

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

Submission by July 3, 2025

Scope

Czech Republic and Israel are jointly announcing the twelfth 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 Innovation Authority in Israel and the Technology Agency of the Czech Republic (TA CR)

Call Launch and Structure

The Call is launched on **February 18, 2025**. The call invites partners to present joint proposals for R&D projects and the call will close on July 3, 2025. (In Israel)

Eligible partners are invited, according to national criteria, to present joint proposals for industrial R&D projects according to the following procedures:

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Qualifications

- The partners should include at least one Israeli and one Czech R&D performing commercial company. Participation of research institutes/universities is welcome 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. (applicable for Israeli side)
- 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.).
- 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:

Submission and the approval procedures consist of one phase.

Program Procedure and Schedule

- 1 Submission of R&D proposals
3rd July 2025 (IL participants)
Results Announcements
By 28th November 2025

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- 2 By the Call Deadline on 3rd July 2025, the lead organizations from both countries shall file to the respective organization the documents as follows: (CZ partners till 9/7)
 - A common proposal, written in the English language
The proposal shall be signed by all participants.
 - Funding documents as required by the respective organization pursuant to the rules set forth within.
 - In ISRAEL: Israeli partners will be invited to submit in **addition and at the same time** as the short project outline their funding applications to the Innovation Authority using this link: <https://innovationisrael.org.il/>
 - A provisional consortium agreement among project partners is needed at the moment of proposal submission in this phase.
 - Companies should contact Innovation Authority before submission in order to receive the submission guidelines (see contact information at the end of the document).

Submission to the Innovation Authority: July 3rd, 2025, till 12:00.

The forms must be legally signed by all participating companies.

The signatures must be scanned and sent together with the form as an integral part of the application. The forms must be filled in English, signed by both project partners and sent to the program managers.

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- In CZECH REPUBLIC:
- Czech participants shall upload a complete funding application at the time of the proposal submission. (till July 9th)
- More information will be available at:
<https://tacr.gov.cz/program/program-sigma> (CZ) or
<https://tacr.gov.cz/en/sigma-programme/> (ENG)

Proposal Evaluation

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, Innovation Authority and TA CR will jointly announce the final consortia within approximately 5 months after the call deadline.

Financing

Funding conditions and eligibility criteria may vary from country to country. As summary, main aspects of funding criteria for Israeli partners are explained below:

Israel:

An Israeli R&D performing company which initiate single or multi-year program that will provide know-how, processes or methods for the manufacture of a new product, application, technology base service or process. The product must have a sizeable potential for export sales. Research institutes or other participants may apply as a subcontractor to a company. The support is in the form of a conditional grant amounting generally up to 50% (+ regional incentives for companies located in "development zone") of the eligible R&D budget. Further details regarding grants and payment of royalties are available at the Innovation Authority web site.

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Czech Republic:

TA CR will award funding from January 2026 following the conclusion of agreement on the provision of funding with the lead applicant.

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