

## ICT IN COMPANIES PROGRAMME – CALL II

Are your internal systems (payroll, accounting, warehousing, etc.) obsolete and you need to improve the overall internal operation of your company? Do you have a problem with the effectiveness of relationships with customers, suppliers and the public administration? Are you looking toward the future and you want to use modern information systems in your company?

It is possible to obtain aid for expanding or introducing information and communication technologies (hardware, software) in small and medium-size enterprises. Subsidies will help you to improve your company's internal operation and external relationships, for example.

### SCHEDULE

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- Acceptance of Registration Applications: 15 July 2008 – 6 March 2009
- Acceptance of Full Applications: 14 November 2008 – 31 May 2009

### SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

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- Introduction and expansion of information systems in order to improve companies' internal efficiency
- Introduction and expansion of information systems in order to improve the effectiveness of supplier-customer relationships
- Development and improvement of technical infrastructure and software
- Introduction and expansion of information systems for the purpose of developing new or improving existing products and technologies
- Introduction and expansion of outsourcing of information systems or parts thereof in companies

### APPLICANT

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- **Small or medium-size enterprise** that has concluded two consecutive taxation periods

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## SECTOR DEFINITION

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The applicant's **predominant economic activity** (economic activity)<sup>1</sup> according to the sector definition (CZ-NACE) and the supported activity of the project (if it can be determined) **must be focused on the following defined areas:**

- manufacturing industry defined by sections C10 – C33 CZ-NACE, with the exception of CZ-NACE 12 and 19.

**Projects focused on the following sectors cannot be supported:**

- manufacture, processing and introduction to the market of products set forth in Annex No. 3<sup>2</sup> of the Call
- agriculture, fishing, aquaculture<sup>3</sup>
- coal industry<sup>4</sup>
- steel industry – see Annex No. 7 of the Call
- ship-building industry<sup>5</sup>
- manufacture of synthetic fibres – see Annex No. 8 of the Call

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## MAIN CONDITIONS OF THE CALL

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- Each applicant can submit a **maximum of two projects** within this Call. The total amount of aid for these projects may not exceed the maximum amount of the subsidy, i.e. CZK 20 million.
- The project must be implemented in the Czech Republic, but outside the city of Prague.
- **The applicant's financial health** expressed by a rating evaluation determined by the mediating entity (CzechInvest) may not be lower than C+. If the applicant is a newly established entity, the rating will be based on the financial data of the entity or entities exercising a controlling interest in the applicant.

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## ELIGIBLE COSTS

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- Eligible costs must be expended in accordance with the objectives of the programme and must be immediately connected with the project's implementation.

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<sup>1</sup> The predominant economic activity or the activity of the applicant is considered to be such activity or aggregate of activities that represents more than 50% of the company's turnover.

<sup>2</sup> Annex I of the EC Treaty

<sup>3</sup> CZ-NACE A01, A02, A03

<sup>4</sup> CZ-NACE B05, 19.1

<sup>5</sup> CZ-NACE C30.11

- 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:**

- Tangible assets and technical improvement thereof: hardware, networks and other machines and equipment that can be designated as IS/ICT components but that do not fall within hardware or software according to the accounting classification
- Intangible assets: software, licenses, intellectual-property rights (patents, know-how)
- Services of consultants and experts, studies: this does not involve processing of aid applications (pursuant to the de minimis rule)
- Other services: externally provided services, rental of hardware, software and other machines and equipment - outsourcing
- Costs expended on publicity related to the project (pursuant to the de minimis rule)
- Selected operating costs: access to information and databases, website creation (pursuant to the de minimis rule)

### **The following are not eligible costs:**

- Costs expended on the acquisition of used hardware and other machines and equipment that can be designated as IT/ICT components
- VAT, if the aid recipient is a VAT payer
- Costs arising prior to the project's date of acceptability
- Loan and credit payments
- Sanctions and penalties
- Warranty costs, insurance, interest, bank fees, exchange-rate losses, customs and administrative fees

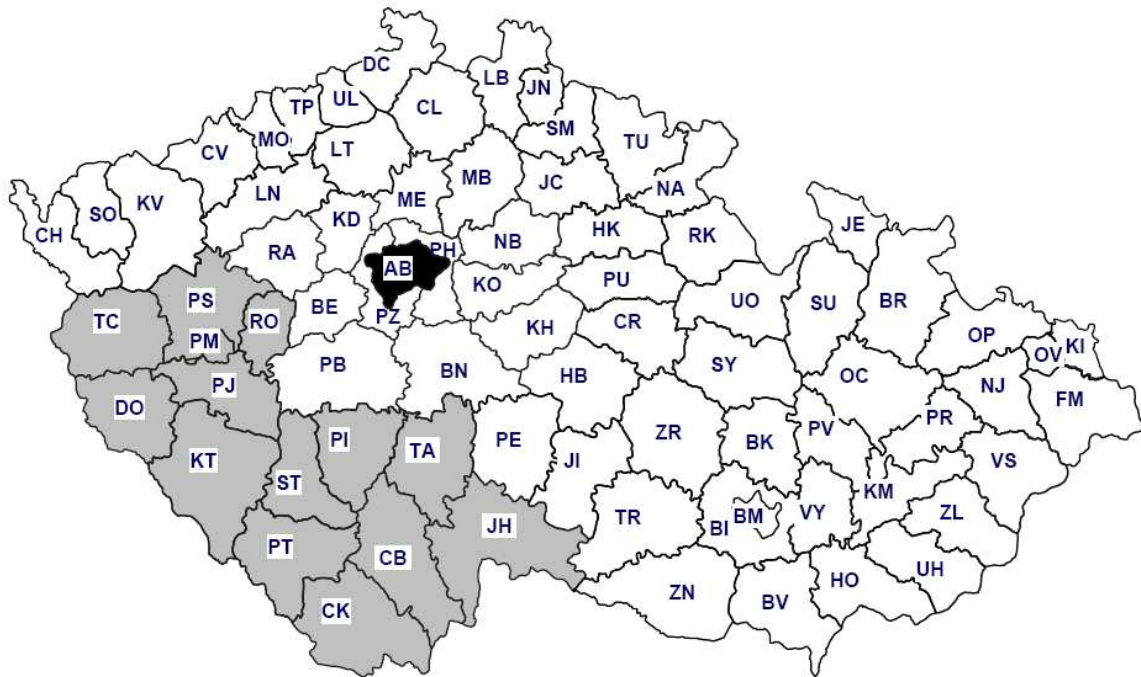
## **FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID**

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- Aid is provided in the form of a subsidy in the amount of CZK 0.5 million – 20 million and is intended for the payment of eligible costs arising in connection with fulfilment of the project's purpose, though maximally up to the amount of the percentage limit set forth by the regional map of state aid intensity for the regions of the Czech Republic for the period 2007-2013 and Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1628/2006.

- The subsidy shall be provided to the recipient retroactively upon completion of the project or phases thereof providing that the conditions set forth in the Decision have been fulfilled.

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



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