

# TRAINING CENTERS

This Programme implements Priority Axis 5 “Environment for Enterprise and Innovation” of the Operational Programme Enterprise and Innovation 2007-2013.

The public support provided under this Programme complies with all the terms and conditions of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1628 of 24 October, 2006 on the application of Articles 87 and 88 of the EC Treaty to national regional investment aid, or Commission Regulation (EC) No. 70/2001 of 12 January, 2001 on the application of Articles 87 and 88 of the EC Treaty<sup>1</sup>, or the Commission Regulation No. 68/2001 of 12 January, 2001 on the application of Articles 87 and 88 of the EC Treaty and shall be compatible with the common market within the meaning of Article 87(3) of the EC Treaty and it is exempt from the notification requirement under Article 88(3) of the EC Treaty.

## **1. Objective of the Programme**

The objective of the Programme is to provide for quality conditions for implementation, organisation and management of education, personnel and other activities related to human resources development, to increase the competitiveness of enterprises and entrepreneurs within the selected sectors and the employability of individuals in compliance with new requirements resulting from the introduction of new technologies, innovation, manufacturing processes and methods, capacity enlargement and employees' professional growth in the context of efficiency and quality of products or services.

By developing infrastructure for HRD, professional knowledge of employees and employers as well as their management, technical, language and other skills shall be maintained, improved and upgraded based on the needs of individual sectors.

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<sup>1</sup> COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No. 364/2004 of 25 February, 2004, amending Regulation (EC) No. 70/2001, as regards the extension of its scope to include aid for research and development

## **Fundamental provisions**

- a) The Managing authority is the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic (hereinafter the MIT), ([www.mpo.cz](http://www.mpo.cz)).
- b) The intermediate body for this Programme is the Investment and Business Development Agency – CzechInvest, organisation receiving contributions from the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic, with its seat at Štěpánská 15, 120 00 Praha 2 (hereinafter the “CI”), ([www.czechinvest.org](http://www.czechinvest.org)).
- c) The Programme is implemented based on calls, which shall specify detailed Programme criteria.
- d) The support provider shall have the right to set the ratio of support to be provided to SMEs and large enterprises.

## **Basic terms**

- **Infrastructure for education and human resources development** – shall include all real estate and financial assets used for education purposes pursuant to the criteria set by the Programme.

## **2. Supported Activities**

### **2.1. Supported activities shall include:**

Building, acquisition, renovation, upgrading, furnishing and equipment of infrastructure intended for education and human resources development of enterprises in the selected sectors (see item 4.4).

### **2.2. Supported activities shall not include:**

Activities directly related to the organisation and implementation of education activities shall not receive support.

## **3. Beneficiary**

- a) Enterprises - regardless of their size<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>2</sup> Support from this Programme shall be provided to large enterprises solely if they are not a multinational corporation or part of it.

- b) Associations of entrepreneurs (legal entities), groupings of entrepreneurs (for example, business, industry, branch and professional chambers, employers' and other unions of business entities).
- c) Self-governing territorial units and their associations.
- d) Non-profit non-governmental organisations (public benefit organisations, etc.).
- e) Educational institutions providing education outside the formal education systems in the selected sectors and branches (see item 4.4) with proven and demonstrable experience in education.
- f) Other associations (legal entities) set up by entities pursuant to letters a) to e) may also receive the subsidy.

#### **4. Programme Criteria**

##### **4.1. Formal eligibility criteria of a project:**

- a) The project shall be implemented in the Czech Republic, outside the territory of the Capital City of Prague.
- b) The applicant shall demonstrably prove his/her title or other rights to buildings and land plots where the project shall be implemented. The method and deadline required to prove such ownership or other rights shall be specified by the Managing authority in the respective call.
- c) The project shall contain all mandatory elements specified in the call for submission.
- d) The project shall not violate the horizontal policies of the EU and their basic principles, particularly:
  - Equal opportunities of men and women,
  - Sustainable development.

##### **4.2. Other criteria**

- a) The subsidy shall be provided to the beneficiary based on a Decision to Provide Subsidy issued by the Managing authority (hereinafter the "Decision"), containing also the binding Terms and Conditions of Subsidy Provision (hereinafter the "Terms and Conditions").
- b) The beneficiary shall keep separate records and documents on eligible project expenditure and on the use of the subsidy intended for the funding of the eligible expenditure as stipulated in the Terms and Conditions and keep it for a period of 10

years following the date of closure of the project, and at the same time for a period of at least three years following the closure of the OP Enterprise and Innovation (anticipated in 2020) in compliance with Article 90 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 1083/2006. All beneficiaries shall be informed of the closing date of OP Enterprise and Innovation.

- c) The beneficiary shall own the tangible and intangible fixed assets acquired fully or partially from the provided subsidy for a period of five years from the end of the project; or for a period of three years in the case of SMEs.
- d) The beneficiary may not be an entrepreneur, if, as at the date of submission of the application, s/he is the beneficiary to rescue and restructure a firm in difficulty as specified in the Community guidelines on state aid for rescuing and restructuring firms in difficulty, Communication No. 2004/C 244/02 from the Commission; this shall not apply to small entrepreneurs.
- e) The subsidy is paid out to the beneficiary retroactively upon termination of the project, or a particular project phase, provided that the Terms and Conditions are complied with.
- f) Other obligations of beneficiaries are specified in the Terms and Conditions.

### **4.3. Eligible expenditure**

#### **4.3.1. Eligible expenditure shall comply with the following criteria:**

- Shall be expended in accordance with the objectives of the Programme and immediately related to the project implementation;
- Shall be expended no earlier than on the date of eligibility of a project;<sup>3</sup>
- Shall be demonstrably paid by the beneficiary before they are reimbursed from the Structural Funds, unless stipulated otherwise;
- They shall be supported by conclusive book-keeping documents.
- Assets shall not be acquired by means of capitalisation;

#### **4.3.2. The eligible expenditure of a project shall include:**

- Tangible fixed assets, (in particular purchase and modification of land plots, purchase, reconstruction, upgrade, modification, construction or demolition of a

structure, utility networks, engineering structures and roads to buildings, hardware and networks, technical equipment and fixtures and fittings of buildings, and possibly also the design documentation, training aids, other machinery and equipment needed to ensure the education and other eligible expenditure related to the project implementation).

- Intangible fixed assets (training programmes, software, design documentation without construction, and other).
- Costs of project publicity.

The eligible expenditure of a project shall be further specified in particular calls.

#### **4.3.3. The eligible expenditure of a project shall not include:**

- VAT, provided that the beneficiary is a VAT payer;
- Expenditure paid prior to the project eligibility date;
- Loan and credit instalments;
- Sanctions and penalties;
- Costs of guarantees, insurance policies, interests, bank charges, exchange losses, customs and administration charges;
- Rent and operational leasing.

#### **4.4. Sectoral classification**

Supported activities shall be aimed at the following selected sectors:

- Manufacture;
- Services, in particular industrial services;
- Energy industry;
- Building industry;
- Information and communication technologies;
- Research and development;
- Cross-cutting sectors (for example biotechnologies, nanotechnologies, optoelectronics and other);
- Indirectly supporting the above mentioned activities (as for example technical studies and analyses, manipulating freight, warehousing, architectural and engineering activities, and other.).

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<sup>3</sup> The project eligibility date shall be the date when the provider or the relevant agency confirms in writing to the applicant that it complies with the eligibility criteria of the given Programme.

The subsidy shall not be granted to projects aimed at manufacturing, processing and marketing of products listed in Annex 2<sup>4</sup> hereof. The subsidy shall not be granted to projects with outputs intended for the following sectors with detailed definitions included in Annex 1 hereof.<sup>5</sup>

- Agriculture, fishing, aquaculture
- Manufacture of coke oven products and manufacture of steel
- Manufacture of man-made fibres
- Shipbuilding

## 5. Form and Amount of the Support

- a) Support is granted in the form of a subsidy under the block exemption regime.
- b) The subsidy is purpose-built to cover eligible expenditure arising from and in relation to the implementation of the project content.
- c) Subsidy granted to one project shall be in the range of CZK 0.2M– 150M.
- d) Projects receiving aid pursuant to Article 87 of the EC Treaty shall respect the limits stipulated in individual regulations, the provided aid shall be in compliance with the Regional Map of State Aid Intensity for the Czech Republic for 2007-2013 and amounts to:

<b>NUTS II region</b>	<b>Small-sized enterprise</b>	<b>Medium-sized enterprise</b>	<b>Large enterprise</b>
Central Moravia, Northwest, Central Bohemia, Moravia-Silesia Northeast, Southeast	60%	50%	40%
Southwest 1 January, 2007- 31 December, 2010	56%	46%	36%
Southwest 1 January, 2011-	50%	40%	30%

<sup>4</sup> Annex I of the EC Treaty

<sup>5</sup> Guidelines for regional support for the period 2004-2013, OJ C 54, 4 March, 2006 p. 14

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The scope of support shall be further specified by the Managing authority in particular calls.

## **6. Project Selection**

### **6.1. Selection criteria**

Selection criteria including evaluation methodology shall be stipulated by the call.

### **6.2. Project selection method**

Project selection and evaluation shall be performed based on the criteria specified by the Managing authority. The OPEI Managing Authority (MIT) shall decide on the provision of a subsidy based on Government Resolution No. 175/2006. Further details shall be specified in the call.

## **7. Participation in Other Support Programmes**

The eligible expenditure of a project supported under this Programme shall not receive any other state aid, i.e. the state aid as defined under Article 87 of the EC Treaty.

## **8. Duration of the Programme**

The Programme shall be implemented in the period 2007-2013. It shall be implemented based on calls which shall be published at the website of the Managing authority (MIT) and CzechInvest. The Managing authority reserves the right to suspend the Programme or terminate it prematurely (e.g. due to exhaustion of the allocated funds).

## **9. Details of an Application for Subsidy and its Submission**

The method of submission of an application and its essential elements shall be stipulated by the call.

## **10. Sanctions for Violation of Programme Criteria**

Sanctions for violation of the Programme criteria are stipulated in the Terms and Conditions of Subsidy Provision.

## **11. Other Provisions**

There is no legal entitlement to the subsidy.



## **Annex 1 of the Programme**

Definition of sectors and products not entitled to aid

**Agriculture, fishing, aquaculture** – NACE A 01, A 02, B 05

**Manufacture of coke oven products** – NACE CA 10, D 23. 1 (production of coke oven products)<sup>6</sup>

### **Manufacture of steel:**

For the purposes of this Programme manufacture of steel shall mean the following activities related to the manufacturing of the following goods from steel:

#### **Name of goods**

Item in customs tariff

**Pig iron and spiegleisen in pigs, blocks or other primary shapes**

7201

#### **Ferro-alloys**

7202 11 20, 7202 11 80, 7202 99 11

**Ferrous products obtained by direct reduction of iron ore and other spongy ferrous products, in lumps, pellets or similar forms; iron having a minimum purity by weight of 99.94%, in lumps, pellets or similar forms**

7203

**Iron and non-alloy steel in ingots or other primary forms (except for iron of heading 7103)**

7206

#### **Semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel**

7207 11 11; 7207 11 14; 7207 11 16; 7207 12 10; 7207 19 11; 7207 19 14; 7207 19 16; 7207 19 31; 7207 20 11; 7207 20 15; 7207 20 17; 7207 20 32; 7207 20 51; 7207 20 55; 7207 20 57; 7207 20 71

Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of 600 mm or more, hot-rolled, not clad, plated or coated

7208 10 00; 7208 25 00; 7208 26 00; 7208 27 00; 7208 36 00; 7208 37; 7208 38; 7208 39; 7208 40; 7208 51; 7208 52; 7208 53; 7208 54; 7208 90 10; 7209 15 00; 7209 16; 7209 17; 7209 18; 7209 25 00; 7209 26; 7209 27; 7209 28; 7209 90 10; 7210 11 10; 7210 12 11; 7210 12 19; 7210 20 10; 7210 30 10; 7210 41 10; 7210 49 10; 7210 50 10; 7210 61 10; 7210 69 10; 7210 70 31; 7210 70 39; 7210 90 31; 7210 90 33; 7210 90 38; 7211 13 00;

7211 14; 7211 19; 7211 23 10; 7211 23 51; 7211 29 20; 7211 90 11; 7212 10 10; 7212 10 91; 7212 20 11; 7212 30 11; 7212 40 10; 7212 40 91; 7212 50 31; 7212 50 51; 7212 60 11; 7212 60 91

**Bars and rods, hot-rolled, in irregularly wound coils, of iron or non-alloy steel**

7213 10 00; 7213 20 00; 7213 91; 7213 99

**Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel**

**Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel, not further worked than forged, hot-rolled, hot-drawn or hot-extruded, but including those twisted after rolling**

7214 20 00; 7214 30 00; 7214 91; 7214 99;

7215 90 10

**Angles, shapes and sections of iron or non-alloy steel**

7216 10 00; 7216 21 00; 7216 22 00; 7216 31; 7216 32; 7216 33; 7216 40; 7216 50; 7216 99 10

**Stainless steel in ingots or other primary forms; semi-finished products of stainless steel**

7218 10 00; 7218 91 11; 7218 91 19; 7218 99 11; 7218 99 20

**Flat-rolled products of stainless steel, of a width of less than 600 mm**

**Flat-rolled products of stainless steel, of a width of 600 mm or more**

7219 11 00; 7219 12; 7219 13; 7219 14; 7219 21; 7219 22; 7219 23 00; 7219 24 00; 7219 31 00; 7219 32; 7219 33; 7219 34; 7219 35; 7219 90 10;

7220 11 00; 7220 12 00; 7220 20 10; 7220 90 11; 7220 90 31

Bars and rods, hot-rolled, in irregularly wound coils, of stainless steel

7221 00; 7222 11;

**Other bars and rods of stainless steel; angles, shapes and sections of stainless steel**

7222 19; 7222 30 10; 7222 40 10; 7222 40 30

Flat-rolled products of other alloy steel, of a width of 600 mm or more

7225 11 00; 7225 19; 7225 20 20; 7225 30 00; 7225 40; 7225 50 00; 7225 91 10; 7225 92 10; 7225 99 10;

Flat-rolled products of other alloy steel, of a width of less than 600 mm

7226 11 10; 7226 19 10; 7226 19 30; 7226 20 20; 7226 91; 7226 92 10; 7226 93 20; 7226 94 20; 7226 99 20

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<sup>6</sup> The definition is based on Council Regulation (EC) No. 1407/2002 on state aid to the coal industry.

Bars and rods, hot-rolled, in irregularly wound coils, of other alloy steel

Other alloy steel in ingots or other primary forms; semi-finished products of other alloy steel

7224 10 00; 7224 90 01; 7224 90 05; 7224 90 08; 7224 90 15; 7224 90 31; 7224 90 39;  
7227 10 00; 7227 20 00; 7227 90;

**Other bars and rods of other alloy steel; angles, shapes and sections, of other alloy steel; hollow drill bars and rods, of alloy or non-alloy steel**

7228 10 10; 7228 10 30; 7228 20 11; 7228 20 19; 7228 20 30; 7228 30 20; 7228 30 41;  
7228 30 49; 7228 30 61; 7228 30 69; 7228 30 70; 7228 30 89; 7228 60 10; 7228 70 10;  
7228 70 31; 7228 80

Sheet piling of iron or steel, whether or not drilled, punched or made from assembled elements; welded angles, shapes and sections, of iron or steel

7301 10 00

Railway or tramway track construction material of iron or steel, the following: rails, check-rails and rack rails, switch blades, crossing frogs, point rods and other crossing pieces, sleepers (cross-ties), fish-plates, chairs, chair wedges, sole plates (base plates), rail clips, bedplates, ties and other material specialised for jointing or fixing rails

7302 10 31; 7302 10 39; 7302 10 90; 7302 20 00; 7302 40 10; 7302 10 20

**Tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, of cast iron**

7303;

**Tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, seamless, of iron (other than cast iron) or steel**

7304

***Welded tubes and pipes, having circular cross-sections the external diameter of which exceeds 406.4 mm, of iron or steel***

7305

***Manufacturing of man-made fibers***

For the purpose of the Programme, the industry of man-made fibres manufacturing means:

- Extrusion and crimping of all types of spun and filament yarns based on polyester, polyamide, acryl and polypropylene, irrespective of their application, or
- Polymerisation, including polycondensation, if it is a part of extrusion, or

- Any follow-up complementary process to introduction of extrusion or crimping technology by the applicant or other enterprise falling within the same group of companies and which is usually part of yarn extrusion and crimping for that particular business activity.

**Shipbuilding – NACE D 35.11**

**Annex 2 of the Programme**

Annex I to the EC Treaty – manufacturing, processing and marketing of the products specified in Annex I to the EC Treaty are excluded from the Programme

Number in nomenclature	Name of goods
<b>Chapter 1</b>	Live animals
<b>Chapter 2</b>	Meat and edible offal
<b>Chapter 3</b>	Fish, crustaceans and molluscs
<b>Chapter 4</b>	Milk and dairy products; birds' eggs; natural honey
<b>Chapter 5</b>	
05.04	Animal guts, bladders and stomachs (other than fish), whole and parts
05.15	Animal products not elsewhere specified or included; dead animals of Chapter 1 or Chapter 3, unfit for human consumption
<b>Chapter 6</b>	Cut flowers and flower products
<b>Chapter 7</b>	Vegetables, edible plants, roots and tubers
<b>Chapter 8</b>	Edible fruit; skins of citrus and melon
<b>Chapter 9</b>	Coffee, tea, spices, other than maté (number 09.03)
<b>Chapter 10</b>	Cereals
<b>Chapter 11</b>	Mill products: malt, starch, gluten, inulin
<b>Chapter 12</b>	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; various seeds and fruits, industrial and medicinal plants; straw and fodder crops
<b>Chapter 13</b>	
ex 13.03	Pectin
<b>Chapter 15</b>	
15.01	Lard and other rendered pig fat; rendered poultry fat
15.02	Unrendered fats of bovine cattle, sheep or goats; tallow (including "premier jus") produced from those fats
15.03	Lard stearin, oleostearin and tallow stearin; lard oil, oleo-oil and tallow oil, not emulsified or mixed or prepared in any way
15.04	Fats and oils of fish and of sea mammals, whether or not refined

15.07	Fixed vegetable oils, fluid or solid, crude, refined or purified
15.12	Animal or vegetable fats and oils, hydrogenated, whether or not refined, but not further prepared
15.13	Margarine, artificial pig fat and other processed fats
15.17	Waste after processing animal fats or animal or plant waxes
<b>Chapter 16</b>	Prepared meat, fish, crustaceans or molluscs
<b>Chapter 17</b>	
17.01	Beet sugar and cane sugar, solid
17.02	Other sugars; sugar syrups; artificial honey (also mixed with natural honey); caramel
17.03	Molasses, also decolourized
17.05	Aromatized or colourized sugars, syrups and molasses (including vanilla sugar or vanillin), excluding fruit juices with sugar additives in any ratio
<b>Chapter 18</b>	
18.01	Cocoa beans, whole or broken, raw or roasted
18.02	Cocoa shells, husks and other cocoa waste
<b>Chapter 20</b>	Preparations from vegetables, edible plants, fruit or other parts of plants
<b>Chapter 22</b>	
22.04	Grape must in fermentation, or with fermentation arrested otherwise than by the addition of alcohol
22.05	Wine of fresh grapes; grape must with fermentation arrested by the addition of alcohol
22.07	Other fermented drinks (apple, pear, mead)
ex 22.08	Ethyl alcohol denatured or undenatured, of any strength, made from agricultural products listed in Annex I to the EC Treaty, excluding spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages and compound alcoholic preparations (known as "concentrated extracts") for the manufacture of alcoholic beverages
ex 22.09	
22.10	Table vinegar and its substitutes
<b>Chapter 23</b>	Rests and wastes in food industry; processed fodder
<b>Chapter 24</b>	

24.01 Unmanufactured tobacco, tobacco refuse

**Chapter 45**

45.01 Unworked natural cork, cork refuse; granulated or ground

**Chapter 54**

54.01 Flax, raw or processed but not spun; flax tow and waste (including pulled or garneted rags or ropes)

**Chapter 57**

57.01 True hemp (*Cannabis sativa*) raw or processed but not spun; tow and waste of true hemp (including pulled or garneted rags or ropes)

*(Note: concerns partially NACE D 15, 17, 24 (bio-ethanol), G 51.11, 51.17, 51.2, 51.3, 52.1, 52.2, 52.48 –wholesale, retail)*