



Programme Low-Carbon Technologies – Conversion of biogas to biomethane and its pumping into the distribution network or filling within the local infrastructure – Call VI

The programme aims to support competitiveness of enterprises and sustainability of the Czech economy by introducing innovative technologies in renewable energy sources and the use of energy. To increase the use of more effective and more reliable low-carbon technologies that are not yet common in the Czech Republic.

SCHEDULE

Receipt of aid applications:

- 15. 07. 2020 – 18. 12. 2020

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

As of the date of the application, the aid applicant/beneficiary must meet the following conditions:

- The applicant/ beneficiary may be a business entity; a small and medium-sized enterprise according to the definition in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014, or a large enterprise that keeps accounts or tax records expanded with special requirements, or must keep separate accounts for the project.
- The applicant/ beneficiary 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. The applicant must have the branch registered, as of the first request for payment, in the Register of Licensed Trades.
- 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; Deferral of outstanding arrears or an agreement to pay the arrears shall be considered to constitute settled arrears.

- The applicant does not have any outstanding liabilities, according to its sworn declaration, based on its employees' wage and salary claims.

SECTORAL DEFINITION

- The aid shall not be provided to projects with outputs directly affecting any of the sectors defined in Annex No. 1.

KEY CONDITIONS OF THE CALL

- The project must be implemented in the Czech Republic outside NUTS II 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 its 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 aid 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).
- 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. More detailed information on the cost-benefit analysis is provided in the CBA – Applicant's Manual.

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

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

AID AMOUNT

- The project grant shall be provided at the minimum amount of CZK 500 thousand and up to the maximum amount of CZK 35 million.

