



PROGRAMME Low Carbon Technologies - Converting biogas to biomethane and injecting it into the network - Call III

The Low Carbon Technologies programme aims to support competitiveness of enterprises and sustainability of the Czech economy by introducing innovative technologies in electromobility, renewable energy sources, handling of energy and use of secondary raw materials. Another aim is to increase the use of more effective and more reliable low-carbon technologies that are not yet common in the Czech Republic.

The output of the projects will be installation of technologies for converting biogas to biomethane, its subsequent injection into the distribution network or filling within local infrastructures.

SCHEDULE

Receipt of applications for support:

- 17.7. 2017 – 17.11.2017

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

- Technologies converting biogas to biomethane and injecting it into the distribution network.
- Technologies converting biogas to biomethane and filling it within local infrastructures (e.g. filling in bottles, CNG vehicles etc.)

APPLICANT

The applicant/ beneficiary is a business entity that:

- is a small and medium-sized enterprise pursuant to the definition in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 or a large enterprise, incl. agricultural entrepreneurs, food and retail entrepreneurs;
- is authorized to conduct business corresponding to the supported economic activity which is to be carried out through the project;
- is, based on its sworn declaration, registered as an income tax payer in any of the EU member states; the applicant notes that it will have to have an establishment or a branch established in the Czech Republic at the moment of receiving the support;

- 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, and also to providers of support from projects co-financed from the EU budget;
- does not have any outstanding liabilities, according to its sworn declaration, based on its employees' wage and salary claims;
- does not have any outstanding liability arising from a recovery order issued following a Commission decision whereby the aid is declared illegal and incompatible with the internal market;
- has closed at least 2 consecutive accounting periods as of the date of submitting the application for support. In the case of a shorter period of conducting business, the required history can also be demonstrated through entity(ies) exercising a decisive influence over the applicant. The condition can be considered fulfilled even if the applicant has been subject to a change of entity (transformation) in the monitored period.

SECTORAL DEFINITION

- The aid shall not be provided to projects with outputs affecting the sectors defined in Annex 1 to the Call.

KEY CONDITIONS OF THE CALL

- 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 has not started before the date of filing the 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 supported projects will be required to implement dissemination activities - e.g. an article in the press, information on the website, production of a leaflet/ brochure, participation in a thematic conference/ workshop where beneficiaries will present the results and outputs of their projects in addition to compliance with publicity rules.
- Each undertaking (each Id. No.) shall be entitled to submit no more than 3 grant applications under this call.

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- **Tangible fixed assets**
- **Intangible fixed assets** (if required for due operation of the tangible fixed assets).

- **A business plan and the project documentation.**

THE FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- The minimum grant is CZK 500,000 and the maximum grant is CZK 30 million.
- The maximum absolute amount of grant for a business plan is CZK 30 thousand.
- The amount of aid shall be calculated as the difference between eligible expenditure and operating profit from the investment. Operating profit shall be deducted from eligible expenditure either ex ante⁸ or by applying a claw-back mechanism.