



Counselling Support Programme - Counselling Services for SMEs - Call II.

The call is focused on providing consulting services for start-up and developing small and medium-sized enterprises throughout the Czech Republic, with the exception of NUTS 2 Prague. The aim of the call is to support the development of business activities and increase the competitiveness of SMEs.

TIMETABLE

Receipt of aid applications:

- 01. 03. 2021 – 30. 06. 2021

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

- Purchase of consulting services for SMEs, which will be aimed at obtaining new certificates needed for business and industry (certification of products, processes, management systems, etc.)
- Purchase of consulting services for SMEs aimed at processing of the evaluation of water management of industrial enterprises according to the Methodology of evaluation of water utilization at the level of enterprises, which will lead to water savings in business activities.

APPLICANT

The applicant / beneficiary is a business entity that is:

- A small or medium-sized enterprise as defined in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No. 651/2014 or a large enterprise, according to the programme conditions, and keeps accounts or tax records extended by special requirements or separate accounting for the project.
- It is authorized to operate business corresponding to the supported economic activity, for the implementation of which the project is implemented.
- According to the statutory declaration, it is registered as an income taxpayer in one of the EU Member States, continuously for at least two closed tax periods preceding the date of submission of the aid application, the applicant acknowledges that at the time of payment of the aid it will need to have established in the Czech Republic an office or a branch establishment.
- According to the statutory declaration, it has no arrears towards selected institutions in the country of his registered office, or in the country in which its branch is located and towards granting authorities for projects co-financed by the EU budget.
- According to the statutory declaration, it has no arrears due to the wage claims of its employees.

- Natural person - entrepreneur, limited liability company, joint stock company, cooperative or analogous foreign legal form to the above, if the applicant is a foreign entity.

SECTORAL DEFINITION

- Projects with outputs reflected in sectors defined by the CZ-NACE sections listed in Annex 2 to this Call "CZ-NACE Categories supported / Annex I of the EC Treaty" are supported.
- Projects with outputs reflected in one of the sectors listed in Annex No. 1 Part B of this Call are not supported.
 - production, processing and marketing of products listed in Part B of the Annex to this Call,
 - agriculture, forestry, fishing, aquaculture (CZ-NACE A 01, A 02, A03).

MAIN CONDITIONS OF THE CALL

- The applicant must have acquired ownership or other rights to the real estate and land, where the project will be implemented, and is obliged to prove these rights upon request.
- The project must contain all the mandatory components listed in the Call for Proposals.
- The project does not assume support for activities related to the exported quantity (export subsidies), support for the establishment and operation of a distribution network abroad, or for other current costs associated with the export activity (customs duties, insurance, etc.); nor aid contingent upon the use of domestic over imported goods and/or contingent upon the use of domestic services.
- The project has not been started before the date of registration of the grant application.
- The project must not violate horizontal EU policies and their basic principles, in particular equal opportunities between men and women, equal opportunities and non-discrimination and sustainable development.

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- Purchase of external consulting services that will facilitate the acquisition of new certificates needed for business and industry (certification of products, processes, management systems, etc.) and processing of output in the form of technical documentation (or other document of a similar nature, e.g. assessment, study, solution design, system solution)
- purchase of consulting services aimed at the processing of the evaluation of water management of industrial enterprises according to the Methodology of evaluation of water utilization at the level of enterprises.

FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- The subsidy for one project is provided at least in the amount of 50 thousand CZK and a maximum of CZK 1 million.
- The grant application will specify the subsidy up to a maximum of 50% of the total eligible expenditure.