



Support programme Innovation Vouchers – Call VI

The main aim of the Innovation Vouchers programme call is to develop communication and share knowledge and know-how between the business sector and research, which can be used by the enterprises for launching or intensifying their own innovation activities.

SCHEDULE

Receipt of aid applications:

- 15. 07. 2020 – 31. 12. 2022

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

- Purchase of advisory, expert and support services in the area of innovations from organisations for research and knowledge dissemination or from accredited labs with the aim to commence or intensify innovation activities of small and medium-sized enterprises.

APPLICANT

- The applicant/ beneficiary may be a business entity; a small and medium-size business according to the definition in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014, which pursuant to the programme conditions must keep accounts or tax records expanded with special requirements or keep separate accounts for 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.
- Based on its statutory declaration, the Applicant is not in arrears in respect of selected institutions in the country of its registration or in the country where its branch is registered, and in respect of providers of support from projects co-financed from the EU budget;
- 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 these sectors:
 - production, processing and marketing of products listed in Annex 2 to this Call,
 - agriculture, forestry, fishing, aquaculture (CZ-NACE A 01, A 02, A03)

KEY CONDITIONS OF THE CALL

- The project must be implemented in the Czech Republic outside NUTS 2 Prague.
- 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 and/or contingent upon the use of domestic services.
- The project has not started before the date of filing 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 objectives of the project must comply with the objectives of the programme and of the Call.

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- Advisory, expert and support services in innovation, i.e. mainly measurements, diagnostics, testing, tests, analyses, verification, certification of products, calculations, designs of new systems, technological processes, unique structural designs, modelling, development of software, hardware, material, equipment, system elements, prototypes, functional sample with respect to the development or marketing of a new product (product, service or process), optimisation of processes, characteristics of products, services, methods, parameters etc.

FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- The aid is granted under aid intensity schemes of 50%, 75% and 85% of the proven eligible expenditure.
- The grant for the project is provided from CZK 50,000 to CZK 425,000 (85% of the proven eligible expenses – the maximum amount of eligible expenses in this scheme is from CZK 58,824 to CZK 499,999);
- The grant for the project is provided from CZK 50,000 to CZK 375,000 (75% of the proven eligible expenses – the maximum amount of eligible expenses in this scheme is from CZK 66,667 to CZK 499,999);
- The grant for the project is provided from CZK 250,000 to CZK 100,000 (50% of the proven eligible expenses – the maximum amount of eligible expenses in this scheme is from CZK 500,000 to CZK 1,999,999);
- The beneficiary is obliged to provide a financial contribution at a minimum of 15 % (depending on the rate of support) of eligible expenditure, either from own sources or through external financing, in a form that does not contain any State aid within the meaning of Art. 107(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU.