



## PROGRAMME Potential - Call IV

Have you decided to introduce or expand your own research and development capacities and become part of the group of business entities conducting their own research and development? If this is the case, then the Potential programme is just for you.

### SCHEDULE

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#### Receipt of applications for support:

- 20 July 2017 – 30 November 2017

### SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

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The establishment or development of centres of industrial research, development and innovations consisting in the procurement of land, buildings, machinery/equipment and other facilities of the centre required to carry out activities of such centre.

### APPLICANT

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- The Applicant/Beneficiary is a natural person or legal entity meeting the definition of a SME pursuant to Annex No. 1 of EC Regulation No. 651/2014 of the permissible legal form given in the Call that will act as an owner and operator of the infrastructure under the programme's conditions and will keep analytical accounting records in relation to the eligible project expenditures that are required to perform inspections and audits.
- The Applicant/Beneficiary must be authorised to conduct business corresponding to the supported economic activity which is to be carried out through the project.
- In addition, the Applicant/Beneficiary is, based on its sworn declaration, registered as an income tax payer in any of the EU member states and has been so continuously for at least 2 closed tax periods preceding the date of submitting the application; the Applicant acknowledges that it will have to have an establishment or a branch established in the Czech Republic at the moment of receiving the support.
- According to the statutory declaration, the Applicant/Beneficiary has no arrears of payment towards selected institution in the country where it is based and aid providers under the projects co-financed from the EU budget and based on its statutory declaration it has no outstanding wage entitlements of its employees.

### SECTORAL DEFINITION

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- The projects with outputs affecting the sectors defined in sections of CZ-NACE (Annex No. 2 of the Call) are supported.
- The aid shall not be provided to projects with outputs affecting any of the below stated sectors:
  - Agriculture, forestry, fisheries, aquaculture (CZ-NACE A 01, A 02, A 03).

## **KEY CONDITIONS OF THE CALL**

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- The project must be implemented in the Czech Republic outside the territory of the City of Prague.
- 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 submission.
- The project does not expect any aid for activities linked to the quantities exported (export subsidies), aid for the establishment and operation of a distribution network abroad or for 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 must not be commenced before the date of filling the grant application.
- The project must not violate EU horizontal policies and their basic principles such as equal opportunities for men and women, non-discrimination and sustainable development.
- The Beneficiary must keep separate records of the project eligible expenditures and absorption of the subsidy intended to finance eligible expenditures, as well as any documentation specified in the Decision and maintain the documents for 10 years from the project completion date, and at the same time until the expiry of 3 years following the closure of OPEIC in line with Article No. 140 of European Parliament and Council Regulation (EU) No. 1303/2013 of 17 December 2013.
- In this Call, each Applicant (1 Company ID) may submit 1 project (i.e. one grant application, in which it acts as a beneficiary) at maximum. In case of projects that will be submitted by economically or personally affiliated persons, by the controlled or controlling entities within the meaning of Act No. 90/2012 Coll., Act on Business Corporations and Cooperatives, as amended, the limitation of 1 project at maximum will also be applied.

## **ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE**

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- The expenditures on the R&D activity related to the procurement of required tangible fixed assets (purchase of land, buildings, machinery and other equipment required to furnish R&D centre on condition that these assets can be depreciated (except for the land). With regard to purchases of land and buildings, the Managing Authority may prepare its own expert peer review to the expert opinion that must be submitted by the Beneficiary, the eligible expenditures will be eligible up to the amount given in the opinion at maximum, or the cost of acquisition respectively, or the value given in the expert opinion submitted by the Beneficiary, whichever is lower.

## **THE FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID**

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- The minimum grant provided for a project is CZK 2 million and the maximum grant is CZK 50 million.
- The subsidy is granted in the amount of 50% of the total eligible expenditures regardless of the size of the business and place of implementation.