

Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports

of the Czech Republic

Managing Authority of the OP RDI

CALL FOR SUBMISSION OF OP RDI PROJECTS

Equipment of Specialized Science and Industry Libraries

Call identification	Equipment of Specialized Science and Industry Libraries
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Support Area	3.2 – Publicity and Awareness of R&D Results
Call number	4.3 – Equipment of Specialized Science and Industry Libraries
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System of collecting applications	Round calls
Planned allocation for this call	CZK 700 million

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1 Main stipulations

The call is announced and the support will be provided by the OP RDI Managing Authority – Ministry of Youth, Education and Sports (hereinafter MEYS), (www.msmt.cz)).

2 Equipment of Specialized Science and Industry Libraries

In the given call, the equipment of libraries is primarily understood as acquisition of research information sources in electronic or paper-based form, provision of access to electronic information sources (EIS) in the form of licences, services for remote access, acquisition or retrofitting of hardware including the operation software, research software, and networks, provision of archiving services. Secondly, it involves equipping libraries and study rooms with adequate furniture, security systems, specialized library technologies or communication technology.

For the purpose of this call, a **specialized science library** is understood as a library providing library services and featuring multi-discipline oriented collections.¹ An **industry library** provides library services focused on a single or a group of inter-related disciplines of science.² In both cases the call addresses the main target group composed of researchers-educators, students, and wide professional public.

3 Main objective of the call

The objective of the call is to use investments into research information sources and related infrastructure to ensure availability of these sources, their efficient use, generating thus conditions for the production of quality R&D results.

3.1 Specific objectives of the call

- a) Acquiring and ensuring electronic and paper-based sources including their access in the form of licences and multi licences.
- b) Information support of entire disciplines of science with basic and essential information sources and ensuring the updating of information sources for R&D.
- c) Modernization of the library interior equipment to support efficient and user-friendly use of the acquired information sources.
- d) Generating conditions for quality R&D in the CR and better usability of the Czech science in the world.
- e) Supporting the availability of information sources for wide professional public and stimulating interest in R&D.
- f) Supporting efficient, modern, and user-friendly use of the acquired information sources, e.g. by means of remote access, expanding thus the range of potential users.

¹ Pursuant to Act 257/2001 Coll., on Libraries and Conditions for the Operation of Public Librarian and Information Services.

² Pursuant to Act 257/2001 Coll., on Libraries and Conditions for the Operation of Public Librarian and Information Services.

4 Supported activities

- a) Acquiring EIS and paper-based sources;
- b) Acquiring licences including access to the archive and remote access to EIS;
- c) Acquiring or retrofitting hardware, software, and networks related to the licence purchase;
- d) Equipping libraries and study rooms with furniture, security systems, specialized library technologies, communication technology;
- e) Reconstruction up to the level of the obligation of a building permit for construction work, which preserves the layout and height restrictions of the building;
- f) Other activities directed at ensuring research information sources and related infrastructure and services connected to their acquisition and availability to the professional public.

Activities listed above under (c) to (f) are possible only as additional, as a follow-up to the principal activities of (a) and (b) or their combination.

5 Grant beneficiary

For the purposes of this call, eligible applicants for support and beneficiaries include:

- A) Public and state colleges and universities carrying out research and development³,
- B) Public research institutions⁴,
- C) Specialized science and industry libraries of at least a regional scope, whose main activity is the provision of library services, and with a separate legal capacity, established as state allowance organizations or allowance organizations of municipal territorial units.⁵
- D) Other colleges and universities carrying out research and development⁶,
- E) Other research organisations meeting the conditions of the “research organization” definition⁷

Participation of more entities having a share in project eligible expenses is allowed within one project. Involvement of other entities (partner/partners of the project) must meet the requirements set out in Guide for Applicants.

³ Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on higher education institutions and on the amendment and supplement to some other acts (Higher Education Act), as amended.

⁴ Act No. 341/2005 Coll., on public research institutions, as amended.

⁵ Pursuant to Act 257/2001 Coll., on Libraries and Conditions for the Operation of Public Librarian and Information Services.

⁶ Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on higher education institutions and on the amendment and supplement to some other acts (Higher Education Act), as amended.

⁷ of Art. 2. 2. (d) of Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation No. 2006/C 323/01, valid as of 1 January 2007.

All entities having a share in eligible project expenses must fulfil each of the conditions stipulated below:

- a) Have commercial and non-commercial activities recorded in separated books;
- b) The prevalent activities have a non-commercial character;
- c) Companies (as entities performing commercial activities) that can influence such an entity, e.g. in the capacity of shareholders or members, do not have any preferential access to the infrastructure of the entity or the results of the entity;⁸
- d) Their main activities include basic research, applied research or experimental development and spreading of their results through instruction, publication or technology transfer, or they were established to provide library and information services; while in all the cases the volume (turnover) of these activities equalled at least (as a sum) 20 % of the aliquot part of project eligible expenses in the past two concluded accounting periods;⁹
- e) Reinvest all their earnings into non-commercial activities listed under (d);
- f) The entity demonstrates there is at least one record of a result it has generated in the Result Information Register (RIR) run by the Research and Development Council in the past monitored and at the same time published period.

The way of proving these conditions is stipulated in the OP RDI Guide for Applicants. Entities specified under (A) to (C) do not demonstrate the conditions listed above under (d) to (f) in the application for support and prior to the issuance of the support decision.

6 Form and amount of support

Priority axis 3, support area 3.2 will be fully financed from public funds as follows: 85% from the European Regional Development Fund and 15% from the state budget.

The support is provided as a grant. The support provided does not constitute state aid within the meaning of Article 87 of the EC Treaty. The funds will be earmarked for eligible project expenses.

The minimum amount of project eligible expenses is CZK 20 million. The maximum amount of eligible expenses is CZK 200 million. The total project expenses must not exceed CZK 1.1 billion.

7 Implementation period and expense eligibility

Eligible project expenses can occur before the issuance of the Grant Award Decision (hereinafter Decision), however not before on 1 January 2011. Expenses occurring from 1 January 2011 until the Decision must be directly related to the project preparation. The nature of preparation activities is specified in Expense Eligibility Rules for call 4.3, support area 3.2 of priority axis 3 of the OP RDI (see annex B to the call). Expenses related to the implementation of the project will only be eligible after the issuance of the Decision. Detailed

⁸ Commercial activities are understood as offering goods and services on the market. In R&D this involves mainly contractual research.

⁹ Pursuant to Act 257/2001 Coll., on Libraries and Conditions for the Operation of Public Librarian and Information Services.

information regarding the rules and an overview of eligible expenses are provided in the Expense Eligibility Rules for call 4.3 of OP RDI support area 3.2, Priority Axis 3. Projects in the call must be completed no later than 30 months after the issuance of the Decision. The Managing Authority recommends the use of 75% of approved eligible expenses in the first 12 months after Decision issuance.

8 Location of project implementation

The project must be executed in the territory of the Czech Republic except for the territory of Prague, while the benefits of the project implementation must flow into eligible regions.

9 Application for support and its submission

The applicant submits a written application for support to the Managing Authority of the OP RDI.

10 Other stipulation

- a) No one has a legal title to receiving the grant.
- b) Detailed information for the elaboration of the project application and conditions not mentioned herein are available in the OP RDI PA 3 Guide for Applicants, available at www.msmt.cz.
- c) The Managing Authority of the OP RDI is entitled to prolong, discontinue or cancel the call.

11 Address of the announcer and support provider

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12 Annexes

- A) Selection criteria for call 4.3 – Equipment of Specialized Science and Industry Libraries;
- B) Rules for expense eligibility for call 4.3 – Equipment of Specialized Science and Industry Libraries;
- C) Monitoring criteria for call 4.3 – Equipment of Specialized Science and Industry Libraries;