

Starting points and priorities of cohesion policy for 2021–2030

VISION



The Czech Republic is a cohesive society of the 21st century, with its economy competitive in both the European and global context, which ensures a high quality of life, minimizes its economic and social inequalities, respects the natural and territorial limits and successfully adapts to global changes.

GLOBAL OBJECTIVE



Sustainable development of the Czech Republic and its regions through adaptation of the society to key European and global changes, leaning on innovation, research, development and digitization as the main prerequisites for development, and minimizing structural, social and environmental disparities.

POLICY OBJECTIVES



Implementing the Paris Agreement and investing in energy transition, renewables and combating climate change.

A greener, low-carbon Europe



Innovation, digitization, economic transformation and support for small and medium-sized enterprises.

A smarter Europe



Implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights and promoting quality employment, education, skills, social inclusion and equal access to healthcare.

A more social Europe



Effective mobility thanks to strategic transport and digital networks.

A more connected Europe



Support for locally led development strategies and sustainable urban development throughout the EU.

A Europe closer to citizens

Other EU funds for economic recovery in response to the coronavirus epidemic



DRAFT NATIONAL RECOVERY PLAN

PROPOSAL FOR THE USE OF THE EUROPEAN FUND CALLED RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE FACILITY* IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC IN 2020-2023

Plan coordinator



Digital transformation

- Digital services for citizens and businesses
- Digital systems of public administration
- Digital high-speed networks
- Digital economy and society, innovative start-ups and new technologies
- Digital transformation of businesses
- Development of the cultural and creative sector
- Acceleration and digitization of the building permit procedure

Physical infrastructure and green transition

- Sustainable and safe transport
- Reducing energy consumption
- Industrial transformation and a shift to cleaner energy sources
- Development of clean mobility
- Renovation of buildings and air protection
- Nature protection and climate change adaptation
- Circular economy and recycling and industrial water
- Promoting investments in industry and businesses

Education and the labour market

- Innovation in education in the context of digitization
- Capacity adaptation and the focus of school programmes
- Modernization of employment services and development of the labour market

Institutions, regulation and business support in response to COVID

- Public investment support centre in the regions
- Digital access to justice
- Ensuring reliable and secure archiving
- Providing compensation to sectors affected by the crisis

Research, development and innovation

- Excellent research and development in the public interest
- Promoting research and development in companies and introducing innovations in business practice

Health and resilience of the population

- Increasing the resilience of the health care system
- Strengthening the system of prevention in healthcare

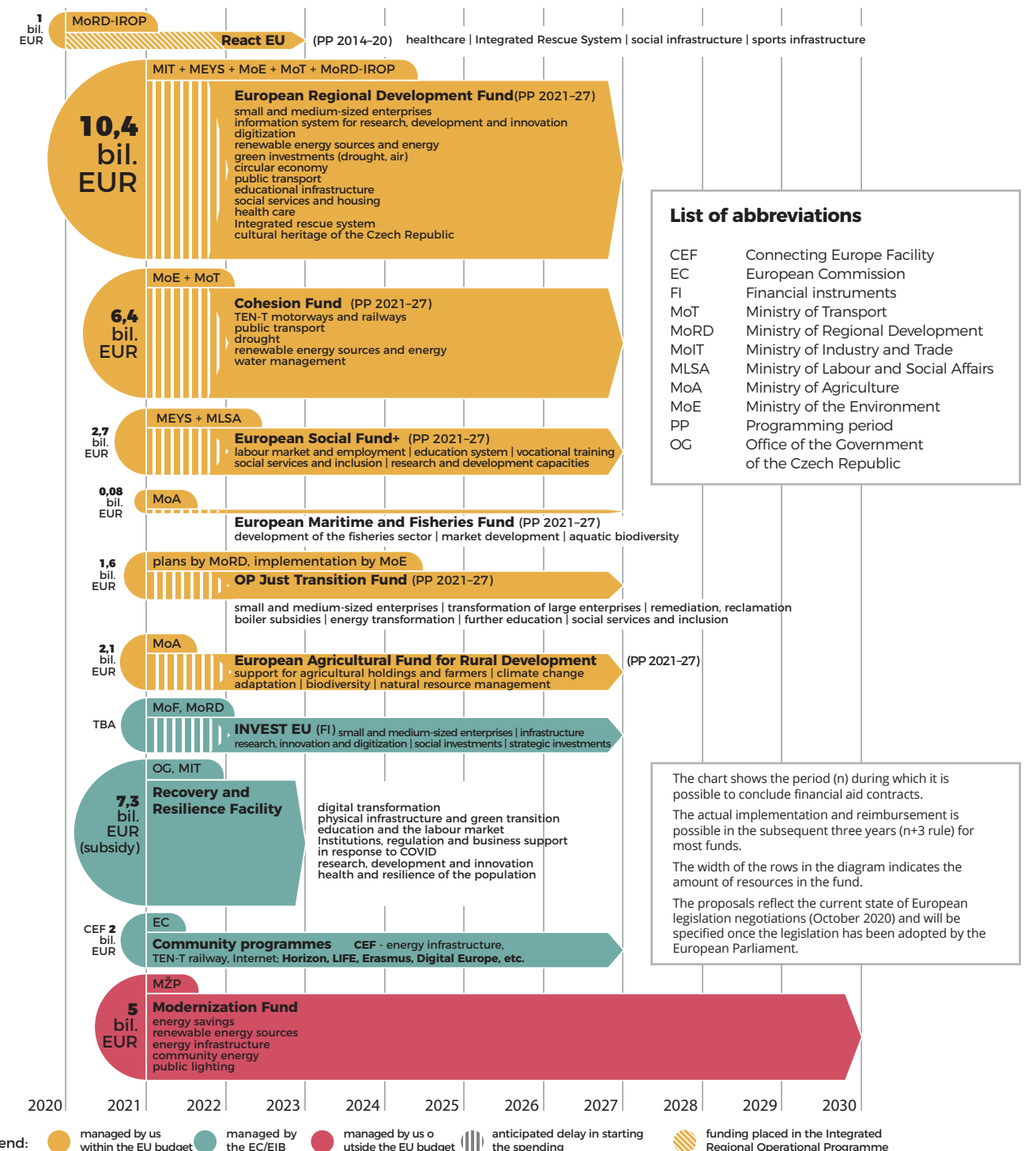
* Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) agreed at the extraordinary meeting of the European Council on 17-21 July 2020. The final version of the National Recovery Plan will be prepared by April 2021, following negotiations with the European Commission. The main part of the spending will take place in the years 2021–2023, the completion of projects and disbursement of financial support will be possible until 2026 (n+3 rule).

European funds in the Czech Republic after 2020

After 2020, the Czech Republic will be able to use funding from many European funds and initiatives, whether in the form of non-refundable grants or financial instruments – favourable loans. From next year, applicants will be able to apply for support for their projects under eight operational programmes that follow on from the programmes of the current period.

The Ministry of the Environment is developing a new programme focusing on coal regions – the Just Transition Fund. The REACT-EU funding will be offered in new calls to be announced still under the current Integrated Regional Operational Programme 2014–2020. The European Commission is proposing to detach the Rural Development Programme from the cohesion policy. The individual programme proposals can be finalised only after the relevant European legislation is adopted. The first calls under the new programmes are expected to be published in the second half of 2021.

Overview of EU financial resources for the Czech Republic for 2020–2027 (estimates)



OVERVIEW OF NEW PROGRAMMES AND PROPOSED AREAS OF SUPPORT

in the 2021–2027 programming period



OP Technologies and Application for Competitiveness

Managing Authority
Ministry of Industry and Trade

Research and innovation
Digitization and development of the internet
Skills for smart specialization, industrial transformation and entrepreneurship
Enhancing the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises
Increasing the added value of products and services in the production chain
Introducing advanced technologies and Industry 4.0 principles in companies
Modernizing and streamlining the production, distribution and storage of energy
Increasing the energy efficiency and energy savings
Deploying innovative low-carbon technologies
Effective and thrifty use of renewable energy sources
Introducing modern and highly efficient methods of production, distribution and storage of heat energy
Use of brownfields for business activities



Integrated Regional Operational Programme

Managing Authority
Ministry of Regional Development

Regional transport connectivity linked to the TEN-T (Class II roads)
Development of urban, suburban and regional transport (incl. the rolling stock, transfer terminals, etc.)
Development of cycling infrastructure
Improving the quality of local education infrastructure
Social housing
Effective security of public administration information systems and adequate response to growing cyber threats
Infrastructure of social services
Enhancing public health protection
Modernizing emergency admission units
Integrated oncological, perinatal and gerontological care
Psychiatric care
Follow-up and long-term care
Digitization and client-oriented public administration
Improving public spaces in towns and municipalities including green infrastructure
Population protection and risk prevention
Cultural heritage and tourism
Community-led local development



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Managing Authority
Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports

Curricula and teaching methods for the 21st century, development of key competencies
Equality in education, its availability and personalised approach
Capacity building for education
Comprehensive improvement of training and development of teaching staff
Mobility of employees in research and education, and development of international cooperation
Improving the settings and developing the capacities for research and development
Cooperation and functional interconnection of public administration, the academic, research and business sectors



OP Employment+

Managing Authority
Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs

Streamlining public administration to provide quality services
Increasing the participation of disadvantaged groups in the labour market
Modernization of labour market institutions
Promoting equal opportunities and satisfactory work-life balance
A functioning system of continuing vocational training
Promotion and use of labour mobility
Social inclusion
Social housing
Client-oriented social services
Improving the quality and availability of healthcare



OP Environment

Managing Authority
Ministry of Environment

Nature protection and landscape conservation
Improving air quality
Protecting and improving the quality of water and water management
Drought management, flood prevention and landslide prevention measures
Remediation of sites with environmental burdens
Creating education facilities for sustainable development
Introducing the principles of a circular economy and resource efficiency
Increasing the energy efficiency and energy savings
Effective and thrifty use of renewable energy sources



OP Transport

Managing Authority
Ministry of Transport

Developing and improving linear transport infrastructure (incl. cities and their hinterlands)
Introducing modern technologies for the organization of transport and reduction of traffic burden
Increasing the utilization and availability of alternative fuels in transport



OP Fisheries

Managing Authority
Ministry of Agriculture

Protecting and restoring aquatic biodiversity
Aquaculture development
Promotion of fishing
Enhancing the processing capacities



OP Technical Assistance

Managing Authority
Ministry of Regional Development

Management and coordination of the Partnership Agreement
Support for horizontal issues and partners
Support for the administrative capacity of implementation



OP Just Transition Fund (working title)

Managing Authority
Ministry of Environment

Addressing the social, economic and environmental impacts of the transition to a climate-neutral economy in selected regions

Cross border cooperation programmes (Interreg VI-A)

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Support of cross-border projects in the Czech border areas

CZ – Poland
CZ – Free State of Saxony
CZ – Free State of Bavaria
CZ – Austria
CZ – Slovak Republic

Ministry of Regional Development of the Czech Republic
Saxon State Ministry of Regional Development
Bavarian Ministry of Economic Affairs, Regional Development and Energy
Office of the Government of Lower Austria
Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic