

Energy savings – Call I

The aim of the Call is to reduce the Czech Republic's final energy consumption and to meet the obligation of new energy savings under Article 7 of Directive 2012/27/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, as well as the need to contribute to the fulfilment of the targets in relation to the renovation and construction of buildings under Directive 2010/31/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on the energy performance of buildings.

SCHEDULE

Receipt of aid applications:

- 1 September – 30 November 2023

AIDED ACTIVITIES

- Improving the energy performance of the building of business entities:
 - insulation of building envelope, replacement and renovation of doors and windows, other construction measures having a demonstrable positive effect on the energy performance of buildings according to the minimum requirements resulting from the directive on the energy performance of buildings, including the installation of external shading elements;
 - enhancement of energy performance of technical building systems (cooling, forced ventilation including heat recovery, air humidity control, hot water production and indoor lighting);
 - implementation of control elements for efficient energy management in buildings;
 - elements of adaptation of buildings to climate change respecting the requirements for indoor environment quality (green roofs and facades).

- Use of renewable energy sources¹ and high-efficiency CHP² fired by solid biomass³, biogas and biomethane, and electric heat pumps to cover the energy needs of buildings and business operations.
- Modernisation of electricity, gas, heat, cold and compressed air distribution systems, as part of the energy management of enterprises, in order to improve efficiency.
- Storage of all forms of energy as part of complex projects to improve energy efficiency.
- Use of waste energy.
- Reducing the energy intensity / improving the energy efficiency of production and technological processes (only for new equipment, which must have zero direct (exhaust) CO₂ emissions).
- Modernisation of traction substations and traction power supply system.
- Introduction of elements of efficient energy management and optimisation of operations to regulate energy consumption, including support for the implementation of energy management tools.

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 business⁴.
- The applicant is authorised to conduct business activities the correspond to the economic activity⁵ 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).
 - 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.

¹ Under Annex V(2)(e) EED, Member States may count energy savings stemming from measures promoting the installation of small-scale renewable energy technologies on or in buildings for own use towards the required amount of energy savings under Article 7(1) EED, provided that those measures result in verifiable, and measurable or estimable end-use energy savings and are calculated in accordance with Annex V EED.

² The maximum annual electricity production from high-efficiency CHP should not be higher than the annual electricity consumption of the respective enterprise. The heat and cold produced should be intended primarily for the enterprise's own consumption.

³ The supported types of solid biomass are specified in Annex 8 "Solid biomass types with greenhouse gas savings".

⁴ 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 – special part).

⁵ 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 the Annex to the Call entitled "Unaided CZ-NACE".

- 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 periods⁶ preceding the date of the submission of the aid application.
- The applicant takes one of the legal forms listed below:
 - Domestic natural person that conducts business
 - Veřejná obchodní společnost (general partnership)
 - Společnost s ručením omezeným (company with limited liability)
 - Společnost komanditní (limited partnership)
 - Akciová společnost (share company)
 - Družstvo (cooperative)
 - Správa železnic, státní organizace (Railway Administration, state organisation)
 - European Economic Interest Grouping
 - European Company (Societas Europaea)
 - European Cooperative Society

SECTORAL CLASSIFICATION

- **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.

⁶ 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.

- 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 projects under the OP EIC that are resubmitted in identical or slightly modified form under the OP TAC.

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- Fixed tangible assets.
- Fixed intangible assets (if required for the proper operation of fixed tangible assets).
- Engineering activities.
- Energy assessment.
- Project documentation.
- Costs for organising tenders pursuant to the Public Procurement Act or the OP TAC Supplier Selection Rules applicable at the time of supplier selection. The maximum amount of eligible expenditure for this item is CZK 80 000.

FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- The subsidy for a project is provided in an amount of no less than CZK 500 000⁷ and no more than CZK 200 million.
- 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.
- Projects requesting less than the minimum subsidy amount, according to the aid intensity, are not acceptable and will not be accepted to the evaluation process. The maximum subsidy amount cannot be exceeded.

| Sources of funding (percentages of documented eligible expenditure) | |
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| ⁸ For the following NUTS regions: CZ04 Northwest, CZ05 Northeast, CZ07 Central Moravia, CZ8 Moravian-Silesian | |
| Type of entity | EU share |
| Small enterprise | 65% |
| Medium-sized enterprise | 55% |
| Large enterprise | 45% |

⁷ Applies at the stage of approval by the selection committee.

⁸ 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).

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| ⁹ For the following NUTS regions: CZ02 Central Bohemia, CZ03 Southwest, CZ06 Southeast | |
| Small enterprise | 55% |
| Medium-sized enterprise | 45% |
| Large enterprise | 35% |

⁹ CZ02 Central Bohemia (the Central Bohemian Region), CZ03 Southwest (the South Bohemian and Plzeň Regions) and CZ06 Southeast (the South Moravian and Vysočina Regions).