

How to submit applications – eAccount

Applications for OPEI aid programmes are submitted in two steps:

1. registration application,
2. full application.

CzechInvest receives registration and full applications via the eAccount internet application (<http://www.czechinvest.org/eaccount>).

Via eAccount, applicants can:

- submit required documents
- monitor the status of project evaluation
- communicate with project managers via bulletin boards

When submitting an application, it is first necessary to create a Master Account, in which all of the applicant's projects are administered. It is possible to set up only one Master Account for each company. However, the applicant can set up access for several users to whom projects and authorisation are subsequently assigned. Signing some documents with the applicant's digital signature is a necessary condition for communication via eAccount.

More information is available

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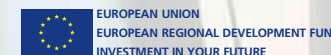
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How to apply for aid from the ICT and Business Support Services Programme



What is OPEI?

The Operational Programme Enterprise and Innovation is the basic document of the Ministry of Industry and Trade for drawing financial resources from European Union structural funds in the 2007-2013 period. Fifteen programmes financed from the EU (85%) and the state budget (15%) have been prepared for enterprises that have decided to invest in business activities within the manufacturing industry and related services. Funding is disbursed in the form of non-returnable subsidies, favourable loans and guarantees. All projects implemented in the Czech Republic outside of Prague are eligible to receive aid¹.

CzechInvest's role

CzechInvest, the Investment and Business Development Agency, is the implementation organisation for OPEI. Via the eAccount electronic application, CzechInvest receives aid applications and provides consulting services to applicants.

¹ Prague's GDP is higher than 75% of the average for European Union countries

² IS – Information systems; ICT – Information and communications technologies

³ Call I does not support this activity

About the ICT and Business Support Services Programme

The ICT and Business Support Services Programme is aimed at the development of the information and knowledge society through support for the supply of new ICT products and services. The goal is to support the competitiveness and growth of the ICT sector in the Czech Republic.

Who can apply (aid recipients)

- all business entities, regardless of their size
- the headquarters or residence of the aid recipient must be in the Czech Republic

How much can be obtained for one project (form and amount of aid)

- aid is provided in the form of a subsidy for eligible costs in the maximum amount of CZK 1-100 million
- subsidies for eligible investment costs are governed by the regional map valid for the period 2007-2013

For what aid can be obtained

- creation of new IS/ICT² solutions and applications
- construction and expansion of shared-services centres
- construction and expansion of customer-support centres
- construction and expansion of centres for repairing high-tech products and technologies
- construction and expansion of centres for designing and implementing IS/ICT³

Costs which can be supported (eligible costs)

- acquisition prices of specified long-term tangible and intangible assets (particularly construction and renovation thereof, purchase of land, hardware and networks, licences, know-how, software)
- selected operating costs pursuant to the de minimis rule (only for SMEs)
- rent

OR (cannot be combined)

- employees' gross salaries and the employer's mandatory contributions
- selected operating costs pursuant to the de minimis rule (only for SMEs)
- rent

Entrance criteria

- creation of a minimum number of new jobs according to the size of the enterprise and the supported activity
- minimum required investment in long-term tangible and intangible assets, according to the specification in the current call

The information provided herein is derived from the texts of individual programmes for the entire 2007-2013 period. The specifications of calls can thus differ during the course of this period.

