



Czech Republic – Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports

Managing authority of the Operational Programme Research, Development and Education

Announces

Call “Teaming”

**for submission of grant applications to individual projects within the
Operational Programme Research, Development and Education**

1. Call Identification: Teaming

- Priority axis: PA 1— Strengthening capacity for high-quality research
- Investment priority¹: IP 1 — Enhancing research and innovation (R&I) infrastructure and capacity to develop R&I excellence, and promoting centres of competence, in particular those of European interest
- Specific objective²: SO 1— Improving international quality of research and its results
- Call number³: 02_15_006
- Call type: continuous
complementary with the Horizon 2020 programme
- Evaluation model: single-round

¹ This line will be displayed and completed for each Call IP

² This line will be displayed and completed for each Call SO

³ Number will be entered according to IS KP14+



2. Time schedule

- Date of announcement of the Call: 21. 8. 2015
- Date of accessibility of the grant application in IS KP14+: 26. 10. 2015⁴
- Start date of acceptance of grant applications: 26. 10. 2015⁵
- End date of acceptance of grant applications: until full absorbing of the allocation, however at the latest until 31. 10. 2016
- Latest date of completion of physical implementation of the project: 30. 11. 2023
- Maximum project duration: 90 months
- Minimum project duration: 14 months

3. Form and amount of support

- Fund: ERDF
- Mode of financing: Ex-ante. Amount of first advance payment is determined within this Call to maximum of 20% of total eligible expenditure.
- Allocation for the Call: CZK 2,600,000,000.
- Type of supported operations/projects: individual project
- Eligible applicants:

entities complying with the definition of organisation for research and dissemination of knowledge under the point ee) paragraph 15 of the Communication from the Commission (EU) Framework for State aid for research and development and innovation (2014/C 198/01), which submitted projects within the Call WIDESPREAD-2014-1 TEAMING and were stated “Coordinator in country” in the list of projects to be funded under Phase 1 of the Horizon 2020 Teaming Call“.
- Scope of aid – projects will be implemented within the programme area - Less-developed regions: Partial project activities can be implemented also outside the programme area. By the reason that projects will have marginal impact outside the programme area within one project, the pro-rata ratio will not be applied within this Call.

Decomposition of financing sources;

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Less-developed regions — share of EU – 85%, national share in total 15%, out of which the share of national budget – maximum 10% and co-financing from the side of applicant/beneficiary minimum 5%. In case of determination of the co-financing level it is on the applicant's decision what level of co-financing by own resources will be applied in the submitted grant application. The minimum level of co-financing of 5% is obligatory for the applicant/beneficiary. The maximum possible level of co-financing from the side of applicant/beneficiary represents 15% from the total eligible expenditure of the project (i.e. the amount of total national share).

- The maximum and minimum amount of the total eligible expenditure: minimum amount of the total eligible expenditure for implementation of one project is 50 mil. CZK; the maximum amount of the total eligible expenditure for implementation of one project is: 1.350 mil. CZK.
- Information on the conditions of state aid: All aid will be granted to beneficiaries for implementation of non-economic activities, in accordance with the Framework for State aid for research and development and innovation (2014/C 198/01), so the granted funds do not have character of state aid within the meaning of Art. 107, paragraph 1 of The Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

4. Call objectives

- Specific objective: Improving international quality of research and its results

The objective of this Call is to support significant upgrade of the existing research centre or research centres in the Czech Republic built on partnership with a foreign leading institution in compliance with focus of the Call Teaming in Horizon 2020 – Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (hereinafter only “Horizon 2020”). This Call will support infrastructural investments and facilities in projects successful in the Call Teaming in Horizon 2020, in case of lack of funds in Horizon 2020 it will support also other activities for implementation of upgrade of research centre/centres.

Description of supported activities:

- o Completion⁶, modernization and upgrade of infrastructure – material and technical facilities for modernized (upgraded) excellence centres;
- o Activities for implementation of modernization (upgrade) of the excellence centre/centres enhance its/their scientific capabilities – improvement of quality of human resources, strategic management and significant improvement of the research and innovative culture;
- o Project management – description of the content of this activity is given in the Rules for Applicants and Beneficiaries – General section.

Description of excluded activities:

- o Construction of a new research centre outside the territory of the Capital City of Prague
- Compliance of the project with the Research and Innovation Strategy for Smart Specialization of the Czech Republic (National RIS3 strategy) and/or its regional annexes

⁶ Completion – extension or completion of the existing capacity of R&D centre linked to acquisition or use of new technologies, if possible within the existing buildings.



- the project is implemented in compliance with at least one generic knowledge domain or it contributes to horizontal priorities as stated in the National RIS3 strategy. The applicant will provide a description and prove it in the annex to the grant application.
- The project sustainability is determined for the period of five years from the last payment to the beneficiary (i.e. from the date, when the project acquired the central status “Project completed from the side of MA in terms of funding”). Fulfilment of conditions during the project sustainability come from the Art. 71 of the General Regulation.
- Indicators: see the annex to the Call No. 1
- Target group: staff in research organizations, students of higher education institutions.
- Information on initial/connecting synergy Calls: irrelevant.
- **Specification of partnership:** The project must be implemented under partnership. A foreign research institution with the registered office in the European Union. Conditions of partnership are specified by the valid Rules for Applicants and Beneficiaries – General section.

5. Territorial focus

5.1. Eligible place of the operation implementation impact

The place of implementation impact is the area of less-developed regions in the Czech Republic.

5.2. Eligible place of implementation

Operations must be implemented in the territory of the European Union.

However, eligibility will not be considered only from the view of a territory, in which project activities will be implemented, but also from view of project activities impact on the target group. This means that activities do not necessarily need to be implemented in an eligible place of implementation, but they must always serve for the benefit of the target group from the specified region/regions.

6. Eligibility of expenditure⁷

- Objective eligibility (eligible expenditure): The objective eligibility is specified in the Rules for Applicants and Beneficiaries – General section.
- Time eligibility (from when, until when, mean time-limited expenditure): Time-limited eligibility is specified in the Rules for Applicants and Beneficiaries - General section. At the same time, it applies that time-limited eligible expenditure is expenditure associated with activities, which occurred from the start date of the project while the nearest date for project start is 1. 6. 2016 until 30. 11. 2023,
- Duration of the monitoring period is determined within this Call for 6 months,

⁷ Detailed rules for eligibility of expenditure will be stated in form of reference to associated documentation - Rules for Applicants and Beneficiaries - General section.



- Method of reporting of total eligible expenditure: a simplified form of reporting expenditure will be used within this Call. A part of expenditure within this Call will be reported in form of indirect costs. Flat rate of indirect costs will be determined as a ratio of administrative costs to eligible direct project costs while the rate of indirect costs must not exceed 25%. The particular flat rate will be stated in the legal act on grant award / transfer of aid.
- Limits of the budget chapters: the purchase of outsourced services budget chapter - the limit is set at a maximum of 49 % of the total eligible expenditure.

7. Formal requirements of the grant application

- The list of relevant annexes to the grant application including availability of sample documents is stated in the associated documentation of the Call, in particular in the Rules for Applicants and Beneficiaries - Specific section.
- Submission of the grant application is performed through IS KP14+, link: <https://mseu.mssf.cz/index.aspx>. Grant application is submitted in Czech language, English version including relevant annexes will be documented in form of an annex.
- Cost-benefit analysis forms an obligatory part of the grant application. The applicant will complete it as a part of grant application in IS KP14+.

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

– Consultation to the preparation of the grant application:

Contact persons with respect to inquiries concerning the grant application in IS KP14+:

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Personal Consultation can be performed only on previously agreed date. We recommend to send an e-mail to the contact person for the Call containing the project proposal/grant application or at least to specify what will be the subject-matter of the Consultation at the latest 5 business days before Consultation.

Dates of seminars for applicants: published on the website under the link:

<http://www.msmt.cz/strukturalni-fondy-1/seminare>

– Possibility to change the Call:

Changes of formal nature can be performed for announced Calls. Change in the text of the Call in the area of Call objectives is possible only for the purpose of wording clarification. The substance of the Call objectives must not be changed. Through the change of the Call the applicants must not be discriminated and their position must not be worsened.

Changes in the Call will be published on web sites of MEYS and announced Calls under the link: <http://www.msmt.cz/strukturalni-fondy-1/vyhlasene-vyzvy>. Applicants will be informed on publication of change of the Call through internal despatch sent through IS KP14+.

The following changes in conditions for grant award can be performed for this Call:



- cancel the Call,
- reduce allocation for the Call,
- change the maximum and minimum amount of the total eligible project expenditure,
- change the aid intensity,
- change the Call objectives,⁸
- change the definition of eligible applicant,
- shift of the latest date for completion of physical operation implementation to an earlier date,
- shift of the end date for acceptance of grant applications to an earlier date,
- shift of the start date of acceptance of grant applications to a later date,
- change the criteria for evaluation and selection of projects.

The Call can be changed or specified in particular on the basis of information from the European Commission in connection with preparation or announcement of the Call for proposals to 2nd phase of the Teaming project from Horizon 2020. One particular variant of the approving process for grant applications will be published on the basis of information from the European Commission before start date of accepting grant applications.

8. Other documents to the Call

- 1) Sample of the legal act on grant award / transfer of aid is published under the link: <http://www.msmt.cz/strukturalni-fondy-1/vzory-dokumentu-op-vvv>.
- 2) Rules for Applicants and Beneficiaries - General section - are published under the link: <http://www.msmt.cz/strukturalni-fondy-1/pravidla-pro-zadatele-a-prijemce>
- 3) Rules for Applicants and Beneficiaries - Specific section are published under the link: <http://www.msmt.cz/strukturalni-fondy-1/pravidla-pro-zadatele-a-prijemce>

4) Annexes to the Call:

Annex no. 1: Indicators

Annex no. 2: Evaluation criteria

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9. Other provisions

No legal title is attached to the grant award. The granting authority will make final decision on the final grant amount. The managing authority reserves the right to suspend the Call. Sanctions for non-observance of the conditions of the Call and Operational Programme will be determined in the legal act on grant award /transfer of aid.