

Funding possibilities overview in Czechia

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Introduction

The purpose of the project, EIT Manufacturing RIS Hubs, is to establish and operate EIT Manufacturing hubs in EIT RIS countries. The motivation is to create a single point representation of EIT Manufacturing in EIT RIS countries, which in turn is expected to increase engagement and participation of local partners, support local innovators, and raise awareness of and gain support from local/national authorities.

The EIT Manufacturing Hub Czech Republic is informing the local educational and industrial ecosystem about the funding opportunities offered by EIT Manufacturing, but also by other national and regional actors. In accordance with the foreseen EIT Manufacturing's financial sustainability mechanisms, the Hub has executed **a specific funding opportunities overview focusing on relevant national and regional possibilities.**

The overview provides main information about open call **programmes** at the national level, in bilateral cooperation and also the programmes of **bank and services assistance**, and a list of **local regional agencies** helping to accelerate innovation. The educational and industrial actors from the manufacturing sector in the Czech Republic will, by this overview, gain a brief summary of available funding in the Czech Republic, together with, at a glance, the relevant **contact information**. Please note, the information in this document is provided on an "as is" basis for general informational purposes only and is valid as of December 15, 2020.

1. Funding programmes in the Czech Republic

1.1 Programmes at national level

Ministry of Industry and Trade - Business and Innovation Agency



MINISTRY OF
INDUSTRY AND TRADE

Website	Contact email	Contact phone
https://www.mpo.cz/en/	posta@mpo.cz	00420 224 851 111
https://www.agentura-api.org/en/	programy@agentura-api.org	00420 800 800 777

Operational Programme Enterprise and Innovations for Competitiveness	Support for	Aims at	Direct link
Innovation vouchers	Any entity, particularly SMEs	Purchase of expert services in the field of innovation, manufacturing	https://www.oppik.cz/dotacni-programy/inovacni-vouchery
Innovative vouchers COVID	SMEs	Consulting, expert and support services in the field of innovation	https://www.oppik.cz/dotacni-programy/inovacni-vouchery-covid
TECHNOLOGY 4.0	SMEs	Manufacturing, IT and telecommunications, Construction, Trade and services, Mining and quarrying, Water management, purchase of machinery, technological equipment and facilities	https://www.oppik.cz/dotacni-programy/technologie
Proof of Concept	SMEs	Technology transfer	https://www.oppik.cz/dotacni-programy/projekty-proof-of-concept
Consulting 1	Start-up SMEs	Purchase of consulting services in Manufacturing, Technology, Science and research, IT and telecommunications, Construction, Energy, Education, Mining and quarrying, Others	https://www.oppik.cz/dotacni-programy/poradenske-sluzby-pro-zacinajici-podniky
ICT and shared services - Digitized company	SMEs	Purchase of IT equipment	https://www.oppik.cz/dotacni-programy/ict-a-sdilene-sluzby-digitalni-podnik

ICT and shared services - Data centers	SMEs, large enterprises	Support for all types of business entities that focus on software development, operation of data centers or create so-called shared service centers	https://www.oppik.cz/dotacni-programy/ict-a-sdilene-sluzby-budovani-a-modernizace-datovych-center
ICT and shared services - Shared service centers	SMEs, large enterprises	Support for all types of business entities that focus on software development, operation of data centers or create so-called shared service centers	https://www.oppik.cz/dotacni-programy/ict-a-sdilene-sluzby-zrizovani-a-provoz-center-sdilonych-sluzeb
Czech Rise Up - Smart measures against COVID-19	SMEs, large enterprises	Rapid introduction of new solutions that can help fight COVID-19 infection	https://www.oppik.cz/dotacni-programy/czech-rise-up-chytra-opatreni-proti-covid-19
APPLICATION	SMEs, large enterprises	Industrial research and experimental development projects	https://www.oppik.cz/dotacni-programy/aplikace
INNOVATION	SMEs, large enterprises	Purchase of production technology	https://www.oppik.cz/dotacni-programy/inovace
HIGH SPEED INTERNET: CREATING DIGITAL TECHNICAL MAPS	SMEs, large enterprises	Acquisition and development of digital technical maps (DTM) and related information system	https://www.oppik.cz/dotacni-programy/vysokorychlostni-internet-tvorba-digitalnich-technickych-map
Smart grids I.(distribution networks)	SMEs, large enterprises	Deployment of a higher number of remotely controlled elements in the distribution system	https://www.oppik.cz/dotacni-programy/distribucni-site

		at the high voltage level.	
Cooperation - technology platforms	SMEs, large enterprises	Intensifying joint research, development and innovation activities between business entities, academia and research.	https://www.oppik.cz/dotacni-programy/spoluprace
Infrastructure services	SMEs, large enterprises	Increasing the intensity of joint research, development and innovation activities between business entities and public sector.	https://www.oppik.cz/dotacni-programy/sluzby-infrastruktury

Technology Agency of the Czech Republic



Website	Contact email	Contact phone
https://www.tacr.cz/en/	info@tacr.cz	00420 234 611 111

Programme	Support for	Aims at	Direct link
KAPPA	Companies, RTOs	strengthening the development of knowledge, supporting international cooperation between Czech entities and	https://www.tacr.cz/en/kappa-programme/

		partners from Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein	
THÉTA	Companies, RTOs	Modernization of the energy sector, including research in the public interest and energy strategies	https://www.tacr.cz/program/program-theta/
GAMA 2	Companies, RTOs	Supporting new R&D knowledge transfer systems	https://www.tacr.cz/program/program-gama-2/
Zéta	Companies, RTOs	Supporting and promoting the equalization of opportunities for young researchers	https://www.tacr.cz/en/zeta-programme/
Éta	Companies, RTOs	Strengthening social and human dimensions in activities of applied research, experimental development and innovation	https://www.tacr.cz/en/eta-programme/
Delta 2	Companies, RTOs and foreign partners	Applied research, experimental development and innovation, further call to be announced	https://www.tacr.cz/en/delta-2-programme/
Environement for life, program of the Ministry of the Environment	Entities that can prove eligibility according to § 18 of the Act on the Support of Research, Development and Innovation	Supporting projects in the public interest, for new practices, environmental technologies and high-potential eco-innovation	https://www.tacr.cz/program/program-prostredi-pro-zivot/
Transport 2020+, program of the Ministry of Transport	Companies, RTOs, organizational unit of the state, territorial self-governing unit	Supporting applied research and experimental development projects	https://www.tacr.cz/program/program-doprava-2020/

Trend (Program of the Ministry of Industry and Trade)	Companies, RTOs	Supporting industrial research and experimental program, increasing the international competitiveness of companies	https://www.tacr.cz/program/program-trend/
National Competence Centers	Companies, RTOs	Increasing the efficiency and quality of the results of applied research and technology transfer in key fields	https://www.tacr.cz/program/program-narodni-centra-kompetence/

The Czech Science Foundation



Website	Contact email	Contact phone
https://gacr.cz/en/	info@gacr.cz	00420 227 088 841

Programme	Support for	Aims at	Direct link
EXPRO	Mainly technical and institutional facilities with professional abilities	Development of all fields of basic research	https://gacr.cz/en/types-of-grant-projects/

Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Labor Office



Website	Contact email	Contact phone
https://www.mpsv.cz/web/en	kontaktni.centrum@mpsv.cz	00420 221 921 111

Programme	Support for	Aims at	Direct link
POVEZ II	SMEs, large enterprises	Improving skills of employees, vocational training	https://povez.uradprace.cz/

Ministry of Interior



MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Website	Contact email	Contact phone
https://www.mvcr.cz/mvcren/	posta@mvcr.cz	00420 974 811 111

Programme	Support for	Aims at	Direct link
Security research - SECTECH	RTOs, SMEs, large enterprises	Public tenders in research, experimental development and innovation	https://www.mvcr.cz/clanek/narodni-dotacni-titul-bezpecnostni-vyzkum.aspx

1.2 Programmes - international cooperation

Norway grants



Website	Contact email	Contact phone
https://www.eeagrants.cz/	czp@mfcrcz	00420 583 300 722

Programme	Support for	Aims at	Direct link
Bilateral Cooperation	Any entity, public or private	The Fund serves as a flexible source of financial support for a wide range of initiatives of mutual interest both of Czech entities and for entities from Norway (currently).	https://www.eeagrants.cz/en/bilateral-relations
Programme „Environment“	Any entity, public or private	The programme is focused on environmental projects, e.g. Enhanced climate change resilience and emissions reduction in selected communities	https://www.eeagrants.cz/en/programmes/environment

Visegrad fund



Website	Contact email	Contact phone
https://www.visegradfund.org/	visegradfund@visegradfund.org	00421 259 203 811

Programme	Support for	Aims at	Direct link
Visegrad Grants	Any legal bodies (NGOs, public bodies, companies, RTOs)	Seven objectives, among others “Innovation, R&D, Entrepreneurship”	https://www.visegradfund.org/apply/grants/visegrad-grants/
Strategic Grants	Any legal bodies	Annually announced strategic priorities	https://www.visegradfund.org/apply/grants/strategic-grants/

2. Bank services, business services

Czech-Moravian Guarantee and Development Bank



Website	Contact email	Contact phone
https://www.cmzrb.cz/en/	info@cmzrb.cz	00420 255 721 252

Providing loans

Programme	Support for	Aims at	Direct link
COVID	SMEs	SMEs hit by covid pandemic (0%)	https://www.cmzrb.cz/podnikatele/uvery/uver-covid/
S-podnik	Social enterprises	Providing loans for projects aimed at starting or developing a business and / or to finance their operational needs.	https://www.cmzrb.cz/podnikatele/uvery/s-podnik/
INFIN	SMEs registered in Prague	Providing loans for Innovative business projects	https://www.cmzrb.cz/podnikatele/uvery/infin/
Expanze	SMEs except SMEs registered in Prague	Providing interest-free loans to SMEs for investments into new technologies, buildings etc.	https://www.cmzrb.cz/podnikatele/uvery/expanze/
Úspory energie (Energy savings)	Companies, realisation excluding Prague	Interest-free loan for energy saving projects	https://www.cmzrb.cz/podnikatele/uvery/uspory-energie/
Energ	Companies active in Prague	Interest-free loan for energy saving projects in Prague	https://www.cmzrb.cz/podnikatele/uvery/energ/
Jihočech (Southbohemian)	Start-ups in South Bohemian Region	Preferential loan for entrepreneurs in the South Bohemian Region	https://www.cmzrb.cz/podnikatele/uvery/jihocech/

Providing loan guarantees

Programme	Support for	Aims at	Direct link
COVID II/III/Praha	SMEs, large enterprises, companies based in Prague	Providing guarantee for operating bank loans	https://www.cmzrb.cz/podnikatele/zaruky/

GEN-záruka	SMEs	Providing guarantee in liaison with handover of family SMEs to new owners	https://www.cmzrb.cz/po-dnikatele/zaruky/gen-zaruka/
M-záruka	SMEs	Facilitates access to finance by providing guarantee	https://www.cmzrb.cz/po-dnikatele/zaruky/m-zaruka-za-uver-v-programu-zaruka-2015-az-2023/
S-záruka	Social enterprises	Facilitates access to finance by providing guarantee	https://www.cmzrb.cz/po-dnikatele/zaruky/s-zaruka-za-uver-v-programu-zaruka-2015-az-2023/
Záruka ZRS	Companies aiming developing markets	Facilitates access to finance by providing guarantee	https://www.cmzrb.cz/po-dnikatele/zaruky/zaruka-zrs/
Inostart	Start-ups, SMEs	Providing loan guarantee to innovation activities	https://www.cmzrb.cz/po-dnikatele/zaruky/inostart/
Vadium	SMEs	Providing a guarantee for the offer to entrepreneurs when entering tenders / tenders	https://www.cmzrb.cz/po-dnikatele/zaruky/zaruka-za-nabidku-v-programu-vadium-2018-az-2023/

CzechInvest



CZECHINVEST

Investment and Business Development Agency

Website	Contact email	Contact phone
http://www.czechinvest.org/en	fdi@czechinvest.org	00420 296 342 500

Programme	Support for	Aims at	Direct link
For Startups	Start-ups	Help in the early phases of development, introduction of initial prototypes to the market, formulating a proper sales strategy, addressing domestic and foreign partners, customers and investors.	http://www.czechinvest.org/en/For-Startups

3. Regional agencies

Magistrat hl.m. Prahy	https://www.penizeprop.rahucz/	granty@praha.eu	12444
Central Bohemian Innovation Center	https://s-ic.cz/en/	hudec@s-ic.cz	+420 601 214 436
South Moravian Innovation Centre	https://www.jic.cz/en/	jic@jic.cz	+420 511 205 330
Moravian-Silesian Innovation Centre Ostrava	https://www.ms-ic.cz/	info@ms-ic.cz	+420 597 307 000
Centre for Innovation – Business Incubator for the Liberec Region	https://lipo.ink/en	info@lipo.ink	+420 488 840 110
Pardubice Business Incubator	https://www.p-pink.cz/	info@p-pink.cz	+420 773 072 728
Centre for Investment, Development and	https://www.cirihk.cz/?lang=2	info@cirihk.cz	+ 420 495 817 802

innovation, Hradec Králové			
South Bohemian Agency for Support to Innovative Enterprising	http://www.jaip.cz/	info@jaip.cz	+420 608 572 258
Innovation Center of Ústí region	https://icuk.cz/en/home-page/	office@icuk.cz	+420 475 285 840
Business and Innovation Centre Plzeň	https://www.bic.cz/	bic@bic.cz	+420377 235 379
Business Development Agency of Karlovy Vary Region	https://www.karp-kv.cz/en/	vladislava.klasterkova@karp-kv.cz	+420 725 977 530
Vysočina Fund	https://www.fondvysociny.cz/	posta@kr-vysocina.cz	+420 564 602 111
Innovation Center of Olomouc region	https://www.inovaceok.cz/	info@inovaceok.cz	+420 587 432 017
Technology Innovation Centre, Zlín	https://www.ticzlin.cz/	recepce@ticzlin.cz	+420739456074

Specific programmes in Prague/Central Bohemian Region

Programme	Support for	Aims at	Direct link
Operational Programme Prague – Growth Pole of the Czech Republic	Call specific	Thematic goals	https://www.praha.eu/jnp/cz/o_meste/finance/dotace_a_granty/eu_dotace/index.html

Clean Energy Prague	Legal entities	Improvement of environment condition	https://www.praha.eu/jnp/cz/o_meste/finance/dotace_a_granty/mestske_granty/zi_votni_prostredi_a_energetika/index.html
Innovation vouchers	SMEs	Cooperation of SMEs with research organizations, focus on knowledge transfer.	https://s-ic.cz/cs/projekty/inovacni-vouchery/
Creative vouchers	RTOs, companies	Currently available for RTOs only	https://kreativnivouchery.s-ic.cz/