

GESHER / MOST PROGRAMME

The objective of the GESHER/MOST Programme is to support international cooperation between Czech and Israeli enterprises in applied research and experimental development.

Areas of support

- Information and communication technologies
- Sustainable and clean technologies
- Agricultural and food-processing technologies
- Biotechnologies and medical technology
- Engineering (new materials, nanotechnologies, cybernetics and robotics)

Aid applicants

- only **commercial companies of all sizes** can apply for aid
- applicants have the possibility of **cooperation with a public higher-education institution, public research institution** and/or other research entities
- **R&D institutes cannot be separate applicants** for aid
- applicants must fulfil the **eligibility conditions** pursuant to **Act No. 130/2002 Coll.**, on Support for Research and Development from Public Funds (e.g. professional experience, trade license, no outstanding debt towards governmental institutions, etc.)

Other terms and conditions

- participants of each project must include **at least one participant from the Czech side and one participant from the Israeli side** that do not have the same owner
- **the period of project implementation** must not exceed **36 months** from the day the decision to grant aid is issued
- **the extent of a research institution's participation** in an R&D project may maximally be **30%** of total eligible project costs

Eligible costs

Personnel costs	research workers, technicians
Costs of machinery and equipment	to the extent and for the period when they are utilised for the given R&D project
Costs of intangible assets	purchased from third parties at market prices
Costs of consulting services	used solely for the purposes of research activities
Secondary overhead costs	e.g. building rental, energy and water supplies, internet
Other operating costs	e.g., travel costs, expense allowance, costs of materials, supplies

Aid intensity

Supported activity	Aid intensity
Applied research	50%
Experimental development	25%
R&D institute's activity*	100%

* up to 30% of the project's eligible costs

Aid amount

Aid amount for a project in one calendar year (CZK)	
Minimum	500,000
Maximum	4,000,000
Recommended	2,000,000

Schedule

- within the programme, **five three-year calls** are planned, each with an allocation of **CZK 60 million**
- the **total allocation** for the programme on the Czech side is approximately **CZK 300 million**
- the **first call** was issued on the 1 April 2010 and submitted applications will be evaluated by **15 September 2010**
- announcement of the **second call** is planned for **October 2010**

Legislation resources

- Act No. **130/2002 Coll.**, on **Support for Research and Development from Public Funds**
- **Community Framework for State Aid for Research, Development and Innovation** (2006/C 323/01)

Information resources

CzechInvest - www.czechinvest.org

Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports - www.msmt.cz

Matimop - www.matimop.org.il

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