



Potential - Call III

The main goal of the call is to increase the number of enterprises with research and development infrastructure, and to develop and strengthen their research and innovation capacities.

TIMETABLE

Receipt of grant applications:

- 06.11.2025 – 17.02.2026

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

- Establishment or expansion of corporate centres for industrial research, development and innovation, consisting in the acquisition of technologies/devices and other equipment necessary for research and development activities of the centres.
- Projects focusing on **DEEP TECH** areas will be preferred :
 - Advanced materials and advanced manufacturing;
 - Aerospace and aeronautics, smart mobility and unmanned systems;
 - Artificial intelligence, machine learning, including big data;
 - Semiconductors (microchips);
 - Biotechnology, pharmaceuticals and advanced healthcare technologies;
 - Electronics and photonics;
 - Advanced computing / quantum computing;
 - Robotics;
 - Sustainable energy and clean technologies;
 - Communication and network technology.

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**¹.
- is authorized to conduct business corresponding to the **economic activity**² in which the project is implemented.
- According to its solemn declaration, the applicant did not relocate³ the establishment in which the initial investment, for which the aid is requested, is to be made during the two years preceding the grant application, and will not relocate the establishment within two years following the completion of the initial investment;
- 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.**, 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),
 - 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 Union⁴;
 - 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 Union⁵.
- 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 periods⁶ preceding the date of submission of the grant application.

¹ 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).

² 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".

³ Relocation means a transfer of the same or similar activity, or a part thereof, from an establishment in one contracting party to the EEA Agreement (initial establishment) to an establishment in which the aided investment takes place in another contracting party to the EEA Agreement (aided establishment). It is a transfer if the product or service in the original and in the supported establishment serves at least partially the same purposes and meets the requirements or needs of the same type of customers and there is a loss of jobs in the same or similar activity in one of the original establishments of the beneficiary in the EEA.

⁴ 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>.

⁵ Ditto the previous footnote.

⁶ 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: Territory of the Czech Republic – transition regions NUTS 2 Central Bohemia, Southwest and Southeast;
- 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 applicant provides a declaration on honour),
 - 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 projects whose total eligible expenses are 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 - see Annex 8 Form for verifying compliance with the Do No Significant Harm (DNSH) principle and Climate Proofing of the Infrastructure (CP);
- Investments in infrastructure meet the requirement for climate resilience as per Article 2(42) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council, see Annex 8 Form for verifying compliance with the Do No Significant Harm (DNSH) principle and Climate Proofing of the Infrastructure (CP);
- 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

- The cost of investments in tangible and intangible fixed assets.
- The cost of investments in buildings (new buildings and building modifications).

FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- The aid is provided in the form of a grant.

- The grant per project is provided in the minimum amount of CZK 2 million⁷ and up to a maximum of CZK 60 million.

AID INTENSITY AND BREAKDOWN OF FUNDING SOURCES⁸

Region	Small enterprise	Medium-sized enterprise	(Small) mid-cap company
Central Bohemia - Mladá Boleslav, Beroun, Prague-west, Prague-east, Nymburk, Kolín, Příbram, Benešov, Kutná Hora	35%	25 %	15 %
Central Bohemia - Kladno, Rakovník, Mělník	45%	35%	25 %
Southwest – Rokycany, Pilsen, Pilsen–south, Domažlice, Klatovy, Písek, Tábor, Strakonice, České Budějovice, Jindřichův Hradec, Prachatice, Český Krumlov	35%	25 %	15 %
Southwest – Pilsen-north, Tachov	45%	35%	25 %
Southeast	35%	25 %	15 %

Other restrictions/limits	
Maximum amount of eligible expenditure per unit of building volume ⁹ of the future structure (the limit applies to the budget item Buildings)	CZK 16 054.00/m ³

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

⁸ This indicates the EU share. The remaining part of the funding will be covered from the beneficiary's resources.

⁹ It is the maximum possible amount of eligible expenditure per 1 m³ of building volume. The calculation is based on the RTS price indicators (of Czech construction standards) for 2025 https://www.cenovasoustava.cz/dok/ceny/thu_2025.html for building type 801.4 Buildings for science, culture and awareness raising, multiplied by a coefficient of 1.15 (the accepted deviation is 15%). The price indicators, based on statistical data in the construction industry same as the price systems of the ÚRS and RTS companies, represent a limit determining the cost-effectiveness of the project from the point of view of appraisal and eligibility of expenditure. Costs above this limit will not be eligible. For non-typical structures where the building volume of the future structure cannot be determined, it will be necessary to support the project's construction budget with a price offer according to the Methodological Guideline of the OP TAC Managing Authority on supporting documents for grant applications in order to check the usual prices of construction works and technologies.