

# PROGRAMME: TECHNOLOGY – CALL III

The Technology programme aims to support the growth and reinforcement of the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) and, in turn, contribute to regional development and increased employment.

## SCHEDULE

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### Receipt of aid applications:

- 4 January 2016 – 4 May 2016

## AIDED ACTIVITIES

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- The acquisition of new machinery, technology and other equipment.

## APPLICANT

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- The applicant is authorised to conduct business activities within the Czech Republic that correspond to the aided economic activity to be implemented through the project.
- It is a natural person or legal entity (SME) conducting business that meets the definition laid down by Commission Regulation (EU) 651/2014.
- As of the date of submitting the aid application, the beneficiary has closed at least the last two consecutive tax periods.
- According to the applicant's sworn statement, the applicant is registered with the tax authority as an income-tax payer pursuant to section 125 of Act No 280/2009 Sb., the Tax Code, as amended. In the case of an entity with no history that uses the option to demonstrate its history through a foreign parent company in accordance with the methodological guideline entitled Transformation of Entity (see the subsequent documentation for the call), the condition of being registered with the tax authority for two years does not apply. The applicant will present a sworn statement about simple registration with the tax authority pursuant to Section 125(1) 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 or 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.

## SECTORAL CLASSIFICATION

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- Aid is provided to any economic activity that is defined in the list of aided economic activities pursuant to CZ-NACE, which is presented in Annex 1 to the Call.
- 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 coal industry (CZ NACE B 05, C 19.1)
  - The steel industry (as defined in Annex 1 to the Call)
  - The synthetic fibre production industry (as defined in Annex 1 to the Call)
  - Shipbuilding (CZ NACE 30.11)
  - Transport (CZ NACE H 49, H 50, H 51)
  - Energy production and distribution and energy infrastructure (CZ NACE D 35)

## THE MAIN CONDITIONS OF THE CALL

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- The project must be implemented within the Czech Republic in assisted regions as defined in Annex 2 to the Call. The applicant must clearly prove ownership or other rights to the real estate and land where the project will be implemented, no later than before the issue of the Decision to grant a subsidy.
- The project does not envisage aid to activities that are linked to any quantity exported (export subsidies), aid 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 had not been launched prior to the date of submitting the aid application.
- 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).

## ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES

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- Fixed tangible assets (tangible assets in the case of beneficiaries that maintain tax records) – the purchase of machinery, equipment, technology, hardware that have not been subject to depreciation, including the software necessary in order to ensure their functioning.
- Fixed intangible assets – the cost of acquisition of patent licenses, software necessary for the proper operation of machinery and equipment acquired as part of the project in question.

## **THE FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID**

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- The subsidy for a project is provided in an amount of no less than CZK 1 million and no more than CZK 30 million.
- Aid intensity:
  - A medium-sized enterprise: 35% of eligible expenditures.
  - A small enterprise: 45% of eligible expenditures.