

Deadline	Wed 22 Jan 2025 23:59:59 CET (IOCB deadline Wed 15 Jan 2025)
Call name	INTER - COST 2025
www	VYHLÁŠENÍ VEŘEJNÉ SOUTĚŽE V PROGRAMU INTER-EXCELLENCE II, PODPROGRAMU INTER-COST – LUC24, MŠMT ČR (msmt.cz)
Focused on	Basic research, industrial research, experimental development
PI	Senior researcher, junior researcher, postdoc; The PI must be part of a running COST Action at the time of the grant submission.
Organisation	Research institutions, universities, medium & small enterprises registered in the Czech Republic
Target group	1–X Czech research groups; senior researchers, junior researchers, postdocs, PhD students, technicians, administrators
Expected outputs	(J) reviewed specialist article; (F) utility model, industrial model; (G) prototype, functional sample; (P) patent; (R) software; (Z) trial operation, verified technology, variety, breed
Call opens	Wed 4 Dec 2024
IOCB deadline	Wed 15 Jan 2025
Final deadline	Wed 22 Jan 2025 23:59:59 CET
Evaluation results	31 July 2025
Signature of agreement	August 2025
Earliest date of implementation	1 Sep 2025 – within 60 days after the entry into force of the agreement
Latest date of implementation	31 Dec 2028 or the final date of the relevant COST Action
Sustainability	None
Reporting	Annual or final reports: on 30 January every year
Project duration (min-max)	20–40 months (1.6–3.3 years)
Allocation for the call	210 M CZK
Project budget (min-max)	Not specified
Success rate	26.4% (2024), 27.5% (2023)
Eligible costs	Direct costs: personnel costs, goods & services (consumables and supplies), outsourcing (subcontracting max 10 %), depreciation of fixed assets (odpisy DHM a DNM), travel costs Indirect costs: overheads max 25%
Reimbursement	Research institutions: 100 % SMEs: 100 % basic research; 50 % industrial research; 25 % experimental development
Mode of funding	Ex-ante (payment within 60 calendar days from signing the agreement or within 60 calendar days from 1 January)
Language of application	Czech
Provider	Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic (MEYS) www.msmt.cz Contact persons: Ing. Ludmila Čermáková, Ph.D., +420 234 811 512, ludmila.cermakova@msmt.cz
Call identifier	LUC25
Call info	INTER-COST aims to support participation of Czech research groups in international running or newly established COST Actions in basic research, industrial research and experimental development.
Conditions / Restrictions	The project PI has to be part of any COST Action on the day of the call announcement (Wed 13 Dec 2023). Participation in COST Action must be documented or the project must have been confirmed by the Action chair. The project involvement into a COST Action must have been confirmed by MEYS Guidelines in Czech only. The project proposal must be written in Czech. The proposal has to be prepared in the ISIX on-line application system https://isix.msmt.cz/ . The proposal and signature page must be submitted through the data box (datová schránka) vidaawt . Project duration must be at least 20 months. Project duration must not exceed the duration of the relevant COST action.

	<p>The sum of workloads for one person in all projects INTER EXCELLENCE I. and II. funded by MSMT cannot exceed 1 FTE.</p> <p>An individual can only be the PI of one funded project (i.e. if an individual is listed in the role of a PI in more than one project, only one of these – the one scored more highly – will be funded).</p> <p>Costs should be proposed in CZK, rounding to thousands is not required. Justification of all individual planned costs is required.</p> <p>Max size of the proposal file is 10 MB plus additional max. 100 MB for all annexes in total; 10 MB per file.</p>
Proposal consists of	<p>The Czech part of the project proposal (in Czech).</p> <p>Project proposals must be prepared in the ISIX online application system https://isix.msmt.cz/.</p> <p>The project proposal consists of the following parts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Project proposal “Návrh projektu” (Contact details of the Czech proposers and their institutions – in Czech and in English; project annotation, project introduction, project framework, project description, objectives and goals; project periods and expected results; project strategy and Methodology; project and research team; budget and justification.) 2) The signature page(s) of the project proposal (generated by the ISIX system and signed by the director). 3) Annexes uploaded to the ISIX system: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) CV of the main PI and other key team members “Životopis hlavního řešitele a klíčových osob” (ISIX – compulsory attachment 7D) b) Document signed by the COST Action Chair (for running COST Actions) or COST Action Proposer (for COST Actions being established) containing a recommendation to include the project in the COST Action or a document demonstrating participation in a COST working group (ISIX – compulsory attachment 7C) c) Project proposal submitted as part of the national (MEYS) procedure for joining the COST action (ISIX – compulsory attachment 7C) d) PDF file with graphics (pictures, tables, diagrams...), that can be part of the proposal (attached as PDF due to the technical limitation of the web application) (ISIX – attachment 7F) e) Proposal of the Agreement on participation in the project “Návrh smlouvy o účasti na řešení projektu” (agreement between Czech partners – if relevant) (ISIX – compulsory attachment 7B) f) Signed Statutory declaration of the eligibility to solve the project “Čestné prohlášení o způsobilosti k řešení projektu” must be uploaded to the application (required from IOCB and other Czech partner institutions) (ISIX – compulsory attachment 7A). g) Special licences (if required for the project implementation) (ISIX – compulsory attachment 7E) <p>The Statutory declaration will be provided by the Project Office and must be uploaded to the proposal before final conversion to the PDF (required from IOCB and other Czech partner institutions)</p> <p>The project proposal has to be converted to PDF format and together with the generated first page of the proposal must be sent by email to the Project Office (projectoffice@uochb.cas.cz) who will submit it to the MEYS via its data box.</p> <p>The project proposal should be reopened after the final PDF version is generated only when this is extremely unavoidable. If you do reopen the project you must ensure that the versions for the submitted project and submitted signature page match!</p>
Evaluation criteria	<p>Main criteria: Scientific excellence (innovativeness/ methodology and strategy/ involvement of foreign partner) (20b + 20b + 20b); Impact (scientific, technical, socio-economical in short-term and long-term horizon) (20b + 20b); Implementation (readiness, efficiency and feasibility of the time schedule, competence and excellence of research team, structure and time distribution, risk analysis, gender dimension – if relevant) (80b).</p> <p>Single-round evaluation: 2 external reviews plus Scientific Advisory Committee</p>
Research areas	<p>All areas: (A) Natural Sciences, (B) Engineering & Technology, (C) Medical & Health Sciences, (D) Agricultural Sciences, (E) Social Sciences, (F) Humanities</p>
Call workshop	<p>None</p>
IOCB contact	<p>Please inform the IOCB Project Office about your intention to apply.</p> <p>Do not hesitate anytime to contact us at for consulting, discussion or help at projectoffice@uochb.cas.cz</p> <p>Jitka Šilerová, +420 220 183 229 Veronika Palečková, +420 220 183 266, Lenka Štěrbová +420 220 183 179, Šárka Křížová +420 220 183 527</p>
Download documents	<p>LUC25 Summary (en)</p> <p>LUC25 Guidelines (cz)</p> <p>LUC25 IOCB Internal template_proposal (cz) - please contact Project Office</p> <p>LUC25 IOCB Budget template CZ – please contact Project Office</p>