



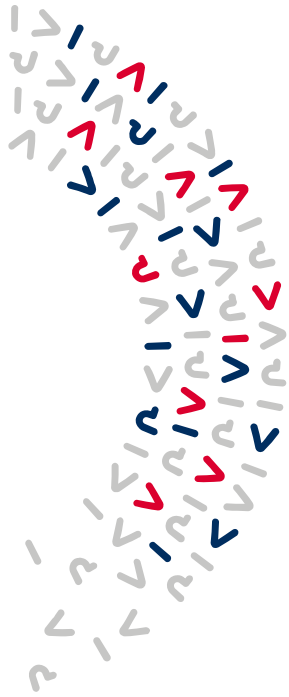
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## Energy savings - Call II

The aim of the call is to reduce the level of final energy consumption of the Czech Republic and to fulfil the obligation of new energy savings pursuant to Article 7 of Directive 2012/27/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, as well as to contribute to the goals concerning renovation and construction of buildings according to Directive 2010/31/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on the energy performance of buildings.

### TIMETABLE

#### Receipt of grant applications:

- 24.05.2024–31.10.2025

### SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

- Improving the energy performance of buildings belonging to undertakings (Article 38a(6) GBER):
  - thermal insulation of the building envelope, replacement and renovation of windows and doors, other construction measures that have a demonstrable effect on the energy performance of the building according to the minimum requirements arising from the directive on the energy performance of buildings, including the installation of external shading elements;
  - increasing the energy efficiency of technical systems in buildings (cooling, forced ventilation including heat recovery, air humidity control, hot water preparation and lighting of the building's interior);
  - Introducing elements of efficient energy management and optimization of operations to regulate energy consumption, including aid for the implementation of energy management tools;
- Aid granted for the improvement of the energy efficiency of the building (Article 38a(6) GBER) may be combined with aid for any or all of the following measures (Article 38a(7) GBER):
  - the installation of integrated on-site equipment generating electricity, heating or cooling from renewable energy sources, (use of renewable energy sources and highly efficient CHP<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The maximum annual production of electricity from a highly efficient CHP plant should not be higher than the annual electricity consumption of the relevant enterprise. The produced heat and cooling should primarily be intended for the enterprise's own consumption

- generated from solid biomass<sup>2</sup>, biogas and biomethane, photovoltaic power plants<sup>3</sup>, solar thermal systems including hybrid and electric heat pumps to cover the energy needs of the buildings and energy management of operations in the aided enterprise)
- the installation of equipment for the storage of the energy generated by the on-site renewable energy installations.
  - the connection to an energy efficient district heating and/or cooling system and related equipment; the maximum length of the duct to the heat distribution facility is 500 meters;
  - the construction and installation of recharging infrastructure for use by the building users, and related infrastructure, such as ducting, where the parking facilities are located either inside the building or are physically adjacent to the building;
  - the installation of equipment for the digitalisation of the building to increase its smart-readiness, including passive in-house wiring or structured cabling for data networks and the ancillary part of the broadband infrastructure on the property to which the building belongs, but excluding wiring or cabling for data networks outside the property;
  - investments in green roofs and equipment for the retention and use of rain water.
- Measures other than building renovations in the framework of energy management (Articles 38 and 41 GBER)
    - Use of renewable energy sources and highly efficient CHP generated from solid biomass, biogas and biomethane, photovoltaic power plants, solar thermal systems and electric heat pumps to cover the energy needs of the energy management in the operations of the aided enterprise;
    - The installation of equipment for the storage of the energy generated by the on-site renewable energy installations.
    - Modernization of electricity, heat, cooling and compressed air distribution in the energy management which is the subject of the aid application, in order to increase the efficiency of energy use;
    - Recovery of waste energy to cover own needs of the energy management;
    - Reducing the energy intensity/increasing the energy efficiency of production and technological processes (only for new equipment that must have zero direct (exhaust) CO<sub>2</sub> emissions);
    - Modernization of substations and a traction power supply network;
    - Introducing elements of efficient energy management and optimization of operations to regulate energy consumption, including aid for the implementation of energy management tools within the energy management of the enterprise's operations.

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<sup>2</sup> The supported types of solid biomass are defined in Annex 8 "Types of solid biomass with savings in greenhouse gas emissions"

<sup>3</sup> Aid for photovoltaic power plants (PV plants) on business buildings, including sheds (e.g. for cars, construction equipment, material storage, etc.) Aid for the storage of electrical energy can only be provided if the storage is part of the investment in a new PV plant and serves exclusively for the purposes of optimizing the use of the produced electrical energy.

## THE APPLICANT

- is a small and medium-sized enterprise as defined in Annex I to the GBER or a large enterprise; in the field of rail transport also entities up to 100% owned by the public sector<sup>17</sup>, and state organizations (Railway Administration).
- fulfils obligations under Act No 563/1991 Coll., on accounting, in particular the obligation to disclose financial statements in the relevant register in accordance with Act No 304/2013 Coll., on public registers of legal entities and natural persons and on the registration of trust funds. This paragraph applies only to the entities that have such obligations imposed by law. The MA will check compliance with this obligation for the last two closed accounting periods. For entities that do not have this obligation established by law for the entire period, its fulfilment will be checked for the period for which they have this obligation established;
- does not have the form of a limited liability company where a capital contribution certificate is issued for the share(s) of the partner(s) in accordance with Section 137 of Act No 90/2012 Coll., on commercial companies and cooperatives (Act on Commercial Corporations);
- The decision will not be issued if:
  - the applicant is a company in difficulty within the meaning of Article 2(18) GBER,
  - the applicant is in conflict of interest according to Section 4c of Act No 159/2006 Coll., on conflict of interest,
  - the applicant is subject to sanction regulations issued in connection with Russia's illegal activity against Ukraine,
  - where the applicant is a legal entity, a final sentence has been imposed on it of a ban on the receipt of grants and subsidies;
  - the applicant's property is subject to bankruptcy proceedings (a solution for insolvency). If, in the event of insolvency, the court permits reorganization and it is carried out by the company, the company is not regarded as a company in difficulty and the condition for providing the grant is met,
  - a recovery order was issued to the applicant following a decision of the European Commission on unlawful aid and its incompatibility with the internal market, which has not yet been repaid,
  - the applicant does not meet the requirement of no criminal record (applies to members of the applicant's statutory bodies, the applicant - legal entity and the applicant - natural person).

## SECTORAL DEFINITION

- **Target territory:** The territory of the Czech Republic, except NUTS 2 Prague
- The territorial eligibility is not assessed based on the registered office of the applicant (beneficiary) but based on the actual place of project implementation, i.e. the territory where the physical implementation takes place and the project expenses are incurred.

## MAIN CONDITIONS OF THE CALL

- The project must not violate horizontal EU policies and their basic principles. In particular, the project must comply:

- with principles of non-discrimination (primarily non-discrimination based on race, gender, religion, ethnic origin, disability, age or sexual orientation).
  - with the principles of sustainable development,
  - with the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.
- The project objectives shall be in line with the objectives of the operational programme and the Call.
  - For projects the total eligible expenditure of which is equal to/higher than CZK 5 million, the score obtained in the simplified economic evaluation, which expresses the financial health of the applicant, must not be lower than 5 points;
  - The project does not significantly harm the 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-proofed as defined in Article 2(42) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council.
  - Investments in infrastructure meet the requirement for climate resilience in the sense of Article 2(42) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council.
  - Grant applications of applicants who have submitted a similar active project (in any PP status) under OP EIC will not be approved in the phase of appraisal of formal requirements and eligibility, unless the applicant has withdrawn from the project. A similar project is a project that has the same place of implementation (up to the level of the municipality), similar activities and a similar amount of budget and its structure. The aim of the above-mentioned measure is to prevent blocking of budget funds by the fact that the still unfinished project proposals from OP EIC are submitted again in an identical wording, or slightly modified, in OP TAC.

## ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- Tangible fixed assets
- Intangible fixed assets (if necessary for the proper operation of the tangible fixed assets).
- Engineering activity
- Energy assessment
- Design documentation
- Expenditure on the organization of tendering procedures pursuant to Act No 134/2016 Coll., on public procurement, as amended, or the Rules for the selection of suppliers in OP TAC, in effect at the time of the start of the selection/procurement procedure. The maximum amount of eligible expenditure for this item can be CZK 80 000 per aid application.

## FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- The aid is provided in the form of a grant.
- The total eligible expenditure (TEE) of a project must be at least CZK 0.625 million<sup>4</sup> and at most CZK 2 000 million.
- Projects with TEE lower than the minimum are ineligible and will not be accepted into the appraisal process. The maximum TEE level is unsurpassable.

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<sup>4</sup> Valid at the stage of approval by the selection committee.

- The maximum amount of aid is EUR 30 million<sup>31</sup> per enterprise and per investment project, this value must not be circumvented by artificially dividing the project.
- The maximum aid level is unsurpassable.
- The beneficiary is obliged to ensure the financing of expenses for the implementation of the project, including VAT.

Table 1 Aid pursuant to Article 38 GBER

| Funding sources (% shares of documented eligible expenditure) |                                                                                                         |                                                                                      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Type of entity                                                | For NUTS regions CZ04 Northwest, CZ05 Northeast, CZ07 Central Moravia, CZ8 Moravia-Silesia <sup>5</sup> | For NUTS regions CZ02 Central Bohemia, CZ03 Southwest, CZ06 - Southeast <sup>6</sup> |
|                                                               | EU share                                                                                                | EU share                                                                             |
| Small enterprise                                              | 65 %                                                                                                    | 55%                                                                                  |
| Medium-sized enterprise                                       | 55%                                                                                                     | 45%                                                                                  |
| Large enterprise                                              | 45%                                                                                                     | 35%                                                                                  |

<sup>5</sup> CZ04 Northwest (Karlovy Vary and Ústí nad Labem Regions), CZ05 Northeast (Liberec, Hradec Králové and Pardubice Regions), CZ07 Central Moravia (Olomouc and Zlín Regions) and CZ8 Moravia-Silesia Region (Moravian-Silesian Region).

<sup>6</sup> CZ02 Central Bohemia (Central Bohemian Region, CZ03 Southwest (South Bohemian and Plzeň Regions) and CZ06 Southeast (South Moravian and Vysočina Regions).

Table 2 Aid pursuant to Article 38a GBER

| Funding sources (% shares of documented eligible expenditure) |                                                                                            |                                                                         |                                                                                            |                                                                         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Type of entity                                                | Variant A1 <sup>7</sup>                                                                    |                                                                         | Variant A2 <sup>8</sup>                                                                    |                                                                         |
|                                                               | For NUTS regions CZ04 Northwest, CZ05 Northeast, CZ07 Central Moravia, CZ8 Moravia-Silesia | For NUTS regions CZ02 Central Bohemia, CZ03 Southwest, CZ06 - Southeast | For NUTS regions CZ04 Northwest, CZ05 Northeast, CZ07 Central Moravia, CZ8 Moravia-Silesia | For NUTS regions CZ02 Central Bohemia, CZ03 Southwest, CZ06 - Southeast |
|                                                               | EU share                                                                                   | EU share                                                                | EU share                                                                                   | EU share                                                                |
| Small enterprise                                              | 65 %                                                                                       | 55%                                                                     | 80%                                                                                        | 70%                                                                     |
| Medium-sized enterprise                                       | 55%                                                                                        | 45%                                                                     | 70%                                                                                        | 60%                                                                     |
| Large enterprise                                              | 45%                                                                                        | 35%                                                                     | 60%                                                                                        | 50%                                                                     |

Table 3 Aid pursuant to Article 41 GBER

| Funding sources (% shares of documented eligible expenditure) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Type of entity                                                | Investment aid for energy from renewable sources, hydrogen from renewable sources and highly efficient combined heat and power production to cover the energy management needs of operations in the aided enterprise | Aid for any other investment covered by Article 41, but not related to the source part, for example the storage of electricity |
|                                                               | EU share                                                                                                                                                                                                             | EU share                                                                                                                       |
| Small enterprise                                              | 65 %                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 50%                                                                                                                            |
| Medium-sized enterprise                                       | 55%                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 40%                                                                                                                            |
| Large enterprise                                              | 45%                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 30%                                                                                                                            |

<sup>7</sup> Variant A1 - The condition of minimum saving of primary energy at 20% according to point 6 of Article 38a GBER was met, without the possibility of including benefits from measures according to point 7 of Article 38a GBER, and at the same time the condition of minimum primary energy saving of 30% was met with the possibility of including benefits from measures according to point 7 of Article 38a GBER and at the same time the requirements for the building renovation according to variant A1 were met, see Table 1 in Annex 1 Appraisal model.

<sup>8</sup> Variant A2 - The condition of minimum saving of primary energy at 40% according to point 6 of Article 38a GBER was met, without the possibility of including benefits from measures according to point 7 of Article 38a GBER, and at the same time the requirements for the renovation of the building according to variant A2 were met, see Table 1 in Annex 1 Appraisal Model.