



## Renewable energy sources – Call I

The aim of the Call is to promote the efficient and environmentally friendly use of RES, increase their share and, in turn, to reduce the consumption of primary energy resources or support business entities in the field of RES use.

### SCHEDULE

#### Receipt of aid applications:

- 8 September 2022 – 1 February 2024

### AIDED ACTIVITIES

- Construction of wind power plants.

### APPLICANT

- The applicant is a natural person or a legal person that conducts business, has been assigned a Czech ID number and is authorised to conduct business<sup>1</sup>.
- The applicant is authorised to conduct business activities that correspond to the aided economic activity<sup>2</sup> 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 IS KP 21+ 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).

<sup>1</sup> 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).

<sup>2</sup> 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 CZ-NACE 03 Fishing and aquaculture

- The applicant has entered information in IS KP 21+ 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 periods<sup>3</sup> preceding the date of the submission of the aid application.

## TERRITORIAL DIMENSION

- **Target territory:** The territory of the Czech Republic, except for 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.
- 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.
- 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 and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/2139.
- The project is climate-proof within the meaning of Article 2(42) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 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 OP EIC projects 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.

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<sup>3</sup> This means a tax period according to Section 16b (for natural persons) / Section 21a (for legal persons) of Act No. 586/1992 Sb., on income taxes.

## ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- Fixed tangible assets.
- Fixed intangible assets (if required for the proper operation of fixed tangible assets).
- Engineering activities.
- Project documentation.

## FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- The subsidy for a project is provided in an amount of no less than CZK 500 000 and no more than EUR 15 million<sup>4</sup>. The project must not be artificially divided in such a way that the maximum subsidy of EUR 15 million per enterprise and per investment project is exceeded.
- The aid will be paid in accordance with the “Co-financing rules for the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund, the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund, the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, Internal Security Fund and the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa for the programming period 2021–2027<sup>16</sup>” and will be reimbursed retroactively upon completion of the project or its phase (if the project is phased in accordance with the Rules for applicants and beneficiaries of the OP TAC – general part), provided that the conditions of the Decision are met.
- Aid must not be granted for the same project expenditure for which other aid has been or will be granted from public sources, including aid from Union funds that are managed centrally by EU bodies, agencies, joint undertakings and other entities and that are neither directly nor indirectly controlled by member states.
- The subsidy must not be granted to a beneficiary that has any outstanding liability arising under a recovery order that has been issued following a previous decision by the Commission declaring the aid received from a provider from the Czech Republic illegal and incompatible with the internal market.

<sup>5</sup> Sources of funding (percentages of documented eligible expenditure)	
<sup>6</sup> For the following NUTS regions: CZ04 Northwest, CZ05 Northeast, CZ07 Central Moravia, CZ8 Moravian-Silesian	
Type of entity	EU share
Small enterprise	80%
Medium-sized enterprise	70%
Large enterprise	60%

<sup>4</sup> A conversion will be made using the exchange rate that is published by the European Central Bank on its website and that is valid on the date on which the aid is granted. The decisive moment for the conversion is the date of issue of the decision to grant a subsidy.

<sup>5</sup> The chapter lists the EU share. The remaining portion of the funding will be covered by the beneficiary's resources.

<sup>6</sup> CZ04 Northwest (the Karlovy Vary and Ústí nad Labem Regions), CZ05 Northeast (the Liberec, Hradec Králové and Pardubice Regions), CZ07 Central Moravia (the Olomouc and Zlín Regions) and CZ8 Moravian-Silesian (the Moravian-Silesian Region).

<sup>7</sup> For the following NUTS regions: CZ02 Central Bohemia, CZ03 Southwest, CZ06 Southeast	
Small enterprise	70%
Medium-sized enterprise	60%
Large enterprise	50%

<sup>7</sup> CZ02 Central Bohemia (the Central Bohemian Region), CZ03 Southwest (the South Bohemian and Plzeň Regions) and CZ06 Southeast (the South Moravian and Vysočina Regions).