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**4<sup>th</sup> call for proposals**

**Programme GAMA 2**

Funding programme for applied research, experimental  
development and innovation

**Sub - programme 2**

Ref. No.: TACR/9-1/2022

# The focus and conditions of the 4<sup>th</sup> call under the GAMA 2 programme

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## What is the focus of the call?

- Sub - programme 2 is focused on supporting the verification of outputs / results of applied research in terms of their practical application and on the preparation of their subsequent commercial exploitation or use for the needs of society.
- The call is focused on supporting the commercialization of breakthrough innovative solutions (products, services, etc.)
- The call **is not focused** on a particular sector or field.
- The objective of each project proposal is to draw up a **feasibility study** in order to verify the technological and economic viability of a disruptive innovation.
- The product or service should have an exploitation potential not only in the Czech environment, but should be also competitive on the international market. The uniqueness, impact and implementation of the product or service will be evaluated.
- It is expected from the applicant that at the time of submission of the project proposal, the innovation concerned will have the Technology Readiness Level (TRL) of at least 5 - technology demonstrated in a real environment
- After completion of the project, the product or service should be ready for practical use or market entry and should be ready for faster expansion to other markets (EU, global).

## Who can apply for funding?

**The main applicant** must be a **small or medium-sized enterprise** that carries out the project **independently** (without other participants).

## Important dates

**Call is open for submissions:** from 17. 3. 2022 until 2. 5. 2022

**Announcement of results:** 31. 7.2022

**Start of project implementation:** from July to August 2022

**Project duration:** 5 or 6 months\*

\*The length of the project has to be **six months** (July, 2022 as the "Start of the project") or **five months** (August, 2022 as the "Start of the project").

## Maximum amount of funding and funding rate

**Maximum amount of funding per project:** CZK 1 million

**Maximum funding rate per project:** 55 %

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**Questions** about the call can be submitted via the [Helpdesk](#). You can use regional consultants at [contact points](#) for a personal or telephone consultation.

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# Introduction

For this call, the call documentation is published in Czech and English. In case of divergence between the language versions, the Czech version shall prevail.

Before submitting a project proposal, the Technology Agency of the Czech Republic (hereinafter TA CR) recommends that applicants become familiar with the following important references and terms that are directly related to the call:

- [General terms and conditions of TA CR](#) (version 7), which lay down all the rights and obligations of beneficiaries, including the definition of important terms. Furthermore, individual cost categories are described in more detail here;
- [Frascati manual](#), which describes the specifics of research and development projects, defines important terms and should also serve as a guide for classifying research activities into the right categories (industrial research and experimental development);
- ISTA information system (hereinafter „[ISTA](#)”) which is used to submit project proposals and the scope of the data is set out here pursuant to § 17 (6) of the Act on the Support of Research and Development.



The icon in front of the text serves as a hyperlink to the legal framework (Chapter 8). Clicking on this icon will take you to the relevant part of the legal framework.

## 1. Applicants in the call



### The main applicant:

- be only an entity that has its registered office, establishment or branch in the Czech Republic;
- implement the project **independently** (without other participants);
- be the **small or medium - sized enterprise**;
- submit **maximum one project proposal**. In case of submission of a higher number of project proposals than one, it decides about the order the time of submission in the information system ISTA. Project proposals submitted in excess of the permitted number of projects will not be accepted to the call, even if the first project proposal submitted for the call is not accepted for the call for non-compliance with formal requirements or proof of eligibility.

Start-ups, research organizations or other legal forms can also apply as a **small or medium-sized enterprise**, as long as they meet the conditions of size

## 2. Dates and deadlines

### Dates and deadlines related to **the project proposal submission and to the proof of eligibility**

<b>Call opening</b> (from this time onwards, project proposals can be filled in and submitted in ISTA)	17. 3. 2022 at 9:00
<b>Call deadline</b> (deadline for the submission of project proposals through ISTA)	2. 5. 2022 at 16:29:59
<b>Deadline for sending a confirmation of submission of an electronic project proposal</b> from the data box of the main applicant to the TA CR data box	2. 5. 2022 at 23:59:59
<b>Deadline for the receipt of proof of eligibility documents</b> (except for documents which constitute a part of the project proposal) in the TA CR data box	

TA CR shall **publish the results of the call at the latest on 31. 7. 2022** at the website [www.tacr.cz](http://www.tacr.cz). Subsequently, TA CR shall send the **Decision on the results of the call for proposals** to the main applicant through the data box.

### Dates and deadlines related to **project implementation**

<b>Start of the project</b>	July or August 2022
<b>Project duration</b>	5 or 6 months*
<b>Deadline for project completion</b>	December 2022

\*The length of the project has to be **six months** (July, 2022 as the "Start of the project") or **five months** (August, 2022 as the "Start of the project").

## 3. Project proposal

The **project proposal** is an application for funding, which applicants submit through ISTA. Applicants must include in the project proposal all the information that is necessary for its evaluation (directly in the boxes provided in ISTA or in the annexes to the project proposal). If TA CR decides to support the project proposal and a project contract is signed, the project proposal becomes a **project**.

The project proposal shall be submitted in **English**. All information provided in the project proposal must correspond to the facts as of the date of the project proposal submission.

### 3.1 Focus of the call

The call is focused on supporting the commercialization of breakthrough innovative solutions (products, technologies, services, etc.) that will contribute to the expansion, growth and development of enterprises. The call is not focused on a particular sector or field.

The objective of each project proposal is to draw up a **feasibility study** in order to verify the technological and economic viability of an innovation. The objective of the project proposal is not to develop technical and scientific knowledge, but to verify and confirm the hypothesis in terms of clients interest in the innovation and the readiness of the product, technology or service for commercial exploitation. Increased emphasis is placed on the groundbreaking nature of the solution and the experience or skills of key people in the research team.

The product, technology or service should have commercial potential not only in the Czech environment, but it is expected to have a potential to expand and compete also on the international market.

The product, technology or service should:

- be ready for practical use or entry to markets;
- have a clearly specified target group, final customer or marketing channel;
- have the Technology Readiness Level (TRL) of at least 5 - technology demonstrated in a real environment<sup>1</sup>.

The call allows the funded projects to be included in another pre-selection by an international panel within the Horizon 2020 project called GO - SME. TA CR is the project coordinator and the main aim of the project is to choose the best projects beginning and high innovative SMEs and startups with international ambitions.

For the best projects will provide support services for the preparation of a project application to a European instrument called EIC Accelerator, Horizon Europe. If the applicant ticks a box in ISTA with agreement to be included in an international expert evaluation, he/she consents to the sharing of his/her personal data within this evaluation.

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<sup>1</sup>The significance of TRL levels is described by the European Commission in [Annex G, Horizon 2020, Work programme 2018-2020](#).

These extra support services will be TA ČR provide via cooperation with the Enterprise Europe network representatives. In order to select a coach, the project proposal can be shared with the Enterprise Europe Network (with the written agreement of the beneficiary).

## 3.2 Mandatory annexes to project proposal

To apply for funding, applicants must use the „Project proposal“ template (Annex No. 1 to the Call documentation) and insert a link to a video that will characterize the project proposal.

### Project proposal

Annex No. 1 to the Call documentation is called „[Project proposal](#)“ and contains a binding template for this mandatory annex. The main applicant must follow the structure, including the numbering and naming of chapters. The final document must not be longer than **ten pages of the A4** format (including the introductory page). If the maximum number of pages is exceeded, the evaluators will take into account the first ten pages. This is the technical part of the project proposal, which must be enclosed in pdf format.

Without this annex, the project proposal will not be admitted to the call and will be excluded during the formal check (Project proposal will not be possible to supplement subsequently).

In ISTA, this annex can be downloaded in an editable format. Insert the project proposal in chapter 3. PROJECT PRESENTATION / Definition of the project or 8. PROJECT ANNEXES

### Video introducing the unique project proposal

Each project proposal must include a link to a **minute-long video (in english)** in the required Full HD resolution (1920 × 1080 px, 30-60 fps) that you place on YouTube or other suitable platform (without a password or having to request access permission).

Please describe in the one minute:

- What is your product or service and in what respect it is **unique**.
- What is your **motivation**.
- What is the **target group** and how the product or service has the potential to appeal to it.
- Who are you and how many people are in your **research team**.
- How do you plan to bring **the product to the market**.

Without a functioning link, the project proposal will not be admitted to the call and will be excluded during the formal check (the video will not be possible to supplement subsequently).



Insert the link to the video in ISTA into tab 3. PROJECT PRESENTATION and box Project video presentation.

### 3.3 Differentiation from similar projects



The Technology Agency of the Czech Republic only supports project proposals, the content of which or its part has not been in the past and is not currently being addressed within another own project of the applicant<sup>2</sup>. Double funding is not allowed.

Applicant are obliged to indicate (especially where there are identical key persons in research teams and the same fields are being addressed) their own:

- **completed projects**, if the planned outputs/results constitute their follow-up and to describe this link,
- **currently running related projects** and to describe the differences between those projects and the project proposal submitted to this call,
- **project proposals submitted simultaneously to this or other calls**, where the simultaneous selection for funding **would not lead** to double funding. In that case, differences between those projects need to be described,
- **project proposals submitted simultaneously to this or other calls**, where the simultaneous selection for funding would **lead** to double funding. In that case it must be stated that only one project contract will be concluded, and this commitment must be adhered to.

In case of non-compliance with the conditions described above, **the project proposal will not be funded** due to non-compliance with the conditions of the call documentation.

If there are no such projects from which you would need to differentiate your proposal, **please state this explicitly**.

In Attachment No. 1 - "Project proposal" state description of state-of-the-art in the given research area; specification of novelty of solution to be developed in terms of new pieces of knowledge to be obtained and list of projects that might duplicate the project proposal together with clarification of possible duplications.

To verify the completeness of the list of related projects and to demonstrate the novelty of the proposed Innovation, TA CR recommends to use STARFOS, a search tool for funded projects or the R&D Information System (IS VaVal).

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<sup>2</sup> **Own project proposals** mean all project proposals to any provider of public funding, involving an entity with the same ID number, regardless of whether it is the main applicant or other project partner.

### 3.4 Thematic classification of project proposal

The classification of a project proposal in a correct category serves for statistical and analytical purposes and for the evaluation of public spending in the area of science, research and innovation. The classification is a mandatory step in the proposal submission process. The correct classification of the project proposal also has an impact on the correctness of the evaluation process. The objectives and fields that can be selected for the classification (defined according to the focus of the programme) are listed in the references provided below or in the help function in ISTA.

All the following details are entered in ISTA in Chapter 3. PROJECT PRESENTATION, in the **Project classification** tab:

- objectives of National priorities of oriented research, experimental development and innovation (RDI priorities) –a list of objectives is given in the ISTA help system;
- fields according to Central Register of Projects (CRP) and according to Fields of Research and Development (FORD). The selected CRP and FORD fields should be in accordance;
- domains of research and innovation specialisation of the National Research and Innovation Strategy for Smart Specialization of the Czech Republic (RIS3 strategy).

### 3.5 Outputs and results

In this call, TA CR can only fund project proposals where **practical exploitation of outputs/results is expected**. For each project proposal, applicants must select at least **one main output/result of the type “O-other result”** in the form of a **feasibility study**.

Other types of outputs/results defined in [Annex No. 4](#) of the Methodology for the Evaluation of Research Organizations and Targeted Support Programmes for Research, Development and Innovation (hereinafter referred to as the "[Methodology](#)") can be inserted only among other outputs/results. The main outputs/results are generated from the binding parameters and thus constitute a part of the project contract. According to the General Terms and Conditions, all main outputs / results must be achieved by the time of the project completion.

## 4. Funding rules

<b>Expected amount allocated to the call</b>	CZK 24 million
<b>Maximum amount of funding per project</b>	CZK 1 million
<b>Maximum funding rate per project</b>	55 %

Beneficiaries must cover a mandatory co-funding at a minimum rate of 45 % from other sources. There is no legal entitlement to the funding.



## 4.1 Funding rate

The funding rate is determined according to the type of applicant and with regard to the nature of the activities planned in a given year (ratio of industrial research and experimental development). However, **the maximum funding rate per project** must always be respected.

**The maximum permitted funding rate** for individual types of applicants is shown in the table below:

Types of applicants/ Categories of activities	Maximum funding rate	
	Industrial research (IR)	Experimental development (ED)
Small enterprise	70 %	45 %
Medium-sized enterprise	60 %	35 %



## 4.2 Eligible costs

All cost categories are listed and detailed in Article 18 of [General terms and conditions](#).

In this call, eligible costs **include**:

- **personnel costs;**
- **subcontracting costs;**
- **other direct costs;**
- **indirect costs** – can be reported using the following methods **“flat rate” of up to 25%** of the sum of the personnel costs and other direct costs actually reported by the applicant in the given year.

The costs of the project solution are eligible from the date of the beginning of the project solution. If the project solution will be in accordance with the project proposal and this solution will be started before the announcement of the results of the public tender (but not earlier than from July 1. 2022), and the project proposal will be supported, the costs of the project solution will be eligible.

## 5. Proof of eligibility and project proposal submission

### § 5.1 Proof of eligibility and other requirements stipulated by TA CR

The main applicant must **demonstrate his/her eligibility** using the prescribed form „Sworn statement of the applicant“.

#### The sworn statement:

- must be sent by each applicant from its data box (each applicant for itself) to the TA CR data box (data box ID: afth9xp)
- does not need to be physically signed (the signature is replaced by the sending from the appropriate data box);
- in the „Subject matter“ data box, the following text should be entered „Programme GAMA 2 – Proof of eligibility“.

Applicants must further comply with the obligation stipulated by the Accounting Act and **publish their financial statements for years 2018, 2019 and 2020**. TA CR will use them to check whether the applicant is not an undertaking in difficulty and that the type of applicant was correctly chosen.

If the applicant submitted the financial statements to the court maintaining the commercial register ex-post and they had not been published before submission of the project proposal, the applicant shall enclose the financial statements in annexes to the project proposal, including confirmation of delivery to the appropriate commercial court.

#### Requirements for which compliance is documented through ISTA:

- **professional qualifications to implement the project** – to be filled in for key persons in the research team in the section „Professional CV“. Each main applicant must have at least one person in the role of a researcher in the project proposal;
- **authorisations to carry out the activities planned in the project proposal** – a copy is submitted with the project proposal (e.g. authorisation to perform a biological testing, authorisation to carry out research on human embryonic stem cells);
- **ownership structure of each applicant** – each applicant must indicate all ultimate owners - natural persons with a share of at least 10% (if it follows from the legal form of an applicant that he/she does not have an ownership structure, this obligation does not apply to him/her).

## 5.2 Project proposal submission

A project proposal must be submitted to the call in an **electronic form through ISTA**. No other form of project proposal submission is permitted.

After submitting the project proposal through ISTA, the owner<sup>3</sup> of the project proposal shall generate a document „**Confirmation of submission of an electronic project proposal in ISTA**“. This document contains clear identifiers which must be identical with the electronically submitted project proposal.

### Confirmation of submission of an electronic project proposal in ISTA:

- It must be sent from the data box of the main applicant to the TA CR data box (data box ID: afth9xp);
- in the „Subject matter“ data box, the following text should be entered „Programme GAMA 2 – Confirmation of submission“.

The owner of the project proposal can himself **withdraw the project proposal** in ISTA (e.g. in order to correct or complement already submitted project proposal). After submitting the project proposal, the "Project proposal withdrawal" button will be displayed to the owner of the project proposal in the PROJECT PROPOSAL OVERVIEW tab. This step cancels the submission of the project proposal. For a proper submission, the project proposal needs to be re-submitted in ISTA. Subsequently, the confirmation of project proposal submission needs to be generated and sent to the TA CR data mailbox.

Once the call is closed, it is no longer possible to modify anything in the proposal.

## 5.3 Notification of changes after the submission of project proposal

As applicants, you are obliged to inform TA CR in writing about **changes** which take place **in the period from the project proposal submission until the possible conclusion of the project contract** and which concern your legal status (e.g. change of size of the enterprise, registered office, statutory representative, merger, or break-up) or the details required to demonstrate eligibility or which could have an effect on the TA CR decision making.

You must do so within **seven calendar days** of becoming aware of such a change. If you do not do so within the set deadline, the project proposal will be excluded from the call.

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<sup>3</sup> **Owner** is a role in ISTA. It is the person who initiated the project proposal and is the only one with the right to submit the project proposal to a call in ISTA and to subsequently generate the „Confirmation of submission of an electronic project proposal in ISTA“. The owner of the project proposal may assign and modify authorisations to revise the project proposal to all persons.

## 6. Evaluation

The evaluation will take place from 3. 5. 2022 to 31. 7. 2022. Immediately after the closing of the call, a formal check will begin to verify the basic requirements. Afterwards, TA CR will publish on its website which project proposals will be further evaluated and which will not be admitted to the call.

Details concerning individual evaluation steps, a list of the evaluation criteria together with the aspects that will be evaluated under individual criteria are provided in the following Annex to the Call Documentation: [Annex No. 2 – Evaluation process](#).

### § 6.1 Evaluation process

Each project proposal that is admitted to the call, i.e. that successfully passed the formal check, will be gradually evaluated by:

- experts;
- the rapporteur;
- Expert Advisory Body.

The TA CR Board will subsequently decide on the selection of project proposals in the call.

### 6.2 Binary criteria

If the binary criterion **is not met, the project proposal cannot be recommended for funding** regardless of the number of points that the project proposal receives in the evaluation.

Binary criterion
Compliance with the programme

### 6.3 Scored criteria

There are three scored criteria.

Scored criterion	Point scale
1. Excellence	(0; 1; 2; 3; 4; 5 points)
2. Impact	(0; 1; 2; 3; 4; 5 points)
3. Implementation	(0; 1; 2; 3; 4; 5 points)

## 6.4 Independence of the evaluation process

Independence and equal treatment are the basic principles applied by TA CR in the evaluation process. Therefore, none of the applicants or their authorized persons may contact the persons evaluating the project proposals with the intention of influencing them. Complaints concerning suspicions of corrupt practices or other unfair activities can be sent to the e-mail address [protikorupci@tacr.cz](mailto:protikorupci@tacr.cz).

# 7. Signature of the project contract and project implementation

TA CR draws the attention of the applicants to the obligation set out in § 14(3)(e)(2) of Act No. 218/2000 Coll., on budgetary rules, which concerns the obligation to ensure registration in the register of beneficial owners. **If an applicant fails to ensure registration in the register of beneficial owners by the deadline for announcing the results of the call (i.e. by 31 July 2022), it will be assessed as ineligible to receive the funding (and the project contract cannot be concluded) because the applicant's obligation set out in § 14(3)(e)(2) of Act No. 218/2000 Coll., on budgetary rules, would not be met.** More information can be found [here](#).

A **project contract** will be concluded with the main applicants of successful project proposals. The project proposal can be changed before signing of the project contract only if it is a change of an administrative nature or a change not caused by the applicant, which is worthy of special consideration.



Before signing the project contract, you are obliged to document all the facts set out in the Decision on the results of the call for proposals. In this decision, TA CR will state everything it requires of the applicants and within what time.

After concluding the project contract, the main applicant becomes the main beneficiary.

**The project contract** is generated in ISTA by **the owner** of the project proposal. The project contract can be generated before the documents specified in the decision on the result of the call for proposals are provided.

## 7.1 Provision of funding

TA CR will provide the **funding in a one-off payment for the given year of the project** to the account of the main beneficiary in the amount specified in the binding parameters for the project implementation. TA CR will pay the funding within 60 calendar days from the date of entry into force of the project contract.

## 7.2 Implementation

The implementation of the project may begin before the signing of the project contract, but not before 1 July 2022. The costs incurred during the period before the signing of the project contract will be eligible, but only provided that it is subsequently signed.

During project implementation, TA CR checks the project in several ways. A **final project report** will be submitted after completion of the project. Other methods of project monitoring include administrative and financial inspections, monitoring visits or interim project evaluations. A final project evaluation shall take place after the end of project implementation.

If the original project proposal changes during the project implementation, you must always inform us about such change. Types of changes, required supporting documents and method of their notification can be found in guideline SME-07 Procedures for changes in projects. Furthermore, throughout the project implementation, all beneficiaries must comply with the obligation to publish their annual financial statements.

## 8. Legal framework of the call

The programme GAMA 2 was approved by Government Resolution No. 218 of 1. 4. 2019. The provider is the Technology Agency of the Czech Republic with its registered office at Evropská 1692/37, 160 00 Prague 6. The programme text, call documentation and other documents related to the call are published on the website [www.tacr.cz](http://www.tacr.cz). It is a one-stage call. It is announced pursuant to the [Act on the support of research and development](#) and in accordance with the [Framework](#), [Regulation](#) and [Budgetary rules](#).

The call is held in accordance with the updated National Research, Development and Innovation Policy of the Czech Republic for the period 2021+ as approved by the Resolution of the Government of the Czech Republic No. 759 of 20 July 2020, National Priorities of Oriented Research, Experimental Development and Innovation as adopted by Government Resolution No. 552 of 19 July 2012, and national and ministerial strategies.

Relevant provisions in the following internal regulations valid and effective on the day of announcement of the call and published on the website [www.tacr.cz](http://www.tacr.cz) are binding for TA CR and the applicants.

Directives and statutes present binding procedures of TA CR resulting from legislation and other regulations. The versions applicable to this call are given in the third column of the table below.



Code	Name of the directives or statutes	Version
<a href="#">SME - 06</a>	Directive on the admission of project proposals to a call	v8
<a href="#">SME - 08</a>	Complaints within the call	v5
<a href="#">SME - 10</a>	Directive on the cancellation of a call	v4
<a href="#">SME - 11</a>	Directive on call preparation and announcement	v10
<a href="#">SME - 13</a>	Directive on conclusion of a project contract/issuance of a Decision on the provision of funding	v4
<a href="#">SME - 17</a>	Helpdesk for applicants and beneficiaries	v4
<a href="#">SME - 23</a>	Preparation of evaluation reports, opinions and expert assessments	v7
<a href="#">SME - 34</a>	Directive on evaluation of project proposals submitted to a call	v5
<a href="#">RAD - 01</a>	Statutes and rules of procedure of the Committee for the admission of project proposals	v3
<a href="#">RAD - 02</a>	Statutes and rules of procedure of an expert advisory body	v7

## 8.1 Legal definition of applicants

**Enterprises<sup>4</sup>** – legal persons or natural persons engaged in business activities pursuant to Act No. 455/1991 Coll., on small business activities or performing economic activities within the meaning of Article 1 of Annex I to the Regulation.

## 8.2 Insufficient differentiation and duplication

If TA CR finds out that a project proposal or its part duplicates another project proposal and the applicants have not explained how their project proposal differs from that other project proposal, the project proposal will not be funded on the grounds of a failure to meet the conditions of the Call Documentation, or the project contract will not be concluded with the applicants. This applies also to

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<sup>4</sup> The [User guide to the SME definition](#) from the European Commission can serve as a guidance for **determining the size of an enterprise**. In the light of the current case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union, we point out that the recommendations set out in this guide are not legally binding and therefore it is necessary first and foremost to follow the provisions of the Regulation, which are legally binding.

similar project proposals submitted to this or another ongoing call, which have not been disclosed in the relevant part of the ISTA system.

An applicant must immediately withdraw from the call if he/she concludes a project contract for identical project (in terms of the whole content or its part) under another call/public tender in the Czech Republic or abroad.

## 8.3 Funding

The highest funding rate provided to an applicant of the enterprise type may not exceed the highest funding rate allowed for individual types of enterprises as laid down in the Regulation.

The applicant must ensure that:

- unauthorised indirect state aid is avoided (in accordance with provisions 2.1 and 2.2 of the Framework);
- the distribution of rights and access to outputs/results in the project proposal are in accordance with point 28 under provision 2.2.2. of the Framework;
- overlap with other state aid for the same eligible expenditure (double financing) is avoided.

Applicants are not entitled to reimbursement of the costs associated with their participation in the call.

Eligible costs are listed and broken down into individual categories in Article 18 of the General Terms and Conditions. The project contract stipulates the method in which the TA CR funding is provided. The specific terms of the project contract (Article 4) stipulate the particulars set out in the General Terms and Conditions.

## 8.4 Proof of eligibility

Only applicants meeting the eligibility conditions laid down in § 18 (2) (b) to (i) of the Act on support of research and development and given by the Regulation may receive funding. Each applicant shall demonstrate its eligibility separately pursuant to § 18 of the Act on support of research and development.

Failure to meet the eligibility requirements or the obligation to demonstrate eligibility is a reason for not admitting a project proposal to the call.

If the „Confirmation of submission of an electronic project proposal“ is not sent properly and in time, such a project proposal will not be considered as submitted properly and in time and will not be checked for other requisites (e.g. proof of eligibility of applicants).

A project proposal may not contain classified information pursuant to Act No. 412/2005 Coll., on the protection of classified information and on security clearance, as amended.

## 8.5 Evaluation and submission of documents

The evaluation of project proposals is governed by SME-34 Directive on evaluation of project proposals submitted to a call.

Activities of the Expert Advisory Body are governed by RAD-02 Statutes and rules of procedure of the expert advisory body.

No information related to particular project proposals or to interim evaluation results shall be provided in the course of the evaluations.

Before signing the project contract, applicants are obliged to demonstrate their continuing eligibility in a manner laid down in § 18 (5) to (7) of the Act on support of research and development, or other facts laid down in the Decision on the results of the call for proposals. In that decision, TA CR will state everything that needs to be documented by the applicants.

## 8.6 Reserved rights of TA CR

In accordance with § 24 of the Act on support of research and development, the provider reserves the right:

- to cancel an announced call and not to support the project proposals submitted under that call, in accordance with SME-10 Directive on the cancellation of a call and/or
- to restrict the number of project proposals to be funded.

The decision to cancel a call or to restrict the number of project proposals to be funded will be based especially on the total amount of funding allocated to TA CR for the support of applied research, experimental development and innovations from the state budget of the Czech Republic for the period 2020 – 2022.

In justified cases, the provider reserves the right to state in the Decision on the results of the call for proposals additional conditions determined on the basis of facts identified by the provider in the course of the evaluation of the project proposal. Only after those conditions are met, the project contract will be signed with the main beneficiary or, as the case may be, the Decision on the provision of funding to implement the project will be issued in favour of the main beneficiary.

In accordance with § 32 of the Act on support of research and development, TA CR will publish the project's details through the R&D Information System. After signing the project contract, the provider reserves the right to publish the information published through the RDI IS, and to keep it and provide access to it in the DAFOS system, in particular in its public component – the TA CR STARFOS search engine available at [www.starfos.tacr.cz](http://www.starfos.tacr.cz).

When announcing the results concerning compliance with conditions of the call and the results of proposal evaluation, TA CR will publish the following information from the project proposals: code of the project proposal, name of the project proposal, the main applicant and other project partners. TA CR will not publish confidential information.

Information on project proposals for which TA CR has decided that they would not be funded is not published, except for the information published when announcing the results concerning compliance with conditions of the call and the results of proposal evaluation.

## 8.7 Appeal

The main applicant may file an appeal against the TA CR procedure to check compliance with conditions of the call or the procedure to evaluate and select project proposals in the call. He/she may do so in accordance with the directive SME-08 Complaints within the call.