

## Infrastructure services - Call II

The aim of this call is to develop research and innovation infrastructure and improve its services, which will lead to an increase in the intensity of joint research, development and innovation activities between business entities and the public and business sectors, focusing in particular on research, development and innovation of new technologies and the introduction of advanced innovative solutions.

### TIMETABLE

#### Receipt of grant applications:

- 05.05.2025 – 17.10.2025

### SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

- Provision of services to innovative enterprises - Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).
- Expansion of premises and modernisation of open R&I infrastructure, including acquisition of new equipment/building of new open R&I infrastructure.

### THE APPLICANT

- is a **legal entity** that has been **assigned a Czech ID number** and is **authorized to do business**<sup>1</sup>.
- is authorized to conduct business corresponding to the **economic activity**<sup>2</sup> in which the project is implemented.
- provided **the data to the extent required in Section 14, paragraph 3, letter e) of Act No 218/2000 Coll.**, the Act on Budgetary Rules and amending certain related acts, as amended:
  - entered information in IS KP21+ on the identification of persons acting on behalf of the applicant, indicating whether they act as its statutory body or whether these persons act on the basis of a granted power of attorney,
  - has registered the real owners of the legal entity in accordance with Act No 37/2021 Coll., on the registration of real owners (fulfilment of the condition will be verified by IB),

<sup>1</sup> This is a trade license or license to do business according to other legal regulations (unless otherwise stated in the Rules for Applicants and Beneficiaries of OP TAC - specific part).

<sup>2</sup> In the application in IS KP21+, the applicant indicated the CZ-NACE in which the project is implemented, which corresponds to the activity recorded in the public registers. The registered CZ-NACE must not be listed in the Call Annex titled "Unsupported CZ-NACE".

- in IS KP21+, it entered information on the identification of the entities in which it has a share and the size of this share,
  - confirmed in a declaration on honour attached to the grant application that, as of the date of submission of the grant application, its beneficial owner is not a citizen of or resident in a state or jurisdiction included in the currently valid EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes, approved by the Council of the European Union<sup>3</sup>;
  - confirmed in a declaration on honour attached to the grant application that, if it is part of a relationship structure under the law governing the registration of beneficial owners, involving foreign legal entities or foreign legal arrangements, the legal entities or legal arrangements in the relationship structure are not, as of the date of submission of the grant application, domiciled, or in the case of legal arrangements are not administered, in a state or jurisdiction listed on the currently valid EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes, approved by the Council of the European Union<sup>4</sup>.
- According to its declaration on honour, it **is not in liquidation**.
  - According to its declaration on honour, it has been registered as an income tax payer in the Czech Republic, continuously for at least two tax periods<sup>5</sup> preceding the date of submission of the grant application.

## TERRITORIAL ELIGIBILITY

- Target territory: The territory of the Czech Republic, except NUTS 2 Prague
- For ITI projects, the territorial delimitation of metropolitan agglomerations (except NUTS 2 Prague) with an approved ITI Programme Framework under OP TAC;
- 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.

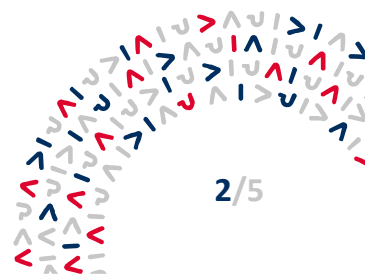
## MAIN CONDITIONS OF THE CALL

- 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,
  - with environmental legislation (the applicant submits a declaration on honour);
- The project objectives shall be in line with the objectives of the operational programme and the Call.
- For integrated territorially strategic projects, the project objectives must comply with the territorial strategy and the project proposal must be on the List of Strategic Projects of the respective agglomeration, forming an integral part of the approved territorial strategy;

<sup>3</sup> The list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes is updated twice a year, usually in October and February, and if it is amended, it is published by the Ministry of Finance in the Financial Bulletin: <https://www.mfcr.cz/cs/dane-a-ucetnictvi/financni-zpravodaj>.

<sup>4</sup> Ditto the previous footnote.

<sup>5</sup> This is a tax period according to Section 16b for natural persons / Section 21a for legal entities of Act No 586/1992 Coll., on income taxes.



- The score obtained in the simplified economic assessment, which expresses the financial health of the applicant, is not lower than 5 points. For projects implemented in Activity 4.1a), a simplified economic assessment is not carried out;
- 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;
- 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 already submitted an identical active project (in any PP status up to PP31 including) under OP TAC will not be approved in the phase of appraisal of formal requirements and eligibility, unless the applicant has withdrawn from the project. An identical project means a project that has the same place of implementation (down to the level of municipality) and corresponding eligible expenditure related to the same or slightly altered activities pursuing the same purpose of the project. The aim of the above-mentioned measure is to prevent the blocking of budget funds by the fact that the still unfinished projects are submitted again in an identical wording, or slightly modified.

## ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

**Under Activity 4.1a), eligible expenditure** includes costs of the intermediary, related to the provision of services to final beneficiaries:

- personnel costs associated with the provision of specialised services to final beneficiaries;
- purchase of external specialised services;
- costs of investment in tangible and intangible fixed assets (technology, research or testing equipment to be used for the provision of services to final recipients; maximum up to CZK 5 million);
- marketing and promotion (de minimis);
- overheads (15 % of personnel costs according to point 6.1a).

**Under Activity 4.1b), eligible expenditure includes:**

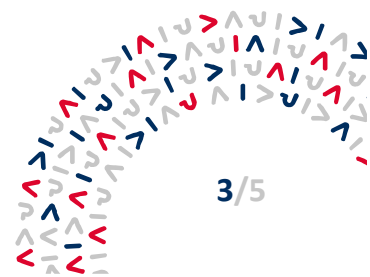
- costs of investments in tangible fixed assets (e.g. research equipment, technology and other equipment necessary for the functioning of R&I infrastructure, acquisition of buildings, land, new buildings, technical improvement of buildings, etc.);
- costs of investment in intangible assets (acquisition of patents, licences and know-how not exceeding the normal price, the assessment must not be more than 6 months old on the date of acquisition; software, etc.);
- costs of acquiring project design documentation (for de minimis aid). The condition is that they were incurred after 01.01.2021 and that the conditions of the Grant Award Decision are met;

## AID INTENSITY AND BREAKDOWN OF FUNDING SOURCES<sup>6</sup>

**Aid intensity for Activity 4.1a):**

- 75 % of the proven eligible expenditure in the case of beneficiaries who are an intermediary of the aid under the Framework for State Aid for Research, Development and Innovation (2022/C 414/01); the remaining part of the funding of at least 25 % of the eligible expenditure will be covered by the final beneficiary (SME).
- 75 % of the proven eligible expenditure in the case of final beneficiaries (SMEs) - users of consultancy services,

<sup>6</sup> This indicates the EU share. The remaining part of the funding will be covered from the beneficiary's resources.



### Aid intensity for Activity 4.1b):

- 50 % of the proven eligible expenditure in case the extended or newly built R&I infrastructure meets the definition of research infrastructure according to GBER point 91.
- 25 % of the proven eligible expenditure where the expanded or newly built R&I infrastructure meets the definition of testing and experimentation infrastructure under GBER point 98a). The aid intensity can be increased by 10 percentage points for medium-sized enterprises and by 20 percentage points for small enterprises. The aid intensity may be increased by a further 5 percentage points for testing and experimental infrastructures where at least 80 % of the annual capacity is allocated to SMEs.

Funding sources (% shares of documented eligible expenditure)			
Size of the enterprise	Basic aid intensity for Research infrastructure	Basic aid intensity for Testing and experim. infrastructure	Aid intensity, if at least 80% of the annual capacity of the testing and experimental infrastructure is allocated to SMEs
Small enterprise	50%	45%	50%
Medium-sized enterprise		35%	40%
Large enterprise		25%	30%

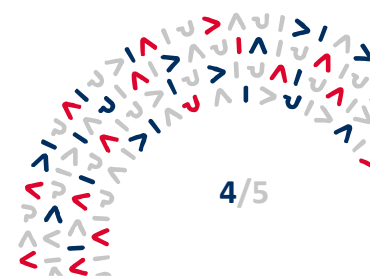
Other restrictions/limits	
Maximum amount of eligible expenditure per unit of building volume of the future structure <sup>38</sup> (relevant for Activity 4.1b) for projects involving construction work. The limit applies to the budget item Constructions/Buildings)	CZK 16 054.00/m <sup>3</sup>

### Maximum and minimum amount of aid

#### For Activity 4.1a)

- The grant for the project is provided in the amount of at least CZK 10 million<sup>7</sup> and up to a maximum of CZK 30 million.

<sup>7</sup> Valid at the stage of approval by the selection committee.



- The grant for services for a final recipient - a specific SME - is provided at the minimum amount of CZK 50 thousand and at a maximum of CZK 1 million.

**For Activity 4.1b)**

- CZK 5-100 million for projects not involving construction work;
- CZK 10-150 million for projects involving construction work (up to CZK 250 mil. for ITI projects).

Projects requesting less than the minimum aid based on the aid intensity are ineligible and will not be accepted into the appraisal process. The maximum aid level is unsurpassable.

