



Application – Call I

Are you a business entity or a research organisation and are you planning to carry out industrial research and experimental development? If so, this activity is intended for you.

SCHEDULE

Receipt of aid applications:

- 1 September 2022 – 30 November 2022

AIDED ACTIVITIES

- Implementation of industrial research and experimental development within the meaning of Article 25 of the GBER, which declares certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in accordance with Articles 107 and 108 of the EC Treaty¹.

APPLICANT

- The applicant is a natural or legal person that conducts business, has been assigned a Czech ID number and is authorised to conduct business².
- The applicant is authorised to conduct business activities that correspond to the economic activity³ in which the project is implemented.
- The applicant has provided information to the extent required under Section 14(3)(e) of Act No. 218/2000 Sb., on budgetary rules and amending some related acts (hereinafter the Budgetary Rules Act), as amended:
 - The applicant has entered information in ISKP21+ identifying the persons acting on behalf of the applicant, indicating whether they are acting as its statutory body or whether they are acting under a power of attorney.
 - The applicant has its beneficial owners of a legal person registered pursuant to Act No. 37/2021 Sb., on the registration of beneficial owners (compliance with this condition will be verified by the IB).

¹ EU Official Journal, L187, 26 June 2014, pp. 1–184.

² This means a trade license or an authorisation to conduct business under other legal regulations (unless otherwise specified in the Rules for applicants and beneficiaries of the OP TAC – special part) – except for research organizations.

³ In the application in ISKP21+, the applicant indicated the CZ-NACE in which the project is implemented and which corresponds to the activity registered in public registers. The registered CZ-NACE must not be listed in Annex 4 “Unaided CZ-NACE” of this Call.

- The applicant has entered information in ISKP21+ identifying the entities in which it has a holding and the amount of such a holding.
- According to the applicant's sworn statement, the applicant is not in liquidation.
- According to the applicant's sworn statement, the applicant has been registered as an income-tax payer in the Czech Republic for an uninterrupted period of no less than two tax periods⁴ preceding the date of the submission of the aid application.

TERRITORIAL DIMENSION

- Target territory: The territory of the Czech Republic, outside NUTS 2 Prague.
- The decisive factor for assessing local acceptability is not the registered office of the applicant (beneficiary), but rather the actual place where the project is to be implemented, i.e. the territory where the physical implementation takes place and where the project expenditure is incurred.

MAIN CONDITIONS OF THE CALL

- The project must not violate the EU horizontal policies and their basic principles. In particular, it is necessary to ensure compliance with:
 - the principles of non-discrimination (in particular non-discrimination on the grounds of race, gender, religion, ethnic origin, disability, age or sexual orientation),
 - the principles of sustainable development,
 - the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.
- The project's objectives must be in compliance with the objectives of the operational programme and of the Call.
- The conditions for the applicant also apply to a partner with a financial contribution, unless otherwise specified by the Call or its annexes.
- For projects whose total eligible expenditure is equal to / greater than CZK 5 million, the score received in a simplified economic assessment that represents the applicant's financial health must not be less than 5 points.
- According to the declaration on the application of the DNSH ("do no significant harm") principle, the project does no significant harm to environmental objectives within the meaning of Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council.
- At the stage of assessing formal requirements and acceptability, aid applications where the applicant has submitted a similar active project (any PP status) in the OP EIC will not be approved, unless the applicant has withdrawn from the project. A similar project means a project that has an identical place of implementation (down to the level of the municipality), similar activities and a similar budget size and structure. The aim of this measure is to prevent budget funds from being blocked by unfinished projects under the OP EIC that are resubmitted in identical or slightly modified form under the OP TAC. The applicant must choose whether it can realistically complete the project under the OP EIC or whether it will terminate the administration of that project and submit the project under the OP TAC.⁵

⁴ This means a tax period according to Section 21a (for legal persons) of Act No. 586/1992 Sb., on income taxes.

⁵ Similar conditions must be met by both the applicant and the partner in relation to the TREND programme under Section 8.1(h) of the Call.

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- Costs of contract research and R&D consulting services used exclusively for the project.
- Personnel costs – salaries and insurance for researchers, technicians and other auxiliary technical personnel to the extent necessary for the purposes of the project.
- Costs of instruments, devices and equipment acquired from third parties in the form of depreciation of tangible fixed assets, to the extent necessary and for the duration they are used for the purposes of the project.
- Costs of material and components.
- Other operating costs.
- Flat-rate costs (additional overheads).

AIDED PROJECT OUTPUTS

- Pilot operation
- Proven technology
- Utility model
- Industrial design
- Prototype
- Functional sample
- Software

FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

The subsidy for a project is provided in an amount of no less than **CZK 2 million** and no more than **CZK 125 million**.

- The maximum intensity of public aid (EU share) is specified in the following tables, which show the key categories of aided activities and the size of the enterprise:

Category of activity	Small enterprise	Medium-sized enterprise	Small mid-cap company; mid-cap company
Industrial research	70%	60%	50%
Experimental development	45%	35%	25%

- In the case of implementing a project that involves **effective collaboration between the members of a consortium**⁶, the maximum intensity of public aid depending on the category of aided activities and the size of the enterprise is as follows:

⁶ Within the meaning of Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014, the effective collaboration must be (1) between undertakings among which at least one is an SME, or is carried out in at least two Member States, or in a Member State and in a Contracting Party of the EEA

Category of activity	Small enterprise	Medium-sized enterprise	Large enterprise ⁷
Industrial research	80%	75%	65%
Experimental development	60%	50%	40%

- **Within a scheme that does not constitute public aid**, aid is provided in accordance with the Framework, i.e. for entities that meet the definition of a research organisation. In such cases, the maximum aid intensity must not exceed 85% of the total eligible expenditure of the research organisation, regardless of the size of the research organisation.

Category of activity	Aid that does not constitute public aid
	Research organisation
Industrial research	85%
Experimental development	85%

Participation of a research organisation is not mandatory in the project.

Agreement, and no single undertaking bears more than 70% of the eligible costs, or (2) between an undertaking and one or more research and knowledge-dissemination organisations, where the latter bear at least 10% of the eligible costs and have the right to publish their own research results.

⁷ Where the project to be implemented involves effective collaboration between the members of the consortium, the term Large Enterprise also includes a Small Mid-Cap Company and a Mid-Cap Company.