b) costs of posting highly qualified staff from the research and knowledge dissemination organisation, who work at the beneficiary organisation on research, development and innovation in a newly established position but do not replace other workers;</p> <p>(c) costs of obtaining and validating patents and other intangible assets</p>	<p>*Support in form of subsidy – CZK 300 thousand – 10 million</p> <p>*Form of support – financial instrument – the amount of capital contribution is CZK 500 thousand – 100 million (the maximum amount can be applied only if more intents to commercialise the research results are included in a single project – for more details, see the call)</p>	
		<b>Technology</b>	45% (Article 14 GBER) (75% for ZV within de minimis)	<p>*Increasing the number of new business plans implemented by small start-up entrepreneurs and by small and medium enterprises</p>	*Small enterprises	<p>*Tangible fixed assets (tangible assets in case of beneficiaries keeping tax records) purchase of machinery, devices, technologies, HW and equipment that were not subject of depreciation, including necessary software ensuring their functionality</p> <p>*Low-value tangible and intangible assets – modern ICT technologies, especially touch devices – tablets, software, unless they are recorded by the beneficiary as tangible or intangible fixed assets or tangible or intangible assets, and activities associated with commissioning of these technologies</p> <p>*Intangible fixed assets – cost of acquisition of patent licences and SW costs within the project concerned</p>	<p>*Small enterprises with a business history of up to 3 years: subsidy of CZK 100–225 thousand</p> <p>*Small enterprises, which have at least the last three consecutive tax periods closed as at the submission date of the aid application: subsidy of CZK 1–20 million</p>	<p>*The aid shall support entrepreneurial activities defined by a list of supported entrepreneurial activities according to CZ-NACE. The programme shall be divided in a Call for small and medium start-up entrepreneurs with a business history of up to 3 years and a Call for small and medium enterprises, which have at least the last three consecutive tax periods closed as at the submission date of the aid application</p>

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PA 2	SO 2.1	<b>Consulting</b>	50% (Article 18 GBER – aid for consultancy in favour of SMEs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Provision of consulting services for start-up and developing SMEs by operators of innovation infrastructure such as business incubators, science and technology parks and innovation centres</li> <li>*Consulting services related to obtaining certification for products or processes, and expenditure related to obtaining such certification</li> <li>*Professional training required to carry out the professions pursued by natural persons</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The beneficiaries shall be operators of innovation infrastructure, such as business incubators, science and technology parks and innovation centres operating in the regions of the Czech Republic</li> <li>*The beneficiaries of the supported consulting and other services for SMEs shall be enterprises among SMEs (with business history up to 3 years)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Expenditure for consulting and other services for start-up SMEs, provided by external consultants or operators of shared infrastructure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*SMEs: subsidy of CZK 25–349 million</li> <li>*Innovation infrastructure operators: subsidy of CZK 1–5 million</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Support shall not be granted to consulting services having the nature of continuous or periodic activity related to the undertaking's usual operating costs, such as routine tax consultancy services, regular legal services or advertising</li> <li>*The first call is planned to be announced in 2018 – for update, please follow the schedule</li> </ul>
		<b>Expansion</b>	*see Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Implementation of business plans of start-up undertakings (up to 5 years) and developing undertakings implementing, in particular, lower-rank innovations by means of appropriate financial instruments (acquisition of machinery and equipment, acquisition or reconstruction of buildings, and obtaining working capital to start or expand business activities)</li> </ul>	*SMEs	*see Call	*see Call	The Agency for Entrepreneurship and Innovation (API) shall not act as an intermediate body for this programme
		<b>Venture capital</b>	*see Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Scouting</li> <li>*Exit – support for termination of investment in a small or medium enterprise in the form of trade sale</li> <li>*Equity investments in applicants' projects focused on the establishment and development of undertakings with innovation potential which apply for seed, start-up, expansion or replacement capital</li> </ul>	*SMEs	*see Call	*see Call	The Agency for Entrepreneurship and Innovation (API) shall not act as an intermediate body for this programme
		<b>Marketing</b>	50% (Article 19 GBER – Aid to SME's for participation in fairs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Services for SME focused on international competitiveness allowing entering foreign markets</li> <li>*Sophisticated consulting services provided by experts and consulting services for strategic management and innovation management</li> <li>*Services aimed at supporting internationalisation of SMEs</li> <li>*Services supporting involvement of SMEs in international programmes</li> <li>*Services aimed at increasing marketing and management skills of SMEs</li> </ul>	*SMEs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Renting, setting up and running a stand for the participation at fairs or exhibitions abroad, promotion and transport in projects for individual participation of SMEs</li> <li>*Marketing promotional materials</li> <li>*Services provided by expert consultants in projects aimed at increasing the capacity for international expansion and boosting the growth of enterprises for new development opportunities in foreign markets</li> <li>*Services aimed at supporting internationalisation of SMEs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Individual projects of SMEs: subsidy of CZK 0.2–4 million</li> <li>*Joint fairs and exhibitions: subsidy of CZK 100–200 million</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Internal programmes by CzechTrade and CzechInvest fall also under the Marketing programme</li> </ul>
		<b>Real estate</b>	35/45% (Article 14 GBER) + FI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Support in form of subsidy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Upgrading of production processes</li> <li>*Reconstruction of existing obsolete infrastructure</li> <li>*Reconstruction of brownfield-type premises and their conversion to modern business premises</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Support in form of subsidy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*SMEs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Support in form of subsidy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Tangible fixed assets – particularly reconstruction, upgrade, modification, development or removal of constructions, utility networks, building-related communications, hardware and networks if directly necessary to ensure safe operation of the building, technical installations in the buildings</li> <li>*Selected non-investment costs – in particular services provided by experts, studies, project and engineering activities directly related to project implementation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Both subsidy and FI: CZK 1–50 million</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Support in form of subsidy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The subject-matter of programme aid shall not include investments to acquire new production technologies</li> <li>*Aid shall not be granted for construction of the premises or development of a zone to be carried out as a new construction, the so-called greenfield-type</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Training centres</b>	50% (de minimis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Reconstruction, development and acquisition of new training centres</li> <li>*Upgrading of education premises</li> <li>*Acquisition of equipment for training premises, including teaching aids, educational programmes and intellectual property rights, which are necessary to commence training activities</li> </ul>	*SMEs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Tangible fixed assets – in particular upgrade, modification, development or removal of constructions, engineering activities and building-related communications, hardware and networks, technical installations, fixtures and fittings for the buildings, teaching aids, other machinery and equipment necessary to provide education</li> <li>*Intangible fixed assets – educational programmes, software and data</li> <li>*Low-value tangible and intangible assets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Subsidy of CZK 0.5–5 million (within de minimis limit)</li> </ul>			



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PA 3	SO 3.1	<b>Renewable energy sources</b>	30–80% depending on the activity supported (Articles 41, 46, 49 GBER)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Construction, reconstruction and upgrade of small hydroelectric power plants</li> <li>*Extraction of heat from existing biogas plants through thermal distribution systems to the consumption point</li> <li>*Installation of a remote co-generation unit using biogas from an existing biogas plant in order to utilise the useful heat within a heating system or within another highly efficient scheme</li> <li>*Construction and reconstruction of heat sources and combined production of electricity and heat from biomass and subsequent extraction of heat</li> </ul>	*SMEs, agricultural entrepreneurs (as defined in Act No. 252/1997 Coll., on Agriculture) and entrepreneurs in food industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Tangible fixed assets</li> <li>*Intangible fixed assets</li> <li>*Environmental studies including energy audit</li> </ul>	*Subsidy of CZK 1–100 million depending on the activity supported (of which no more than CZK 350 thousand for the environmental study) – see Call	*Aid shall not be granted for construction or reconstruction of solar, wind, geothermal sources or biogas plants *Aid shall not be granted for commercial tourism facilities such as hotels, leisure time facilities, spas and restaurants
		<b>Energy savings</b>	30/40/50% (Articles 38, 40 and 41 GBER); de minimis + FI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Support in form of subsidy:</li> <li>*Upgrade and reconstruction of electricity, gas and heat distribution systems, existing power generation plants for own use, instrumentation systems and lighting systems in buildings and power farms of industrial premises in order to increase efficiency</li> <li>*Implementation of measures to reduce the energy efficiency of buildings in the business sector – insulation of the building envelope, exchange and refurbishment of doors and windows, other construction measures having proven effects on the energy performance of the building, installation of air-conditioning with waste heat recovery units</li> <li>*Use of waste energy in industrial processes</li> <li>*Reducing energy intensity / increasing energy efficiency in manufacturing and technological processes</li> <li>*Installation of renewable energy sources for own use by the enterprise – e.g. solar heating, heat pumps, etc.</li> <li>*Installation of a co-generation unit using electricity and thermal energy for internal consumption of the enterprise</li> <li>*Installation of electricity accumulation units</li> </ul>	*Support in form of subsidy: *Small, medium or large enterprise, agricultural entrepreneurs (as defined in Act No. 252/1997 Coll., on Agriculture), entrepreneurs in aquaculture, entrepreneurs in food industry and retail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Support in form of subsidy:</li> <li>*Tangible fixed assets</li> <li>*Intangible fixed assets</li> <li>*Energy assessment</li> </ul>	*Subsidy of CZK 0.5–400 million (of which no more than CZK 350 thousand for the energy assessment)	*Support in form of subsidy: *Aid shall not be granted for: commercial tourism facilities such as hotels, leisure time facilities, spas and restaurants; reconstruction of residential and family houses and public buildings
		<b>Energy Savings – Photovoltaic systems with/ without accumulation for own use</b>	60/70/80% (Article 41 GBER)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Installation of photovoltaic systems and installation of photovoltaic systems including accumulation of energy for own use of the enterprise</li> </ul>	*Small, medium or large enterprise, agricultural entrepreneurs (as defined in Act No. 252/1997 Coll., on Agriculture), entrepreneurs in aquaculture, entrepreneurs in food industry and retail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Tangible fixed assets</li> <li>*Intangible fixed assets</li> </ul>	*Subsidy of CZK 0.3–100 million	*Aid shall not be granted for: commercial tourism facilities such as hotels, leisure time facilities, spas and restaurants; installation of photovoltaic systems on residential and family houses and public buildings
		<b>Energy Savings – Energy-efficiency of buildings</b>	60/70/80% (de minimis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Support for extra costs required to achieve the standard of nearly zero-energy consumption buildings and a passive energy standard in reconstructions or constructions of new business buildings</li> </ul>	*Small, medium or large enterprise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Tangible fixed assets</li> <li>*Intangible fixed assets</li> <li>*Energy efficiency certificate for buildings</li> </ul>	*Subsidy of CZK 0.2 million – EUR 0.2 million (of which no more than CZK 350 thousand for the building permit documentation, which includes the energy efficiency certificate for buildings)	*Aid shall not be granted for: commercial tourism facilities such as hotels, leisure time facilities, spas and restaurants; reconstruction of residential and family houses and public buildings; buildings used for agricultural production; buildings with predominant design interior temperature below 18 °C
PA 3	SO 3.3	<b>Smart grids I (Distribution networks)</b>	40% Environmental studies 40% (Articles 48 and 49 GBER)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Comprehensive measure to improve reliability, awareness and introduction of operation balance and optimisation in distribution systems</li> <li>*Deployment of automated remote-controlled elements in distribution systems</li> <li>*Deployment of voltage and power output control technology elements in distribution systems</li> <li>*Addressing the local balance by power flow management solutions between the consumers and the distribution network operator</li> <li>*Selective installation of power quality measuring units in distribution systems</li> </ul>	*Enterprises (medium and large enterprises) – holders of electricity distribution licence under Act No. 458/200 Coll.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Tangible fixed assets</li> <li>*Intangible fixed assets</li> <li>*Environmental studies – studies concerning the introduction of smart grids in relation to the project</li> </ul>	*Subsidy of CZK 0.3–100 million, depending on the activity	

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Prior-ity axis	Specific objec-tive		EU legislative basis	Supported activities / Programme description	Beneficiaries	Eligible expenditure	Amount of project aid	Programme specifics
PA 3	SO 3.4	Low-carbon technologies	25–80% (Articles 36, 38, 41, 47 and 49 GBER), de minimis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Introduction of innovative technologies in the field of low-carbon transport</li> <li>*Pilot projects introducing energy accumulation technologies</li> <li>*Introduction of low-carbon technologies in buildings</li> <li>*Introduction of innovative technologies in the field of energy production from renewable sources</li> <li>*Introduction of off grid systems</li> <li>*Introduction of power consumption management systems</li> <li>*Introduction of innovative low-carbon technologies in the processing and use of secondary raw materials</li> <li>*Introduction of technologies to recover secondary raw materials in quality appropriate for further use in industrial production</li> <li>*Introduction of technologies to efficiently recover valuable critical secondary raw materials from used products</li> <li>*Introduction of technologies to produce innovative products from secondary raw materials, including replacement of primary sources with secondary raw materials, where economically viable</li> <li>*Conversion of biogas to biomethane and its injection into the distribution network</li> </ul>	*Small, medium or large enterprise, agricultural entrepreneurs (as defined in Act No. 252/1997 Coll., on Agriculture) and entrepreneurs in food industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Tangible fixed assets</li> <li>*Intangible fixed assets (if required for due operation of the tangible fixed assets)</li> <li>*Business plan (except for electro-mobility)</li> </ul>	*Subsidy of CZK 50 thousand – CZK 30 million, depending on the activity (of which CZK 30–50 thousand for the business plan, depending on the activity)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Aid shall not be granted for projects in research and development in accordance with Act No. 130/2002 Coll., on the Support of Research and Development, as amended</li> <li>*Aid shall not be granted for commercial tourism facilities such as hotels, leisure time facilities, spas and restaurants</li> </ul>
			40–50% Environmental studies 40–50% (Articles 40, 46 and 49 GBER) + FI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Support in form of subsidy:</li> <li>*Reconstruction and development of heat supply systems, in particular heat distribution installations</li> <li>Introduction and increased efficiency of co-generation of combined heat and power systems</li> </ul>	*Support in form of subsidy: *Small, medium or large enterprise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Support in form of subsidy:</li> <li>*Tangible fixed assets</li> <li>*Intangible fixed assets</li> <li>*Environmental studies including energy audits</li> </ul>	*Support in form of subsidy: *Subsidy of CZK 0.5–400 million (of which no more than CZK 350 thousand for the studies)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Aid shall not be granted for projects concerning the development of new coal-based source and upgrade or reconstruction of an existing coal-based source</li> <li>*Aid shall not be granted for commercial tourism facilities such as hotels, leisure time facilities, spas and restaurants</li> </ul>
PA 3	SO 3.5	Smart grids II (Transmission network)	40% Environmental studies 40% (Articles 48 and 49 GBER)	*Construction, reinforcement, upgrade and reconstruction of the transmission network and transformer stations (in accordance with the smart grid concept)	*Enterprise (transmission network operator – large enterprise)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Tangible fixed assets</li> <li>*Intangible fixed assets (only if absolutely vital for due operation of the tangible fixed assets)</li> <li>*Environmental studies including energy audits</li> </ul>	*Subsidy of CZK 10–500 million	
PA 4	SO 4.1	High-speed Internet	50–80% (Article 52 GBER – Aid for broadband infrastructure)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Upgrade and/or extension of the existing infrastructure for high-speed access to the Internet using optical elements in order to enable the high-speed Internet access at a rate of at least 30 Mbit/s,</li> <li>*Creation of new networks consisting partly or fully in optical fibre technology for the high-speed Internet access, enabling bit rates of at least 30 Mbit/s; new networks with a fixed connection to individual households must allow the network bit rates of up to 100 Mbit/s,</li> <li>*Creation of passive infrastructure for the high-speed Internet access, in particular in locations with a projected future building development, this activity may be supported only in combination with one of the previous two activities</li> </ul>	*Entities, regardless of their size, dealing with electronic communications according to Act No. 127/2005 Coll., on Electronic Communications and on the Amendment to Certain Related Acts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Investment costs to build a passive network infrastructure – infrastructure typically consisting of engineering networks, cable ducts, non-irradiated fibres and distribution boxes</li> <li>*Investment costs for building and engineering works related to network infrastructure – building and engineering works necessary to deploy the network, such as excavation of communications in order to enable cable ducts to be placed</li> <li>*Investment costs to build new generation access networks (NGA networks)</li> </ul>	*Subsidy of CZK 1–200 million	
PA 4	SO 4.2	ICT and shared services	25/35/45% (Article 14 GBER, de minimis)	*Creation of new sophisticated ICT solutions, i.e. development of cutting-edge digital services, applications and firmware, e.g. in the field of communication, entertainment, trading, education, health, access to employment or in the field of culture and creative industries, including the related implementation	*An enterprise, which is a legal entity doing business pursuant to Act No. 513/1991 Coll., the Commercial Code as in force until 31 December 2013, or Act No. 90/2013, as amended; agricultural entrepreneurs (as defined in Act No. 252/1997 Coll., on Agriculture) with project outcomes not listed in Annex I to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union in the field of ICT *self-employed individuals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*tangible fixed assets – buildings, land, reconstruction, project documentation, new constructions, hardware and networks and equipment</li> <li>*Intangible fixed assets – software, licences and know-how</li> <li>*Selected operating costs – wage expenditure, services provided by consultants and experts, leasing of premises</li> </ul>	*Subsidy of up to CZK 200 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The following activities are not supported:</li> <li>*Services provided by call centres, employment agencies, intermediary agencies, training centres</li> <li>*Services of enterprises providing outsourcing where the outsourcing is carried out in the customer's business premises</li> <li>*Services provided by customer support centres</li> <li>*Services provided by repair centres</li> <li>*Activities aiming at commercial tourism facilities (hotels, leisure time facilities, spas, restaurants, etc.)</li> </ul>

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## The Operational Programme Enterprise and Innovation (OPEIC)

is the successor of the Operational Programme Enterprise and Innovation, which was implemented in the 2007–2013 programming period. Approximately EUR 4.3 billion has been allocated from the European Regional Development Fund for projects within OPEIC. The programme's managing authority (Ministry of Industry and Trade) delegates the majority of the implementation tasks to the Business and Innovation Agency (Agentura pro podnikání a inovace – API). The API is a mediating entity basically for grant-based aid and is responsible for communication with aid applicants and recipients. This communication is conducted through ISKP 2014+, an information system for financial aid beneficiaries, which serves for all operational programmes at the national level in the 2014–2020 programming period.

### Aid recipient

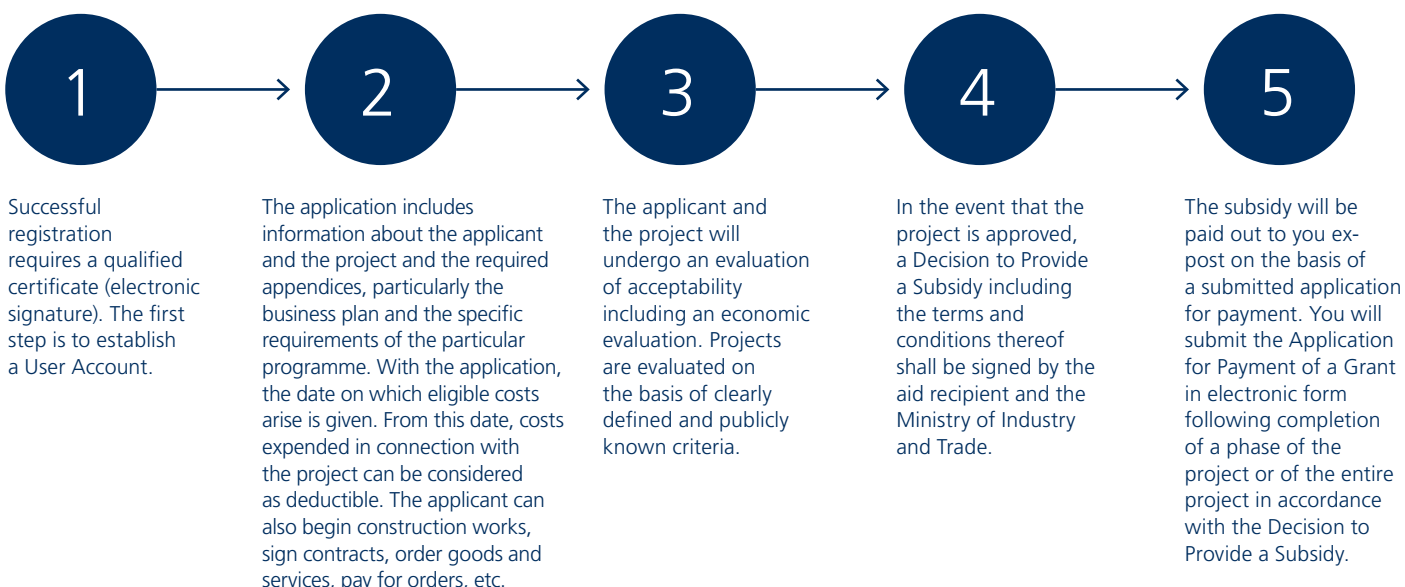
Small or medium-sized enterprises are eligible to receive aid within OPEIC, though in some programmes large enterprises with more than 250 employees can also apply for aid. Projects must be implemented within the Czech Republic, out-side the city of Prague (the seat of the company can be located anywhere in the Czech Republic). Aid will be provided in compliance with the individual state-aid rules.

Applicants must be registered as income-tax payers within EU countries uninterruptedly for a period of no less than two closed tax periods preceding the date of the submission of the aid application (in the case of related enterprises, the parent company's account history can be provided). The given company must be registered in the Czech Republic as at the date of the Decision to Provide a Subsidy.

Another important criterion is that any project implemented within OPEIC must be implemented in the manufacturing industry, generally in sectors CZ-NACE 10-33.

### Process of applying for aid and project evaluation

Applications for the OPEIC grant programmes are submitted via the MS2014+ internet application, which is only in Czech language. Application can be accessed via [mseu.mssf.cz](http://mseu.mssf.cz).



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