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EU funds for entrepreneurs (1)

Entrepreneurs active in manufacturing sector

- **Operation Programme Enterprise and Innovation – 3 041 mil. EUR**
 - 15 Programmes,
 - direct grants and subsidies 60 % (40-60 %)

Activities eligible for financing:

- Investments to new machines and technologies
- Innovation distribution and development of ICT in companies
- Energy efficiency and renewable energies in manufacturing process
- Know-how transfer, protection, innovation of processes and products
- Transfer of application research know-how into practice and development of research potential of companies
- Infrastructure for company training and education
- Marketing and promotion of products and producers

Forms of support:

- Grant subsidies

Calls for proposal:

- 1-2 times/year

Podpora:

- SME and larger enterprises with a prevailing concentration to the SMEs

EU funds for entrepreneurs (2)

Entrepreneurs in tourism sector

Activities eligible for financing:

- Spa and wellness
- Hotels, guest-houses, restaurants and gastronomy, congress and business centres
- Swimming and sport resorts
- Museums, cultural and technical monuments
- Promotion of tourism products
- Rural tourism

Programmes of support:

- **7 Regional operation programmes (ROPs) corresponding with 7 NUTS II regions:**
 - South-east (Vysočina, Jihomoravský) – 704 mil. EUR
 - Moravia and Silesia (Moravskoslezský) – 716 mil. EUR
 - Central Moravia (Zlínský, Olomoucký) – 657 mil. EUR
 - South-east (Pardubický, Královehradecký, Liberecký) – 656 mil. EUR
 - South - west (Karlovarský, Ústecký) – 745 mil. EUR
 - Central Bohemia (Středočeský) - 559 mil. EUR
 - South-west (Plzeňský, Jihočeský) – 619 mil. EUR

Specification of beneficiary: history minimum 2 years

- **Rural Development Programme - 2 815 mil. EUR**

Specification of beneficiary: entrepreneurs in agriculture and food industry

Calls for proposals: 1-2/year

Forms of support: direct subsidies up to 60 %

EU funds for entrepreneurs (3)

Environmental sector

Activities eligible for financing:

- Air pollution
- Systems for manipulation, separation and collection of waste
- Recultivation of waste dumps and revitalization of contaminated locations

Programme of support:

➤ **OP Environment - 4 917 mil.EUR**

Specification of beneficiaries : entrepreneurs without size limits

Calls for proposal:

- 1-2 / year

Forms of support:

- Direct subsidies up to 60 %

EU funds for entrepreneurs (4)

Entrepreneurs in agricultural and food sector

Activities eligible for financing:

- Technologies, machinery, equipment for agricultural and food processing enterprises
- Infrastructure for agricultural and food processing enterprises
- Diversification of agricultural production

Programme of support:

➤ **Rural Development Programme - 2 815 mil.EUR**

Specification of beneficiaries : entrepreneurs in agriculture, food industry, start/up farmers,

Calls for proposal:

- 1-2 / year

Forms of support:

- Direct subsidies

EU funds for entrepreneurs (5)

Business plans in Prague

Activities eligible for financing:

- Technology purchase and installation
- ICT, HW and SW
- Machinery, buildings, land cultivation
- Research and innovation
- Infrastructure for tourism, leisure and gastronomy

Programme of support:

➤ **OP OP Prague Competition - 3 317 mil.EUR**

- Specification of beneficiaries: SMEs without history, large scope of supported economic activities

Calls for proposal:

- 1-2 / year

Forms of support:

- Direct subsidies

EU funds for entrepreneurs (6)

Education, Training and Human Resource Development

Activities eligible for financing:

- Training of employees on different types of professions and career levels
- Qualification scope enlargement
- Skill transfers
- Further education system implementation

Programmes of support:

- **OP Human Resources and Employment – 1,84 mld. EUR**
- **OP Prague Adaptability (Prague exclusively) - 108 mil.EUR**

Specification of beneficiaries: employers and companies of wide variety of sectors and legal status

Calls for proposal:

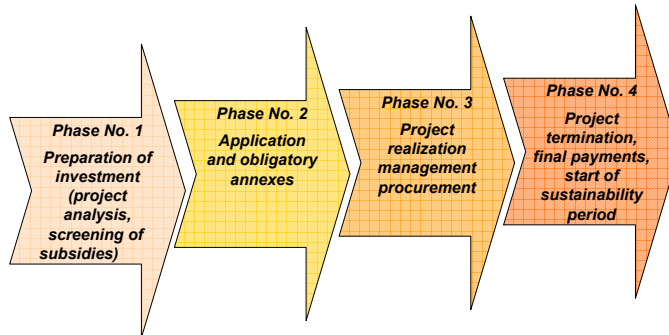
- 1-2 / year

Forms of support:

- Direct subsidies up to 100 %

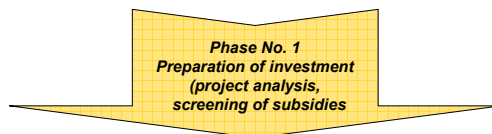
From initial idea up to project realisation (1)

Simplified project cycle



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From initial idea up to project realisation (2)



Phase No. 1

Phase duration:

- max. 1 week

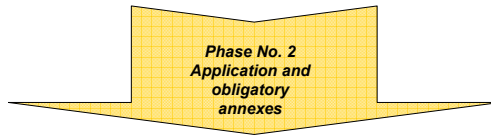
Activities:

- Evaluation of clients investment intention, project ideas
- Consultance services in the area of grant screening and selecting appropriate grant scheme
- Optimization of project scheme toward grant scheme criteria
- Analysis of eligible costs
- Analysis of chosen grant scheme

Goal : Clients decision of the realisation of the grant project

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From initial idea up to project realisation (3)



Phase No. 2

Phase Duration:

- 1 – 2 months

Activities:

- Cooperation with client in the area of data back-up, elaboration and assembly of supplementary documents
- Elaboration of complete project documentation including supplementary documents, enclosures, business plan analysis and projects grant application

Goal: Elaboration of the grant project based on clients requirements and grant conditions

From initial idea up to project realisation(4)



Phase No. 3

Duration:

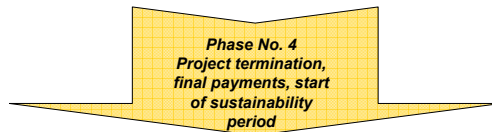
- from grant approval from 1 up to 3 years

Activities:

- selection procedure for the general supplier
- implementation of the grant project, administration, monitoring
- internal control of the project

Goal: Realisation of the whole investment with the respect to the grant project and grant conditions and requirements

From initial idea up to project realisation (5)



Phase No. 4

Duration:

- From the end of the project realization from 3 up to 5 years

Activities:

- Final monitoring report, payment application, financial audit, archiving of documentation
- Measurement of results of the project after the realization, monitoring ex-post

Goal: measurement and evaluation of the project results

Drawbacks concerning projects

Preparatory phase

- Lack of time
- Lack of human resources/project team
- Lack of own financial resources for pre/co – financing of the project
- Preparation of technical and construction documentation up to the level required by Czech building act
- Monitoring of timelines of respective proposal calls
- Preparation of application and required attachments is a "cost"

Implementatio/realisation phase

- Respect to public procurement rules
- Respektování to duties and obligations arising from the grant contract
- Each change is supposed to be discussed with managing authority

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