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Program Czech Rise Up – Smart solutions to combat COVID 19

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Country	Czechia, applies nationwide
Time period	Temporary, started on 02 April 2020
Type	Company practice
Category	Re-orientation of business activities – Change of production/innovation
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Background information

The Czech Ministry of Industry and Trade announced the call 'The Czech Rise Up - Smart measures against Covid-19'. The aim of the program is to support the rapid deployment of technologies and solutions, both medical and non-medical, that will enable an effective combat of COVID-19. The program covers operating costs to companies that wants to introduce new solutions and products against the COVID-19, need to expand current production or change production focus towards manufacturing of protective equipment production.

Content of measure

The priority group of activities supported financially from the program consists of expansion of capacities or the introduction of new protective equipment solutions such as respirators and ventilators. The Czech 'Rise Up' program is complemented by the 'Tech against COVID-19 program' which has already been approved by the government.

In the second and third group of the programme, the funded activities are targeted at deployment of medical and non-medical solutions that can help combat coronavirus infection, including measures to mitigate the impact of further virus spread and also address the consequences of this situation.

The beneficiary may be a business entity. The subsidy is provided in the form of de minimis, i.e. the maximum amount of support is around €200,000. The amount of state funds' participation in the eligible

expenditure of the project, ranges between 50% - 90% of the total costs, depending on the activity.

Duration of the program: max 2 years or until the financial allocation has been exhausted.

Use of measure

Data not available yet.

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government	All companies Companies providing essential services	National funds

Social partners

Role of social partners	Consulted
Form of involvement	Other

The program was designed on the basis of a flash needs analysis, which took place between 19 and 24. March 2020 as part of a large online survey involving almost four hundred entrepreneurs.

Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

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Sources

- 02 April 2020: Program Czech Rise Up – Smart solutions to combat COVID 19 (www.mpo.cz)