

SME-related policy measures adopted, implemented or announced in 2021

Czech Republic

Title of the measure (national language)	Title of the measure (English translation)	Implementing body	Adopted / implement ed / announced as part of the 'National Recovery and Resilience Plan' (Yes / No)	Status (Adopted or implemented or announced)	Date of adoption/ implementation or announcement (DD/MM/YYYY)	General description (objectives / key features / budget - if applicable, and weblink to online source)
ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS OF SUSTAINABILITY						
Fotovoltaické systémy s/bez akumulace – I. výzva	Support Programme Photovoltaic Systems with/without storage – Call I.	Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic	Yes	Announced	15/11/2021	The aim of the call is to support the implementation of projects that lead to an increase in the installed capacity of photovoltaic sources. This will help increase the production of electricity from renewable energy sources in the Czech Republic. The supported activities within the programme will be: installation of photovoltaic power plants on business buildings, including shelters (e.g., for cars, construction equipment, material storage, etc.) with an

						<p>installed capacity of 1 kWp to 1 MWp, inclusive. The beneficiaries of this support programme are business entities.</p> <p>https://www.mpo.cz/cz/podnikani/draft-vyzvy-na-podporu-instalace-fotovoltaickych-elektraren-na-podnikatelskych-budovach-z-npo--264173/</p>
Partnerství pro biodiverzitu Výzva 2021: Mezinárodní výzva v oblasti podpory biodiverzity a ochrany ekosystémů	Partnership for Biodiversity Call 2021: International call for biodiversity support and ecosystem protection	Technological Agency of the Czech Republic Ministry of Environment	Yes	Implemented	01/10/2021	<p>The call is intended to support research projects in the field of biodiversity support and ecosystem protection in all environments including terrestrial and marine environments as well as freshwater systems.</p> <p>The main topics of the call are: knowledge for identifying priority conservation areas, establishing effective and resilient ecological networks, enhancing species-based protection and preserving genetic diversity.</p> <p>https://www.tacr.cz/partnerstvi-pro-biodiverzitu-call-2021-nova-mezinarodni-vyzva-evropskeho-partnerstvi-v-oblasti-podpory-biodiverzity-a-ochrany-ekosystemu/</p>
SOCIAL ASPECTS OF SUSTAINABILITY						
Program ÉTA (6. veřejná soutěž)	Programme ÉTA (6 th public tender)	Technological Agency of the Czech Republic	Yes	Announced	20/09/2021	This programme, designed for research organizations and enterprises, will support the involvement of the social sciences and humanities in applied research and innovation projects that are beneficial for

						<p>maintaining and improving the quality of human life in response to dynamic social, economic, cultural or technological change. Projects will be supported that address: benefits from multidisciplinary approaches; technical and non-technical research; exploit the potential of basic research outputs for applications.</p> <p>https://www.tacr.cz/program/p-program-eta/</p>
Program podpory malých prodejen na venkově (Obchůdek 2021+)	Support programme for small shops in the countryside (Obchůdek 2021+)	Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic	No	Implemented	28/06/2021	<p>The Ministry of Industry and Trade has set up a programme to support small shops in rural areas in order to help increase sustainable development of the countryside and to ensure that small rural settlements with less than 1,000 inhabitants are serviced. Entrepreneurs can receive an annual subsidy of up to CZK 100,000 for their business (for the wage costs of employees, rental of retail space, costs for a payment terminal, etc.).</p> <p>https://www.mpo.cz/cz/podnikani/vnitri-obchod/program-obchudek-2021-program-obchudek-2021--262006/</p>
DIGITALISATION (e.g. Digital Innovation Hubs, training, vouchers, grants or loans for digitalisation and to invest in new digital equipment, etc.)						
ICT a sdílené služby – Výzva V Digitální podnik	Support Programme ICT and Shared Services – Call V – Digital Enterprise	Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic API (Agency for Entrepreneurship and Innovation)	No	Implemented	15/09/2021	<p>This support programme for SMEs is aimed at fostering the digital transformation of companies, development of logistics and warehousing technology, internal connectivity, cyber security</p>

						<p>office applications and simple (basic) accounting programmes or applications for tax records and business information system with limited functionality. The aim of the call is to increase the digital level of SMEs operating in the Czech market by supporting the purchase and implementation of advanced non-production digital technologies that will help ensure a fundamental change in the overall production process, expansion of existing capacity through support for automation, data digitization and more efficient interconnection and management of business processes.</p> <p>The subsidy for one project is at least CZK 1 million to CZK 10 million.</p> <p>https://www.agentura-api.org/cs/programy-podpory/ict-a-sdilene-sluzby/ict-a-sdilene-sluzby-vyzva-v-digitalni-podnik/</p>
INNOVATION (e.g. vouchers, grants or loans for R&D and innovation, support to encourage SMEs to commercialise RTD results and to acquire patents, etc.)						
Inovační vouchery – Výzva VI	Support programme Innovation Vouchers – Call VI	Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic API (Agency for Entrepreneurship and Innovation)	No	Implemented	01/01/2021	<p>This support programme for SMEs is intended for the purchase of advisory, expert and support services in the area of innovations from organisations for research and knowledge dissemination or from accredited labs to commence or intensify innovation activities of SMEs.</p> <p>The main aim of the Innovation Vouchers Programme Call is to</p>

						<p>develop communication and knowledge sharing and increase the know-how of the business sector and research, which can be used by the SMEs for launching or intensifying their own innovation activities.</p> <p>The aid is granted under aid intensity schemes of 50%, 75% and 85% of the proven eligible expenditure. The maximum amount of eligible expenses required ranges from CZK 58,824 to CZK 499,999. expenses.</p> <p>Agency for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, 2021. https://www.agentura-api.org/cs/programy-podpory/inovacni-vouchery/inovacni-vouchery-vyzva-vi/</p>
Inovace – Výzva IX (inovační projekt)	Support Programme: Innovation – Innovation Project – Call IX	Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic API (Agency for Entrepreneurship and Innovation)	No	Implemented	15/06/2021	<p>This support programme intends to increase the technical and utility values of products, technologies, and services; improving the efficiency of production processes and services provision; implementing new methods of organising corporate processes through the deployment of new information systems to integrate and automate intra-company processes. This is targeted specifically at interconnecting research and development (R&D) activities, innovation, and production; increasing sales of products and services through a substantial change in product or</p>

						<p>packaging design, or introducing new sales channels.</p> <p>In particular, the programme is focused on strengthening the innovation performance of SMEs and improving their competitiveness through increasing the use of unique know-how created in cooperation with the academic and research sector. The subsidy amounts to no less than CZK 1 million and no more than CZK 100 million. The intensity of support is between 35 and 45% for SMEs.</p> <p>https://www.agentura-api.org/cs/programy-podpory/inovace-inovace-vyzva-ix-inovacni-projekt/</p>
SKILLS (e.g., vocational education and training, forecasting skill needs, measures to adapt the vocational training systems to the requirements of the labour market, etc.).						
ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN						
Vytvoření Jednotného portálu evidence kontrol ze strany státní správy (kontrolní web) pro snížení ročního počtu kontrol zejména u malých podnikatelů.	Create a Single portal to keep records of inspections (an inspection website) to reduce the number of inspections, especially for small entrepreneurs.	Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic	No	Announced	11/03/2021	The Ministry of Industry and Trade has published an intention to create a Single Portal for the Registration of Controls by the State Administration (an inspection website) in the Annex 2 to the new <i>Strategy for the Support of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises</i> in the area of reducing the administrative and legislative burden of entrepreneurs. The aim of this measure is to reduce the annual number of inspections carried out, especially for small businesses, from the current 10

						<p>- 45 inspections per year to about 5 inspections in one year.</p> <p>Strategic Document, Strategy for the Support of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, Annex 2, Implementation Plan, Ministry of Industry and Trade, page 2. https://www.mpo.cz/assets/cz/podnikani/male-a-stredni-podnikani/studie-a-strategicke-dokumenty/2021/9/Strategy-to-support-SMEs-in-the-Czech-Republic-2021-2027.zip</p>
REGULATORY OBSTACLES						
Workshopy k provádění hodnocení dopadů na MSP a uplatňování zásady „mysli nejprve na malé“	Workshops on conducting SME impact assessments and applying the "Think Small First" principle	Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic	No	Announced	11/03/2021	<p>The Ministry of Industry and Trade presented the new planned measure in Annex 2 of the new Strategy for the Support of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, intending to improve the situation in the application of the "Think Small First" principle by the state administration. This is done by ensuring the implementation of a series of training in the form of workshops aimed at conducting a thorough assessment of the impact of proposed legislative measures on SMEs. The training is planned to take place in the particular relevant Ministries from 2022.</p> <p>Strategic Document, Strategy for the Support of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, Annex 2, Implementation Plan,</p>

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ACCESS TO FINANCE (including guarantee schemes, public funding programmes, support for alternative financing and equity financing, favourable legal, tax and regulatory frameworks for investments, fiscal incentives)						
SMART záruka v rámci programu Záruka 2015–2023	SMART Guarantee in frame of the Guarantee 2015 to 2023 programme	National Development Bank of the Czech Republic	No	Implemented	06/04/2021	SMART Guarantee in the Guarantee 2015 to 2023 programme facilitates SMEs' access to bank loans for the digital transformation of their business. This guarantee for commercial loans is intended for SMEs operating in areas such as: manufacturing; construction; retail and wholesale; transport and storage; accommodation, meals and other services. The free guarantee is provided for loans for: acquisition and technical improvement of tangible fixed assets related to the digitalisation of the company; acquisition of intangible fixed assets related to the digitisation of the business; acquisition of small tangible and intangible assets related to the digitisation of the business; training of employees or consultancy on digitisation. The guarantee has the following parameters: the amount of the guarantee up to 80%, the amount of the guaranteed loan max. CZK 4 million, the guarantee maturity up to 6 years, working capital

						and investment loans can be financed. SMART Guarantee, National Development Bank of the Czech Republic. https://www.nrb.cz/produkt/zaruka-2015-az-2023/smart-zaruka/
LATE PAYMENTS (measures aimed at addressing late payments)						
ACCESS TO MARKETS (e.g. market-specific support and business training activities, export credit insurance, missions – covering both the Single market and third countries)						
Program na podporu internacionalizace start-upů a scale-upů	Programme to support the internationalisation of start-ups and scale-ups	Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic	No	Announced	11/03/2021	<p>The Ministry of Industry and Trade has published an intention to introduce a new Programme to support the internationalisation of start-ups and scale-ups in Annex 2 to the new Strategy for the Support of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises.</p> <p>The aim of this measure is mainly to provide consulting services for SMEs (at all stages of their development) to facilitate their entry and operation in foreign markets, or expert services in business and marketing strategy, design, optimisation of product material eco-design and other support tools for entry and operation in foreign markets.</p> <p>Strategic Document, Strategy for the Support of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, Annex 2, Implementation Plan, Ministry of Industry and Trade, page 4.</p>

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START-UP ENVIRONMENT						
Poradenství – Výzva II Poradenské služby pro MSP	Counselling Support Programme - Counselling Services for SMEs - Call II.	Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic API (Agency for Entrepreneurship and Innovation)	No	Implemented	01/03/2021	The Counselling Support Programme, Counselling Services for SMEs, call is focused on providing consulting services for start-up and developing SMEs throughout the Czech Republic, with the exception of NUTS 2 Prague. The aim of the call is to support the development of business activities and increase the competitiveness of SMEs. In particular, the call is intended for the purchase of consulting services for SMEs, which are aimed at obtaining new certificates needed for business and industry (certification of products, processes, management systems, etc.) and the purchase of consulting services for SMEs aimed at processing of the evaluation of water management of industrial enterprises according to the methodology of evaluation of water utilization at the level of enterprises. The subsidy for one project is p at least CZK 50,000 and a maximum of CZK 1 million and the maximum intensity of support is up to 50% of the total eligible expenditure.

						Agency for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, 2021 https://www.agentura-api.org/cs/programy-podpory/poradenstvi/poradenstvi-vyzva-ii-poradenske-sluzby-pro-msp/
SCALE-UP ENVIRONMENT						
Program na podporu manažerských dovedností začínajících firem (start-upů a spin-offů)	Programme to support the managerial skills of start-ups and spin-offs	Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic CzechInvest	No	Announced	11/03/2021	<p>The Ministry of Industry and Trade has published an intention to introduce new programme to support the managerial skills of start-ups and spin-offs in the Annex 2 to the Strategy for the Support of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises in order to provide specific consulting services for start-ups/scale-ups (business, marketing, legal, managerial, etc.) with the involvement of the newly-created national and regional innovation infrastructure.</p> <p>Strategic Document, Strategy for the Support of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, Annex 2, Implementation Plan, Ministry of Industry and Trade, page 5. https://www.mpo.cz/assets/cz/podnikani/male-a-stredni-podnikani/studie-a-strategicke-dokumenty/2021/9/Strategy-to-support-SMEs-in-the-Czech-Republic-2021-2027.zip</p>
NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL ECOSYSTEMS						
OTHER RELEVANT TOPICS (e.g. second chance for honest bankrupt entrepreneurs, bankruptcy prevention, entrepreneurship education, public procurement)						
Publikace nástrojů včasného varování	Publication of early warning tools	Ministry of Industry and Trade of the	No	Announced	11/03/2021	The Ministry of Industry and Trade has introduced intention to implement a new measure in

		Czech Republic Ministry of Justice				<p>Annex 2 to the new Strategy for the Support of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, which consists in publishing "early warning tools" that alert entrepreneurs to emerging financial problems, and publish key information about preventive restructuring legislation and the content of the "restructuring plan" on the www.justice.cz portal - state-run portal with the official Business Register administrated by the Ministry of Justice.</p> <p>Strategic Document, Strategy for the Support of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, Annex 2, Implementation Plan, Ministry of Industry and Trade, page 2. https://www.mpo.cz/assets/cz/podnikani/male-a-stredni-podnikani/studie-a-strategicke-dokumenty/2021/9/Strategy-to-support-SMEs-in-the-Czech-Republic-2021-2027.zip</p>
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