

INNOVATION PROGRAMME – Project for the Protection of Industrial Property Rights – CALL II

This programme is intended for individuals, small and medium-size enterprises, universities and research institutes that need to protect their industrial property rights.

The Innovation Programme supports the acquisition of industrial property rights pertaining to intangible goods in the form of patents, utility models, industrial designs and protected trademarks. Support is provided to cover the costs of patent representatives, administrative fees and translations.

SCHEDULE

- Acceptance of Registration Applications: 1 June 2009 – 31 May 2011
- Acceptance of Full Applications: 1 September 2009 – 31 August 2011

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

- Submission of **patent applications** (in the Czech Republic and abroad)
- Acquisition of **patents, utility models** (in the Czech Republic and abroad)
- Acquisition of **protected trademarks and industrial designs** (only abroad)

APPLICANT

- **Small or medium-size enterprise** (pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No. 70/2001) authorised to conduct business in the Czech Republic
- **Public research institute** established pursuant to Act No. 341/2005 Coll., on Public Research Institutes
- **University** or other institute of tertiary education established pursuant to Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on Universities
- **Natural person** pursuant to Act No. 40/1964 Coll., the Civil Code, who is fully competent to enter into legal acts and is a citizen of the Czech Republic

SECTOR DEFINITION

- Projects whose outputs appear in any of the following sectors **will not be supported**:
 - manufacture, processing and introduction to the market of products set forth in Annex No. 3 of the Programme agriculture, fishing, aquaculture, forestry (CZ-NACE A 01, A 02, A 03)
 - coal industry (CZ-NACE B 05, C 19.1)
 - steel industry (sector defined in Annex No. 2 of the Programme)
 - manufacture of synthetic fibres (sector defined in Annex No. 1 of the Programme)
 - ship-building (CZ-NACE C 30.11)

MAIN CONDITIONS OF THE CALL

- The project must be implemented in the Czech Republic, outside the city of Prague.
- The submission of an activity focused on the protection of industrial property rights to technical solutions in the form of **utility models** cannot be supported from the programme if a **patent application** is not submitted concurrently with the utility-model application.
- Within this Call, each applicant is authorised to submit **more than one project** (i.e. the number of submitted applications is not limited in any way).

ELIGIBLE COSTS

- Eligible costs are expended in accordance with the objectives of the programme 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:

	Eligible cost	Specification of the eligible cost
1.	Services of authorised representatives	Services of authorised representatives connected with patent-grant proceedings, registration of industrial designs, utility models or protected trademarks.
2.	Translations	Translations of documentation for the purposes of patent-grant proceedings, registration of industrial designs, utility models or protected trademarks abroad.
3.	Administrative fees	Administrative fees paid to the relevant office of industrial property protection until the time that the industrial right is granted or registered.

FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- Aid is provided in the form of a subsidy in the amount of **CZK 10,000 – 1 million**.
- The subsidy is calculated as a certain percentage of eligible costs of the project stipulated on the basis of the legal form of the applicant and its share in the rights to the pertinent industrial property.
- 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.
- Aid is provided according to the **de minimis** rule. Such aid can be provided to the recipient only under the condition that such aid together with all aid provided to the recipient according to the de minimis rule over a period of three fiscal years does not exceed the total amount of EUR 200,000.