

# PROGRAMME APPLICATION – CALL I

The main objective is to acquire new knowledge necessary for the development of new products, materials, technologies and services through implementation of industrial research and experimental development projects. The results of these activities will lead to the introduction of higher-order innovations and creation of products competitive in global markets.

## TIMETABLE

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### Acceptance of project applications:

- Level 1 applications: 26 June 2015 to 30 September 2015
- Level 2 applications: 1 December 2015 to 29 February 2016

## SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

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- Implementation of industrial research and experimental development within the meaning of Article 25 of Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 (including participation in international industrial research and development projects through the IraSME network).

## APPLICANT

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- Applicants/beneficiaries may be business entities and research and knowledge-dissemination organisation (i.e. entities meeting the definition of a research and knowledge-dissemination organisation under Art. 2(83) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014); grant applications may be submitted by individual entities (enterprises) and consortia consisting of several partners—enterprises and research and knowledge-dissemination organisations; in the case of a consortium, only one entity from the consortium acts as applicant/beneficiary, which in all cases assumes the role of contracting entity and beneficiary for all projects.
- The entity is authorised to conduct business in the Czech Republic corresponding to the supported economic activity for the pursuance of which the project is being implemented or to carry out research and development in the area of natural and technical sciences or humanities.
- The entity demonstrates expertise to undertake the project.
- According to its affidavit, the entity has been registered as an income tax payer at the Tax Office in accordance with section 125 of Act No. 280/2009 Sb., the Tax Code, as amended, continuously for at least two closed fiscal periods preceding the date of preliminary application.

- According to its affidavit, the entity does not have any arrears towards selected institutions and providers of aid from projects co-funded from the EU budget. Deferred payments of arrears or agreements to pay the arrears are considered settled arrears.
- According to its affidavit, the entity does not have arrears from its employees' salary claims.
- The entity does not have any outstanding obligation arisen based on a recovery order issued after a prior Commission's decision stating that the aid is illegal and incompatible with the common market.

## **SECTORAL DEFINITION**

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- Aid will be provided to projects whose outputs will be realized in sectors defined by CZ-NACE sector classifications CZNACE C 10 – 11, 13 – 18, 20 - 33; D 35, E 38; F 41 – 43, J 58, 59, 61 - 63, M 69 – 72, 74, 75, N 78, and S 95.

## **MAIN CONDITIONS OF THE CALL**

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- The project must be implemented in the territory of the Czech Republic except Prague.
- The applicant must clearly demonstrate ownership or other rights to buildings and land where the project will be implemented.
- The project does not envisage aid for activities associated with quantities exported (export subsidies), aid for the establishment and operation of a distribution network abroad or other common costs associated with export activities (customs duty, insurance, etc.), or aid contingent upon the use of domestic goods over imported goods.
- The project's compliance with the National RIS3 strategy will be tested during project evaluation.
- The project had not started before submission of the grant application.
- The applicant's financial soundness expressed by a simplified economic evaluation by the intermediary body must not be lower than 5 points.
- Each applicant (1 Id. No.) may submit a maximum of four projects under this call. The limitation of a maximum of four projects will also apply in the case of projects submitted by economically or personally related entities, controlling and controlled entities within the meaning of Act No. 90/2012 Sb., on business companies and cooperatives, as amended.

## **ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE**

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- Personnel costs – salaries and social and health insurance contributions of researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent necessary for the project.
- Cost of instruments, devices and equipment costs in the form of depreciation, to the extent and for the period when they are used for the project.

- Cost of contractual research, knowledge and patents purchased or acquired under a license from external sources under normal market conditions and cost of consultancy and equivalent services used exclusively for the project.
- Additional overheads and other operating costs, including cost of material, deliveries and similar products created as a direct result of the project.

## **FORM AND INTENSITY OF AID**

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- The amount of grant provided for a project is a minimum of CZK 1 million and a maximum of CZK 100 million.
- The maximum intensity of state aid varies according to the category of supported activities and enterprise size; the maximum aid intensity for the entire project is limited to 70% of eligible expenditure.