# **Czech - Israel Call for Proposals for Joint R&D Projects**

# Submission by September 17, 2020

The Czech Republic and Israel are jointly announcing the ninth Call for Proposals for joint R&D projects, focusing on developing innovative products and applications in all technological areas. This call is announced within the framework of the Bilateral Cooperation for the Support of Industrial Research and Development in the Private Sector concluded on 30 March 2009.

The main objective of this Call is to launch projects with joint participation from the two countries and provide R&D funding to qualifying participants through the national programs managed by respective: the Israel Innovation Authority (IIA) in Israel and the Technology Agency of the Czech Republic (TA CR)

The Call is launched on **July 15, 2020**, and invites Czech and Israeli partners to submit joint proposals for R&D projects **until September 17, 2020**.

### Qualifications

* The partners should include at least one Israeli and one Czech R&D performing commercial company. The participation of research institutes/universities is welcomed as additional participants or subcontractors according to each country’s funding regulations.
* Companies from other countries may also participate, but they will not receive national funding.
* The project should have an obvious advantage and added value resulting from the cooperation between the participants from the two countries (e.g. increased knowledge base, commercial leads, access to R&D infrastructure, etc.).
* The government contribution is available for three years maximum.
* The project should demonstrate the contribution of the participants from both countries and the project must be significant to both participants.

Any partner whose cooperative R&D project is consistent with the aforesaid criteria can apply to the present announcement in accordance with the national laws, rules, regulations and procedures in effect.

### Submission and the approval procedures

Applicants are required to follow the local requirements and use the provided application format and **submit their proposals by September 17th, 2020, at noon**. Proposals that are not in the approved format will not be accepted.

In addition to the local application, an LOI and a Bilateral Application Form (BAF) must be submitted by each project partner to their respective funding organizations.

**The BAF and LOI must be completed and signed by both Czech and Israeli partners and must include IP and commercialization plans for the project.**

Consultation before a submission is highly recommended through the contact emails below or via the official [TA CR online helpdesk](https://tacr.cz/hesk/).

**In the Czech Republic**

Czech participants shall upload a complete funding application at the time of the proposal submission. More information is available on the [TA CR website](https://tacr.cz/index.php/cz/programy/program-delta.html).

**In Israel**

The Israeli partneris required to submit the full IIA application, in accordance with the Israel Innovation Authority regulations, through an [online sy](https://my.innovationisrael.org.il/company)[stem](https://my.innovationisrael.org.il/company) following the instructions on the relevant incentive program on the [IIA’s website](https://innovationisrael.org.il/node/2763/maslulim). In addition to the local application, an LOI/MOU and a Bilateral Application Form (BAF) must be submitted by Israeli companies.

### Proposal Evaluation

The Israel Innovation Authority and TA CR will independently evaluate the submitted proposals in accordance with the respective national rules and regulations. Evaluation results for the top candidates will be shared and discussed between two organizations. Finally, the Israel Innovation Authority and TA CR will jointly announce the final consortia within approximately 5 months after the call deadline.

The results would be shared with the applying companies **in January 2021**.

### Financing

**In the Czech Republic:**

TA CR would award funding in January 2021 following the conclusion of an agreement on the provision of funding with the lead applicant.

**In Israel**:

* 1. Funding will be provided in the form of a *conditional grant* to the projects selected under the Call for Proposals.
	2. The total funding from the Government of Israel via the IIA will not exceed 50% of the eligible and approved costs of the R&D, in accordance with the national laws and regulations.
	3. When a project results in sales of a product, service or process, the financial support must be repaid to the Israel Innovation Authority according to its regulations (in general, royalties are paid at rates beginning at 3% of sales, depending on various criteria. Royalties are payable until 100% of the amount of the grant has been repaid with interest as provided in the applicable regulations). If the project does not result in sales, no repayment is required.
	4. For more information on funding conditions, applicants should visit the Israel Innovation Authority’s [website](https://innovationisrael.org.il/international/).

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