

# COOPERATION PROGRAMME – TECHNOLOGY PLATFORMS – CALL II

The Cooperation Programme – Technology Platforms makes it possible to support the establishment and development of cooperating sectoral groupings at the national level as a tool for developing the competitiveness of the economy and economic growth.

Support for technology platforms enables the provision of aid for the establishment and development of technology platforms in the form of subsidisation of personnel and operating costs. Aid will be provided according to the de minimis rule.

## SCHEDULE

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- Acceptance of Registration Applications: 1 June 2009 – 1 October 2009
- Acceptance of Full Applications: 1 September 2009 – 30 November 2009

## SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

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Support for the establishment and development of national technology platforms (TP) in the form of subsidisation of personnel and operating costs. Supported TP activities are those that lead to cooperation between the public and private sectors in the area of research and development in technical fields that are important for the business sphere, creation of strategic documents and implementation thereof, involvement of Czech research institutes and companies in European technology platforms and initiation of research and development projects in the commercial and public spheres.

## APPLICANT

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- The subject of the aid recipient's activity set forth in the statutes or founding contract must include the establishment and operation of a technology platform in accordance with the European Commission initiative of 16 June 2004 concerning the creation of technology platforms, published in COM (2004) 353 final.
- The aid recipient can be only a civic association or associations of legal entities.
- The applicant can be a newly established or already operating technology platform or an association within which a technology-platform project is implemented.

## SECTOR DEFINITION

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- Projects whose outputs appear in any of the following sectors **will not be supported**:
  - manufacture, processing and introduction to the market of products defined in a specific annex of the Call
  - agriculture
  - fishing and aquaculture<sup>14</sup> pursuant to Council Regulation (EC) No. 104/2000
  - coal industry
  - steel industry
  - manufacture of synthetic fibres
  - ship-building

## MAIN CONDITIONS OF THE CALL

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- The technology platform associates business entities, institutions of tertiary education and research institutes whose activities are closely connected with the subject of the project and whose number and composition are significant in terms of the sector of operation at the national level.
- There must be a demonstrable connection between the focus of the Czech technology platform and the focus of the European technology platform in which it will participate.
- The primary and secondary objectives of the technology platform, which must be in accordance with the objectives of the programme, are defined in the contract on establishment of the technology platform.

## ELIGIBLE COSTS

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- Eligible costs must be expended in accordance with the programme's objectives and must be immediately connected with the project's implementation.
- Eligible costs may not be expended prior to the date of the project's acceptability (i.e. prior to the date on which CzechInvest provides to the applicant written confirmation that the project essentially fulfils the given programme's conditions).

## Types of eligible costs

### INVESTMENT COSTS:

#### LONG-TERM TANGIBLE ASSETS

- hardware and networks

#### LONG-TERM INTANGIBLE ASSETS

- software and data

### NON-INVESTMENT COSTS:

#### SERVICES

- services of consultants and experts, studies
- rent
- seminars and workshops
- access to information, databases
- marketing and promotion
- website creation
- mandatory publicity

#### PERSONNEL

- wages and insurance of TP employees
- travel costs

#### SUPPLIES

- materials (particularly office materials)
- non-storable supplies

## FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

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- Aid is provided in the form of a subsidy.
- The subsidy is intended for the payment of eligible costs arising in connection with the fulfilment of the project's purpose.
- The subsidy is provided according to the de minimis rule and can be provided to the recipient only under the condition that such provided aid together with all aid provided according to the de minimis rule to the recipient during a period of three fiscal years (i.e. during the period defined by the fiscal year in which the subsidy is provided and the two preceding fiscal years – see item 17 or, as the case may be, Article 2(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1998/2006, on the application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty to de minimis aid) does not exceed the amount of EUR 200,000.
- The subsidy is provided in the maximum amount of up to 75% of eligible costs.

## Maximum permissible state aid intensity (valid for the period 1 January 2007 – 31 January 2013)



NUTS II Region	Small enterprise	Medium-sized enterprise	Large enterprise
Northwest, Central Bohemia, Northeast, Southeast, Central Moravia, Moravia-Silesia	60%	50%	40%
*Southwest (1. 1. 2007 - 31. 12. 2010)	56%	46%	36%
*Southwest (1. 1. 2011 - 31. 12. 2013)	50%	40%	30%
Prague	0%	0%	0%