



ICT and Shared Services Programme – Call V – Digital Enterprise

Are you planning to set up a shared services centre? Then the ICT and Shared Services programme is for you.

SCHEDULE

- Receipt of aid applications: 15 September 2021–15 November 2021

AIDED ACTIVITIES

- The foundation and operation of shared service centres. The definition is provided in the Specific Annex – Rules for applicants and beneficiaries – Special Part.

APPLICANTS

- An applicant/beneficiary can be a business entity¹; a small or medium-sized enterprise as defined in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014; that, depending on the conditions of the programme, will be obliged to keep accounting or tax records with special additional requirements, or keep separate accounting for the project.
- is authorised to conduct business activities in the Czech Republic that correspond to the aided economic activity to be implemented through the project.
- According to its sworn statement, the applicant has been registered as an income-tax payer in one of the Member States without interruption for a period of no less than two closed tax periods preceding the date of the submission of the aid application. The applicant acknowledges that he/she will be required to have an establishment or branch plant in the Czech Republic at the time of payment of the aid. As of the first request for payment, the applicant must have an establishment registered in an extract from the Trade Register.
- According to its sworn statement, the applicant has no arrears with respect to selected institutions in the country of its registered office or in the country where its branch is located.
- According to its own sworn statement, the applicant does not have any arrears based on its employees' wage or salary claims.

¹A natural or legal person engaged in business activities, these must be persons with an assigned ID number or similar identification number assigned in another country.

- The beneficiary will confirm that, within two years preceding the aid application, it did not carry out any relocation to the establishment where it intends to make the initial investment, for which aid is requested, and will agree not to relocate the establishment until the expiry of two years following the end of the initial investment for which the aid is requested.

SECTORAL CLASSIFICATION

Aid is not provided to those projects whose outputs will have a direct effect in any of the following sectors:

- The production, processing and/or marketing of products which are specified in Annex 2 – Annex I to the Treaty on EU
- agriculture, forestry, fisheries, aquaculture (CZ-NACE A 01, A 02, A 03)
- The coal industry (CZ-NACE B 05, C 19.1)
- The steel sector (as defined in Annex 8 to this Call)
- The synthetic fibre production industry (as defined in Annex 8 to this Call)
- Shipbuilding (CZ-NACE C 30.11)
- Transport and related infrastructure (CZ-NACE H 49, H 50, H 51)
- Energy production and distribution and energy infrastructure (CZ-NACE D 35)

MAIN CONDITIONS OF THE CALL

- The applicant must clearly prove ownership or other rights to the real estate and land where the project will be implemented.
- The project must include all mandatory components specified in the Call for its submission.
- The project does not envisage providing aid to activities that are linked to the quantity of goods exported (export subsidies), to the establishment and operation of a distribution network abroad, or to other current costs linked to export activities (customs duties, insurance); nor aid contingent upon the use of domestic over imported goods.
- The project had not been launched prior to the date of submission of the aid application.
- The project must not violate horizontal EU policies and their basic principles, such as equal opportunities (equality between men and women, elimination of discrimination based on gender, race, ethnic origin, religion, worldview, disability, age or sexual orientation), equal opportunities and non-discrimination (e.g. due to social exclusion or health environment) and sustainable development (compliance with both EU and Czech environmental legislation).
- The project's objectives must be in compliance with the objectives of the programme and of the Call.
- The applicant's financial health, expressed through a simplified economic assessment by the Intermediate Body, must not be lower than 5 points (applies only to projects with CZV from CZK 5 million up to and including).
- Obligations for projects with total eligible expenditures exceeding CZK 5 million inclusive and with investment expenditures that account for more than 50% of the total eligible expenditures, a Financial Analysis of the investment will be required. For more information on the cost-benefit analysis, see the document entitled CBA – Manual for Applicants/Beneficiaries.

FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- A subsidy for a project and one applicant under the Call is provided in an amount of no less than CZK 1 million and no more than CZK 10 million.
- The beneficiary must provide a financial contribution of at least 25% of the eligible expenditures, either from its own resources or through external funding in a form which does not involve any public aid.