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We are pleased to present the new issue of our bi-monthly bulletin focusing on major state-aid programs for public sector and large enterprises. The information in this Bulletin is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief at the time of its preparation. We do not aim to provide a full list of all programs for all entities. Specific information should be sought before making a decision.

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Latest news

- ➔ **Opening of 1st call in the INNOVATION Programme planned for March**
At the beginning of January, the Ministry of Industry and Trade announced the 1st call for the submission of projects within the Innovation support programme – the industrial ownership rights protection project. Source: Ministry of Industry and Trade (MPO) (2 January 2008).
- ➔ **Acceptance of Registration Application for the REAL ESTATE Programme**
On 2 January, the Ministry of Industry and Trade announced the 1st time-restricted call for the submission of a registration application for support in the REAL ESTATE programme. The programme encourages the creation and development of real estate for business (including related infrastructure) and thus contributes to the development of a well-functioning real estate market and environmental improvement. The planned allocation is CZK 2 billion. The acceptance of electronic registration applications for the subsidy will commence on 1 March 2008. Source: MPO (2 January 2008).
- ➔ **Prague Councillors approve 1st calls for the submission of projects in the Operational Programmes Prague – Competitiveness and Prague – Adaptability**
Applicants may submit projects to the Operational Programme Prague – Adaptability, e.g. for further professional education system innovation, labour market entry support, job-search support for disadvantaged persons and primary and secondary education modernization. Applicants may submit projects to the Operational Programme Prague – Competitiveness, e.g. in the area of support for ICT service development and accessibility, a programme aimed at reducing energy consumed in production and better using renewable and secondary energy sources or developing the innovative environment and supporting partnerships between the research and development base and practice. Source: Prague Municipal Government (8 January 2008).
- ➔ **Integrated operational programme approved**
The European Commission approved the Integrated Operational Programme (IOP) aimed at resolving common regional issues in the areas of public administration, utilities and territorial development infrastructure. Source: Ministry for Local Development (MMR ČR) (21 December 2007).

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Three tips for BUSINESS SECTOR Operational Programme profiles

OP Enterprise and Innovation – 5 TRAINING CENTRES (Human resources development infrastructure)

Application Acceptance Status:	open for applications
Deadline for Applications:	28 February 2009 (note: acceptance of registration applications is ongoing)

Note: Acceptance of registration applications is ongoing until the above deadline

The programme focuses on supporting the implementation and development of infrastructure necessary for corporate human resource training. Activities to be supported are the building, acquisition, refurbishment, modernization, equipping and fitting of infrastructure designed for the training and development of corporate human resources. Applicants will be enterprises, civic and interest associations, etc.

Further information:

Maximum contribution to the project:	CZK 100,000,000
Minimum contribution to the project:	CZK 200,000

The programme is aimed at supporting the implementation and development of infrastructure needed for corporate human resources training. Education should include the launching of new technologies and innovation, production processes and procedures, enhancing capacities and staff professional growth for better effectiveness and production and/or service quality. Staff skill growth should cover managerial, technical and language fields.

Priority Axis 1 will primarily be implemented by the respective bodies of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, the Ministry of Industry and Trade and organizations established by these ministries and by the regional administration.

Key criteria:

Support will go to legal entities:

- Legal entities, individuals.
- Beneficial societies or civic associations.
- Associations of legal persons (business, industry, sector) or professional chambers.

Legal persons have to submit their accounts for at least two closed accounting periods immediately preceding the year of registration application submission.

Supported activities:

- Construction, acquisition, refurbishment, modernization and furnishing of training premises; teaching aids and teaching programmes.

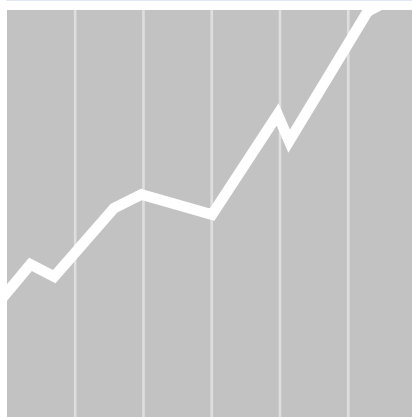
Enterprises in the following sectors will be supported:

- Manufacturing, power engineering, construction, activities associated with information and communication technologies, biotechnology, nanotechnology

Condition: primarily employees of enterprises operating in the above sectors will be trained in the training centre.

The subsidy beneficiary should ensure that the project objective is sustained for at least five years (three years for small and medium-size enterprises) after the date of its implementation.

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ROP for NUTS II Central Bohemia – Priority axis 2: Tourism – 2.1 entrepreneurial infrastructure and tourism services

Application Acceptance Status: open for applications
Deadline for Applications: 29 February 2009

This priority's global goal is to increase accommodation capacities in the central Bohemia region, to improve accommodation service quality and increase the offering of ancillary services. The support focuses on building, expanding or modernizing accommodation facilities of small and medium-size enterprises and increasing the offering of ancillary accommodation-related services. Applicants will be small and medium-size enterprises.

Further information:

Programme budget: CZK 202,491,000
Minimum contribution to each project: CZK 2,000,000
Maximum contribution to each project: CZK 50,000,000

Key criteria:

Beneficiaries:

- Entrepreneurs who meet the definition of a small or medium-size enterprise and have undertaken business activities for at least two years in the field of tourism.
- Entrepreneurs who meet the definition of a small or medium-size enterprise and have been conducting business in the field of tourism for less than two years – only for projects in municipalities with 2,000 or more inhabitants.

Supported activities include:

- Building and equipping accommodation facilities including premises for food preparation and service. Remodelling existing, unused or other-use buildings to provide accommodation will also be supported.
- Refurbishment, modernization and equipping of existing accommodation facilities including premises for food preparation and service. Only projects that will increase the standard of provided services or expand accommodation and catering capacities will be supported.
- Building and equipping sports & recreation facilities and congress tourism facilities in connection with accommodation facilities, further infrastructure or congress tourism attractiveness (e.g. multi-purpose sports facilities and sports and recreation grounds including sports rentals, wellness services, infrastructure for recreational sailing, infrastructure for services in rural tourism, services for incentive and congress tourism and services in spa tourism).
- Refurbishment and equipping of sports & recreation facilities and congress tourism facilities in connection with accommodation facilities, further infrastructure or congress tourism attractiveness. Only projects that will increase the standard of provided services or expand capacities will be supported.
- Investment in accompanying infrastructure for rural tourism (e.g. bridle paths, riding halls)
- Investment in other accompanying infrastructure in connection with accommodation facilities, further infrastructure or tourism attractiveness (e.g. acquisition of all-terrain vehicles, bicycles, boats, mini-golf). This activity will only be supported as supplementary activity.
- Building, refurbishment and renewal of buildings for intellectual tourism (such as open-air museums, museums, visitor's centres, watch towers and similar facilities), including the acquisition of furnishings and equipment for intellectual tourism premises (e.g. acquiring showcases, lighting, security devices; creating expositions, except for exhibit acquisitions)
- Building and refurbishing of parking spaces connected with tourism attractiveness or infrastructure discussed in the project. This will only be supported as a supplementary activity.
- Landscaping (greenery, see-saws, sandpits, etc). This will only be supported as a supplementary activity.

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OP Enterprise and Innovation – 4. CAPACITY

Application Acceptance Status:	open for applications
Deadline for Applications:	30 September 2009 (note: acceptance of registration applications is ongoing)

The programme supports activities aimed at creating and expanding infrastructure for corporate development and innovation activities. Co-operation between corporations and research and development organisations will also be deepened; conditions for joining national and European research and development programmes will be improved, competitiveness will be lastingly increased, etc. Applicants will be legal persons and individuals conducting business.

Further information:

Programme budget:	CZK 2,580,000,000
Minimum contribution to each project:	CZK 1,000,000
Maximum contribution to each project:	CZK 100,000,000
Maximum contribution to each project in %:	60%

The CAPACITY Programme aims to support the creation and development of infrastructure for corporate development and innovation activities. It also aims to deepen co-operation between corporations and research and development institutions, to improve conditions for involving companies in national and European research and development programmes, to lastingly increase competitiveness, etc.

Key criteria:

Beneficiaries:

- Legal entities
- Individuals conducting business entered in the Commercial Register.

Supported activities include (source: text of the call for applications)

- Establishment or development of centres for industrial research, development and innovation comprising the acquisition of buildings, land, machinery and equipment and other furnishings necessary and exclusively used for centre activities

Activities such as the mere overhaul of assets, export activities, production activities, etc. will NOT BE SUPPORTED.

Projects whose outputs are reflected in sectors contained in sections C 13-33; E 38.32; J 62, M 71.2, S 95.1 CZ-NACE (formerly OKEČ) will be supported.

Potential beneficiaries may only be from processing and service industry sectors. Large enterprises operating in the coal and steel industry, synthetic fibre production or ship building will not be supported.

The supported project must be implemented by 31 December 2012.

The minimum investment in fixed assets used for project purposes will be CZK 5 million for small and medium-size enterprises and CZK 10 million for large enterprises. The condition must be fulfilled by the project termination date.

The minimum investment may include costs not considered to be eligible expenses within this call for applications on the sole condition that such costs were incurred in direct connection with project implementation.

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ROP for NUTS II Central Bohemia – Priority axis 1: Transportation – 1.1 Regional transportation infrastructures

Application Acceptance Status: open for applications
Deadline for Applications: 14 March 2008

Priority axis 3 is aimed at improving the use of primary territory potential and increasing the economic importance of tourism. The primary object of support will be the repair and reconstruction of landmarks including activities for their new use in tourism as well as the revitalization of heritage territories. The program is open to public and not-for-profit organizations as well as entrepreneurs in tourism.

Further information:

Minimum contribution to each project: CZK 500,000
Maximum contribution to each project: CZK 80,000,000

Global aim: to improve the attractiveness and quality of rural life
Specific targets: physical revitalisation of territory and social infrastructure development

Target groups:

- Citizens, people living, working and doing business in rural areas
- Domestic and foreign visitors and tourists in the region
- Local entrepreneurs and service-providing entities
- Entities operating in the not-for-profit sector

Key criteria:

Beneficiaries:

- Regions
- Municipalities
- Voluntary associations of municipalities
- Organizations established or founded by regional or municipal authorities
- Non-governmental non-profit organizations, foundations
- Small and medium-size enterprises – only entities in business for at least two years
- Interest associations of legal persons

Supported activities:

- Structural refurbishment of cultural, historical and technical landmarks
- Comprehensive modifications of infrastructure or public areas in listed territories, listed landmark areas or adjacent grounds
- Building of attendant information systems and signage for listed areas or landmarks
- Restoration of movable cultural landmarks
- Acquisition of equipment supporting the new use of listed landmarks

Note: similar grant schemes are open in other NUTS II regions and respective districts

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ROP for NUTS II North-East – Priority axis 3: Tourism – 3.1 Development of basic infrastructure and secondary activities in tourism

Application Acceptance Status: open for applications
Deadline for Applications: 28 March 2008

The primary objective of this support area is to increase the quality of and broaden infrastructure for the development of tourism and, secondarily, to provide for higher-quality services as a necessary condition for the development of tourism and create new products in tourism. Applicants include municipalities, regions, non-governmental non-profit organizations and business entities.

Further information:

Minimum contribution to the project: CZK 5,000,000
Project budget: CZK 1,364,240,000
Maximum contribution to the project in %: 92.5%

Operating objectives:

- The high quality and sufficient capacity of basic tourism infrastructure
- Advanced secondary tourism infrastructure in the region
- Good visitor accessibility to attractive locations and landmarks
- Exploiting of the region's attractiveness and unique features through an extensive offering of tourism products

Key criteria:

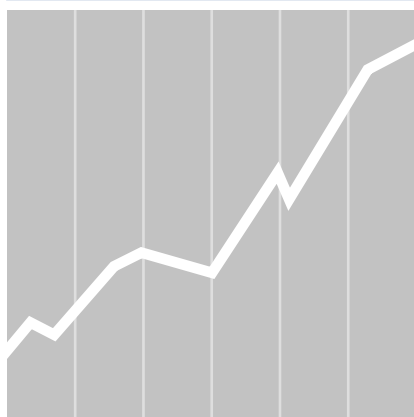
Beneficiaries:

- Municipalities
- Municipality associations
- Regions
- Regions and municipalities and organizations established by them
- Non-governmental non-profit organizations
- Business entities
- Interest associations of legal persons

Supported activities:

- Basic tourism infrastructure modernization and capacity increase. The support is aimed at increasing and expanding basic infrastructure capacity (accommodation, catering) including its promotion.
- Renewal and development of secondary tourism infrastructure. Support is aimed at creating and promoting a broad spectrum of secondary infrastructure elements.
- Support for the revitalization of cultural, historical and technical landmarks aimed at increasing the territory's attractiveness for tourists. Support is aimed, e.g., at revitalizing cultural-historical and technical landmarks, projects to launch various navigation systems to landmarks, etc.
- Support of tourist accessibility to attractive locales. Support is primarily aimed at ensuring then accessibility of tourist centres and other attractive tourist locales in the region, including the creation of requisite visitor amenities like sufficient parking.
- Creation of tourism products and promotion of infrastructure supported within the given area of support. Support is aimed at creating and introducing new tourism offerings and marketing activities associated with tourism development.

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ROP for NUTS II Moravian-Silesian Region – Priority axis 2: Support of regional prosperity – 2.3 Support for the use of brownfields

Application Acceptance Status: Expected to be announced at the end of 2008; likely closing date in January 2009

The objective is the appropriate use of deserted areas in compliance with the region's needs. Supported activities will include the establishment of a revolving fund for brownfield regeneration, support for legal property claim resolutions, ensuring transport accessibility, support for training in the field of brownfield regeneration and revitalisation and partnership for the harmonization of public and private entities' interests.

Further information:

Project budget CZK 1,513,568,000
Minimum contribution to the project in %: 92.5%

Key criteria:

Beneficiaries:

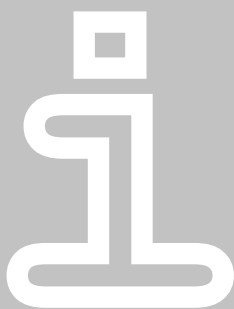
- Moravia-Silesia region and organizations established and founded by the region
- Municipalities, voluntary associations of municipalities and organizations established and founded by municipalities and voluntary associations.
- State enterprises
- Government agencies
- Government organizations
- Educational and consultancy institutions, schools and school facilities
- Social service providers, health care facilities
- Enterprises and business companies providing public services
- Interest associations of legal persons established exclusively for the provision of regional development services
- Professional, sector and other associations, non-governmental non-profit organizations

Support will be directed toward brownfield regeneration for non-agricultural and non-business purposes or the utilization of brownfield territory less than 50% of which will be used for the processing industry. Brownfield regeneration will primarily be supported in urban areas but also to a lesser extent in suburban areas. Support will only be provided for the regeneration of brownfields owned by public entities or entities founded through public and private sector co-operation where the public sector has controlling influence (a public developer).

The following regeneration steps will be supported:

- Support for the resolution of legal property claims, ensuring transport accessibility to these locations for road, bicycle and foot traffic
- Regeneration project preparation, including necessary research
- Area preparatory work, demolition of unusable buildings and land clearing
- Land decontamination
- Landscaping and planting
- Linking of the land to transport and technical infrastructure necessary for the area's future use, including relaying
- Refurbishment of existing buildings suitable for further use
- Updating and upgrading of the brownfield database
- Training on the topic of brownfield regeneration and revitalization for involved parties – municipalities, public administration bodies and the professional community
- Establishing public-private partnerships of entities involved in the revitalization and regeneration process.

Monitoring



Monitoring – most interesting public support programmes

Ministry of Industry and Trade (MPO) ČR – EFFECT Programme – E. Buildings

Deadline for applications: 31 January 2008

Maximum amount: CZK 3,000,000

Target sectors: public, business

The Programme is aimed at influencing energy savings and utilizing renewable energy sources in the Czech Republic. Supported activities include the issuance of energy intensity certificates for buildings exceeding 1,000 m², overhaul of building heating systems and heating sources, construction or reconstruction of buildings as low-energy-consumption buildings. Schools and municipalities, health care and social institutions and entrepreneurs may apply for support.

Ministry of Industry and Trade (MPO) ČR – EFFECT Programme – D. Industry

Deadline for applications: 31 January 2008

Maximum amount: CZK 5,000,000

Target sectors: public, business

The Programme is aimed at influencing energy savings and utilizing renewable energy sources in the Czech Republic. Support will primarily cover the creation of energy-saving plans in industrial enterprises, energy savings in industrial manufacturing processes and cost-saving measures aimed at reducing the energy intensity of technological processes or energy devices. Entrepreneurs may apply for support.

OP Environment – Priority Axis 6: Natural Surroundings and Landscape Improvements – 6.5 – Support for urban landscape renewal

Deadline for applications: 31 January 2008

Target sector: public

This measure focuses on the sustainable development of municipalities by maintaining and increasing the number and area of nature enclaves in built-up zones, establishing green rings around residential zones, planting out greenery in locations where polluted land has been excavated and removing or safeguarding unused structures in protected territories. Beneficiaries may include municipalities, associations of municipalities, civic associations.

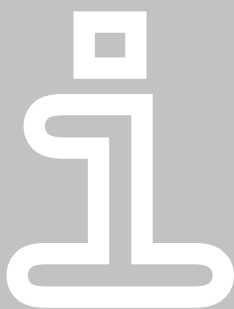
OP Environment – Priority Axis 3: Sustainable utilization of energy sources – 6.5 Implementation of energy-saving measures and use of waste heat in the non-commercial sector

Deadline for applications: 31 January 2008

Target sector: public

The Programme aims to reduce energy consumption in the area of final consumption, particularly energy used to heat non-commercial buildings (except for apartment buildings and single-family homes), e.g. municipalities. The important goal is to increase the share of heat and electricity production from the waste heat production process. Supported activities will include building insulation systems, sealing gaps (e.g. changing out windows), etc. Municipal and regional institutions may apply for support.

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Ministry of Industry and Trade (MPO) ČR – EFFECT Programme – C. Renewable and secondary energy sources

Deadline for applications: 31 January 2008

Maximum amount: CZK 5,000,000

Target sectors: business

The Programme is aimed at influencing energy savings and utilizing renewable energy sources in the Czech Republic. Supported activities include the construction and renovation of small hydroelectric power plants, thermal pumps combined with solar thermal systems and devices for utilizing thermal or pressure waste energy. Entrepreneurs may apply for support.

South Moravia Region – Rural Development – DT 4 Reconstruction of local road network, construction of biking and hiking trails, public lighting and public radio

Deadline for applications: 15 February 2008

Maximum amount: CZK 200,000

Target sector: public

The DT4 Sub-programme addresses local transport infrastructure reconstruction, particularly the local road network, the construction of biking and hiking trails, public lighting system, etc. This Programme is part of the Rural Development Programme for the south Moravia region focusing on economic, social and community development of municipalities and districts within the south Moravia region. Municipalities with fewer than 3,000 inhabitants and associations of municipalities may apply for support.

South Moravia Region – Rural Development – DT 6 Municipal projects for education and consultancy in the field of rural development

Deadline for applications: 15 February 2008

Maximum amount: CZK 100,000

Target sector: public

The Programme focuses on educational and consultancy projects in the field of rural development exceeding the possibilities and needs of municipalities, usually of regional but also national significance (e.g. assistance providers – advisors for multiple municipalities involved in the rural development programme). Only associations of municipalities may apply for the grant.

Olomouc Region – Rural Renewal Programme – 1. Support for the building and renewal of the transport and municipal infrastructure

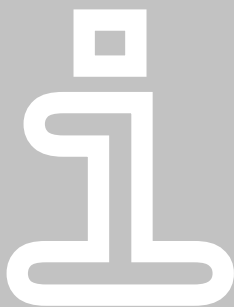
Deadline for applications: 15 February 2008

Maximum amount: CZK 500,000

Target sector: public

The program focuses on activities such as the building and reconstruction of the transport infrastructure (local road network) and municipal infrastructure with the aim of improving the quality of life in rural areas, improving their accessibility and enhancing their attractiveness. Beneficiaries may be municipalities with fewer than 2,000 inhabitants.

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Olomouc Region – Rural Renewal Programme – 2 Support of rural cultural heritage

Deadline for applications: 15 February 2008

Maximum amount: CZK 200,000

Target sector: public

The Programme is aimed at increasing the attractiveness of the territory and preserving the cultural heritage of the rural landscape. Support focuses on investment in maintaining, renewing, upvaluing and using cultural monuments and landmarks, listed reserves, listed zones, cultural features of villages and the landscape. Beneficiaries may be municipalities with fewer than 2,000 inhabitants and associations of municipalities.

Vysočina Region – Programme for the renewal of cultural landmarks in the Vysočina region

Deadline for applications: 15 February 2008

Maximum amount: CZK 300,000

Target sector: public, business

The programme aims to protect the heritage values of cultural landmarks. Support covers the renewal of movable and immovable cultural landmarks. All owners of movable and immovable cultural landmarks in the Vysočina region are eligible to apply.

ROP for NUTS II North-West – Priority Axis 3 – Accessibility and transport service – 3.1 Development of transport infrastructure of regional and supraregional importance

Deadline for applications: 18 February 2008

Target sector: public

The main aim of Priority axis 3 is to improve the connection of the region with the surrounding area, ensuring more effective local connections and effective transport accessibility. The Programme's global goal is transport infrastructure modernization. The specific objective is the effective and high-quality local connection of regional centres in primary transport axes. Supported activities include the preparation of projects and project documentation. Beneficiaries may be regional authorities.

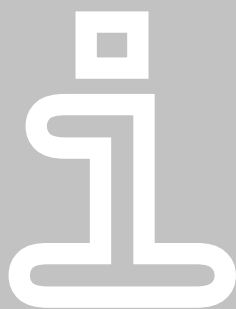
ROP for NUTS II North-West – Priority Axis 5 – Technical assistance – 5.1 Support for implementation of ROP North-West

Deadline for applications: 18 February 2008

Target sector: public

The global goal will be effective and efficient ROP North-West implementation. The specific target will be ROP North-West's flexible and effective administration and management. Supported activities include the purchase of payment of services and costs incurred for research, professional studies, consultations, etc., programme implementation – particularly methodological support, programme management, monitoring and evaluation. The applicant will be the Regional Council.

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Seventh Framework Program/FP7 – Co-operation – Agriculture, Food and Biotechnology

Deadline for applications: 19 February 2008

Target sector: public, business

The Seventh Framework Program is a European Community program for research, technological development and demonstrations. This part of the program focuses primarily on larger projects in the area of health care, biological resources, renewable energy sources, the protection of human, animal and plant health and consumer protection.

Karlovy Vary Regional Office – Rural Development Program (RDP) – DT5 Integrated Projects for Rural Micro Regions

Deadline for applications: 25 February 2008

Target sector: public

The RDP generally assumes the participation of the rural population, civic clubs and associations in municipal renewal in compliance with local tradition and focuses on economic, social and community development of municipalities, regions and municipal clusters, remodelling of residential and business buildings, renewal and construction of amenities, technical infrastructure and landscape protection.

Karlovy Vary Regional Office – Rural Development Program (RDP) – DT5 Drafting Projects with the Aim of Obtaining Financial Support

Deadline for applications: 25 February 2008

Maximum amount: CZK 100 000

Target sector: public

The DT4 sub-program generally focuses on support for the drafting of documents necessary to support a project application. Specifically, the program supports the drafting of feasibility studies, cost / benefit analyses (CBA), expense and revenue analyses, projected sources of financing, project time schedules, the translation of project parts that are mandatory in a foreign language, etc. Applicants include municipalities with populations of up to 2000.

ROP for NUTS II Central Moravia – Priority 2: Integrated Regional Development and Renewal – 2.3 Rural Development

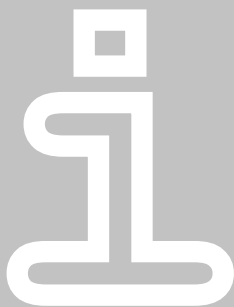
Deadline for applications: 28 February 2008

Maximum amount: CZK 80 000 000

Target sector: public

The goal is to support rural development through integrated activities designed to improve the quality of life. The program will mainly support facilities providing interest-based and leisure activities, educational infrastructure, health care infrastructure, modernization, renewal and remodelling of buildings, etc. Applicants may include municipalities with populations of more than 500 and less than 5,000, clusters of municipalities, non-governmental not-for-profit organizations (NNO), etc.

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ROP for NUTS II Central Moravia – Priority 1: Transport – 1.3 Motorless Transport

Deadline for applications: 28 February 2008

Maximum amount: CZK 50 000 000

Target sector: public, business

The goal is to support the development of high-quality infrastructure for motorless transportation appropriate for everyday use with a view to increased road traffic safety and reduced traffic load. The program supports, inter alia, the construction of regionally significant trails and implementation of measures prioritising motorless (especially bicycle) transport. Applicants may include business entities, municipalities and regions.

EEC/Norwegian Financial Mechanism – 1: Preserving European Cultural Heritage (Individual Projects)

Deadline for applications: 29 February 2008

Target sector: public, business

The Norwegian Financial Mechanism is designed to deepen cross-sector co-operation between Norwegian and Czech organizations. Priority 1 focuses on protecting cultural heritage (movable and immovable). The Norwegian Fund is designed for organizations in the public, not-for-profit and private sectors. The maximum grant amount is EUR 250 thousand.

EEC/Norwegian Financial Mechanism – 2: Environmental Protection (Individual Projects)

Deadline for applications: 29 February 2008

Target sector: public, business

The Norwegian Financial Mechanism is designed to deepen cross-sector co-operation between Norwegian and Czech organizations. Priority 2 focuses on environmental protection, public education in environmental issues, support of bio-fuel, etc. The Norwegian Fund is designed for organizations in the public, not-for-profit and private sectors. The maximum grant amount is EUR 250 thousand.

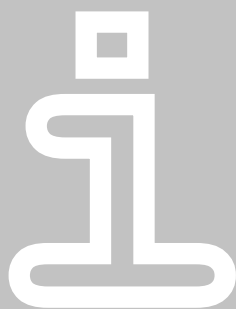
EEC/Norwegian Financial Mechanism – 5: Sustainable Development Support (Individual Projects)

Deadline for applications: 29 February 2008

Target sector: public, business

The Norwegian Financial Mechanism is designed to deepen cross-sector co-operation between Norwegian and Czech organizations. Priority 5 focuses on support of regional and local development strategies. The Norwegian Fund – Priority 5 is designed for organizations in the public and not-for-profit sectors. The maximum grant amount EUR 250 thousand.

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Pardubice Regional Office – Program No. 3 Support for Tourism Infrastructure Building in the Pardubice Region

Deadline for applications: 29 February 2008

Maximum amount: CZK 1 000 000

Target sector: public, business

The main goal of the subsidy program is to build infrastructure to support tourism. The program should help develop the travel industry. The subsidy will be used to support, inter alia, projects, bicycle trails, campgrounds, information boards, as well as investment projects to expand accommodation capacities

ROP for NUTS II Moravia-Silesia – Priority 2: Support of Regional Prosperity – 2.4 Region Marketing

Deadline for applications: 29 February 2008

Target sector: public

The main goal is to change the region's image. Supported activities concern the region's marketing strategy, marketing strategy implementation and marketing analyses and measurements. This means, inter alia, developing a uniform visual style for the region, public relations, external communication and media image and attracting more visitors to the region, etc. The region is the applicant.

ROP for NUTS II Central Bohemia – Priority 1: Transport – 1.2 Sustainable Forms of Public Transport

Deadline for applications: 29 February 2008

Target sector: public, business

The global goal of priority transport is to ensure high and sustainable mobility of the population and reliable accessibility to key population centres and Prague for the entire central Bohemia region. The goal of the program itself is to increase the use of environmentally friendly public transport and ensure optimum connections between bus and railway transport options. Applicants may include municipalities, regions and companies working in the public interest.

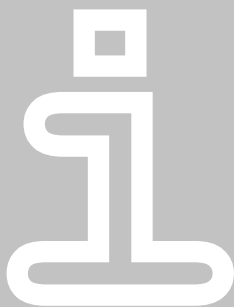
ROP for NUTS II Central Bohemia – Priority 2: Tourism – 2.1 Business Infrastructure and Travel Industry Services

Deadline for applications: 29 February 2008

Target sector: business

The global goal of the priority is to increase accommodation capacity in central Bohemian destinations, improve accommodation services quality and expand the offering of ancillary services. The support focuses on building, enlarging and/or modernizing accommodation facilities of small and medium-size entrepreneurs and expanding the offering of ancillary services related to accommodation facilities. Applicants include small and medium-size enterprises.

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ROP for NUTS II South-East – Priority 2: Travel Industry Development – 2.1 Travel Industry Infrastructure Development

Deadline for applications: 29 February 2008

Maximum amount: CZK 100 000 000

Target sector: public, business

Priority goal: improve the quality of travel industry development conditions in the region based on infrastructure support, coordination of development activities, marketing and human resources with the aim of increasing travel industry-related employment and income for the region. Supported activities include construction and/or modernization of accommodation facilities and restaurants and travel industry infrastructure, creating and improving bicycle trails and pedestrian and cross country ski trails. Applicants may include municipalities, regions, non-governmental not-for-profit organizations and small and medium-size enterprises.

ROP for NUTS II South-East – Priority 1: Transport Development – 1.4 Infrastructure Development for Motorless Transport

Deadline for applications: 29 February 2008

Maximum amount: CZK 100 000 000

Target sector: public

The global goal of the priority is to upgrade the region's accessibility and transport network. Supported activities will include creating and improving bicycle trails and implementing measures aimed at increasing urban traffic safety (pedestrian paths and sidewalks, etc.) Applicants may include regions, municipalities and municipal clusters.

ROP for NUTS II South-East – Priority 2: Travel Industry Development – 2.2. Development of Travel Industry Services

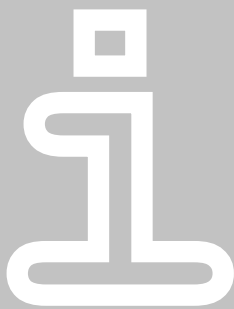
Deadline for applications: 29 February 2008

Maximum amount: CZK 10 000 000

Target sector: public, business

Priority goal: improve the quality of conditions for travel industry development in the region based on infrastructure support, coordination of development activities, marketing and human resources with the aim of increasing travel industry-related employment and income for the region. Supported activities include drafting marketing strategies, creating and promoting travel industry products and preparing new multi-language materials and objects. Applicants may include municipalities, municipal clusters, regions, non-governmental not-for-profit organizations, small and medium-size enterprises, etc.

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ROP for NUTS II South-East – Priority 3: Urban and Rural Development – 3.4. Public Services of Regional Significance

Deadline for applications: 29 February 2008

Target sector: public

The global goal is to increase the region's competitive ability by strengthening the development potential of cities and stabilizing the rural population. The specific goal is to increase the quality of life of the region's population. Supported activities include constructing, remodelling and modernizing public health care facilities, social care facilities and lifelong learning facilities and modernizing cultural, athletic and other facilities. Applicants may include regions.

EEC/Norwegian Financial Mechanism – Block Grant Improving Life in Communities Via Activities and Services of NNOs – 2. Children and Youth with Specific Issues

Deadline for applications: 3 March 2008

Maximum amount: CZK 100 000

Target sector: public

The program focuses on supporting not-for-profit activities for children and youth with specific issues, especially in terms of improving the accessibility and quality of services for socially or medically challenged children/youth, promoting systemic changes and concepts that strengthen family care and similar. The program is only open to civic associations, companies working in the public interest and parochial legal entities.

Pardubice Regional Office – Program No. 4 Support of Development Project Implementation in Problematic Micro Regions of the Pardubice Region

Deadline for applications: 5 March 2008

Maximum amount: CZK 1 000 000

Target sector: public

The goal of this program is focused support for the reduction of general development divisions between individual micro regions within the region. The program focuses on the creation of favourable conditions for doing business and increased employment in the form of building infrastructure to support business development.

ROP for NUTS II South-West – Priority 1: Accessibility of Centres – 1.5 Development of Local Communications

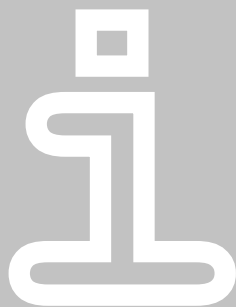
Deadline for applications: 14 March 2008

Maximum amount: CZK 20 000 000

Target sector: public

The goal of priority 1 is to improve the accessibility of population centres from other cities and municipalities in the region and from centres outside the region, and to improve links within the region. Areas of support include: constructing, upgrading and modernizing local communications. Beneficiaries include, in particular, municipalities and cities and/or organisations established by them.

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ROP for NUTS II South-West – Priority 1: Accessibility of Centres – 1.5 Development of Public Transport Infrastructure

Deadline for applications: 14 March 2008

Maximum amount: CZK 10 000 000

Target sector: public, business

The goal of priority 1 is to improve accessibility to and within the region. Areas of support include public transport infrastructure modernization (e.g. transport terminals, stops, information systems) Support recipients include, in particular, regions, municipalities and cities, as well as businesses (individuals and legal entities).

ROP for NUTS II South-West – Priority 2: Stabilization and Development of Cities and Municipalities – 2.3. Revitalization of Parts of Cities and Municipalities

Deadline for applications: 14 March 2008

Maximum amount: CZK 40 000 000

Target sector: public

The main goal is to stabilize rural areas. A specific goal is to support quality of life. Supported activities include, in particular, building and remodelling schools and school facilities (including athletic facilities), as well as acquiring equipment to improve the quality of educational programs. The program is designed for regions, municipalities and cities, as well as for private primary and secondary schools and colleges. The program applies for the south Bohemia and Pilsen regions.

ROP for NUTS II South-West – Priority 3: Travel Industry Development – 3.1. Development of Travel Industry Infrastructure

Deadline for applications: 14 March 2008

Target sector: public, business

Priority 3 focuses on improving utilisation of the primary potential of the territory and strengthening the economic significance of the travel industry. Supported activities include, in particular, building and remodelling tourist trails, athletic, recreational and cultural amenities and accommodation capacities, as well as building and remodelling the spa infrastructure. The program is open to public not-for-profit subjects in the travel industry, regions, municipalities. NNOs, etc.

ROP for NUTS II South-West – Priority 2: Stabilization and Development of Cities and Municipalities – 2.5 Development of Infrastructure for Social Integration

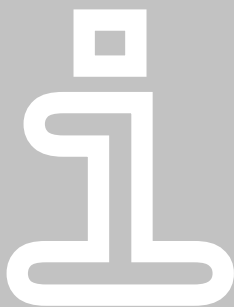
Deadline for applications: 14 March 2008

Maximum amount: CZK 65 000 000

Target sector: public

The main goal is to stabilize rural areas via balanced development of the residential functions of cities and municipalities. A specific goal is to increase the quality of life. Supported activities include, in particular, modernizing health care facilities, developing the network of emergency outpatient care and the use of modern technologies in health care. The program is designed for regions, cities, municipalities, as well as for businesses and civic associations. The program applies for the south Bohemia and Pilsen regions.

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ROP for NUTS II South-West – Priority 2: Stabilization and Development of Cities and Municipalities – 2.4 Development of Primary, Secondary and College Education Infrastructure

Deadline for applications: 14 March 2008

Maximum amount: CZK 75 000 000

Target sector: public

The global goal is to stabilize rural areas via balanced development of the residential functions of cities and municipalities. Supported activities include, in particular, building and remodelling facilities for social integration and social services facilities at the local level. The program is designed for regions, cities, municipalities, as well as for businesses and civic associations. The program applies for the south Bohemia and Pilsen regions.

ROP for NUTS II South-West – Priority 3: Travel Industry Development – 3.2. Revitalization of Landmarks and Utilization of Cultural Heritage in Travel Industry Development

Deadline for applications: 14 March 2008

Target sector: public, business

Priority 3 focuses on improving utilization of the region's primary potential and strengthening the economic significance of the travel industry. Supported activities include, in particular, repairing and remodelling landmarks including activities for their new use in the travel industry and revitalizing listed territories. The program is open to public, not-for profit and business subjects operating in the travel industry.

Visegrad Fund – Standard Projects

Deadline for applications: 15 March 2008

Target sector: public, business

This program focuses on the provision of funds for activities in the following areas: cultural co-operation, scientific exchange and research, education, youth exchanges, cross-border co-operation, tourism support. Entitled applicants in this program include legal entities and individuals from the Visegrad Four countries (Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Hungary).

Rural Development Program – I.1.1.1. Modernization of Agricultural Enterprises

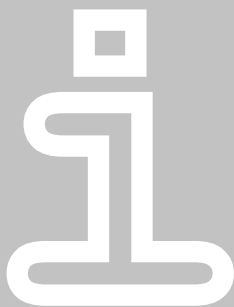
Deadline for applications: 17 March 2008

Maximum amount: CZK 18 000 000

Target sector: business

The subsidy focuses on investment in agricultural construction and technologies (building remodelling and construction) including necessary handling areas for animal and plant production. The measure further focuses on the use and processing of biomass for own needs. The subsidy is available to businesses operating in agriculture and business subjects majority-owned by agricultural producers.

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Rural Development Program – II.2.4.1 Renewal of Forest Potential after Natural Disasters and Support of Forest Social Functions

Deadline for applications: 17 March 2008

Maximum amount: CZK 55 000 000

Target sector: public, business

The program focuses on renewing forest production potential and all its functions and reducing the scope of damage caused by natural disasters and fire. Applicants may include owners or lessees of land zoned for forest-related functions as well as associations of owners or lessees with legal subjectivity.

ROP for NUTS II North-East – Priority 2: Development of Urban and Rural Areas – 2.2. Urban Development

Deadline for applications: 28 March 2008

Target sector: public

Priority 2 focuses on reducing the regional division limiting increased economic prosperity and efficient long-term decision-making regarding the region's future. The support focuses on urban renewal (i.e. infrastructure development in the area of schools and education, health care and social affairs, revitalization of buildings and land, etc). Applicants include municipalities, regions, NNOs, etc.

ROP for NUTS II North-East – Priority 3: Travel Industry – 3.1. Development of Basic Tourism Infrastructure and Ancillary Activities

Deadline for applications: 28 March 2008

Target sector: public, business

The specific goal of this support is to improve the quality and broaden the spectrum of infrastructure for travel industry development and, in a lesser scope, to ensure higher-quality services as a necessary precondition for travel industry development and new travel industry product creation. Applicants include municipalities, regions, NNOs and business subjects.