

# **PROGRAMME: INNOVATION – PROJECT FOR THE PROTECTION OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHTS – CALL I**

The objective of the call under the programme entitled INNOVATION – Project for the protection of industrial property rights is to strengthen the innovation performance of Czech companies and improve their competitiveness through more effective protection of intellectual property, especially in foreign markets, and also to increase the intensity of the use of instruments of industrial property rights protection, not only among small and medium-sized enterprises, but also in public research institutions and universities.

## **SCHEDULE**

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Receipt of aid applications:

- 4 January 2016 to 31 December 2017, unless otherwise decided by the aid provider.

## **AIDED ACTIVITIES**

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- Ensuring industrial property protection in the Czech Republic and abroad in the following forms:
  - Inventions/patents
  - Trademarks
  - Utility models
  - Industrial designs

## **APPLICANT**

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- A business entity that is a person conducting business pursuant to Act No 90/2012 Sb., on Business Corporations and Cooperatives, or agricultural entrepreneurs as defined by Act No 252/1997 Sb., on Agriculture, and entrepreneurs in the food industry specialising in the production of items other than those listed in Annex I to the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU with a project in R&D and innovation.
  - As of the date of submitting the aid application, the applicant is a small or medium-sized enterprise pursuant to Recommendation 2003/361/EC 7.
  - The applicant is authorised to conduct business activities in the Czech Republic.
  - According to the applicant's sworn statement, the applicant is registered with the tax office as an income-tax payer pursuant to Section 125 of Act No 280/2009 Sb., the Tax Code, as amended.
  - According to the applicant's sworn statement, the applicant does not have any outstanding arrears towards selected institutions and towards the providers of aid

within projects that are co-financed by the European Union budget. Deferment of the payment of arrears or the existence of an agreement on the payment of arrears are deemed settled arrears.

- According to the applicant's sworn statement, the applicant does not have any arrears in terms of salary claims by its employees.
- The applicant does not have any outstanding liabilities arising under a recovery order that has been issued – following a previous decision – by the Commission declaring the aid illegal and incompatible with the common market.
- A public research institution established pursuant to Act No 341/2005 Sb., on public research institutions, as amended.
- A university and other tertiary education institution operating under Act No 111/1998 Sb., on universities, as amended.

## **SECTORAL CLASSIFICATION**

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- Aid is not provided to projects whose outputs will have an effect in any of the following sectors:
  - The production, processing and marketing of products which are specified in Annex 1 to the Call.
  - Agriculture, forestry, fisheries, aquaculture (CZ-NACE A 01, A 02, A 03).

## **THE MAIN CONDITIONS OF THE CALL**

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- The project must be implemented within the Czech Republic, except for within the capital city of Prague.
- The project does not envisage aid to activities that are linked to any quantity exported (export subsidies), to the establishment and operation of a distribution network abroad, or to other current costs linked to export activities (customs duties, insurance); and aid contingent upon the use of domestic over imported goods.
- The project must not violate the EU horizontal policies and their basic principles including, without limitation:
  - Equal opportunities for men and women (compliance with EU and Czech legislation on non-discrimination, especially the Labour Code)
  - Sustainable development (compliance with EU and Czech legislation on environmental protection)
- Each applicant submits only one aid application for the entire programming period (1 ID number = 1 aid application/project), in which the applicant may submit any number of requests for payment (the minimum subsidy amount is CZK 40 000) whose subject-matter relates to the activities aided under the programme (an application for or grant of an invention/patent, trademarks, industrial designs or utility models).

## **ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES**

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- Services of authorised representatives
- Translations
- Administrative fees

## **FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID**

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- The subsidy for a project is provided in an amount of no less than CZK 40 000 and no more than CZK 1 million, unless otherwise decided by the aid provider.
- Aid intensity:
  - A business entity that is small or medium-sized enterprise: 50% of documented eligible expenditures
  - A public research institution: 50% of documented eligible expenditures
  - A university: 50% of documented eligible expenditures