

Open Call for Submission of Grant Applications
from **the Partnership Fund**
within the **Swiss-Czech Cooperation Programme**
UPDATE

Intermediary of the Partnership Fund - Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic
Centre for Foreign Assistance
National Coordination Unit of the Swiss-Czech Cooperation Programme

announced on 26th October 2009 the Open Call for submission of grant applications from the Partnership Fund within the Swiss-Czech Cooperation Programme. **The Call is continuous – Applications may be submitted continuously** from the first date of the announcement of the call for the whole duration of Partnership Fund or until the exhaustion of the funds allocated to the Partnership Fund. The Call has been temporarily stopped from the reason of calculation of the remaining funds available.

The Open Call is opened again from 25th September 2013. Applications to the 12th round is possible to submit from this date till 27th January 2014 till 4 p.m. The Partnership Fund rules are NOT changed.

Remaining allocation within the Partnership Fund is 14 mil. CZK.

This amount for the 12th round of Call will be further updated in term of application evaluation (February – March 2014). The final amount could be increased by not utilized funds from sub-projects realized.

In case that funds will not be allocated within the 12th round the Partnership Fund will continue by the next round.

I. Grant Application

The Partnership Fund objective is focused on strengthening and development of bilateral cooperation and exchange of experience between Czech and Swiss institutions.

Sub-projects shall **be submitted within a Partnership and shall:**

- contribute to the solution of specific problems in the Czech Republic in accordance with the objectives defined in the Framework Agreement
- strengthen capabilities of eligible applicants by the exchange and transfer of experience and best practice between partners
- contribute with sub-project activities to the strengthening of the partnership

The following activities will be supported from the Partnership Fund:

- **assistance of Swiss experts** during the transfer and exchange of experience between partner institutions
- **seminars in the CR** - prepared and implemented in co-operation with Swiss partner institutions;
- **seminars in Switzerland** - duly justified participation of Czech representatives at seminars and workshops in Switzerland organized by a Swiss partner institution (*the theme shall correspond to the applicant's field of activity and shall clearly indicate a benefit of his activities*);
- **study visits** – duly justified stay of Czech representatives in Switzerland organized by a Swiss partner institution (*the theme shall correspond to the applicant's field of activity and shall clearly indicate a benefit of his activities*);
- **supplementary activities** – the activities necessary in order to achieve objectives and the prescribed results of the sub-project's activities and the overall objective (equipment, material, related minor construction work) will be duly justified and substantiated.

Grant amount

Grants for sub-projects will be awarded from the Partnership Fund up to a **maximum of 90 % of the total eligible costs of the sub-project, depending on the source of the co-financing**. The total sub-projects costs will be from min. **CZK 170 000** to max. **CZK 4.3 million**. The amount of the grant will be assessed individually for each application.

No legal claim arises from the grant application.

Co-financing

The amount of a grant may reach a maximum of:

- **60 % of the total eligible costs of the sub-project** – in case co-financing from **public sources is not provided**, the amount of co-financing is a **minimum of 40 %**;
- **85 % of the total eligible costs of the sub-project** – in case co-financing from **public sources** (state, regional or local government budgets) **is provided**, the amount of co-financing is a **minimum of 15 %**;
- **90 % of the total eligible costs of the sub-project** – in the case of sub-projects submitted by **non-governmental non-profit organizations** (including church organizations and the social partners – (nationally recognized trade unions and employers unions)), the amount of co-financing is a **minimum of 10 %**.

Implementation period

The maximum duration of sub-project implementation is **18 months**. **The final deadline for the eligibility of the expenses** of the sub-project **is 2 months** after the end of the implementation, but no later than by **30th June 2016**.

II. Eligible applicants

The following bodies are eligible to apply for a grant under the PF:

- institutions at all levels of public administration (state, regional and local government authorities)
- universities and schools
- non-governmental non-profit organizations (NNOs, including church organizations)
- other bodies acting in the public interest

- professional chambers and unions, branch associations (e.g. chambers of commerce, branch / sector associations, associations of entrepreneurs, associations of small and medium enterprises, unions of cooperatives, social partners – i.e. nationally recognized and representative trade unions and employers' unions).

The applicant shall be a Czech entity registered and performing its activities in the Czech Republic.

III. Eligible Costs

Eligible costs of the sub-project are as follows:

- expert fees of foreign experts
- expert fee of Czech experts hired for a specific and clearly defined task only for the duration of the implementation of the sub-project
- business trips of foreign experts in the CR (*accommodation, per diem allowance, travel costs*)
- business trips of Czech expert in Switzerland (*accommodation, per diem allowance, travel costs*)
- seminars in the CR (conference room rental, including technical equipment / refreshments / interpreting)
- registration fees for seminars held in Switzerland
- translation of documents
- external services to the extent necessary to implement the sub-project in the CR and clearly specified in the application
- **purchase of equipment and material** to the extent necessary to implement the sub-project in the CR and clearly specified in the application which shall **not exceed 35 %** of sub-project eligible costs
- **small-scale construction work** to the extent necessary to implement the sub-project in the CR and clearly specified in the application which shall **not exceed 17,5 %** of sub-project eligible costs
- publicity costs specified in the application
- administrative costs

IV. Submission of Application

Applications may be submitted **continuously** - beginning the first **day** of the **announcement of re-opening of Call**. Applications will be elaborated in Czech and in CZK in the prescribed application form.

The applicant shall submit **2 printed Applications** (1 original and 1 copy) fully completed and at the same time, **an electronic version** shall be sent to the e-mail address: **czp-swiss@mfcz.cz**

The electronic version and a hard copy of the application shall be identical. In case of inconsistencies the printed version is decisive. Both printed and electronic versions have to be submitted. If the application is not submitted both in printed and electronic version, it will be **excluded** from further assessment.

The Application shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked: **Swiss-Czech Cooperation Programme – Partnership Fund. Do not open.**

V. Application Form

Further relevant information for the elaboration of the application is stated in the **Guidelines for Applicants** and in the **Application form**. These documents may be downloaded from the web site www.swiss-contributon.cz section – **Partnership Fund**.

VI. Deadline and address for submission of applications

The completed applications within the 12 round **may be submitted continuously** from **25th September 2013 to the 27th January 2014 till 16:00** to the following address of the National Coordination Unit - **Ministry of Finance – Centre for Foreign Assistance**:

Ministry of Finance Centre for Foreign Assistance (Unit 5804) – Programming and Coordination Unit Letenská 15, 118 10 Praha 1
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E-mail address for submission of an electronic version: czp-swiss@mfcz.cz

VII. Further information

Any queries may be sent to the Centre for Foreign Assistance **by e-mail: czp-swiss@mfcz.cz**
Replies to the queries will be sent within 10 days.

Based on an assessment of the performance of the Partnership Fund and the mutual agreement with Swiss authorities, the Call and Partnership Fund conditions may be revised.

Information on each revision shall be published at the web address: www.swiss-contribution.cz before the effective date.