



# Knowledge Transfer Partnership – Call IV

The main objective of the Call is to introduce a specific innovation in a company through cooperation between company employees and a university graduate under the supervision of a research organization.

## SCHEDULE

### Receiving applications for support:

- 30 April 2026 – 21 September 2026

## SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

The project must focus on at least one of the following activities and must be of strategic importance for the further development of the company:

- introduction of advanced technologies in the enterprise;
- development/innovation of new products and services or process innovation in the development and implementation of new products and services, including design;
- improvement of production and/or business processes including the product certification process.

## APPLICANT

- Is an entrepreneurial **natural person** or **legal entity** that has **been assigned a Czech identification number** and is **authorized to do business**<sup>1</sup>.
- Is authorized to engage in business corresponding to **the economic activity**,<sup>2</sup> in which the project is implemented<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup>This is a trade license or business license according to other legal regulations (unless otherwise stated in the Rules for Applicants and Beneficiaries from OP TAK - special 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 registered in public registers. The registered CZ-NACE must not be listed in the Annex to the Call entitled "Unsupported CZ-NACE".

<sup>3</sup>Does not apply to the partner Knowledge Organization.

- The partner knowledge organization<sup>4</sup> must meet the definition of a research and dissemination organization pursuant to the Article 1.3(16) (ff) of the Commission Communication Framework for State aid for research, development and innovation 2022/C 414/01. The research organization must be an entity listed in the list of organizations for research and knowledge dissemination – see <https://msmt.gov.cz/vyzkum-a-vyvoj-2/vyzkumne-organizace>;
- If it is a legal entity, it has provided **the data to the extent required by Section 14, Paragraph 3, Letter e) of Act No. 218/2000 Coll.**, Act on Budgetary Rules and Amendments to Certain Related Acts (hereinafter referred to as the “AoBR”), as amended:
  - entered information on the identification of persons acting on behalf of the applicant in IS KP21+, indicating whether they act as its statutory body or whether these persons act on the basis of a granted power of attorney,
  - has registered beneficial owners of the legal entity pursuant to the Act No. 37/2021 Coll., on the registration of beneficial owners (fulfilment of the condition will be verified by the ZS)<sup>5</sup>,
  - entered information in IS KP21+ about the identification of persons, in which it has a stake and the amount of this stake<sup>6</sup>
  - confirmed in an affidavit to the application for support that, as of the date of submission of the application for support, its beneficial owner is not a citizen of a state or is not resident in a state or jurisdiction included in the currently valid European Union’s list of non-cooperative jurisdictions in tax matters approved by the Council of the European Union<sup>7</sup>
  - confirmed in an affidavit to the application for support that if it has a relationship structure under the law governing the registration of beneficial owners, in which foreign legal entities or foreign legal arrangements appear, that the legal entities or legal arrangements in the relationship structure are not 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 in the tax area approved by the Council of the European Union as of the date of submission of the application for support<sup>8</sup>.
- According to its affidavit, **it is not in liquidation.**
- According to its affidavit, it is registered as an income tax payer in the Czech Republic, continuously for at least one tax period<sup>9</sup> preceding the date of submission of the application for support.

## TERRITORIAL FOCUS

- Target area: Territory of the Czech Republic, outside NUTS 2 Prague
- The decisive factor for assessing local acceptability is not the registered office of the applicant (beneficiary), but the actual location of the project implementation, i.e., the area where the physical implementation takes place and the project expenses are incurred. For the purposes of this Call, this is the establishment of the company in which the project is implemented.

<sup>4</sup>The knowledge organization will receive the subsidy through the business entity on the basis of the conditions specified in the partnership agreement concluded between the business entity and the Knowledge Organization. The binding model of this agreement is Annex No. 7 to the Call.

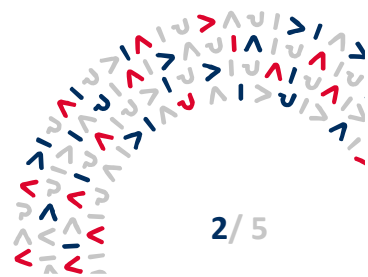
<sup>5</sup>Does not apply to the partner Knowledge Organization.

<sup>6</sup>Does not apply to the partner Knowledge Organization.

<sup>7</sup>The list of non-cooperative jurisdictions in the tax area is updated twice a year, usually in October and February, and in the event of changes, it is published by the Ministry of Finance in the Financial Bulletin: <https://www.mfcr.cz/cs/dane-aucetnictvi/financni-zpravodaj>.

<sup>8</sup>Ditto previous footnote

<sup>9</sup>This is a tax period according to Section 16b for natural persons / Section 21a for legal entities of the Act No. 586/1992 Coll., on income taxes.



## MAIN CONDITIONS OF THE CALL

- The project must not violate the horizontal policies of the EU and their fundamental principles. In particular, it must comply with:
  - with the principles of non-discrimination (in particular non-discrimination on the basis of 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 shall provide an affidavit)
- The project objectives must 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 number of points obtained within the simplified economic evaluation, which expresses the financial health of the applicant<sup>10</sup>, 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<sup>11</sup>;
- Applications for support where the applicant has already submitted an identical active project (any PP status up to and including PP31) in the OP TAK will not be approved at the stage of evaluation of formal requirements and acceptability, unless the applicant has withdrawn from the project. An identical project is understood to be a project that shows an identical place of implementation (up to the municipality level), analogous eligible expenses related to identical or only slightly modified activities aimed at fulfilling the same purpose of the project. The aim of the aforementioned measure is to prevent the blocking of budgetary funds by re-submitting previously unfinished projects identically or slightly modified.

## ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- **SME – direct costs:** hardware and networks, machinery and equipment, software and data, materials, personnel costs, expert services, SaaS;
- **SME – indirect costs:** Indirect overhead costs of 15% of direct personnel costs (only related to SME Personnel Costs).
- **Knowledge organizations – direct costs:** personnel costs, travel expenses, seminars, workshops, expert services, access to information, databases;
- **Knowledge organization - indirect costs:** Indirect overhead costs of 15% of the budget item Personnel costs (applies only to the Personnel costs of the Knowledge organization).

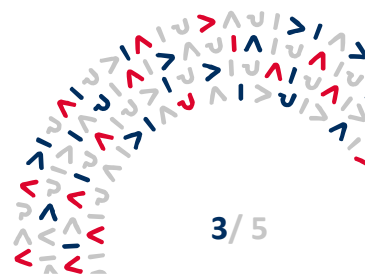
## FORM AND AMOUNT OF SUPPORT

- Support is provided in the form of a subsidy.
- The total eligible expenditure (hereinafter also “TEE”) for the project must be at least CZK 1.5 million<sup>12</sup> and at most CZK 12 million.
- Projects with a TEE lower than the minimum are unacceptable and will not be accepted into the evaluation process. The maximum TEE cannot be exceeded.

<sup>10</sup>Does not apply to the partner Knowledge Organization.

<sup>11</sup>See Annex No. 9 of the Call “Declaration Form for DNSH”

<sup>12</sup>Valid at the stage of approval by the selection committee.



- The support will be paid in accordance with the “Rules for co-financing of the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund, the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund, the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa for the programming period 2021-2027<sup>13</sup>” and will be reimbursed **retroactively after the completion of the project** or its stage (if the project is in accordance with the Rules for Applicants and Beneficiaries - General Part) provided that the conditions of the Decision are met.
- The beneficiary shall be obliged to ensure financing of the project implementation expenses, including VAT.
- Support must not be provided for the same project expenditure, for which other support from public sources has already been or will be provided, including support from European Union’s funds centrally managed by Union institutions, agencies, joint undertakings and other bodies and which are not directly or indirectly under the control of Member States.
- The subsidy must not be provided to a beneficiary that has an outstanding obligation arising from a recovery order issued following a previous Commission decision declaring that aid received from a provider from the Czech Republic is unlawful and incompatible with the internal market.

## SUPPORT LEVEL AND BREAKDOWN OF FUNDING SOURCES<sup>14</sup>

Entity type	EU share
Small business	70%
Medium-sized enterprise	70%
Small mid+-cap	70%

- In the case of an applicant – SME or small mid-cap subsidy will be provided only under the de minimis regime.
- In the regime not constituting the public support, support is provided in accordance with the Framework, namely for entities that meet the definition of a research organisation. The maximum support intensity here must not exceed 85% of the total eligible expenditure of the research organisation, while support is provided for non-economic activities within the framework of knowledge transfer according to point 20 b) of the Framework for State Support for Research, Development and Innovation<sup>15</sup>.

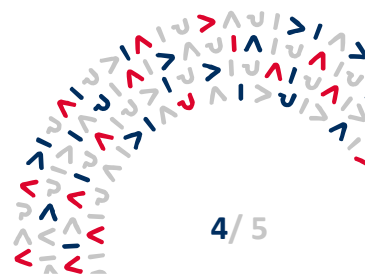
Cooperation between a company and a research organization must also meet the conditions set out in point 29 of the Framework, i.e., companies are not provided with the indirect state support if one of the following conditions is met:

- the results of the collaboration that do not give rise to intellectual property rights may be publicly disseminated and the intellectual property rights arising from the activities of research organisations or research infrastructures belong fully to these entities, or
- the intellectual property rights arising from the project, as well as the related access rights, are distributed among the different collaborating partner entities in a way that takes due account of their areas of work, contributions and respective interests, or
- research organisations or research infrastructures shall receive compensation corresponding to the market price for intellectual property rights resulting from their activities and transferred to participating undertakings

<sup>13</sup>Document of the Ministry of Finance approved by the Government of the Czech Republic by Resolution No. 354 of April 12, 2021.

<sup>14</sup>The chapter indicates the EU share. The remaining part of the financing will be covered by the beneficiary's resources.

<sup>15</sup>All profits from these activities carried out by a research organisation must be reinvested in the primary activities of that organisation.



or to which participating undertakings have acquired access rights. This compensation may be reduced by the absolute value of any financial or non-financial contributions made by participating undertakings to the costs of the activities of the research organisations or research infrastructures which resulted in the creation of the intellectual property rights concerned.

The enterprise must provide the partner organisation with a financial contribution of at least 15% of the partner organisation's eligible expenditure related to the project, either from its own resources or through external funding, in a form that does not involve any public support.



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