

ENERGY SAVINGS – CALL I

The programme aims to support reducing the energy intensiveness of the business sector. The purpose of the programme is to promote actions contributing to reduced end-use energy consumption.

SCHEDULE

Receipt of project applications:

- Applications stage I: 1 June 2015 – 31 August 2015
- Applications stage II: 1 December 2015 – 30 April 2014
- The latest deadline for a project completion shall be 31 December 2018.

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

- a) Modernisation and reconstruction of electricity, gas and heat distribution networks in buildings and energy management of production plants in order to increase efficiency.
- b) Implementation and modernisation of metering and regulation systems.
- c) Modernisation, reconstruction of existing power producing facilities for own energy consumption, leading to greater energy efficiency.
- d) Modernisation of lighting systems for buildings and industrial sites (only in case of replacement of obsolete technologies with new highly efficient lighting systems, e.g. LEDs).
- e) Implementation of measures to reduce the energy efficiency of buildings in the business sector (insulation of the building envelope, exchange and refurbishment of doors and windows, other construction measures having proven effects on the energy performance of the building, installation of air-conditioning with waste heat recovery units).
- f) Reuse of waste energy in industrial processes.
- g) Reducing energy intensity / increasing energy efficiency in manufacturing and technological processes.
- h) Installation of renewable energy units for own consumption of the business (biomass, solar systems, heat pumps and photovoltaic systems).
- i) Installation of a co-generation unit using electricity and thermal energy for own consumption of the business, considering its operating conditions.

APPLICANT

- An eligible applicant and beneficiary shall be a business entity, small, medium-sized or large enterprise as defined in Annex I to Commission Regulation No 651/2014, including agricultural entrepreneurs (defined by Act No 252/1997 Coll., on agriculture), entrepreneurs in the food sector and retail business.
- The applicant is authorized to conduct business in the territory of the Czech Republic corresponding to the supported economic activity, which the project is being implemented for.

- The applicant is registered (according to its affidavit) as an income tax payer with the Tax Office pursuant to s. 125 of Act No 280/2009 Coll., Tax Code, as amended.
- The applicant does not have any outstanding liabilities (according to its affidavit) towards the selected institutions and towards the providers of aid under projects co-financed from the European Union budget. Deferral of outstanding arrears or an agreement to pay the arrears shall be considered to constitute settled arrears.
- The applicant does not have any outstanding liabilities (according to its affidavit) based on its employees' wage and salary claims.
- The applicant does not have any outstanding liability based on a recovery order issued after a prior Commission's decision declaring the aid illegal and incompatible with the common market.
- As at the date of filing the application the applicant has closed at least two consecutive accounting periods. If the applicant has been operating for a shorter period, the requested history can also be demonstrated via the entity(ies) with a controlling influence on the applicant. The condition of two closed accounting periods can be considered fulfilled even when the applicant has been subject to a change (transformation) in the monitored period, see Annex 1.

SECTORAL DEFINITION

- The aid shall support projects with outputs affecting the sectors defined in Annex 3 (A) to the Call.
- The aid shall not support projects with outputs affecting the sectors defined in Annex 3 (B) to the Call.

KEY CONDITIONS OF THE CALL

- The project must be implemented in the Czech Republic outside the territory of the Capital City of Prague. The applicant must clearly demonstrate ownership or other rights to buildings and land plots, where the project will be implemented.
- The project does not expect any aid directly linked to the quantities exported (export subsidies), aid to the establishment and operation of a distribution network abroad or any aid to other current expenditure linked to the export activity (customs duties, insurance, etc.) or any aid contingent upon the use of domestic goods instead of imported goods.
- The project must comply with the EU horizontal policies and their basic principles, namely: equal opportunities for men and women (compliance with the EU and Czech anti-discrimination law, in particular the Labour Code), sustainable development (compliance with the EU and Czech environmental law).
- The project has not started before the date of filing the application.
- The applicant's financial health expressed as a simplified economic evaluation by the intermediary must not be less than 5 points.
- Each economic operator (single Id. No.) shall be entitled to submit no more than four applications for aid under this call.

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- Tangible fixed assets.
- Intangible fixed assets (if required for due operation of the tangible fixed assets).
- Environmental studies (energy consumption assessment).

THE FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- The project subsidy shall be provided at the minimum amount of CZK 500 thousand and up to the maximum amount of CZK 250 million.
- The absolute amount of an aid on environmental studies (energy consumption assessment) shall be CZK 350 thousand.
- The maximum aid intensity shall be 50 % of the eligible expenditure for a small enterprise, 40 % of the eligible expenditure for a medium-sized enterprise and 30 % of the eligible expenditure for a large enterprise.
- The maximum aid intensity for environmental studies (energy consumption assessment) shall be 50 % of the eligible expenditure for a small enterprise, 40 % of the eligible expenditure for a medium-sized enterprise and 30 % of the eligible expenditure for a large enterprise.