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Czech Republic – Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports

MANAGING AUTHORITY

OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

announces

THE CALL

International Mobility of Researchers – MSCA– IF

for the submission of grant applications of individual projects with simplified cost reporting under the Operational Programme Research, Development and Education

CALL VERSION:	2
VALID FROM:	On the date of publication of the website of MEYS – OP RDE
EFFECTIVE FROM:	14 September 2017

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Annotation of the Call

The objective of the Call is to develop human resources in research by supporting quality projects approved at the European level from Horizon 2020, the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions that are included in the “no-money” list. The main aim is to support a professional growth of researchers, to support quality research, education for practice, development of communication and cooperation. Support will be given only to European Fellowship projects.

1 Call Identification

1.1 Priority Axis

PA 2 – Development of universities and human resources for research and development

1.2 Investment Priority

IP 1 – Improving the quality and efficiency of, and access to, tertiary and equivalent education with a view to increasing participation and attainment levels, especially for disadvantaged groups

1.2.1 Specific Objective

SO 5 - Improving the conditions for education related to research and for the development of human resources in research and development

1.3 Call Number

02_17_050

1.4 Type of Supported Operations/Projects

Individual project with a simplified reporting of costs

1.5 Call Type

Ongoing call

Complementary call (Horizon 2020)

1.6 Evaluation Model

Single-round

2 Schedule

2.1 Date of Call Publication on the Website:

15 June 2017



2.2 Date of Call Announcement (i.e. making the grant application available in IS KP14+):

04 July 2017, at 1pm

2.3 Start Date for the Acceptance of Grant Applications:

04 July 2017, at 1pm

2.4 End Date for the Acceptance of the Grant Applications:

Up to full absorption of the allocation or until a decision of the Managing Authority, but by 1 December 2017, 2pm at the latest

2.5 Latest Date for Completion of the Physical Implementation of the Project:

31 December 2022

2.6 Minimum/Maximum Project Duration:

Minimum duration: 12 months

Maximum duration: 51 months

3 Form of Support

3.1 Allocation for the Call

CZK 500,000,000¹

3.2 Minimum/Maximum Total Eligible Expenditure

Minimum expenditure: not specified

Maximum expenditure: CZK 250,000,000

3.3 Fund

European Social Fund

3.4 Method of Financing:

Ex-ante, ex-post (the combination of ex-ante and ex-post financing in a single project is not permissible). Ex-post financing will only be applied with PCO SOU applicants.

¹ However, the allocation of the call can be increased by the Managing Authority if required.



3.5 Amount of 1st Advance Payment:

In the event of ex-ante financing, the amount of the 1st advance payment is set to be 50% of the total eligible project expenditure at maximum.

3.6 Aid Intensity and Co-financing Conditions

The aid intensity and co-financing conditions are described in Chapter 8.1.5 of the Rules for Applicants and Beneficiaries – General Section and in Chapter 8.1.5 of the Rules for Applicants and Beneficiaries – Specific Section.

3.7 Information on the Conditions of State Aid

Support will be provided only to projects that do not constitute State Aid within the meaning of Article 107(1) TFEU.

4 Eligible Applicants and Partnership Conditions

4.1 Eligible Applicants

The eligible applicant must meet all the conditions set out in Chapter 5.2.1 of the Rules for Applicants and Beneficiaries – Specific Section.

Eligible applicants:

- Entities complying with the definition of an organisation for research and dissemination of knowledge according to the Framework for State Aid for R&D&I ²(university institutions, public research organisations, corporations (including business ones), contributory organisations of the state organisational units and of territorial self-governing units etc.).

Call limitation:

The applicant must have its registered office in the Czech Republic.

Each applicant may present **one grant application at maximum**. Only the first submitted grant application in IS KP14+ will be accepted, any other applications will be excluded from the assessment process. At the same time, the Applicant may submit another grant application if the already submitted grant application was excluded from the assessment process or was withdrawn by the Applicant during the approval process for any reason.

State organisational units complying with the definition of an organisation for research and development and dissemination of information according to the definition of Framework for State Aid

² Communication from the Commission Framework for State Aid for Research, Development and Innovation (2014/C 198/01)



for R&D&I are not eligible applicants.

4.2 Partnership

Partnership is not made possible in this Call.

5 Substantive Focus

The Call supports quality projects that were submitted into Horizon 2020, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions – Individual Fellowships – European Fellowships (H2020–MSCA-IF–2015, H2020–MSCA-IF–2016) in 2015 and/or 2016, were viewed positively by the European Commission, but could not be supported due to the lack of funds and were thus entered in the list of the so-called “no money project”. The call only supports European Fellowship projects.

The application containing such project must not have a different content from the application approved in Horizon 2020 – MSCA-IF, including the same host organisation.

5.1 Specific Objective

5.1.1 Supported Activities

For details on the activities listed below, please refer to Chapter 5.2.4 of the Rules for Applicants and Beneficiaries – Specific Section.

Activity 1: Support of the “no money” MSCA projects - arrivals to the Czech Republic

Activity 2: Support of the “no money” MSCA projects - departures from the Czech Republic

Support tool: Support for the researcher's family

Support tool cannot be a separate activity of a project; it is always linked to Activity No. 1 or Activity No. 2.

The activities particularly include scientific-research stays of employees of the Beneficiary – the so-called mobility, or the return phase in the event of Activity No. 2. The duration of mobility (i.e. net work-stay of a researcher) must be at least 12 to 24 months at maximum. The Applicant/Beneficiary is obliged to initiate, within 6 months from the date when the legal act on the grant award/transfer is issued, the mobility of researchers whose aggregate amount of claimed unit costs reaches at least 60 % of the total amount of unit costs claimed in the project, i.e. the amount of the subsidy stated in the legal act.

For Activity No. 2 Support of “no money” MSCA projects - departures from the Czech Republic a mandatory return phase is specified. The return phase must take at least 6 months and relates to individual mobilities.

The supported activities are specified in more detail in Chapter 5.2.4 of the Rules for Applicants and Beneficiaries – Specific Section.



The difference between the aid conditions under the Call “International Mobility of Researchers – MSCA-IF in OP RDE and under Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions – Individual Fellowships calls in Horizon 2020 are given below.

Generally applicable differences:

- In the Call “International Mobility of Researchers – MSCA-IF”, organisations for research and knowledge dissemination according to the definition of the Framework for State Aid in Research and Development and Innovation (2014/C 198/01) with the seat in the Czech Republic are always eligible Applicants/Beneficiaries.
- In the Call “International Mobility of Researchers – MSCA-IF”, the project will be implemented in a form of individual project with simplified cost reporting.
- The Applicant/Beneficiary under the Call “International Mobility of Researchers – MSCA-IF” must co-finance the project using the methodology rules of co-financing European structural and investment funds in 2014–2020 programming period, see Chapter 8.1.5 of the Rules for Applicants and Beneficiaries - Specific Section for more information.
- The costs of each of the mobilities are specified according to the classification of individual researchers for junior or senior position.

Other differences applicable only to Activity No. 2: Support of the “no money” MSCA projects - departures from the Czech Republic

- The researcher must be an employee of the Applicant/Beneficiary in the International mobility of researchers – MSCA-IF.
- In all activities regarding the departures from the Czech Republic, the mandatory return phase of 6 months must be implemented.

5.1.2 Excluded Activities

- Independent key activity of Project Management.
- Project implementation submitted into Horizon 2020- MSCA- Global fellowships
- If a short-term secondment is integrated in the mobility of a researchers (as permissible by the conditions of Horizon 2020 – MSCA-IF), which does not meet the conditions set out by the Managing Authority for the area of public aid this activity cannot be supported. The secondment cannot be removed from the activity as a whole, i.e. the activity as a whole is not eligible to financing from OP RDE.
- Common education during the mobility implementation.

5.1.3 Target Group

Staff of research organisations.

5.1.4 Information on Initial/Follow-up Synergy Calls

Irrelevant



5.1.5 Links to Strategies

National Research and Innovation Strategy for Smart Specialisation of the Czech Republic (National RIS3 strategy) – contributes to the key area of changes B “Increasing the Quality of Research”, particularly B. 1. 2 “Increasing International Openness of Public Research in the Czech Republic”, activity type “Support of International Mobility of Research, Technical and Administrative Staff in R&D and Students” and also key areas of changes D “Better Availability of Human Resources in terms of Their Numbers and Quality for Business Innovations, Research and Development, more specifically D. 3. 3 “Increasing the Attractiveness of Research Careers and Quality of Training of the Future researchers”, activity type “Improving International Mobility in the European Research Area (ERA)”.

Other conditions are set out in Chapter 4 of the Rules for Applicants and Beneficiaries – General and Specific Section.

6 Territorial Focus

The conditions are given in Chapter 5.2.2. Rules for Applicants and Beneficiaries – Specific Section.

6.1 Eligible Place of Operation Impact

The territory of the Czech Republic.

6.2 Eligible Place of Implementation

The territory of the Czech Republic; selected project activities can also be implemented outside the territory of the Czech Republic, both in and outside of the EU territory.

7 Expenditure Eligibility

7.1 Objective and Time Eligibility

Objective eligibility is defined in the Rules for Applicants and Beneficiaries – General Section and specific information regarding this Call are provided in the Rules for Applicants and Beneficiaries – Specific Section. At the same time, the provided aid has a non-investment character.

Time eligibility of expenditures is defined in the Rules for Applicants and Beneficiaries – General Section. For additional information and specific aspects regarding time eligibility under this Call, see Rules for Applicants and Beneficiaries – Specific Section. At the same time, expenditure is time eligible from the announcement of the Call in IS KP14+. The grant cannot be awarded, if the activity was terminated or fully performed before the legal act on the grant award/transfer was issued.

7.2 Monitoring Period

For this call, the length of the monitoring period for 12 months projects is set to be 3 months and for projects with duration over 12 months it is set to be 6 months, except for the first monitoring period, which is set to take 3 months.



7.3 Method of Reporting of Total Eligible Expenditure

The total eligible expenditures will be reported using a simplified form of reporting – standard scale of unit costs. More detailed information is set out in Chapter 8.6.2 of the Rules for Applicants and Beneficiaries – General and Specific Section.

8 Requirements of the Grant Applications

Grant applications are submitted through IS KP14+ at <https://mseu.mssf.cz/index.aspx>. The grant application must be submitted in the Czech language. Relevant annexes can also be submitted in the English or Slovak languages, as specified in more detail in Chapter 18 of the Rules for Applicants and Beneficiaries – Specific Section.

The grant application must be provided with an electronic signature of the statutory body of the applicant or of a person authorized to sign on behalf of the applicant under the power of attorney.

An overview of the annexes to grant applications is provided in the Rules for Applicants and Beneficiaries – Specific Section, Chapter 18. The latest versions of model annexes to grant applications are always available on the websites of announced calls (<http://www.msmt.cz/strukturalni-fondy-1/vyhlasene-vyzvy>); selected annexes are also available for download in IS KP14+. The Managing Authority may update the model annexes to grant applications during this Call; such an update does not constitute a change of the Call.

8.1 Consultation on the Preparation of the Grant Application

Before submitting a grant application, Applicants may approach representatives of the Managing Authority with partial questions.

- Consulting E-mail for queries regarding the Call: dotazyMSCA@msmt.cz
- The Applicants may also consult any specific questions with representatives of the Managing Authority in person. 1 personal consultation per applicant (Company ID) of 60 minutes will be provided at maximum. Personal consultations are possible only within the above hours and if pre-arranged using the E-mail above. Consultation must concern only specific questions about the call. The consultation may not concern the correctness of completion of an application for support.
- **The dates of seminars for applicants** will be published on the website at <http://www.msmt.cz/strukturalni-fondy-1/seminare>.

8.2 Changes to the Call

The Call and follow-up documentation can be changed, especially where required by legislative amendments or changes to the methodical environment. However, such a change must not discriminate against applicants or worsen their position. The wording of the Call concerning its substantive focus may only change in order to clarify the text.



Changes of the Call will be published on the website of MEYS under the announced Call. Applicants who already have already created the grant application in IS KP14+ will also be informed about the publication of the change to the Call by an internal despatch.

It is not permissible to make any subsequent changes to conditions for the grant award in the grant applications that have already been submitted.

- cancel the call,
- reduce the allocation for the call
- change the minimum and maximum amount of total eligible project expenditure,
- change the co-financing rate,
- change the substantive focus of the call,
- change the definition of eligible applicant
- shift of the final date for completion of physical operation implementation of the project to an earlier date,
- shift of the end date for accepting the grant applications to an earlier date,
- change the criteria for evaluation and selection of projects.

8.3 Annexes to the Call:

- Annex 1 – Indicators
- Annex 2 – Evaluation Criteria
- Annex No. 3 Overview of Correction Coefficient Values

8.4 Other Documents to the Call:

Applicants and Beneficiaries must comply with additional conditions as listed in the following documents:

- Rules for Applicants and Beneficiaries – General Section: available at <http://www.msmt.cz/strukturalni-fondy-1/pravidla-pro-zadatele-a-prijemce>
- Rules for Applicants and Beneficiaries – Specific Section: available at <http://www.msmt.cz/strukturalni-fondy-1/pravidla-pro-zadatele-a-prijemce-specificka-cast-2017>

Model legal act on the granting/transfer of aid: available at <http://www.msmt.cz/strukturalni-fondy-1/vzory-dokumentu-op-vvv>

8.5 Other Provisions

Support is provided through grants. There is no legal entitlement to the grant award. The decision on the final amount of support is made by the Managing Authority. The Managing Authority reserves the

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right to a suspension or early termination of the Call (i.e. due to full absorption of allocated funds). Sanctions for non-compliance with the conditions of the Call and the Operational Programme will be determined in the legal act on grant award of aid.



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