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PRODEF

National Programme of Applied Defence Research and Innovation

The Czech national route to defence R&D funding, with no consortium required.

The programme runs from 2024 to 2031 with a total of **CZK 6.12 billion**, of which CZK 3.6 billion comes from the state budget. It is run by the Technology Agency of the Czech Republic (TAČR) with the Ministry of Defence.

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WHAT IT IS

1. National programme for applied defence R&D, 2024–2031, worth CZK 6.12 billion
2. Run by the Technology Agency of the Czech Republic (TAČR) with the Ministry of Defence
3. Emerging and disruptive technologies (EDT) for the needs of the Czech Armed Forces
4. Sub-programme 2: national public competitions in defence research, the main route for firms
5. A national funding route — no international consortium is required
6. A link to the Ministry of Defence as a potential future user of the result

WHO IT IS FOR

Czech companies and research organisations with an applied defence or dual-use R&D project. Relevance to the needs of the Czech Armed Forces is essential.

AT WHAT STAGE

An applied R&D project — neither basic research nor a finished product on the market — with a defence or dual-use application and a team able to deliver it in the given period.

PROGRAMME BUDGET 2024–2031

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HOW AND WHEN TO APPLY

1. Watch for the competition announcement on tacr.gov.cz under the PRODEF programme
2. Prepare the proposal per the tender documentation: aims, outputs, team, budget, relevance
3. Submit the application through the TAČR information system before the deadline
4. Proposals are evaluated under TAČR rules, in cooperation with the Ministry of Defence

TIMING

The second public competition under Sub-programme 2 is due to be announced around 3 June 2026, with applications accepted from 4 June to 22 July 2026. The windows are fixed, so start as soon as the parameters are known.

NOTE / TIP

Relevance to the needs of the Czech Armed Forces is decisive, so discuss it in advance. PP1 and PP2 use different selection mechanisms — check which one fits your project.

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Is PRODEF right for your company?

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