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Factsheet for case CZ-2020-14/492

Country for the Future - Innovation to practice (COVID) - Digitalisation and innovations

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Country	Czechia, applies nationwide
Time period	Temporary, 02 April 2020 - 15 May 2020
Type	Company practice
Category	Re-orientation of business activities – Change of production/innovation
Case created	12 April 2020 (updated 23 April 2020)

Background information

On 2 April 2020, the Ministry of Industry and Trade announced a one-stage public tender in research, development and innovation (Act No. 130/2002 Coll. (the “Act”) in The Country for the Future (the “Program”), Sub-Program 3 “Innovation in Practice”). The tender is aimed at SMEs only.

The program Country for the Future was approved by the government in May 2019, however, the current situation associated with the expansion of COVID- 19 forced government to change the partial focus of the program.

Currently, the public tender is thematically aimed at introduction of new innovative solutions (innovative can be both processes/organization or products) which can in various respects help to combat this COVID-19 crisis or similar future health threat. Subsidies will also be provided for prevention-related innovations.

Content of measure

The projects that can be supported:

- in the medical technology and diverse medical, monitoring and other applications, bringing a new or substantially improved manufacturing process or the provision of specialised services;
- projects in all sectors of business, aimed at introducing innovative operational, logistical and other organisational processes that reduce the risk of spreading infectious diseases to residents, including

employees and customers of companies;

- projects that increase the degree of digitization, automation or the ability of the organisation to respond flexibly and adaptively to similar exceptional situations.

Amount of subsidy:

The program will be able to get a subsidy up to 100% for:

- personal expenses,
- depreciation and other direct costs, overheads, etc.

Up to 25% of project costs may be allocated to project related costs such as:

- preparation of the application,
- small investments,
- marketing etc.

The launch of the solution must begin in the period from 4 April 2020 to 1 September 2020, The duration of the project solution is a maximum of 36 months, and the completion of the solution should be no later than 31 August 2023.

Use of measure

Data not available.

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government	SMEs	European Funds

Social partners

Role of social partners	Not applicable
Form of involvement	Not applicable

Not applicable

Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

This case is not occupation-specific.

Sources

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