



Programme Energy Savings in Heat Supply Systems - Call IV

The objective of programme Energy Savings in Heat Supply Systems is to support the competitiveness and sustainability of the Czech economy by a maximum use of cogeneration of heat and power.

SCHEDULE

Receipt of applications for support:

- 08. 01. 2020 – 14. 12. 2020

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

- Construction, development and interconnection of existing systems of heat energy supply, including the heating substations, for the purpose of a higher use of highly efficient combined production of power and heat (cogeneration), in order to save primary energy.
- Renovation of existing systems of heat energy supply including the heating substations to achieve maximum savings of primary energy, or to use heat from a highly efficient combined production of power and heat or waste heat from industrial processes.
- Installation and modernisation of technological equipment related to distribution including measuring and regulation in the heat energy supply systems.
- Installation and renovation of highly efficient gas-fired cogeneration units in heat supply systems.
- Installation of solar collectors and heat pumps for preheating hot water, which will be a part of the heat supply systems. This measure will be eligible if it is a part of any combination of the above supported activities a), b), c), d) that will prevail in the eligible expenditure.
- Installation and renovation of natural gas fired heat plants, but only under de minimis

APPLICANT

The applicant/ beneficiary is a business entity that:

- is a small or medium-sized enterprise according to the definition in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014, or a large enterprise, pursuant to the programme conditions, and must keep separate accounts for the project.

- is authorised 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 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.
- does not have any outstanding liability arising from a recovery order issued following a Commission decision whereby the support is declared illegal and incompatible with the internal market;

SECTORAL DEFINITION

- The aid shall support projects with outputs affecting the sectors defined in Annex 1 (A) to the Call.
- The aid shall not support projects with outputs affecting the sectors defined in Annex 1 (B) to the Call.
 - a. Production, processing and marketing of products listed in part B of the Annex to this Call
 - b. Agriculture, forestry, fishery, aquaculture (CZ-NACE A01, A02, A03).

KEY CONDITIONS OF THE CALL

- The project must be implemented in the Czech Republic outside NUTS II Prague.
- Only one place of implementation may be claimed in the project. The place of implementation should be a part of one system of district heating and cooling.
- 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 the EU horizontal policies and their basic principles such as equal opportunities (equality of men and women, removing discrimination based on sex, race, ethnic origin, religious belief, world view, disability, age or sexual orientation), equal opportunities and non-discrimination (e.g. due to social exclusion or health environment) and sustainable development (observing the EU and national regulations concerning environmental protection).
- Maximum 8 grant applications may be submitted per one ID No under the call.
- 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 at and over CZK 5 million and at the same time with investment expenditure that forms 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 at and over CZK 100 million and at the same time with investment expenditure that forms 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-book.

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- Expenditure on construction and technological equipment including measuring and regulation in the heat supply systems, necessary to achieve primary energy savings
- Tangible fixed assets
- Intangible fixed assets (if required for due operation of the tangible fixed assets)
- Energy assessment

FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

The minimum grant provided for a project is CZK 0.5 million and the maximum grant is CZK 200 million.

Aid intensity for the project

- a) If the grant beneficiary is a small enterprise, the support is provided up to 50% of EE.
- b) If the grant beneficiary is a medium-sized enterprise, the support is provided up to 45% of EE.
- c) If the grant beneficiary is a large enterprise, the support is provided up to 40% of EE.

Aid intensity for the costs of the energy assessment and project design documentation

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- c) If the grant beneficiary is a large enterprise, the support is provided up to 40% of EE.

