

Project name:	High time for beam time - Access to world class large scale research infrastructures for V4 countries
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TERMS OF REFERENCE

HIGH TIME FOR BEAM TIME PILOT CALL FOR PROPOSALS

BASIC INFORMATION

1. The pilot call for proposals runs from June 1st until July 31st. It is organised by the Foundation of Innovative Initiatives as part of the High Time for Beam Time project, which is done in cooperation with Centrum vedecko-technických informácií SR, with the generous support of the International Visegrad Fund. The Foundation of Innovative Initiatives is a non-profit foundation which works closely with the Science Link Network, an informal grouping of European institutions eager to build stronger relationships between the business sector and the research community.
2. All applicants are invited to fill out an Application Form, available on http://www.cvtisr.sk/aktuality/vyzva-pre-podniky.html?page_id=16481
3. All applications shall be submitted by email to the National Contact Point. Your national contact point is: Centrum vedecko-technických informácií SR.
4. The contact person at Centrum vedecko-technických informácií SR is Ms. Anna Janušová, anna.janusova@cvtisr.sk, tel.: +421 2 69253 178
5. You can submit only 1 research application per organisation as part of the call.
6. Please be sure to provide current contact information so that we can follow up with you if we have any questions regarding your application.
7. Consultations are possible prior to submission via the contact person listed above.
8. Selected research proposals will be eligible for a feasibility study. *A feasibility study is a short measurement of a few samples to see if the experiment can be successful. It will basically answer the question, whether the experimentation approach and technology available can actually detect what you are interested in investigating. A feasibility study is thus not the same as an actual research experiment.* The feasibility study will be performed at a Science Link Network synchrotron facility. Regardless of whether a feasibility study is successful or not, you will receive a brief write-up of the feasibility study results and conclusions.
9. An undisclosed number of research proposals will be granted beam time **free-of-charge** at one of the participating Science Link Network synchrotron facilities to carry out a full research experiment.
10. The results of this pilot call for proposals may be made publicly available in the form of aggregated statistical data (number of beneficiaries of High Time for Beam Time Pilot Call for Proposals) for educational & publicity purposes only. If beam-time is granted to your organisation, the Foundation of Innovative

Initiatives reserves the right to request case-specific data (for educational & publicity purposes only). Case-specific data means: the name of your company, the type of sample material tested and the analytical technique used in the experiment as well as a summary of the research objectives and results. Any background intellectual property (including sample synthesis and preparation details, composition and processing done prior to or after the measurement etc.) shall be excluded from publication. The Foundation of Innovative Initiatives may follow up and request permission for such information to be used in a case study (for educational & publicity purposes only).

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The call for proposals is a process open to any company headquartered in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia or Poland (Visegrad countries). Small and medium-sized enterprises are especially welcome to apply; however, SME status will not be a selection criterion.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The winning research proposals will be selected on the basis of the type of research proposed AND the extent to which the research can actually be performed at a participating research institution. Some research proposals will not be suitable for the experimentation options available at synchrotron facilities. In those cases, every effort will be made by the National Contact Point to direct the applicant to the most suitable research infrastructure.

SELECTION PROCESS

1. After the call closes, internal pre-evaluation followed by evaluation by a committee of Science Link Network members will take place. Proposal evaluation will be completed September 2016 at the latest.
2. The authors of the winning proposals will be asked to provide material/product samples. If necessary, a feasibility study will be performed. The timeframe for experimentation setup and actual beam-time will be arranged on an individual basis.
3. The results of the call for proposals will not be published online. Notifications will be sent directly by email to the beneficiaries. The results will be made available offline to the International Visegrad Fund at its request.