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#### Annex 6

# **Selection Criteria Potential Programme 2nd Call**

#### **BASIC INFORMATION**

Registration number:	
Applicant:	
Project:	
Place of project implementation (NUTS II):	
Requested amount (subsidy):	CZK

## **Grading methodology**

The selection criteria are divided into four basic parts:

A – Binary (elimination) criteria; B – Necessity and relevance of the project; C – The applicant's preparedness for implementation of the project; D – Contribution of the project to the applicant's further development and competitiveness.

Each part is further subdivided.

If a project submitted by an applicant receives at least one negative evaluation in part A, the project will be excluded from further evaluation as rejected.

Parts B, C and D are based on a points system – the awarded number of points according to the assessment of an external evaluator (EE) can be in the stated points range. Each part contains space for commentary on the points evaluation, which is an inseparable part of the project assessment performed by the EE. Space for commentary can be expanded as needed.

The total number of points from Parts B through D is the total point evaluation of the project. The project can receive a maximum of 100 points. Further amount up to 20 points can be awarded (bonus) for projects supporting synergies with Operational Programme Research and Development for Innovation or projects which are in compliance with relevant integration plan of city development of the particular town according to the government resolution n. 883/2007 (see below).

The minimum number of points needed for fulfilment of the programme's criteria and approval of the project is **50** points.





Non-fulfilment of the programme's criteria constitutes a reason for rejection of the Subsidy Application.





	Elimination criteria  - to be completed by the mediating entity (Czechlnvest)	YES/NO	Source of information
1.	The content of the project, its aim and eligible costs are in accordance with the main parameters of the programme and call. The outputs of the project will take effect in the sectors defined in the programme		Registration Application
	Commentary:		
	The subject of evaluation is the submitted project's accordance with the programme's basic parameters, i.e. particularly the fulfilment of the programme's goals — establishment or expansion of the applicant's research base. Mere investment in the acquisition of land or buildings (including technical appreciation) is not considered as an expansion of research and innovation capacity.		
	The evaluator shall also assess whether sector specification of project's outputs is not in conflict with programme requirements.		
2.	The amount of investment in long-term tangible and intangible assets used for the purposes of ensuring the activities of the project amounts to CZK 5 million for SMEs, or CZK 10 million in the case of large enterprises. Commentary:		Registration Application
	The proposed structure of eligible costs corresponds to the requirements stipulated in the call.		
3.	The applicant's financial health: the mediating entity (Czechlnvest) shall assess applicant's financial health on the basis of a rating; in the case of an evaluation worse than C+, the project shall be rejected.		Data from financial statements provided
	Evaluation of financial feasibility of the project		upon submission
	Commentary:		of the Registration
	Part of this criterion is comprised of an assessment of the project's feasibility from the perspective of the applicant's financial prerequisites. If, as of the date of submission of the Registration Application, the applicant has been engaged in business for a period of less than two closed accounting periods, the rating will be processed based on two years' financial data of the enterprise(s) exercising a (combined) controlling interest in the applicant. In the case of foreign entities, the applicant shall submit a rating for the foreign entity/entities exercising a (combined) controlling interest in the applicant. Such rating shall be performed by an external rating agency, whereas this rating must be performed on the evaluation scale according to Moody's or Standard & Poor's. In the case that the rating is performed for several enterprises having a combined controlling interest in the applicant, each of these enterprises must receive the minimum required rating evaluation.		Application  Data from financial feasibility of the project form provided upon submission of Full Application
	Evaluation of financial feasibility of the project is made by mediating entity (CzechInvest) The evaluation is related to the project and its feasibility in terms of reliability of financial resources. Costs of the project have to be based on realistic basis (operational cash flow analysis is made)		





4.	The project has a positive or neutral impact on the environment and on human health.	Registration Application
	Commentary:	
	It must be clear from the project proposal than the project will have a positive or at least neutral impact on the environment and human health.	
5.	The project respects the principles of equal opportunities.  Commentary:	Registration Application
	It must be clear from the project proposal that the project will offer opportunities to all groups of citizens who fulfil the required qualification prerequisites.	

In the case of rejection of the project at this point, the mediating entity shall provide proper rationale for such rejection. In the case of rejection due to non-fulfilment of Criterion 3, this shall be based upon the expert assessment of a financial analyst of the mediating entity (CzechInvest).

В	Necessity and relevance of the project  – to be completed by the EE		Number of points	Source of information
1.	Business sector, according to the technological a products, in which the applicant operates (max. 4 p	/4	Business plan (BP)	
	High-tech	4 points		
	Medium high-tech	2 points		
	Low-tech	0 points		
	Commentary:  The evaluator shall assess whether the business secone of the preferred groups (see appendix of this definition of sectors). The business sector is undersolved business sector in which the applicant operates if the the outputs (results) of the project in his/her probusiness sector of an entity in whose production outputs (results) of the project are used.			
2.	The project will be implemented in a region with concentrated state aid.			ВР
	Yes	4 points		
	No	0 points		





The aim of favouring disadvantaged regions is to stimulate, via the programme, economic development in those regions where this is most desirable (a list of these regions is given in the appendix to this document).  3. Anticipated degree of innovation which will be ensured by the newlexpanded capacity) (a maximum of four points can be awarded for this criterion).  The investment ensures advancement to a higher sector category (sectors according to the technological advancement of products – e.g. from low-tech to medium high-tech).  The investment is oriented toward growth (e.g. expansion of production, new products of the same product group, etc.).  The investment ensures the maintaining of the existing situation.  Commentary:  Even though the programme should provide aid to the best projects from all sectors, this criterion reflects the provider's interest in supporting particularly more technologically demanding sectors which promise greater and longer-term benefits (see the appendix for more information).  4. The project will be focused on an area with a demonstrably positive impact on the environment or will be implemented with the use of a brownfield-type building.  max. 6 points  Commentary:  An increased aid for projects with a potentially positive impact on the environment (environmental technologies and products for them) is in accordance with European and national priorities. The liquidation of brownfields has an analogous effect.  5. Description of the current position and form of the company.  Specific inquiries about the applicant's company are specified in the business plan. If this concerns a company without a prior history, the criterion will be evaluated for the entity/entities exercising a controlling interest in the applicant.  A maximum of 14 points can be awarded for the partial criteria					
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5a.	The company formulates a business strategy and demonst knowledge of the market; is conducting market research a ascertaining the needs of customers.	nd is	/3	ВР
	max. 3 p	oints		
	Commentary:			
	The applicant documents that s/he is a company having incorporate the basic principles of business and the corresponding mechanism must be clear than the submitted project logically relates to the confidence of the company and to the planned development of applicant. The facts presented in the business plan should proclear (though on a general level) information about the application business strategy, e.g. by which method the firm trades (whether has its own sales network or conducts trade through representation and whether s/he delivers exclusively to one customer, etc.), himpetus for innovating products and processes (e.g. from his/hedealers, through contact with customers, by conducting more research or ascertaining the needs of clients, etc.). It must be that the submitted project has a basis in these strategies.	ms. It urrent of the rovide cant's r s/he rtives, is/her r own narket		
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5b.	The company innovates its products and processes.		/3	ВР
	max. 3 p	oints		
	Commentary:			
	The turnover from the sale of innovated products or, as the case be, portion of turnover from the sale of innovated products in re to the overall turnover for the previous three years shall be evaluation.	lation		
5c.	The company implemented the innovation of a product process in the past (a maximum of four points can be awarded this criterion):		/4	ВР
	- mainly through the company's own research solutions (or in cooperation with other research laboratories and centres)			
	- through a transfer of technologies (purchase of 2 points a research solution or purchase of licenses)			
	none 0 points			
	Commentary:			
	With respect to the nature of the programme, the applicant's exrelation to the stimulation of new solutions is a significant factor.	isting		
5d.	The company received aid for R&D or innovation from nation European resources in the past.	nal or	/2	
	-			BP





	2 points		
	Commentary:		
	In accordance with the preceding criterion, the ability to obtain state aid for R&D signifies the applicant's definite preparedness for successful conduct of the project.		
5e.	In the past the company deducted costs expended on research and development projects from its income-tax base.	/2	BP
	2 points		ВР
	Commentary:		
	The meaning and rationale of this criterion are similar to those of the preceding criterion; an affirmative answer demonstrates the applicant's good orientation within the possibilities of utilising existing aid for research and development.		
6.	How the project reacts to the current and prospective needs of the company from the perspective of its position on the market – the evaluator shall assess the necessity and relevance of the project and the company's maturity collectively. Medium-term trends in the company's development are also included in the evaluation.	/8	
	max. 8 points		
	Commentary:		
	In this criterion, the evaluator shall assess the cumulative impression based on the extent to which the project is necessary for the company and how the company is prepared for a similar step from the perspective of its business strategy. The evaluation includes the above-mentioned criteria and their synergistic accordance, as well as previously specified parameters such as the dynamic development of the company (year-to-year growth of research and development expenditures).		
	In the case of projects with a subsidy amount over CZK 20 million, the applicant shall also present activities in the area of further education and training of employees, activities in the area of marketing and organisational innovations, and others. The fact that in the past the applicant has already invested in non-technical innovations (performed reengineering, introduced a quality-management system, etc.) is an important indicator of the level of the company's business practices. The evaluator will assess the type and quality of the measures taken. If this concerns a company without a prior history, this criterion will be evaluated for the entity/entities that exercise a controlling interest in the applicant.		
В.	Total points	/40	

## General commentary for Part B

Here the evaluator provides the detailed rationale of his/her assessment of the Group B criteria. Particular attention will be dedicated to cases when an extremely high or low number of points is





awarded for certain criteria.

	The applicant's preparedness for implementation of the project	Number of	Source of information
	– completed by the EE	points	illiorillation
1.	The project is feasible with regard to the applicant's experience with investment projects of similar scope and the financing thereof.	/4	ВР
	max. 4 points		
	Commentary:		
	The evaluator shall assess whether, based on his/her prior history, the applicant has the technical basis, competence and experienced employees of all professions necessary for implementation of the investment in the required scope.		
	In the case of projects with eligible costs over the amount of CZK 20 million, the applicant shall also demonstrate whether this involves the use of other sources of financing, e.g. whether the applicant is requesting aid in the programme supporting the horizontal mobility of workers in OP Education and Competitiveness or in the Real Estate Programme in OP Enterprise and Innovation.		
2.	The suitability of the proposed investment goods, construction works and other eligible costs correspond to the applicant's needs and immediately relate to the implementation of the project.	/7	ВР
	max. 7 points		
	Commentary:		
	The evaluator shall assess the applicant's plan and compare it with specific undertakings (construction work, purchase of investment goods, costs for their installation, etc.) and shall assess whether the proposed costs of individual items generally correspond to the scope of the project. In the case that the evaluator has reasonable doubts about the necessity of the given investment goods for implementation of the project, this item will be entered into the table "other assets, not corresponding to the project". The evaluator shall also assess whether the division of combined utilization of some acquired assets for the benefit of the project and not to the project is in order(is properly clarified) (e.g. in the case of testing equipment, etc.).		
	Other assets not corresponding to the project:		
3.	The project is feasible in terms of qualified human resources; a maximum of eight points can be awarded for this criterion.		BP
	The company will acquire other qualified workers through recruitment in the R&D sector or through cooperation with this sector (e.g. within the scope of horizontal mobility)		
	The company will acquire other qualified workers max. 6 points through recruitment		
	The company has ensured qualified workers from its max. 4 points		





	own sources (employees are transferred or concentrated from other workplaces).  Commentary:  The applicant shall demonstrate by which method s/he plans to		
	ensure the operation of newly built or expanded research and innovation capacities with qualified workers; the evaluator shall assess the veracity and earnestness of the applicant's statement with consideration of seriousness of this criterion.		
4.	Technical feasibility of the project implementation, the relationship of individual phases and their feasibility during the course of the project and subsequent operation.	/5	ВР
	max. 5 points		
	Commentary:		
	It must be evident from the text of the business plan that all technical aspects of the project and their linkages, the feasibility of individual phases of the project and their implementation within the planned deadlines and assurance of the long-term operability of the newly established research and innovation capacities have been taken into account.		
5.	The applicant has an experienced, contractually secured partner, which will help the applicant to implement the project, or will positively influence utilisation of the newly established R&D capacity in the long-term horizon.	/3	ВР
	max. 3 points		
	Commentary:		
	The evaluator shall assess the partner's level, his/her historical involvement in the company's activities, the method of formulating common research goals, the level of their current and future contractual assurance and impact on the overall long-term sustainability of R&D capacities or their intensification in relation to the overall concept of the innovation process in the company and transfer of R&D results into production with utilisation by means of the contractual partner.		
6.	Description of the operation of the existing organisational integration or a detailed description of the operation of the new (renovated or reorganised) development centre.	/5	ВР
	max. 5 points		
	Commentary:		
	The evaluator shall assess to what extent the organisational integration of the company's development centre (department) corresponds to the requirements of smooth cooperation with other sections (e.g. production, trade, marketing, quality management) and the prominence given to such centre (department) in the company's hierarchy. If this concerns a company without a prior history, this criterion will be assessed for the entity/entities that exercise a controlling interest in the applicant.		





7.	Overall assessment of the applicant's preparedness for implementation of the project.	/8	
	max. 8 points		
	Commentary:		
	The evaluator shall generally asses the applicant's financial, personnel and technical preparedness for implementation and future assurance of the operation of the projects investment. Furthermore, the evaluator shall assess all aspects and the relationship thereof, the applicant's experience, and the earnestness and veracity of the assurances given by the applicant.		
	In the case of projects with a subsidy amount over CZK 20 million, the applicant shall also identify the critical stages of implementation and state the method by which critical situations will be prevented. The evaluator shall assess to what extent the identification of the critical stages of the project and the proposed methods of preventing crises correspond to reality.		
C.	Total points	/40	

#### **General commentary for Part C**

Here the evaluator provides the detailed rationale of its assessment of the Group C criteria. Particular attention will be dedicated to cases when an extremely high or low number of points is awarded for certain criteria.

D	Benefit of the project for the applicant's further development and competitiveness  - completed by the EE	Number of points	Source of information
1.	The applicant has a clear conception of the qualitative change of the technical parameters of the realised R&D results in relation to their implementation and applicability on the market.	/5	ВР
	max. 5 points		
	Commentary:		
	The evaluator shall assess how the applicant plans to involve the established research and innovation capacities in the business processes of the company as a whole in order to improve its market position, etc., and shall assess the extent to which the applicant's conceptions are realistic and plausible, taking into account the objectivity of the applicant's analysis of the market for such qualitatively changed parameters of products.		





2.	The applicant declares the project's economic company and quantifies and logically substantiates	/5	ВР	
	max. 5 points			
	Commentary:The evaluator shall assess the significance of the investment's economic impacts on the firm, e.g. in the area of more efficient use of R&D expenditures, opening up the possibility of entering into a completely new area of business on a higher technological level, or in the case of a foreign concern, the significance of establishing a research centre using domestic R&D capacities, increased added value, or improvement of a Czech factory's position (in the case of multinational investors).			
3.	Due to the establishment of new research capacities technological level, the company's workplace will external cooperation in the area of R&D and innovation of five points can be awarded for this criterion):	l be involved in		ВР
	With research entities	5 points		
	With other entities	3 points		
	No cooperation	0 points		
	Commentary:			
	Newly established/expanded research and innovation create conditions for cooperation with various entities. The evaluator shall assess the significance of the expertor the applicant's company.	on various levels.		
	In the case of projects with a subsidy amount over CZK 20 million, the applicant shall also state the extent to which the submitted project is linked to its other activities (projects) and activities of cooperating institutions and companies (cooperation with other companies and R&D institutes, possibility of a synergistic effect). The applicant shall also state the possibilities of cooperation involving the newly established research and innovation capacities at the regional, national and European levels and its other activities (e.g. possible involvement of the workplace in regional cluster activities, acquiring other projects with state aid).			
4.	Evaluator's general assessment of the project's future	re benefit.	/5	
	max. 5 points			
	Commentary:			
	The evaluator shall generally assess applicant's concept that implementation of the project will have on the development including potential economic and non-econ the veracity of the applicant's statement thereof (also vereation of the knowledge economy values, new symanagement, the introduction of new standards involvement in initiatives ensuring better use of the con and support for the protection of intellectual property, and the innovation cycle).			





#### General commentary for Part D

Here the evaluator provides the detailed rationale of its assessment of the Group D criteria. Particular attention will be dedicated to cases when an extremely high or low number of points is awarded for certain criteria.

B. Necessity and relevance of the project	/ 40
C. The applicant's preparedness for project implementation	/ 40
D. Benefit of the project for the applicant's further development and competitiveness	/ 20
TOTAL - BASE	/ 100

E. BONUS	
1. Project supports synergies with support areas 1.1 and 2.1 of Operational Programme Research and Development for Innovation (project is linked to outputs of projects from OP Research and Development for Innovation)	10% of acquired points / 10
2. Project is in compliance with relevant integration plan of city development according to the government resolution n. 883/2007 from 13.8.2007. Project can obtain bonification under the condition that minimum number of points for parts B + C + D + E.1 is fulfilled.	10% of acquired points / 10
TOTAL	/20

Overall evaluation of the project (B+C+D+E)	points
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The evaluator presents its overall evaluation of the submitted project in the form of:

recommendation to accept the project – recommendation to reject the project – recommendation with reservation (stated below)

Reservation:

#### General commentary on the project

Here the evaluator shall state the most important attributes of the assessment or provide additional relevant observations and opinions for which there was no basis in the evaluation table. The evaluator shall render an abstract of the assessment, the bases of which are the general assessments of the individual parts. The commentary must contain at least 200 words.





Location:	Signature:
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Date:





#### Appendix to Criteria B1, B3

## Preferred sectors of industrial production

According to the Czech Statistical Office's comprehensive publication *Science and Technology Indicators in the Czech Republic* for the period 1995-2002, Chapter 15 – Technology- and Knowledge-based Sectors of the Manufacturing Industry and Services and transition from OKEČ (NACE rev. 1.1) classification to CZ-NACE classification on 1.1.2008, the area of highly technologically demanding production is divided into two groups:

## 1. Group of high-tech manufacturing sectors including:

21	Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations				
26.1	Manufacture of electronic components				
26.2	Manufacture of computers and peripheral equipment				
26.30	Manufacture of communication equipment				
26.40	Manufacture of consumer electronics				
26.5	Manufacture of instruments and appliances for measuring, testing and				
	navigation, manufacture of watches and clocks				
26.60	Manufacture of irradiation, electromedical and electrotherapeutic equipment				
26.70	Manufacture of optical instruments and photographic equipment				
27.31	Manufacture of fibre optic cables				
27.90	Manufacture of other electrical equipment				
28.23	Manufacture of office machinery and equipment (except computers and				
	peripheral equipment)				
28.29	Manufacture of other general-purpose machinery n.e.c.				
28.99	Manufacture of other special-purpose machinery n.e.c.				
30.30	Manufacture of air and spacecraft and related machinery				
31.01	Manufacture of office and shop furniture				
32.12	Manufacture of jewellery and related articles				
32.13	Manufacture of imitation jewellery and related articles				
32.50	Manufacture of medical and dental instruments and supplies				
32.99	Other manufacturing n.e.c.				
33.13	Repair of electronic and optical equipment				
33.14	Repair of electrical equipment				
33.16	Repair and maintenance of aircraft and spacecraft				
33.20	Installation of industrial machinery and equipment				
62.09	Other information technology and computer service activities				
95.12	Repair of communication equipment				

#### 2. Group of medium high-tech manufacturing sectors:

19.1	Manufacture of coke oven products
20	Manufacture of other basic chemicals
23.44	Manufacture of other technical ceramic products
25.40	Manufacture of weapons and ammunition
25.73	Manufacture of tools
25.99	Manufacture of other fabricated metal products n.e.c.





26.11	Manufacture of electronic components		
26.30	Manufacture of communication equipment		
26.51	Manufacture of instruments and appliances for measuring, testing and		
	navigation		
26.80	Manufacture of magnetic and optical media		
27.1	Manufacture of electric motors, generators and transformers and electricity distribution and control apparatus		
27.20	Manufacture of batteries and accumulators		
27.40	Manufacture of electric lighting equipment		
27.5	Manufacture of electric household appliances		
27.3	Manufacture of fibre optic and electric cables, electric wires and wiring devices		
27.90	Manufacture of other electrical equipment		
28	exept Manufacture of office machinery and equipment (except compute		
	and peripheral equipment 28.23)		
29.10	Manufacture of motor vehicles		
29.20	Manufacture of bodies (coachwork) for motor vehicles; manufacture of		
	trailers and semi-trailers		
29.3	Manufacture of other parts and accessories for motor vehicles		
30.20	Manufacture of railway locomotives and rolling stock		
30.30	Manufacture of air and spacecraft and related machinery		
30.40	Manufacture of military fighting vehicles		
30.9	Manufacture of transport vehicles and equipment n.e.c		
32.50	Manufacture of medical and dental instruments and supplies		
33.11	Repair of fabricated metal products		
33.12	Repair of machinery		
33.13	Repair of electronic and optical equipment		
33.14	Repair of electrical equipment		
33.17	Repair and maintenance of other transport equipment n. e. c.		
33.20	Installation of industrial machinery and equipment		
38.21	Treatment and disposal of non-hazardous waste		
43.29	Other construction installation		
95.22	Repair of household appliances and home and garden equipment		

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#### Caution:

The above stated definition of high-tech and medium high-tech sectors was created as a result of transition from OKEČ (NACE rev. 1.1) classification to CZ-NACE rev.2 classification, which came into force on 1.1.2008. The official definition of high-tech and medium high-tech sectors according to CZ-NACE rev.2 hasn't been published yet. Therefore it's not precluded that the above stated definition will be changed.





## **Appendix to Criterion B2**

# Regions with concentrated state aid (Preferred in the evaluation)

Regions with concentrated state aid for the period 2007–2013 (pursuant to Decree No. 560/2006)	Structurally disadvantaged regions – districts	Most, Karviná, Chomutov, Teplice, Ostrava-city, Frýdek-Místek, Nový Jičín, Sokolov
	Economically weak regions – districts	Hodonín, Znojmo, Třebíč, Bruntál, Opava, Jeseník, Přerov, Šumperk, Svitavy, Louny, former military districts Ralsko and Mladá
	Regions with highly above-average unemployment	<u>Districts</u> Děčín, Ústí nad Labem, Litoměřice <u>Municipalities</u> Ostrov, Frýdlant, Králíky, Bystřice nad Pernštejnem, Bučovice, Mikulov, Šternberk, Uničov, Kroměříž, Rožnov pod Radhoštěm, Valašské Klobouky
Temporarily supported economically week regions until 2008 (pursuant to Decree No. 829/2006)		Český Krumlov, Tachov, Rakovník, Vyškov