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# Funding Programs in Germany

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## *Political framework for funding activities with Central and East European countries*

### Coalition Agreement (2018):

- Enhanced internationalisation of Germany's science and research
- Fostering international networking of German SMEs
- Stronger integration of Central and East European countries (EU-13) to ERA

### Dedicated EU-13 priorities of BMBF:

- Spreading excellence in the ERA, esp. in EU-13 countries
- Fostering the cooperation between science and economy in the ERA, esp. with regard to EU-13 countries

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*The Czech Republic has become a key EU-13 country and a strong BMBF partner*

## Czech participation in BMBF calls

- „Joint research structures“ (2014): 5 out of 15 projects with Czech partners
- „Cooperation in education and research with EU-13 countries“ (2014): 24 out of 82 projects with Czech partners
- 2. Danube Regional Call (2015): 6 out of 15 projects with Czech partners
- Bilateral EUREKA call (2017), with 2<sup>nd</sup> call planned for end of 2019

## Bilateral R&D conference:

- Prague (2015): material physics, environmental technologies and ICT
- Erlangen (2017): energy technologies
- Brno (May 2019): nanotechnologies, advanced materials, mobility 4.0

## *Central Innovation Programme for SMEs (ZIM)*

### Goal:

- Sustainable enhancement of innovation and competitiveness of SMEs
- Leading to growth, effecting in creation and security of employment

### Object of funding:

- Cooperation between SMEs; a non-profit research institution (maybe)
- Developing an innovative product, process or service

### Regulations (examples)

- All fields of technology and branches
- Funding up to 380.000 Euros for SMEs, up to 60% (depending on size)
- Next call: publication in May, deadline 25.09.2019

## *Cooperation in basic research DFG-GA ČR 2020-2022*

### Goal:

- Intensifying strong cooperation on university level

### Object of funding:

- Cooperation between university groups in basic research
- Non-university institutions may participate ("duty to cooperate")

### Regulations (examples)

- All fields of sciences
- Funding for up to 3 years with optional prolongation
- Present call: 2021-2023 (of 08.01.2019), deadline 01./08.04.2019
- Submission and review on either side; grant only when both agencies recommend funding

## *Further information*

### ZIM:

- DE:  
<https://www.zim.de/ZIM/Redaktion/DE/Dossiers/international-laender-uebersicht.html>
- CZE:  
<https://www.ira-sme.net/countries-regions/czech-republic>

### DFG- GA ČR:

- DE:  
[https://www.dfg.de/foerderung/info\\_wissenschaft/info\\_wissenschaft\\_19](https://www.dfg.de/foerderung/info_wissenschaft/info_wissenschaft_19)
- CZE:  
<https://gacr.cz/zakladni-informace>

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**Thank you very much for your attention!**

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