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## **Institutional support provided to the Czech FP7 beneficiaries by Czech Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MEYS) and Receipt of the FP7 project**

The Czech beneficiaries in FP7 projects may receive an additional institutional support provided by the MEYS to co-finance their participation in the FP7 projects. This co-financing is provided as top-up grant (i.e. to co-financing up to the 100% of the total eligible costs of the FP7 project) in accordance with the Programme Rules (Grant Agreement), Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation 2006/C 323/01 (i.e. the maximum aid intensity) and national legislation (i.e. State Aid Act No. 211/2009 Coll., budgetary regulations).

*This letter is dedicated to the FP7 Project officers and Project coordinators with the aim to harmonize different approaches to this co-financing, especially during the project reporting phases. The different ways of filling in the Form Cs are currently subject of large number of misunderstandings.*

Technology Centre ASCR, the National Information Centre for the European Research in the Czech Republic which provides the services of Czech National Contact Points (NCPs) for the 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme, recommends that

*the MEYS institutional support provided to the Czech beneficiaries as top-up grant (i.e. to co-financing up to the 100% of the costs of the FP7 project) **should be considered as a receipt of the project (defined in ECGA, Annex II, Art. II.17) and declared as such in the beneficiary's Forms C.***

This statement is also supported by the MEYS.

The principle of non-profitability of the project (EU contribution + receipts of the project  $\leq$  total eligible costs of the project) is taken into the consideration at the end of the project in the moment the final payment is calculated (defined in ECGA, Annex II, Art. II.18.3). The non-profitability of the project is supposed to be assured.

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