



## Circular economy - Call II

The goal of this Call is to support the acceleration of the transition to a circular economy in the Czech Republic, prevent the generation of waste, increase the recycling infrastructure and limit the waste of secondary raw materials, increase the content of recycled materials in products, and increase the raw material security of the Czech Republic.

### TIMETABLE

#### Receipt of grant applications:

- 31.10.2025 – 30.07.2026

### SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

- Introduction of technologies for the reuse **of own production waste** (not acquired) by including it back into the production cycle (**the Call does not support the recovery/processing of waste groups 01, 02, 03, 17, 18 and 20 as defined in the Waste Catalogue<sup>1</sup> and mining waste according to Act 168/2013 Coll.<sup>2</sup>**(see Section 4.2. of the Call)).
- Introduction of technologies for the production of secondary raw materials, semi-finished products or products from selected wastes under group 16 Wastes not otherwise specified in this Catalogue. The support is focused on the processing of waste under Catalogue numbers: 16 01 03, 16 01 17, 16 01 18, 16 01 19, 16 02 14, 16 02 16, 16 03 04, 16 06 05 01 (Batteries and accumulators containing lithium).
- Preventing the generation of waste – reducing the amount of material inputs in the production of a product in the amount of at least 10% of the weight of the manufactured product, while maintaining the product's/semi-finished product's parameters<sup>3</sup>.
- Introduction of technologies to increase the recyclability of products. In this activity, the manufacturer replaces an existing product with a new one with the same useful properties, but with a higher degree of recyclability. Only measures that increase the proportion of recyclable raw materials in the total weight of the product according to the following scale can be supported:

$$R_{N,min} = 0,875 \cdot R_p + 15$$

<sup>1</sup> Decree No 8/2021 Coll. on the Waste Catalogue,

[https://www.mzp.cz/www/platnalegislativa.nsf/26B2B93E9CCDE5B0C125865B002C4914/%24file/VYHL\\_010521\\_OL.pdf](https://www.mzp.cz/www/platnalegislativa.nsf/26B2B93E9CCDE5B0C125865B002C4914/%24file/VYHL_010521_OL.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> Act No 168/2013 Coll., amending Act No 157/2009 Coll., on the management of mining waste and amending certain Acts

<https://www.zakonyprolidi.cz/cs/2013-168>

<sup>3</sup> In activity (c), it is not possible to support the simple replacement of an outdated - worn-out machine.

where  $R_p$  is the original mass proportion of recyclable content in a product in % and  $R_{N,min}$  is the new minimum mass proportion of recyclable content in the product (i.e. recyclability of the product).

- Introducing technologies for tyre retreading.
- Introduction of technologies for the production of semi-finished products or products from secondary raw materials, or technologies enabling an increase in the proportion of secondary raw materials in the product. The secondary raw material must make up at least 5% of the weight of the manufactured semi-finished product or product.
- Introduction of technologies to replace selected input raw materials. The objective of the activity is to encourage manufacturers to change the production process or replace the existing product with a new product with the same useful properties, but with a lower consumption of some of the critical raw materials listed in Regulation (EU) 2024/1252 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 April 2024<sup>4</sup>. Only actions that reduce the weight of such selected input raw materials by at least 20% can be supported.
- Introduction of technologies for obtaining critical raw materials, listed in Regulation (EU) 2024/1252 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 April 2024<sup>5</sup>, by processing waste or secondary raw materials. Support will only be granted to technologies whose final output is an obtained critical raw material.

## THE APPLICANT

- is a **natural person or legal entity** pursuing business, that has been assigned a **Czech ID number** and is **licensed to do business**<sup>6</sup>.
- is licensed to conduct business corresponding to the **economic activity**<sup>7</sup>, in which the project is implemented, no later than on the date of submission of the final request for payment.
- If it is a legal entity, it provided the **data to the extent required in Section 14, paragraph 3, letter e) of Act No 218/2000 Coll.** on budgetary rules and amending certain related acts (the Budgetary Rules)<sup>8</sup>
  - in ISKP21+, it entered information 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),
  - in IS KP21+, it entered information on the identification of the entities in which it has a share and the amount of this share.
- According to its sworn statement, 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>9</sup> preceding the date of submission of the grant application.

<sup>4</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/CS/ALL/?uri=CELEX:32024R1252&qid=1714765781275>

<sup>5</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/CS/ALL/?uri=CELEX:32024R1252&qid=1714765781275>

<sup>6</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>7</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".

<sup>8</sup> Also referred to as the Budgetary Rules Act.

<sup>9</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.

## TERRITORIAL ELIGIBILITY

- **Target territory:** The territory of less developed regions of the Czech Republic (the Ústí nad Labem, Karlovy Vary, Pardubice, Liberec, Hradec Králové, Moravian-Silesian, Olomouc and Zlín Regions);
- 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 environmental legislation (the applicant submits a declaration on honour);
  - 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.
- 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 proofing as per Article 2(42) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>10</sup>
- 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

- Tangible fixed assets
- Intangible fixed assets (if necessary for the proper operation of the tangible fixed assets).

## 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 2 million<sup>11</sup> and at most CZK 250 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>10</sup> See Annex 7 - the Form for verifying compliance with the Do No Significant Harm principle and Climate Proofing of the Infrastructure.

<sup>11</sup> Valid at the stage of approval by the selection committee.

- The beneficiary is obliged to ensure the financing of expenses for the implementation of the project, including VAT.

## AID INTENSITY AND BREAKDOWN OF FUNDING SOURCES<sup>12</sup>

Funding sources (% shares of documented eligible expenditure)	
Type of entity	EU share
Small enterprise	60%
Medium-sized enterprise	50%
small mid-cap	40%

<sup>12</sup> This indicates the EU share. The remaining part of the funding will be covered from the beneficiary's resources.