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What is the aim of this call?

The aim of the ESF call for HEIs is to support higher education institutions that want to raise the quality and profile of their educational activities, to introduce practice in the study programmes, reduce academic failure of students and increase the number of HEI students with special needs, from socio-economically disadvantaged groups and from ethnic minorities.

The ERDF call for HEIs II will enable HEIs to finance additional investments in infrastructure and high-cost equipment, in connection with activities of the complementary ESF call for HEIs II.

Who can apply for a grant?

- Public, state and private higher education institutions.

Each applicant may submit no more than one grant application in the ESF call for HEIs II.

In the ERDF call for HEIs II, each applicant may submit a maximum of one grant application for each programme area, in which the project activities will be implemented, i.e. a maximum of one application to MDR (more developed regions, i.e. the City of Prague) and a maximum of one application to LDR (less developed regions, i.e. all regions outside Prague). Every grant application in this call must supplement or follow up one application from the complementary ESF call for HEIs II.

What is the amount of financial support?

- Allocation of the ESF call for HEIs II: CZK 1 000 000 000
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- The minimum amount of expenditure per project (both in the ESF call for HEIs II and the ERDF call for HEIs II): CZK 1 500 000
- The maximum amount of expenditure in projects under the ESF call for HEIs II: Charles University, Masaryk University, Brno University of Technology, Czech Technical University in Prague, Palacky University in Olomouc, Czech University of Life Sciences Prague: CZK 60 000 000; other applicants: CZK 35 000 000.
- The maximum amount of expenditure in projects under the ERDF call for HEIs II: CZK 250 000 000
- The maximum amount of de minimis aid may be EUR 200 000.

What activities are eligible?

Mandatory-to-select activities of the ESF call for HEIs II can be implemented across specific objectives 1 and 2 of Priority Axis 2. Applicants choose at least one of four mandatory-to-select activities described in the call. Applicants may also choose two optional activities.

They can focus, for example, on:

- Improving the quality of educational activities and on modern teaching trends,
- Creating new and/or modifying the content of existing bachelor's and master's degree programmes/ courses taking into account the needs of employers,
- Strengthening internationalization,
- Developing links between the HEI and its alumni in relation to the employability of graduates,
- Improving the availability of advisory and assistance services,
- Increasing the interest in studying at HEIs, adapting new students for HEI studies and facilitating the transition from secondary schools to HEIs.

Applicants under ERDF call for HEIs II choose at least one of 3 mandatory-to-select activities described in the call.

Support may be provided, for example, towards:

- Infrastructure for teaching,
- Easier access to the higher education environment,
- Information resources for teaching.

How and when to apply?

The calls were announced on 28.11.2018. Grant applications will be received through IS KP14+ (<https://mseu.mssf.cz>) in the period from 28.11.2018, 10:00 till 29.03.2019, 14:00.

Who is the grant provider and where to find further information?

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