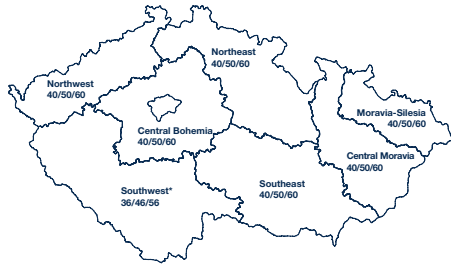


Maximum state aid intensity (% of eligible costs)



Region NUTS II	small enterprise	medium-sized enterprise	large enterprise
Central Moravia, Northwest	60 %	50 %	40 %
Central Bohemia, Moravia-Silesia, Northeast, Southeast	40 %	50 %	40 %
*Southwest (1 Jan. 2007 – 31 Dec. 2010)	56 %	46 %	36 %
*Southwest (1 Jan. 2011 – 31 Dec. 2013)	50 %	40 %	30 %

Note: The maximum aid amount for small and medium-sized enterprises is EUR 50 million.
Source: CzechInvest, 2008

Notes:

- Applicants will be able to utilise financial resources within the Operational Programme Enterprise and Innovation for co-financing business projects in the manufacturing industry and related services. More detailed information concerning the precise sectoral definition for possible aid recipients according to the CZ-NACE classification will be part of the specific call of the given programme.
- CzechInvest offers you an electronic account (**eAccount**) for submitting aid applications. Among other things, the eAccount application enables you to continually monitor the entire process of administration and current status of application assessment.
- Data shown here come from texts of individual programmes for all the period 2007 - 2013. That is why the specification of calls can be different during the period.

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Glossary:

Business Angel - a private investor who provides his or her own financial resources to small or medium-sized enterprises with growth potential, thus gaining a share in such enterprises. It is common that such an investor offers, in addition to capital, his or her knowledge, skills and contacts, either as part of the investment or on a commercial basis.

Cluster – a grouping of regionally related companies (entrepreneurs) and associated institutions and organisations – particularly institution of tertiary education (universities, higher professional schools) – which by joining together have the potential to consolidate and increase their competitiveness.

SME – a small or medium-sized enterprise, i.e. an enterprise that employs fewer than 250 employees and whose annual turnover is less than EUR 50 million or total assets do not exceed EUR 43 million; for classification of a business entity as an SME, its relationship to connected enterprises is also taken into account (more information on the definition of SMEs according to the relevant European Commission Regulation is available at www.czechinvest.org).

CZ-NACE – Classification of economic activities; CZ-NACE supersedes the Sector Classification of Economic Activities (OKEČ)

De minimis rule – financial support for a company from public budgets in such an amount that its scope cannot substantially affect economic competition; the total aid provided to one recipient cannot exceed EUR 200,000 over three years.

Block exemption regime – exemption of specific financial grants from state-aid restrictions (this mostly concerns projects in the area of education, creation of new jobs and subsidies for the purpose of consulting and advisory services).

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PROGRAM	DEVELOPMENT	ICT IN COMPANIES	COOPERATION	ICT AND BUSINESS SUPPORT SERVICES	PROGRAM
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	-- supports development of technological equipment of small and medium-sized enterprises	-- supports the introduction or expansion of information systems and other elements of information and communication technologies (IS/ICT) in small and medium-sized enterprises	-- programme supporting the establishment and development of cooperative sectoral groupings, e.g. clusters and technology platforms – the objective is to support mutual communication and cooperation between the private and public spheres, acceleration of transferring technology into practice and implementation of joint projects leading to increased competitiveness of all participating entities	-- supports the growth and competitiveness of the ICT and business support services sector	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
WHO CAN APPLY (AID RECIPIENT)	-- small or medium-sized enterprise in the manufacturing industry -- the enterprise's activities (project) are manifested in the manufacturing industry -- the applicant's project must be implemented in a selected region (specification will be part of the call)	-- small or medium-sized enterprise in the manufacturing industry -- the enterprise's activities are focused on the manufacturing industry	-- legal entity -- recipients for specific activities will be narrowly defined in individual calls	-- enterprises regardless of company size	WHO CAN APPLY (AID RECIPIENT)
HOW MUCH CAN BE OBTAINED FOR ONE PROJECT (FORM AND AMOUNT OF SUPPORT)	-- subsidy in the amount of CZK 1-20 million -- percentage amount of aid is governed by the regional map valid for the period 2007-2013 (see the map of maximum state aid intensity on the back page)	-- subsidy up to CZK 20 million -- percentage amount of aid is governed by the regional map valid for the period 2007-2013 (see the map of maximum state aid intensity on the back page)	-- subsidy (amount of aid for individual types of activities) is not known at this time	-- subsidy of CZK 1-100 million -- percentage amount of aid from selected eligible costs -- percentage amount of aid is governed by the regional map valid for the period 2007-2013 (see the map of maximum state aid intensity on the back page)	HOW MUCH CAN BE OBTAINED FOR ONE PROJECT (FORM AND AMOUNT OF SUPPORT)
COSTS THAT CAN BE SUPPORTED (ELIGIBLE COSTS)	-- costs for the acquisition of machinery and equipment including control software, in the case of which the applicant is the first user; construction costs directly related to project implementation (max. 20% of total eligible costs for acquisition of machinery and equipment including control software) -- costs for the acquisition of patents, operating or patent licenses for know-how and non-patented know-how -- mandatory publicity	-- hardware, software and other machines and equipment that can be designated as IS/ICT components, but which according to accounting terminology do not fall under either hardware or software -- patents, know-how, licenses; studies, consulting services and training related to the project -- in the case of outsourcing, non-investment costs according to the de minimis rule = case studies, audit, rental of services and property -- mandatory publicity	-- long-term tangible assets (particularly hardware, networks, equipment and machinery for science and research, purchase of buildings and land) -- long-term intangible assets (particularly software and data, intellectual-property rights) -- operating costs (particularly rent, wages, travel expenses, seminars and workshops, marketing and promotion) -- eligible costs for specific activities will be narrowly defined in individual calls	-- acquisition prices of specific long-term tangible and intangible assets (particularly the purchase and renovation of structures, land, hardware and networks, licenses, know-how, software) -- selected operating costs up to the amount according to the de minimis rule -- rental of land and buildings or -- gross wages of employees and the employer's mandatory contributions -- selected operating costs up to the amount according to the de minimis rule -- rental of land and buildings	COSTS THAT CAN BE SUPPORTED (ELIGIBLE COSTS)
SPECIFICS AND RESTRICITIONS	-- recipients can implement a project only in selected regions according to Government Decrees No. 560 and No. 829 of 2006 and on the territory of regions with a higher rate of unemployment stated in the call -- at least three consecutive closed taxation periods	-- at least two consecutive closed accounting periods -- project must be implemented in the Czech Republic outside the capital city of Prague -- block exemption regime for small and medium-sized enterprises (specified in more detail in the call)	-- calls within the programme set forth the minimum number of participating entities within individual cooperative groupings -- the programme's objective is to support projects focused on innovation and growth of competitiveness at the regional and national levels -- project must be implemented in the Czech Republic outside the capital city of Prague	-- selected operating costs of the programme represent these items: services of consultants and experts, studies; access to information and databases; mandatory publicity; non-storable supplies -- at least two consecutive closed taxation periods (can be documented for the parent company) -- project must be implemented in the Czech Republic outside the capital city of Prague	SPECIFICS AND RESTRICITIONS

PROSPERITY	REAL ESTATE	INNOVATION	
		INNOVATION PROJECTS	PROJECT FOR THE PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS
-- supports the creation of a favourable environment for cooperation between universities or research institutes and the business sphere	-- supports the establishment and development of business properties, including related infrastructure, and thus contribute to the establishment of a functioning real estate market	-- supports the introduction of R&D results into production and to the market, whether this concerns the results of proprietary research and development or those obtained by technology transfer -- supported activities are innovation of products and processes, and organizational and marketing innovation	-- supports the protection of intangible assets in the form of patents, utility models, industrial designs and protected trademarks
-- science and technology parks, business incubators, technology-transfer centres (i.e. business entities, local administrative units, universities, public research institutions) -- Business Angels networks (i.e. business entities)	-- local administrative units -- enterprises regardless of company size	-- firms operating particularly in the manufacturing industry; small and medium-sized enterprises and large firms entered in the Commercial Register -- individual specific limitations on company size are defined by separate calls of the programme	-- small and medium-sized enterprises and natural persons -- public research institutions -- universities
-- subsidy up to the amount of CZK 200 million (in the case of projects containing construction work, the subsidy can amount to CZK 5-200 million; in the case of projects not containing construction work, the subsidy can amount to CZK 1-30 million)	-- subsidy of CZK 0.5-500 million depending on the type of project -- percentage amount of aid is governed by the regional map valid for the period 2007-2013 (see the map of maximum state aid intensity on the back page) -- in the case that the aid recipient is a local administrative unit, the aid amount is further limited by the cost-cap amount	-- subsidy in the amount of CZK 1-75million for innovation of a product or process -- subsidy up to the amount of CZK 2 million for organizational or marketing innovation* -- percentage amount of aid is governed by the regional map valid for the period 2007-2013 (see the map of maximum state aid intensity on the back page) *Note: subsidies for organizational and marketing innovation only for small and medium-sized enterprises if they concurrently realise innovation in the product or process area	-- subsidy in the amount of CZK 10,000-1 million -- 45% for small and medium-sized enterprises and natural persons -- 55% for small and medium-sized enterprises cooperating with universities and public research institutions -- 75% for universities and public research institutions
-- investment costs related to the construction and development of science and technology parks, business incubators, technology-transfer centres and some operating costs -- costs related to ensuring the activities of Business Angels networks	-- project preparation and documentation (can comprise a separate project) -- purchase price of real estate (only in the case that the aid recipient is a business entity) -- utilities networks -- land preparation (rough land preparation, bypasses, demolition, etc.) -- construction and renovation of business properties	-- long-term tangible assets -- long-term intangible assets -- operating costs (only for small and medium-sized enterprises)	-- costs for authorised representatives -- translations -- administrative fees
-- de minimis rule (in the case of operating costs) -- project must be implemented in the Czech Republic outside the capital city of Prague	-- real estate (structures and land) under the ownership of the subsidy recipient -- floor-space area of the business property must be at least 500 m ² following implementation of the project -- compliance with the land-use plan -- the user of the property falls within the manufacturing sector or business support services and technology centres sector -- project must be implemented in the Czech Republic outside the capital city of Prague -- at least two consecutive closed taxation periods (can be documented for the parent company)	-- research and development cannot be supported from the programme; at the moment the application is submitted, development must already be completed and this fact documented -- de minimis rule and block exemption regime (this will be specified in more detail in the call) -- projects involving simple modification of production equipment without a demonstrated connection to the development phase of the innovation process will not be supported -- at least two consecutive closed taxation periods -- project must be implemented in the Czech Republic outside the capital city of Prague	-- support cannot be obtained for maintenance costs (these are not included in eligible costs; only costs expended up to the time of granting industrial-legal protection are supported) -- prior to submission of the application at the relevant national or international industrial property office, it is necessary to first submit the registration application to CzechInvest (costs expended prior to submitting the registration application are not supported) -- the registration of the invention for the same technical solution must always be submitted with the utility-model application

POTENTIAL	TRAINING CENTRES	ECO-ENERGY	MARKETING
-- support for the establishment or expansion of companies' capacities for implementing industrial research, development and innovation activities	-- support for construction, renovation and equipment of training centres and training rooms	-- support for energy savings -- support for renewable sources of energy -- support for production of pellets	-- supports development Czech exporters' activities on foreign markets and increased use of export opportunities that exist on the world market
-- enterprises regardless of company size	-- enterprises regardless of company size operating in supported NACE (CZ-NACE) sectors -- associations of enterprises, business groupings established on the basis of the Commercial Code or other legal regulation -- non-governmental non-profit organisations -- educational institutions outside the system of formal education	-- small and medium-sized enterprises	-- small and medium-sized enterprises -- groupings of small and medium-sized enterprises
-- subsidy of CZK 1-100 million -- percentage amount of aid is governed by the regional map valid for the period 2007-2013 (see the map of maximum state aid intensity on the back page); support for non-investment (operating) costs is provided in the de minimis regime (only for small and medium-sized enterprises); support for mandatory publicity costs is provided beyond the framework of the regional map	-- subsidy of CZK 0.2-100 million -- percentage amount of aid is governed by the regional map valid for the period 2007-2013 (see the map of maximum state aid intensity on the back page)	-- subsidy of CZK 0.5-100 million -- subsidy according to the type of project in the range of 15-40% (precise definition will be specified in the call)	-- subsidy in the amount of CZK 0.1-2 million
-- long-term tangible assets (particularly acquisition of land, buildings, machinery and other equipment) -- long-term intangible assets (particularly acquisition of licenses and know-how) -- expert consulting services, studies (only for small and medium-sized enterprises, up to the amount according to the de minimis rule) -- wages, insurance, travel costs (only for small and medium-sized enterprises, up to the amount according to the de minimis rule) -- mandatory publicity	-- purchase or modification of real estate -- construction or renovation of buildings -- technical and transport infrastructure -- project documentation -- training aids, machines and equipment for ensuring education -- training programs, software	-- purchase of land (max. up to 10% of eligible costs) -- land preparation -- utilities network and communication -- project documentation for construction -- engineering activity -- renovation and modernisation -- new construction and purchase of structures (max. 10% of eligible costs) -- hardware and networks (e.g. expert assessment) -- machinery and equipment that were not the subject of amortization -- mandatory publicity	-- acquisition and creation of marketing information -- creation of promotional materials and foreign-language websites -- leasing, setting-up and operation of stands at exhibitions and trade fairs abroad -- mandatory publicity
-- sector classification – support is provided for project whose outputs are manifested in sectors defined by sections C 13-33; E 38.32; J 62; M 71.2, S 95.1 CZ-NACE -- the minimum investment in long-term tangible and intangible assets used for the purposes of ensuring the project's activities amounts to CZK 5 million for small and medium-sized enterprise (CZK 10 million in the case of large companies) -- at least two consecutive closed taxation periods (can be documented for the parent company) -- project must be implemented in the Czech Republic outside the capital city of Prague	-- sector classification – manufacturing industry, energy, construction, activities related to information and telecommunication technologies (precise definition will be stated in the call) -- in training centres, those trained will be primarily employees of business entities operating in selected sectors -- at least two consecutive closed taxation periods -- eligible costs in the area of long-term tangible and intangible assets will be specified in the call -- project must be implemented in the Czech Republic outside the capital city of Prague	-- project documentation other than documentation for construction is not an eligible cost -- from 51% of the company's turnover, some CZ-NACE categories are excluded from support (see the ECO-ENERGY programme call) -- it is necessary to substantiate funding for 100% of project costs without subsidy -- project must be implemented in the Czech Republic outside the capital city of Prague	-- the applicant must have its headquarters outside of Prague, with the exception of cases where export activity related to production and services is realised outside of the Prague region -- the project implementation period may be a maximum of one year -- at least two consecutive closed accounting periods