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# Activities of CzechInvest

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**[www.czechinvest.org](http://www.czechinvest.org)**

- CzechInvest is the **Business and Investment Development Agency**
- Established: 1992
- A state contributory organization subordinated to the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic
- The main objective is to transform the Czech Republic into an innovation leader in Europe
- 13 regional offices

# Activities of CzechInvest



- **Consultations and advice on investment incentives**
- **Cooperation with foreign investors** - Identification of suitable corporate real estate
- **Database of Suppliers**
- **National Database of Brownfields**
- **Startup Support** - Technology Incubation, ESA BIC
- **Support for SMEs** – Consultations, mapping of companies (OSS)
- Organization of professional seminars
- Cooperation with representatives of local government, schools and other regional institutions
- **Just Transition Fund**

# Investment Incentives - Supported activities



## MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY

Production



## TECHNOLOGY CENTRES

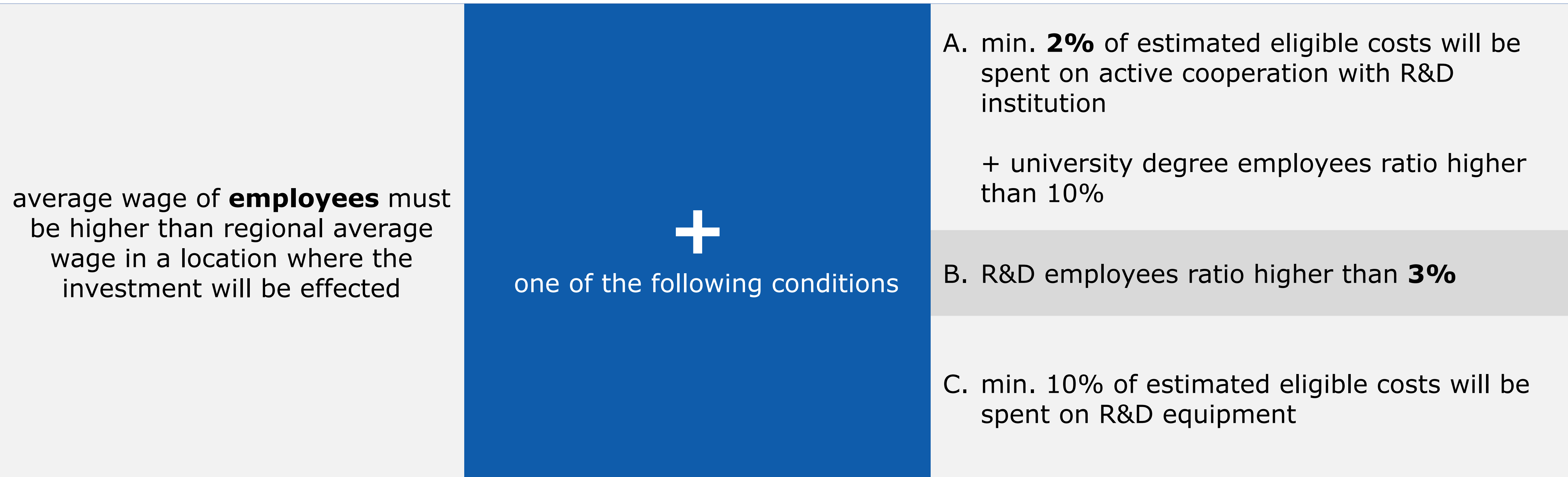
R&D centres



## BUSINESS SUPPORT SERVICES CENTRES

- Shared service centres
- SW development centres
- High-tech repair centres
- Data centres

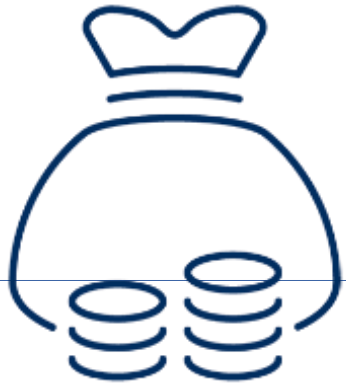


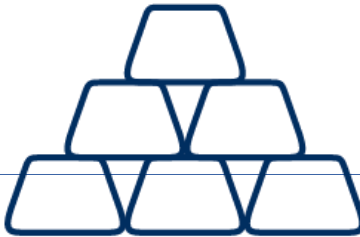
# New Condition of High Added Value



**Source:** Government Regulation No. 221/2019 Coll., as amended.

# Types of investment incentives

## Manufacturing industry

Type of Investment	 <b>CORPORATE INCOME TAX RELIEF</b> up to 10 years	 <b>JOB CREATION GRANTS</b> up to approx. 7,700 EUR per one job	 <b>TRAINING AND RETRAINING GRANTS</b> up to 50% of training costs	 <b>CASH GRANTS</b> on capital investment up to 20% of eligible costs
Manufacturing Industry	✓	✓	✓	
Strategic investment in manufacturig industry	✓	✓	✓	✓
Production products for the protection of life and health of citizens and energy savings	✓	✓	✓	✓
Strategic investment with high technological demands	✓	✓	✓	✓

✓ In case of unemployment min. 7.5% in the district (and at the same time 50% higher unemployment than the Czech average) for the previous half of the year

Source: Act on Investment Incentives No. 72/2000 Coll., 2024

# Foreign Offices & After Care



## Foreing Offices

USA – California, USA – New York, Canada, UK & Ireland, Germany, South Korea, Japan, Taiwan (NEW)

## After Care

- The Czech investment climate, local legislation and labor law
- Investment incentives, EU structural funds and other financial support instruments
- Work and residence visas for foreign employees and the top management of foreign companies as part of our comprehensive visa services



# Database of Suppliers



- CzechInvest connects foreign investors with suppliers or JV partners from the Czech Republic
- More than 3.600 profiles of Czech Manufacturing and IT companies
- 10 key sectors and other subcategories



# Czechia – Data reports

Basic Data about Czechia

Attractiveness of Czechia

Business Environment Mapping



Construction

Transport in Czechia

Telecommunications



Labour market

Wages





Utilities



Reports



R&D in Czechia

<div>R&amp;D statistics</div>  <div>more</div>	<div>Expenditure on R&amp;D</div>  <div>more</div>
<div>R&amp;D regional statistics</div>  <div>more</div>	<div>International comparison</div>  <div>more</div>

# Database of Business Properties



- construction plots intended for industry and services - size of at least 1 ha (10,000 m<sup>2</sup>)
- industrial halls intended for production (size of at least 500 m<sup>2</sup> production space)
- spaces for science and research



# National Database of Brownfields

- Administration of the **National Database of Brownfields** (the largest database of brownfield areas in the Czech Republic)
- (<https://brownfieldy.czechinvest.org/Aplikace/bf-public.nsf/bfs.xsp>)
- Organization of seminars and conferences on brownfield regeneration
- Preparation and organization of tours of selected properties
- Administration of the website at [www.brownfieldy.cz](http://www.brownfieldy.cz)

# Startup Support - Technology Incubation

- Systematic project of state support for innovative startups (250 startups)
- **Funding for product/service development** and consultancy services
- Incubation for 12 to 24 months
- Presence of a mentor for the entire incubation period
- **Sectors:**
  - Eco-innovation, mobility, cultural and creative industries, artificial intelligence, tech for life, advanced tech & materials, space

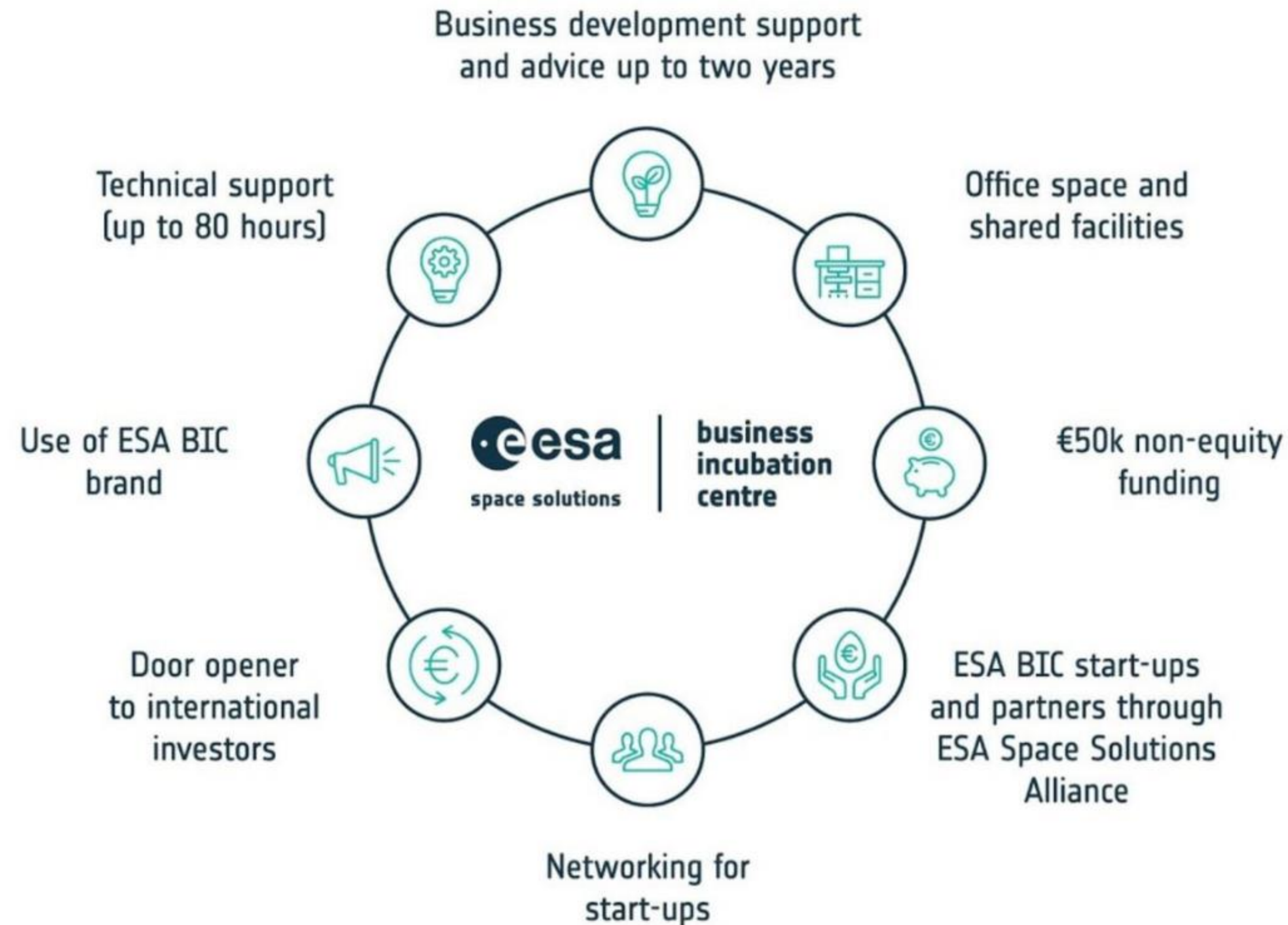
# Technology Incubation - amount of aid

- **Incubation STANDARD:** support up to 1.6 million CZK
- **Incubation PLUS:** support up to 5 million CZK

## Who are we looking for?

- Startups up to 5 years old, students, innovative companies etc.

# ESA BIC Czech Republic



## ESA BIC Czech Republic

Via the **European Space Agency Business Incubation Centre (ESA BIC)**, we support young companies that are bringing space technologies back to Earth or developing new technologies for use in space.



# Support for SMEs – One Stop Shop



- Personal and online **consultations**
- Organization of **professional seminars** (also with other institutions in the region)
- **Mapping the business environment** - approaching new clients
- **Mapping the needs of SMEs:**
  - What projects the company is working on
  - What they lack funding for
  - What problems they have

# Support for SMEs

- **Cooperation with other institutions that support business development**
  - The Technology Agency of the Czech Republic - support for research and development
  - The Business and Innovation Agency API - providing advice on European Structural Funds
  - Innovation Centres - promoting business in the regions

# Support for SMEs

- **Cooperation with other institutions that support business development**
  - The National Development Bank - providing information on interest-free loans for business development
  - The CzechTrade Promotion Agency - providing export support to SMEs
  - Universities
  - Other institutions

# Just Transition Fund 2021 - 2027

- 3 Regions (Usti Region, Karlovy Vary Region and Moravian-Silesian Region)
- Ministry of the Environment
- Allocation: estimate of CZK 42 billion (Exchange rate of CZK 25/ EUR)
- The program is aimed at solving the negative impacts of diversion from coal mining



# Thank you for your attention!

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