

CZECH REPUBLIC – Technology Agency of the Czech Republic (TA CR)

a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria

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Funding commitment	800 000 EUR
Anticipated number of projects to be funded	4-5
Maximum funding per awarded project/per partner	Maximum funding rate (intensity) per project (Czech part): 80 % Maximum funding (amount) per project (Czech part): 200 000 EUR per project
Eligible types of organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enterprises (according to Annex 1 of the Regulation) • Enterprises who act as natural persons according to Annex 1 of the Regulation engaged in an economic activity pursuant to Act no. 455/1991 coll. on Trades (Trade Act). • Research organisations (according to Article 2 paragraph 83 of the Regulation) <p>TA CR excludes the disbursement of individual aid to an enterprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • against which a recovery order has been issued which is unpaid • meeting the definition of an “undertaking in difficulty” • which has not met the obligation to publish the financial statements for the years 2021, 2022, 2023 in the respective register - the so-called "Veřejný rejstřík" • which has not disclosed its ownership structure in the so-called “Evidence skutečných majitelů”
Eligible Call Modules	<p><i>* Czech Applicants are eligible to participate in Call Modules under TRI 1, TRI 3, TRI 5 and TRI 7.</i></p> <p>Eligible Call Modules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CM2024-01 Energy data spaces and interoperability • CM2024-02 Energy system flexibility: renewables production, storage and system integration • CM2024-04 Carbon capture, utilisation and storage (CCUS) • CM2024-05 Hydrogen and renewable fuels • CM2024-08 Integrated regional energy systems • CM2024-10 Clean energy integration in the built environment
Eligible types of RDI and TRL	Applied research (industrial research and experimental development) TRL: 3-9

<p>Submission of proposal /documentation at national/regional level</p>	<p><u>Mandatory forms to be submitted</u></p> <p>The Czech applicants are requested to submit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Sworn statement of the applicant • Completed “TACR Application Form” Excel file (submitted by the main Czech applicant only)* • if the applicant plans to achieve “Nmet” type of result, the mandatory form for Nmet result needs to be attached* • if the applicant plans to achieve the “Patent” type of result, patent search must be substantiated* • Sworn statement of the composition of the consortium (only if Czech enterprise is part of the project consortium; submitted by the main Czech applicant only) <p>All mandatory documents to be found on TA CR website. Deadline for submitting all documents is the same as the deadline for submitting pre-proposals. All documents proving the eligibility of the Czech partner stated above shall be submitted via the TACR data box (TACR data box ID: afth9xp).</p> <p>*Applicants who will not submit this mandatory form (if relevant) via databox <u>before the deadline</u> will be considered as not eligible for TA CR funding.</p> <p><u>Project start</u></p> <p>Please note that following national legislation, Czech applicants shall start within 120 days from the funding decision being communicated by the Call Management (60-day period to enter into a contract + 60-day period to start the project).</p>
<p>Additional eligibility criteria</p>	<p><u>Eligible projects for TA CR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the project meets the definition of applied research • the research results correspond to the national rules and are applicable / exploitable. (The project proposal has to include a clear description of the exploitation plan and results.) • the aim of the project has to be relevant to the overall aim of the funding programme SIGMA • the declared share of industrial research and experimental development corresponds to the activities of the Czech partner described in the project proposal • the requested funding meets the national regulations for aid intensity <p><u>Supported results</u></p> <p>Projects that achieve at least one of the following types of results can be supported in this Call. The type of the result has to be clearly described in the project proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P - patent • G - technically realised results - prototype, functional sample • Z - pilot plant, proven technology • R - software • F - results with legal protection - utility model, industrial design

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N - Certified methodologies and practices, treatment, conservation methods, procedures and specialised maps with professional expert content • O - Miscellaneous <p>Results supported only in combination with at least one other result listed above:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H - results reflected in non-legislative directives and regulations binding within the competence of the respective provider and results reflected in the approved strategic and conceptual documents of the state or public administration <p><u>Intellectual Property Rights</u></p> <p>The applicants are required to enter into a contract with their foreign partners (sign the so-called Consortium Agreement) which will define the conditions of cooperation on the project where, among other things, they specify the method of allocating rights to the research results, as well as adjustment and management of the rights imported or created during the project's implementation, which are necessary to address the project.</p> <p><u>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</u></p> <p>Czech beneficiaries must follow the rules of TA CR for reporting on the project (i.e. submission of interim and final reports and reports on the implementation of the results).</p> <p><u>Publicity obligations</u></p> <p>While promoting the project and its results Czech beneficiaries must follow the publicity rules of TA CR.</p>
Eligible costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • personnel costs (including scholarships) • subcontracting costs (max. 20% of total eligible costs throughout the whole project period) • other direct costs (write-offs, protection of intellectual property, operating expenses, travel costs, consumables) • indirect costs (overheads) - full cost/flat rate 25% (indirect costs in the respective year are calculated as 25% of the sum of the personnel costs and other direct costs in the same year) <p>Specific categories of eligible costs are defined under Article 18 of the General Terms & Conditions.</p>
Information available at	<p>ERA-NET Cofund Scheme on TA CR website (in Czech)</p> <p>ERA-NET Cofund Scheme on TA CR website (in English)</p> <p>National research programme SIGMA (in Czech)</p> <p>National research programme SIGMA (in English)</p> <p>“Guide for Czech applicants” and all mandatory forms will be available on TA CR website (in Czech).</p>

b) Funding rates

Maximum funding percentages:

The aid intensity for each Czech applicant in the project is determined based on the type of entity according to the [Regulation](#) and at the same time must not exceed the maximum permissible aid intensity for the Czech part of the project, which is **80 %** of the total eligible costs.

	Basic research	Industrial/Applied Research	Experimental development/innovation
Large Enterprises	X	50-65* %	25-40* %
Medium Enterprises	X	60-75* %	35-50* %
Small Enterprises	X	70-80* %	45-60* %
Universities, public research organisations**	X	up to 100 %***	up to 100 %***

* If the "bonus for effective collaboration" is achieved

**Research organisations must satisfy the definition in the Act and the Framework

***While respecting the maximum permissible aid intensity of 80 % per project