



Aid Programme Technology – Call X

Call X of the programme Technology aims to support the growth and competitiveness of SMEs by means of digital transformation, thus contributing to the development of regions.

SCHEDULE

Receipt of applications for support:

- 23 September 2019 – 16 December 2019

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

- Support will be provided for the purchase of new technological devices and equipment, which must be connected to existing or newly purchased technologies by the information system.
- Support will be provided for entrepreneurial activities defined in a list of supported economic activities according to CZ-NACE as found in Annex 2 to the Call (hereinafter the “supported economic activity”).

APPLICANT

- is a small or medium-sized enterprise pursuant to the definition in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014, or a large enterprise pursuant to the programme conditions, which keeps accounts or tax records including special requirements or keep separate accounts for the project.
- is authorized to conduct business corresponding to the supported economic activity which is to be carried out through the project;
- has at least 2 consecutive accounting periods closed as of the date of the aid application.
- 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 two closed tax periods preceding the date of submitting the application; 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 to providers of support from projects co-financed from the EU budget;

- It does not have any outstanding liabilities, according to its sworn declaration, based on its employees' wage and salary claims.
- The beneficiary shall confirm that within two years preceding the grant application it did not move the establishment where it intends to make the initial investment, for which aid is requested, and will undertake not to move the establishment until the expiry of two years following the end of the initial investment for which the aid is requested.
- Self-employed natural person doing business pursuant to applicable legislation entered in the Commercial Register, natural person doing business pursuant to applicable legislation not entered in the Commercial Register, unlimited partnership (*veřejná obchodní společnost*), limited liability company (*společnost s ručením omezeným*), limited partnership (*komanditní společnost*), joint-stock company (*akciová společnost*), cooperative, *societas Europaea*, European cooperative society, and a foreign legal form analogous to the above if the applicant is a foreign entity.

SECTORAL DEFINITION

- The aid shall be provided to projects with outputs directly manifesting in any of the sectors defined in Part A of Annex 2 to this Call.
- The aid shall not be provided to projects with outputs affecting any of the below stated sectors:
 - Manufacture, processing and marketing of products listed in part B of Annex 2 to this Call
 - agriculture, forestry, fishing, aquaculture (CZ-NACE A 01, A 02, A03);
 - coal industry (CZ-NACE B 05, C 19.1);
 - steel sector (as defined in Annex 1 to this Call)
 - Manufacture of synthetic fibres (as defined in Annex 1 to this Call),
 - shipbuilding (CZ-NACE C 30.11);
 - transport and the related infrastructure (CZ NACE H 49, H 50, H 51)
 - Production and distribution of electricity and energy infrastructure (CZ-NACE D 35).

KEY CONDITIONS OF THE CALL

- The project must be implemented in the Czech Republic outside NUTS 2 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 aid application and its annexes must be submitted in Czech.
- 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 did not start before the submission of the application
- The project must not violate EU horizontal policies and their basic principles, in particular equal opportunities for men and women, equal opportunities and non-discrimination and sustainable development.
- The financial health of the applicant, expressed in a simplified economic assessment of the intermediate body, must not be lower than 5 points.

- Projects with total eligible expenditure of at least CZK 5 million and at the same time with investment expenditure accounting for more than 50 % of the total eligible expenditure will be required to carry out a financial analysis of the investment. Projects with total eligible expenditure of at least CZK 100 million and at the same time with investment expenditure accounting for more than 50 % of the total eligible expenditure will be required to carry out an economic analysis taking into account socio-economic impacts of the project based on a set code list.

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- Tangible fixed assets
 - Expenditure for the purchase of manufacturing and non-manufacturing technologies, equipment and operational assemblies, expenditure on the purchase of hardware equipment and local networks, including related software.
- Intangible fixed assets
 - the cost of acquiring patent licences necessary for the proper operation of machines and equipment and expenditure for SW, programs, data and databases within the project in question.

THE FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- The minimum grant provided for a project is CZK 1 million and the maximum grant is CZK 40 million.
- In the grant application, the grant will be always specified as an amount not exceeding 35 % (medium-sized enterprise) or 45 % (small enterprise) of eligible expenditure.