

SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS

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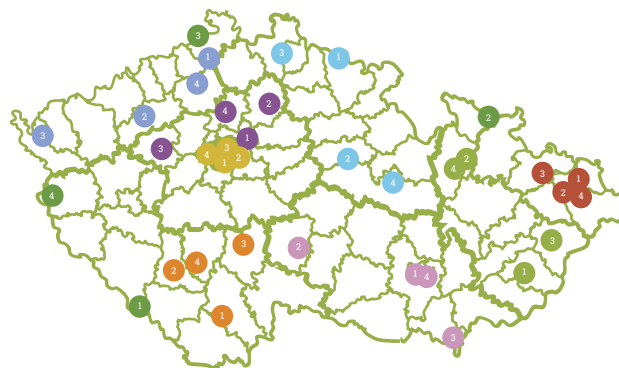
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The publication you in your hands presents just some of the successfully implemented projects financed from the European Union funds. In the 2007–2013 programming period, over 43 000 projects were implemented and completed. The European Union funds are here to support regions in their development and growth. The standard of living in any disadvantaged region should grow continuously to achieve a similar if not the same level as in regions across the whole European Union. In the Czech Republic, a selection of interesting and successful projects has been implemented thanks to support from European funds. We have picked four projects out of every region, which have helped to improve the standard of living in the given area. European funds are an investment in the future of the Czech Republic.

North-West



The North-West cohesion region consists of the provinces Ústí nad Labem and Karlovy Vary. Here, **15 747 new jobs** have been created, **9 790 flats** renovated and **8 monuments** regenerated. The project implementations in the North-West cohesion region represent an important stimulus for further development of the area. In the following selection, you can look at projects implemented under the Regional Operational Programme North-West, the Operational Programme Enterprise and Innovation, and the Integrated Operational Programme. The implemented projects are a chance to improve the conditions for everyday life of the people in the regions of Ústí nad Labem and Karlovy Vary.

Ústí nad Labem region

1. **Revitalization of the building "Atlantik"**
Děčín



2. **Solar Turbines Operations Centre**
Žatec

4. **Revitalisation of Jewish monuments**
Ústěk

3. **Transport terminal**
Cheb

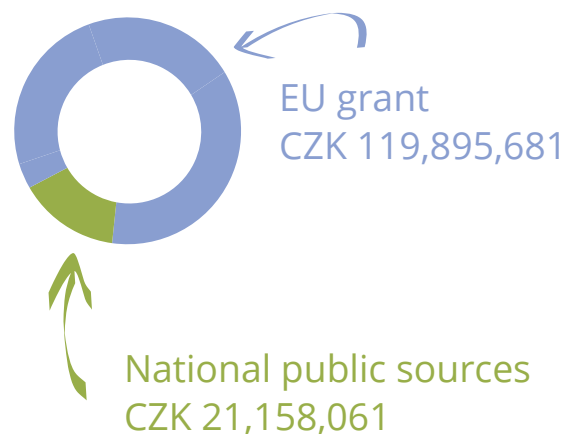
Karlovy Vary region



The unused Atlantik was turned into a library



Total costs:
CZK 141,053,742



Project name: **Revitalization of the building "Atlantik"** (library/multimedia centre)
Operational Programme: ROP North-West
Fund: European Regional Development Fund
Applicant: The Statutory City of Děčín
Registration number: CZ.1.09/1.1.00/32.00708
Project implementation period: 1.11.2010–31.10.2012
EU grant: CZK 119,895,681
National public sources: CZK 21,158,061



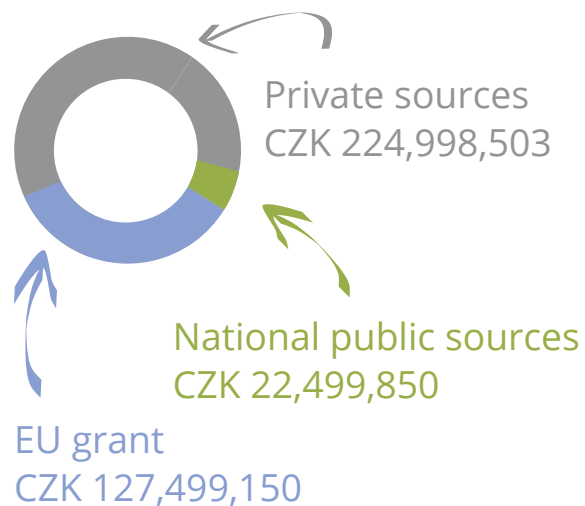
The once dilapidated building of a social centre has been re-constructed in a modern way, thanks to a suitably used grant from the Regional Operational Programme North-West, into a library and a multimedia centre. The unusual appearance of this modern building has become a new dominant in the landscape of the town of Děčín. As many people pass by the building every day, it was desirable to make its exterior impressive too. The multifunctional municipal facility meets the cultural life requirements of the locals and tourists. Apart from a library, the building also houses an information centre and the related infrastructure. The structure of the building is emphasised with coloured stripes, each of them bearing a name of a renowned Czech writer, such as Karel Jaromír Erben, Alois Jirásek, Vladimír Holan and many others.

This project gave a new purpose to once dilapidated building.

Solar Trubines Operations Centre has brought new jobs to the town of Žatec



Total costs:
CZK 374,997,503



Project name: **Operations Centre Žatec**
Operational Programme: OP Enterprise and Innovation
Fund: European Regional Development Fund
Applicant: Solar Turbines EAME s.r.o.
Registration number: CZ.1.03/2.2.00/23.00011
Project implementation period: 30.6.2010–27.1.2014
EU grant: CZK 127,499,150
National public sources: CZK 22,499,850
Private sources: CZK 224,998,503



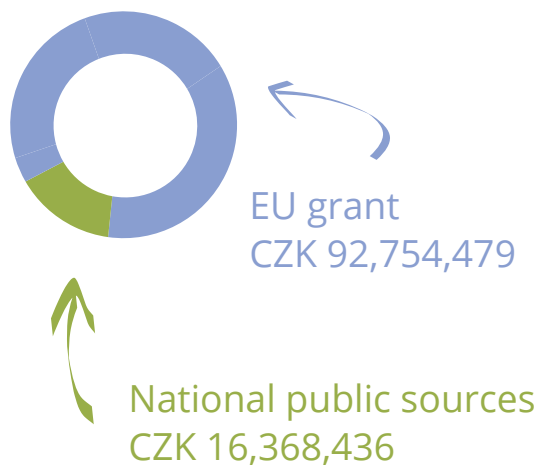
The company Solar Turbines produces and repairs industrial gas turbines for world oil companies (e.g. Shell). Thanks to support from the Operational Programme Enterprise and Innovation, its entirely new operations centre has been built in the Žatec industrial zone, focusing on repairs of turbine parts. The project has also equipped the centre with modern machines. The Žatec Operations Centre has become a repair point for the company in Europe, Africa and the Middle East. Also the project has created new jobs in the Ústí nad Labem Region.

*This project
has created
new jobs.*

The town of Cheb features a new bus terminal



Total costs:
CZK 109,122,915



Project name: **Transport terminal Cheb**
Operational Programme: ROP North-West
Fund: European Regional Development Fund
Applicant: Karlovy Vary Region
Project implementation period: 30.11.2011–25.1.2013
Registration number: CZ.1.09/3.2.00/27.00610
EU grant: CZK 92,754,479
National public sources: CZK 16,368,436



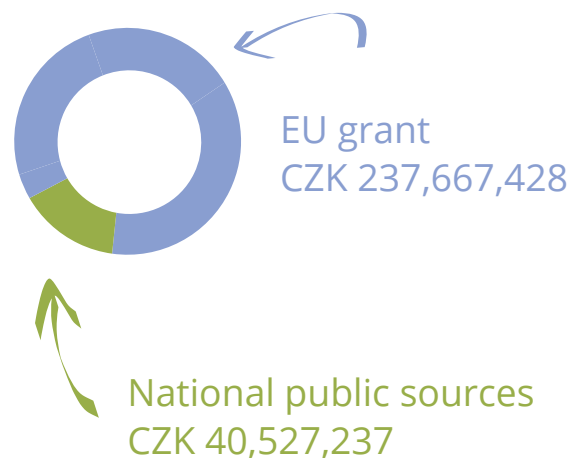
Cheb is a transport hub of the Karlovy Vary Region. Trains arrive here both from Pilsen and Prague via Ústí nad Labem and of course from the nearby Germany, while passengers travelling to other places in the region change here to coach connections. The aim of the project was to build a new modern bus terminal that would be easily accessible from the train station. A dominating feature of the new terminal is the central building with its hexagon shape with modern elements. Apart from the dispatching centre and a staff facilities, the building houses an information centre, bicycle storage and a sandwich bar with a car park located nearby. The adjacent train station and its entrance hall have been refurbished too.

This project has raised the comfort of travelling.

The synagogue in Ústěk is opened for tourists



Total costs:
CZK 278,194,665



Project name: **Revitalisation of Jewish monuments in the Czech Republic**

Operational Programme: Integrated Operational Programme

Fund: European Regional Development Fund

Applicant: Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic

Registration number: CZ.1.06/5.1.00/01.06096

Project implementation period: 1.2.2007–30.6.2014

EU grant: CZK 237,667,428

National public sources: CZK 40,527,237



The revitalisation of the synagogue in the town of Ústěk is a part of a major project implemented by the Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic, focused on renovation of Jewish monuments. Ústěk once had a populous Jewish community which had a synagogue as early as in the 18th century. Now the time has come to invest in its renovation. Apart from construction works, the project comprised the creation of permanent expositions which are now accessible to visitors. Here, they can learn about the uniqueness of the Jewish culture and Judaism in an authentic environment. The synagogue exhibits a project called “Jewish Schools”, which presents the basic concepts of Jewish education from the biblical times up to the present.

This project has regenerated a historical monument.

North-East



The North-East cohesion territory is the only one in the Czech Republic formed by three different regions: Liberec, Hradec Králové and Pardubice. In all three of them, altogether **17 113 jobs** have been created, **37 monuments** regenerated, and **62 new environmentally friendly vehicles of public transport** have been put to use. In the following selection, you can look at projects implemented under the Regional Operational Programme North-East, the Operational Programme Research and Development for Innovation, and the Operational Programme Human Resources and Employment. Thanks to the implemented projects, the quality of living conditions has improved significantly in the north-east of the Czech Republic.

Liberec Region

3. Engineering Research Centre
Liberec

1. Reconstruction of the cableway
Sněžka

Hradec Kralové Region

2. Modernization of technical airport facilities
Pardubice

Pardubice Region

4. Your Chance – social cafe
Litomyšl

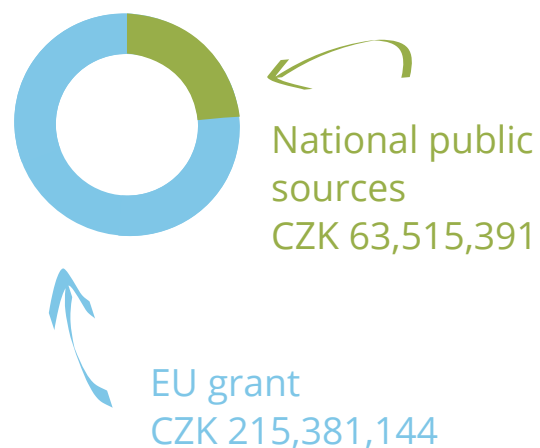




The Sněžka Mountain has a new cableway after 60 years



Total costs:
CZK 278,896,535



Project name: **Reconstruction of the cableway to the Sněžka Mountain**

Operational Programme: ROP North-East

Fund: European Regional Development Fund

Applicant: The town of Pec pod Sněžkou

Registration number: CZ.1.13/1.2.00/18.01053

Project implementation period: 1.9.2011–31.3.2014

EU grant: CZK 215,381,144

National public sources: CZK 63,515,391



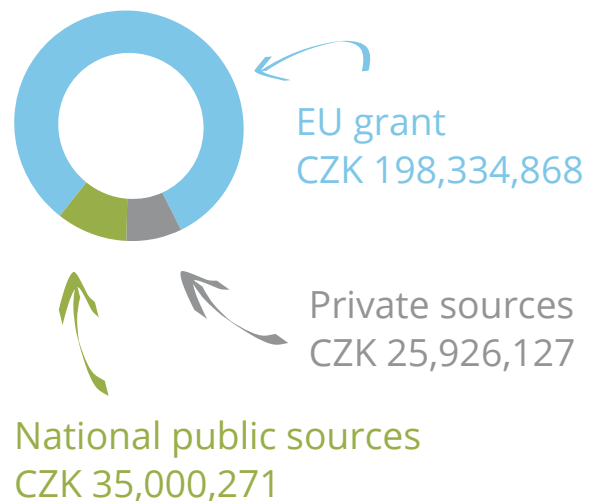
There are several ways how to reach the top of the highest Czech mountain. From 21 December 2012, tourists can use a new cableway which was financed from the European Union funds. The original chairlift that served since 1949 was used every year by over 200 thousand people. The new cableway features comfortable cabins which are more resistant to wind than the original two-seat chairs. The cableway is divided into two sections – the first leads to the Růžová hora mountain and the second directly to Sněžka. It is the latter section that is often exposed to blasts of strong wind and therefore the more resistant cabins have been chosen. The cableway can transport up to 250 passengers per hour.

Thanks to this project, tourists can enjoy a new cableway.

The airport facilities in Pardubice have been modernised



Total costs:
CZK 259,261,265



Project name: **Partial modernization of technical facilities at the Pardubice airport and extension of the movement areas**

Operational Programme: ROP North-East

Fund: European Regional Development Fund

Applicant: EAST BOHEMIAN AIRPORT a.s.

Registration number: CZ.1.13/1.3.00/23.01095

Project implementation period: 2.5.2011–31.7.2012

EU grant: CZK 198,334,868

National public sources: CZK 35,000,271

Private sources: CZK 25,926,127



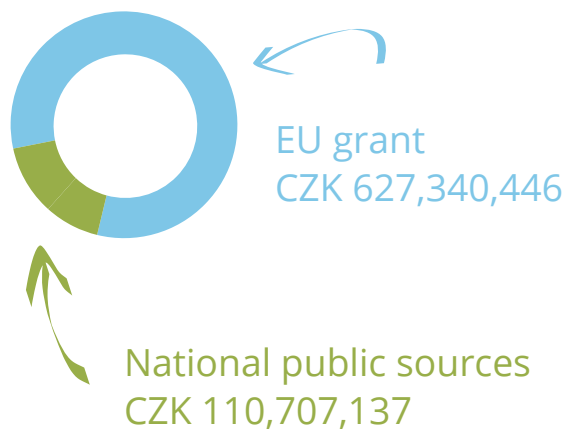
The modernisation of the Pardubice airport facilities has improved and expanded the spaces for technical utilities and services. The project has also significantly enlarged the movement areas for the aircraft. The airport now has a more logical building layout across the premises. The individual buildings are enough spacious so that e.g. aircraft maintenance can be carried out properly. The public utility networks, the garages, manipulation and storage spaces have also been refurbished.

This project has raised the airports competitiveness.

Scientists from Liberec work in a new research centre



Total costs:
CZK 738,047,583



Project name: **Engineering Research Centre, Liberec**

Operational Programme: OP Research and Development for Innovation

Fund: European Regional Development Fund

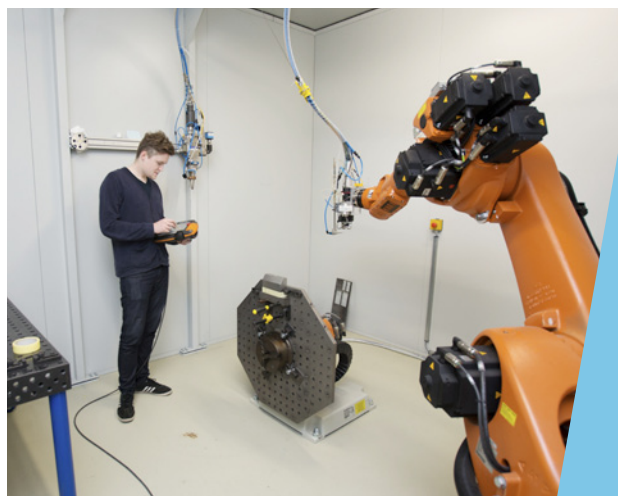
Applicant: VÚTS, a.s.

Registration number: CZ.1.05/2.1.00/03.0096

Project implementation period: 1.1.2009–31.12.2012

EU grant: CZK 627,340,446

National public sources: CZK 110,707,137



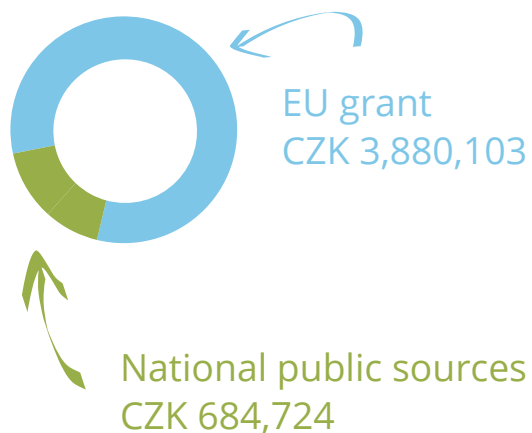
The Engineering Research Centre Liberec is a part of new premises of the Research Institute of Textile Machinery (VÚTS, a.s.) and represents the first completed research centre under the Operational Programme Research and Development for Innovation. In order to create worthy conditions for the research and development of new technologies in mechanical engineering, a project was implemented so the now OP RDI new centre features an administrative building with a production hall and other workplaces. The project has created new jobs so that fresh graduates not only from the Technical University in Liberec would find employment.

This project has created a modern scientific research centre.

A social enterprise helps young people from vulnerable groups to work



Total costs:
CZK 4,564,827



Project name: **Your Chance – integration of young people at risk of social pathological phenomena and persons with mental illness**

Operational Programme: OP Human Resources and Employment

Fund: European Social Fund

Applicant: Komuniké, o.p.s.

Registration number: CZ.1.04/3.1.06/30.00361

Project implementation period: 1.11.2012–31.10.2014

EU grant: CZK 3,880,103

National sources: CZK 684,724



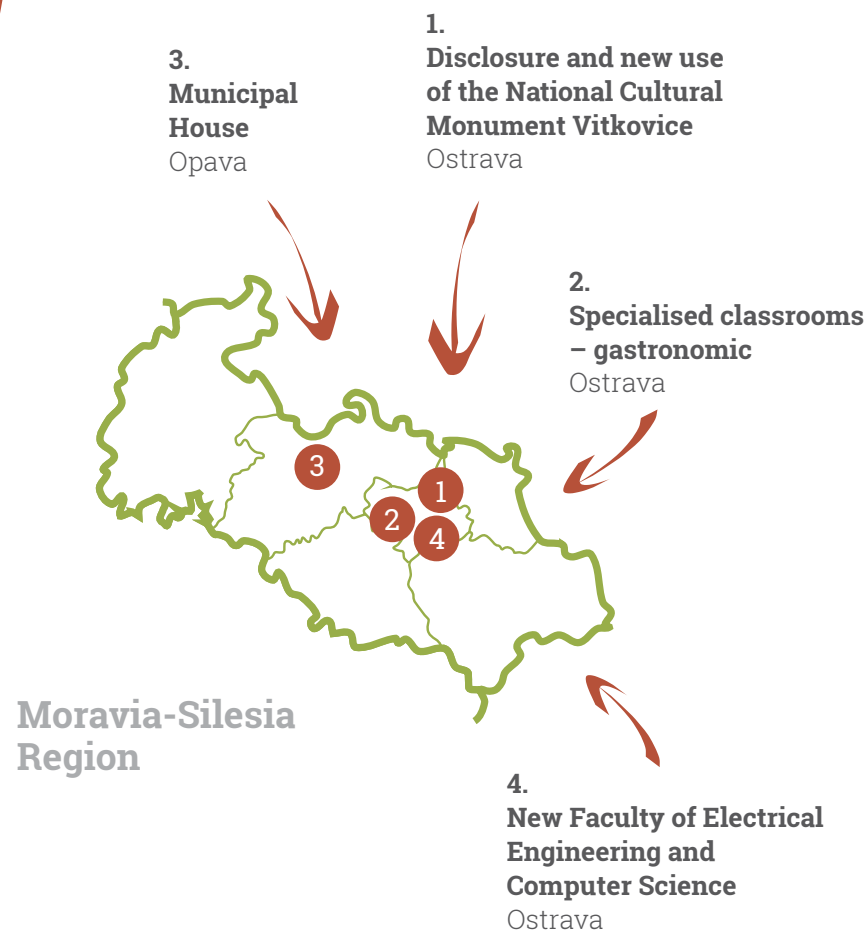
The Rettigovka restaurant in the town of Litomyšl is known for its healthy cuisine and friendly staff. This restaurant is progressive and unconventional, just as the famous author of cookbooks, Magdalena Rettigová herself. Thanks to support from the Operational Programme Human Resources and Employment, a social enterprise has been established to employ young people threatened with socially pathological phenomena and persons with disabilities. Here handicapped people can not only receive a professional training, but are also able to self-realize and thus integrate into the society. The restaurant employees are also regularly trained in the new gastronomic trends. On working days, guests can enjoy a daily menu which usually consists of vegetarian dishes.

*Thanks to this project,
young people from
vulnerable groups have
found work.*

Moravia-Silesia



The Moravia-Silesia cohesion region consists of only one district: Moravia-Silesia. In this region, **14 467 entirely new jobs** have been created, **7.13 km of new class I roads** have been built and **220 environmentally friendly vehicles of public transport** have been put into operation. In the following selection, you can look at projects implemented under the Regional Operational Programme Moravia-Silesia (ROP MS), the Operational Programme Research and Development for Innovation, and the Integrated Operational Programme. Thanks to support from the European Union, many projects have been implemented in this region, supporting tourism and free-time activities (e.g. David's Mill at Kružberk and many others).

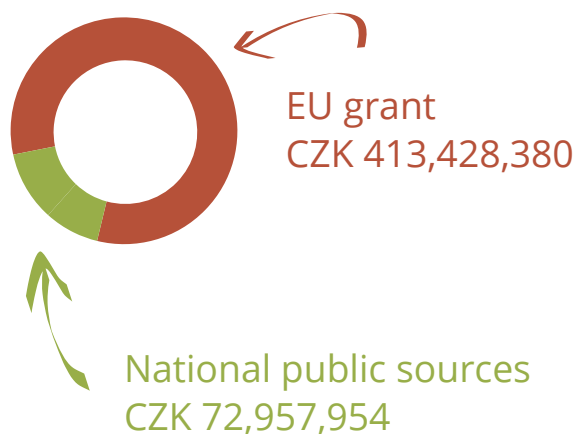




Dolní Vítkovice – from an industrial into a tourist attraction



Total costs:
CZK 486,386,334



Project name: **Disclosure and new use of the National Cultural Monument Vitkovice**
Operational Programme: Integrated Operational Programme
Fund: European Regional Development Fund
Applicant: Lower Vitkovice Area
Registration number: CZ.1.06/5.1.00/01.05498
Project implementation period: 12.12.2008–31.12.2012
EU grant: CZK 413,428,380
National public sources: CZK 72,957,954



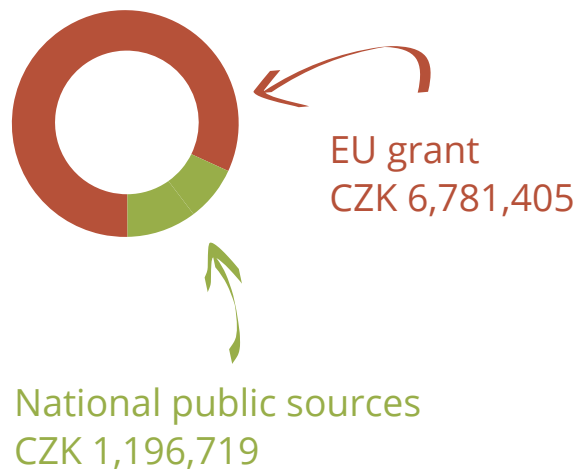
The premises of blast furnaces, located in Vítkovice, Ostrava, have been largely renovated. Since the 17th century, lignite had been mined in this area in the Hlubina mine, and iron, lignite coke and sinter were produced here. Thanks to European funds, the whole industrial area was transformed into a cultural and educational centre. The whole premises have been made accessible to the public – visitors are welcomed to join guided tours, learn about the process of iron production and much more. A number of cultural activities takes place here regularly, including the well-known music festival Colours of Ostrava. The industrial zone keeps the spirit of the past still alive and the industrial premises contain the typical symbols connected with the City of Ostrava. Today, the Lower Vitkovice Area of is listed as a National Cultural Monument.

An industrial area has transformed into an attractive tourist destination.

The teaching of gastronomical subjects in Ostrava has been modernised



Total costs:
CZK 7,978,124



Project name: **Multifunctional large-space specialised classrooms - gastronomy centres**
Operational Programme: ROP Moravia-Silesia
Fund: European Regional Development Fund
Applicant: Moravian-Silesian Region
Registration number: CZ.1.10/2.1.00/19.01/195
Project implementation period: 1.3.2013–31.3.2014
EU grant: CZK 6,781,405
National public sources: CZK 1,196,719



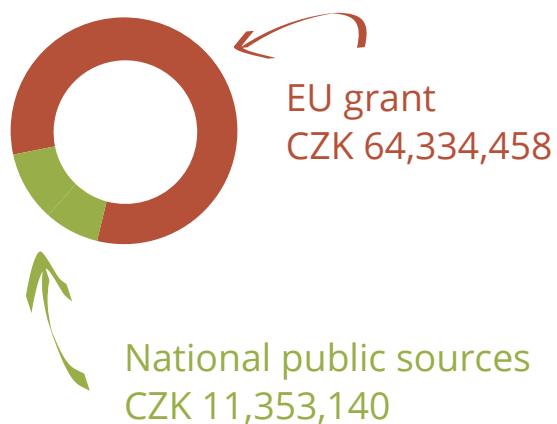
Thanks to European grant, a modern and quality facility for teaching gastronomy subjects has been created in Ostrava. Theoretical and practical teaching is now realistically simulated in environments which the students will encounter in practical training experience in employment. The aim was to make the teaching at gastronomy-oriented secondary schools more attractive. Now, with the perfect material as well as technical equipment, the students' preparation for a real working life is very thorough and beneficial. That is because the training spaces are a true copy of a real operation, which is an indisputable advantage of the gastronomy centre in the Secondary School of Public Catering.

This project has modernised the teaching of gastronomy subjects.

A bank in Opava has transformed into a multicultural institution



Total costs:
CZK 75,687,598



Project name: **Municipal House Opava**
Operational Programme: ROP Moravia-Silesia
Fund: European Regional Development Fund
Applicant: The Statutory City of Opava
Registration number: CZ.1.10/3.1.00/02.00446
Project implementation period: 5.1.2009–10.12.2009
EU grant: CZK 64,334,458
National public sources: CZK 11,353,140



Opava has long lacked a permanent museum exposition dedicated to the history and the present of this Silesian metropolis. The Opava citizens have also missed a venue in their town where various social and cultural events could take place. When searching for a suitable space, they found a historic bank building in the town centre. A project was created with the aim to transform it into a cultural institution – the Municipal House Opava – with the support of the Regional Operational Programme Moravia-Silesia. Both the interior and the exterior of the former bank have seen changes. The project was successfully completed and today the residents can visit the Municipal House to see a museum exposition, an exhibition, lectures, film projections, or to enjoy a dance. The building also features a coffee bar and a multi-genre club.

*This project has
created a much
needed cultural centre.*

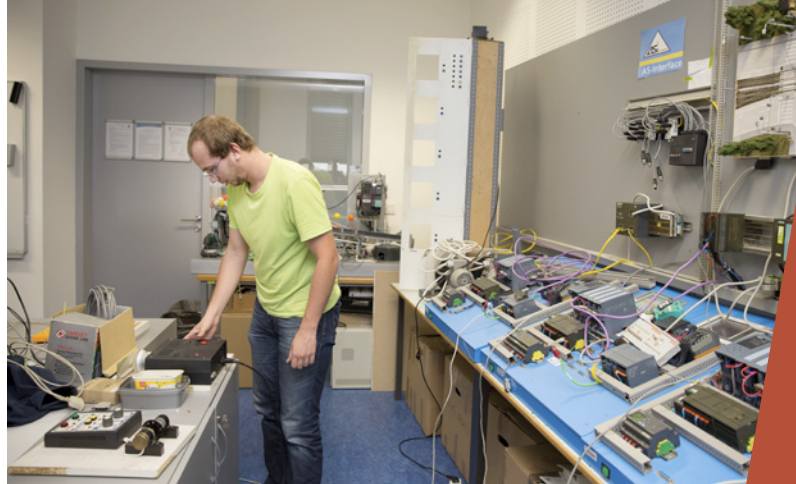
The Faculty of Electrical Engineering in Ostrava has a new modern building



Total costs:
CZK 846,274,157



Project name: **New Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science of VŠB – Technical University of Ostrava**
Operational Programme: OP Research and Development for Innovations
Fund: European Regional Development Fund
Applicant: Technical University of Ostrava
Registration number: CZ.1.05/4.1.00/04.0130
Project implementation period: 31.1.2011–31.3.2014
EU grant: CZK 719,333,033
National public sources: CZK 126,941,123



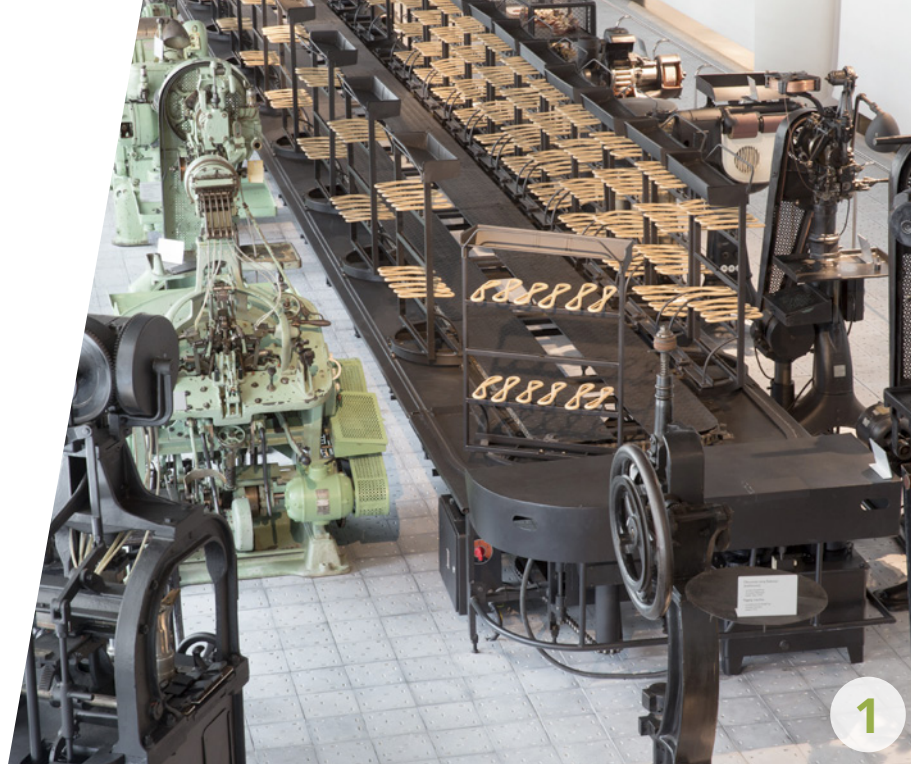
Thanks to support from the Operational Programme Research and Development for Innovation, a brand new building was created for the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science of the Technical University of Ostrava. A new multifunctional block was built at the same premises together with laboratories of the Automated Transport Centre Ostrava. The modern building now duly represents the university environment and the faculty itself. There are new classrooms and laboratories for students as well as facilities for the teachers and post-graduates. Now, students have an easier way to knowledge, at least logistically, as everything is situated under one roof.

This project has created modern conditions for studying.

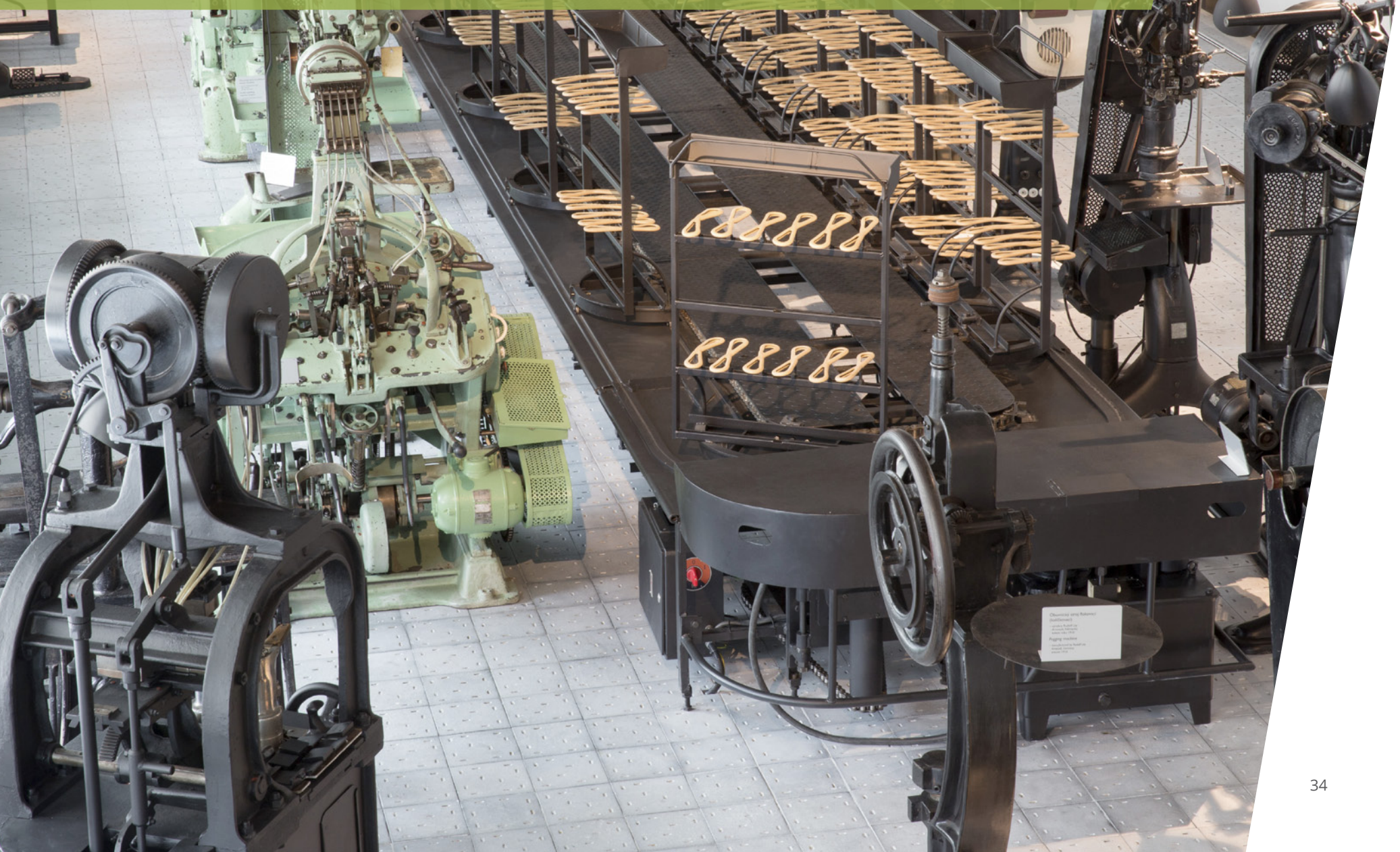
Central Moravia

The Central Moravia cohesion region consists of the Olomouc and the Zlín Region. In total, **16 646 new jobs** have been created here, **37 km of railway tracks** have been upgraded and built, and **7 521 flats** have been regenerated. In the following selection, you can look at projects implemented under the Regional Operational Programme Central Moravia, the Operational Programme Environment, and the Operational Programme Transport. The implemented projects foster the development in the regions and the growth of the particular sectors which are pivotal for a full-value and quality everyday life in the area.

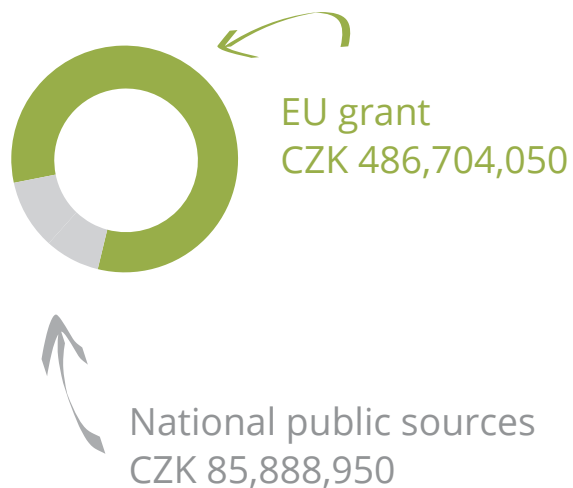




The former Bata compound now features a museum, library and a gallery



Total costs:
CZK 572,593,000



Project name: **Revitalisation of buildings No. 14 and 15 in the former premises of the Baťa Company**

Operational Programme: ROP Central Moravia

Fund: European Regional Development Fund

Applicant: Zlín Region

Registration number: CZ.1.12/2.2.00/22.01336

Project implementation period: 5.9.2011–26.9.2013

EU grant: CZK 486,704,050

National public sources: CZK 85,888,950



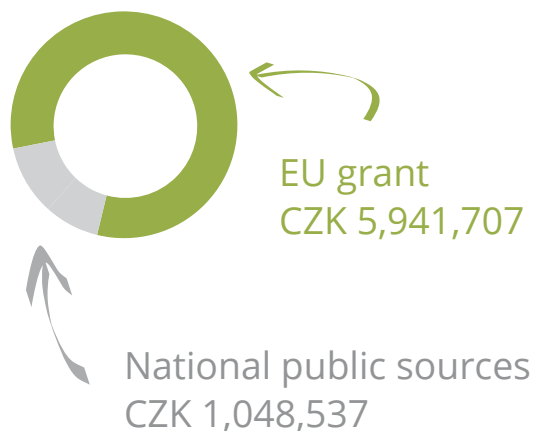
The town of Zlín is famous for its functionalist architecture which has become its symbol, just like the founder of the town's present form, Tomáš Baťa. The project, supported from the Regional Operational Programme Central Moravia, focused on reconstruction of buildings No. 14 and 15 in the former factory premises of the Baťa Company. The spaces have been used for the Regional Library of František Bartoš, the Regional Gallery of Fine Arts and the Museum of South-East Moravia. Before the reconstruction, both buildings were in a bad condition. Now they are very elegant with large glass panes which provide abundant light to the inner space and create a positive impression. The modern furnishing of the interiors tastefully complements the key features of the whole architectural style.

*An industrial buildings
has transformed into
cultural institutions.*

Relaxation and sports zone in Velké Losiny serves children and adults



Total costs:
CZK 6,990,244



Project name: **Relaxation and sports zone at the Centre of Healthy Lifestyle**

Operational Programme: ROP Central Moravia

Fund: European Regional Development Fund

Applicant: The municipality of Velké Losiny

Registration number: CZ.1.12/2.3.00/18.01119

Project implementation period: 1.6.2012–31.12.2013

EU grant: CZK 5,941,707

National public sources: CZK 1,048,537



The Centre of Healthy Lifestyle is a multi-purpose sports and relaxation area located in natural surroundings of Velké Losiny and can be used for a wide range of educational and sports activities. The zone includes a high-rope centre, a climbing wall, outdoor exercise area with fitness machines, a natural amphitheatre and a camp fire. The majority of the premises are barrier-free. There is also a multi-purpose hall where people can play volleyball, tennis, badminton or table tennis. Children will find their corner with a mini climbing wall and an educational panel on nature, while there is a restaurant for the watching parents. A small pond has been set up into the premises, supplementing the natural character of the space.

This project has created new sports opportunities for the public.

A comfortable drive on a new road from Semetín to Bystřička



Total costs:
CZK 1,154,211,265



Project name: **Road I/57 Semetín – Bystřička,
First construction**

Operational Programme: OP Transport

Fund: European Regional Development Fund

Applicant: Road and Motorway Directorate of the
Czech Republic

Registration number: CZ.1.01/4.1.00/05.0030

Project implementation period: 1.1.2007–30.11.2010

EU grant: CZK 981,079,575

National public sources: CZK 173,131,690



The road leading from Semetín to Bystřička is the only possible connection between Valašské Meziříčí and Vsetín. There is a very heavy traffic on this part of the road in the valley of the Vsetínská Bečva River. For this reason, the road was often damaged as hundreds of cars and trucks passed there daily on their way from the Czech Republic to Slovakia. The former arrangement of the route had a negative impact on the traffic flow and the total capacity of the road was quite limited. The transfer of the traffic to a dual carriageway has significantly improved the environment in the adjacent villages and the accident rate has dropped. New crossroads, overpasses and bridges have been built, making the passage through the area substantially easier.

*This project has
smoothened the traffic.*

A new Environmental Education Centre in Švagrov



Total costs:
CZK 49,252,193



Project name: **Environmental Education Centre in Švagrov**

Operational Programme: OP Environment

Fund: European Regional Development Fund

Applicant: The town of Šumperk

Registration number: CZ.1.02/7.1.00/10.06407

Project implementation period: 14.6.2011–30.4.2013

EU grant: CZK 41,864,364

National public sources: CZK 7,387,829



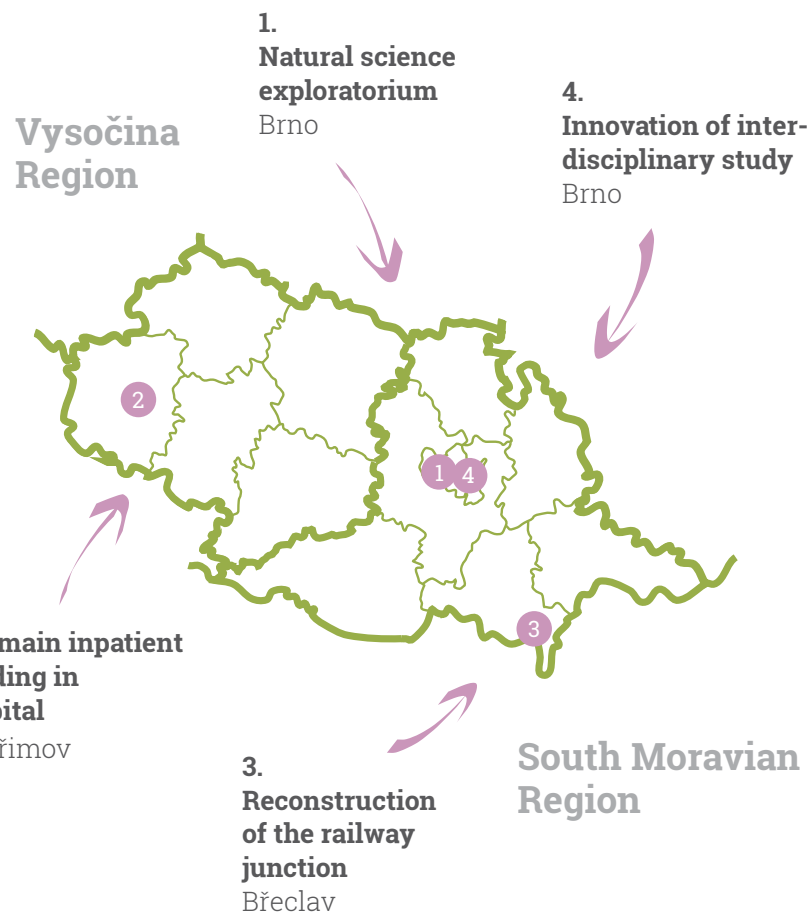
The former tourist base has been decaying for years and needed an overall repair. That gave rise to a training and residential centre in the former camp Švagrov near community of Vernířovice. The original camp was used mainly for children's summer camps, so small cabins have remained, now available to visitors. The central new building of Environmental Education Centre dominates the whole premises, while the original idea has not been abandoned and campers can still find refuge here. The service has been extended to include residential programmes for the general public. The centre is located at the start of a forest educational trail which has also been upgraded.

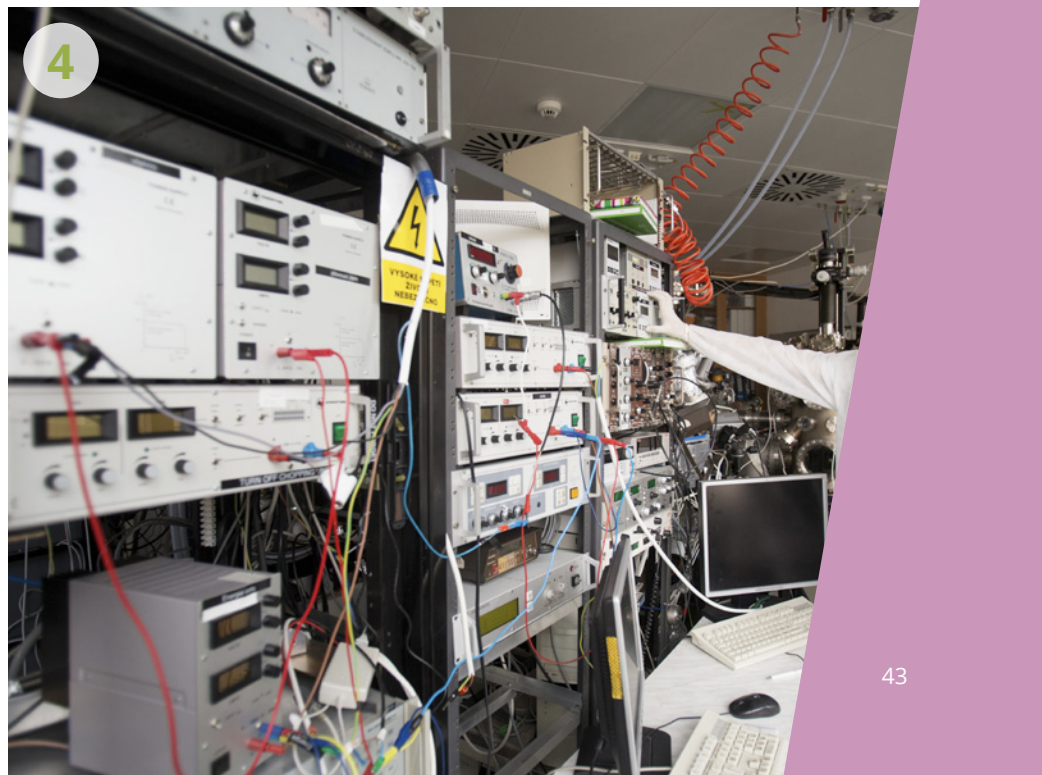
This project has created an environmental education centre.

South-East



The South-Moravian Region and the Vysočina Region fall jointly under the South-East cohesion region. Interesting and useful projects have been implemented in this area, both in the scientific and in the civic field. In the following list, you will find the modernised Brno observatory, the renovated hospital in Pelhřimov, the revitalised railway station in Břeclav and, last but not least, the innovated studies at the Brno University of Technology. Investment in education is a priority. While students increase their chances of employment, so do other people thanks to the implemented projects and created **jobs (24 600 in this area)**.

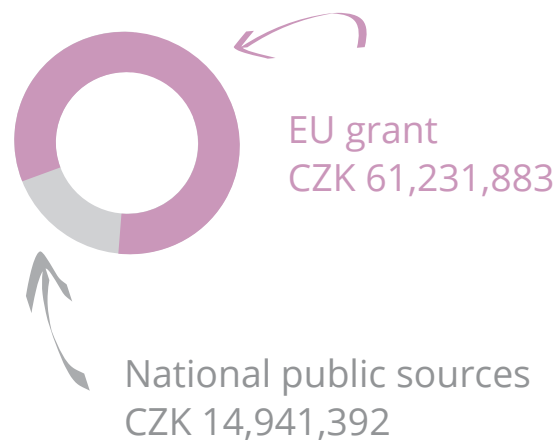




The observatory at Kraví hora has been modernised



Total costs:
CZK 76,173,275



Project name: **Natural science exploratorium**
Operational Programme: ROP South-East
Fund: European Regional Development Fund
Applicant: The Statutory City of Brno
Registration number: CZ.1.11/3.1.00/02.01177
Project implementation period: 15.9.2010–31.10.2011
EU grant: CZK 61,231,883
National public sources: CZK 14,941,392



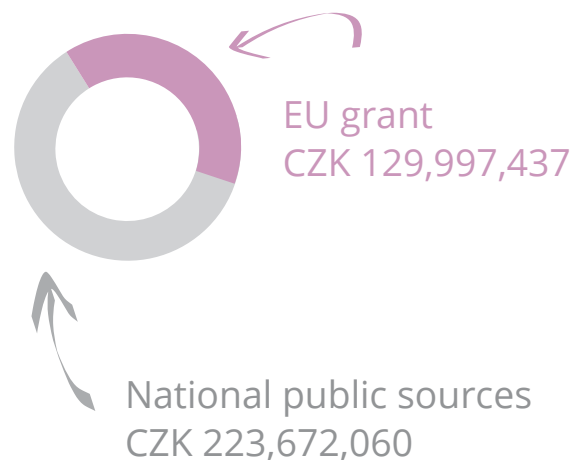
An observatory has been at the top of the Kraví hora mountain in Brno since 1954. Thanks to the project implemented with EU funds support, the Brno observatory now ranks among the most modern workplaces of its kind in the Czech Republic. The entirely new cultural-educational institution has interconnected an observatory and a planetarium. A regular manifold programme has been prepared both for adults and for children. The exploratorium offers digital expositions, modern telescopes, interactive exhibitions, observation points and much more. The projections in the modern digitarium are becoming increasingly popular.

This project has modernised an observatory.

The Pelhřimov Hospital is now completely modernised



Total costs:
CZK 353,669,497



Project name: **The main inpatient building at the Pelhřimov Hospital**

Operational Programme: ROP South-East

Fund: European Regional Development Fund

Applicant: Vysočina Region

Registration number: CZ.1.11/3.4.00/01.00070

Project implementation period: 1.6.2008–10.2.2011

EU grant: CZK 129,997,437

National public sources: CZK 223,672,060



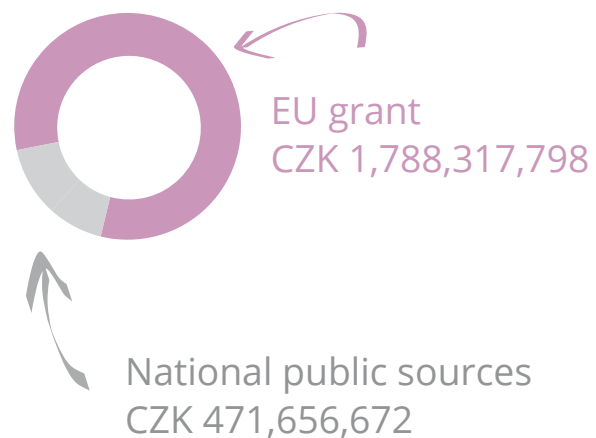
The Pelhřimov Hospital has undergone a complete renovation and modernisation while preserving its original historical layout. As the hospital had to remain in full operation during the reconstruction, the modernisation of the main inpatient building was divided into three stages. The building now features 62 two-bed and three-bed rooms with en suite bathrooms. The units of radiodiagnosis, surgery, internal medicine, orthopaedia, urology, the rehabilitation centre and the outpatient care have also been improved and a new staff facility has been created. The reconstruction involved a replacement of windows, of the public utility distribution system and of complete roof covering, while thermal insulation was also added to the building. The transformation was rounded off with new lighting in the main building and a new entrance into the premises.

This project has improved the comfort of patients.

Reconstructed railway station in Břeclav



Total costs:
CZK 2,259,974,470



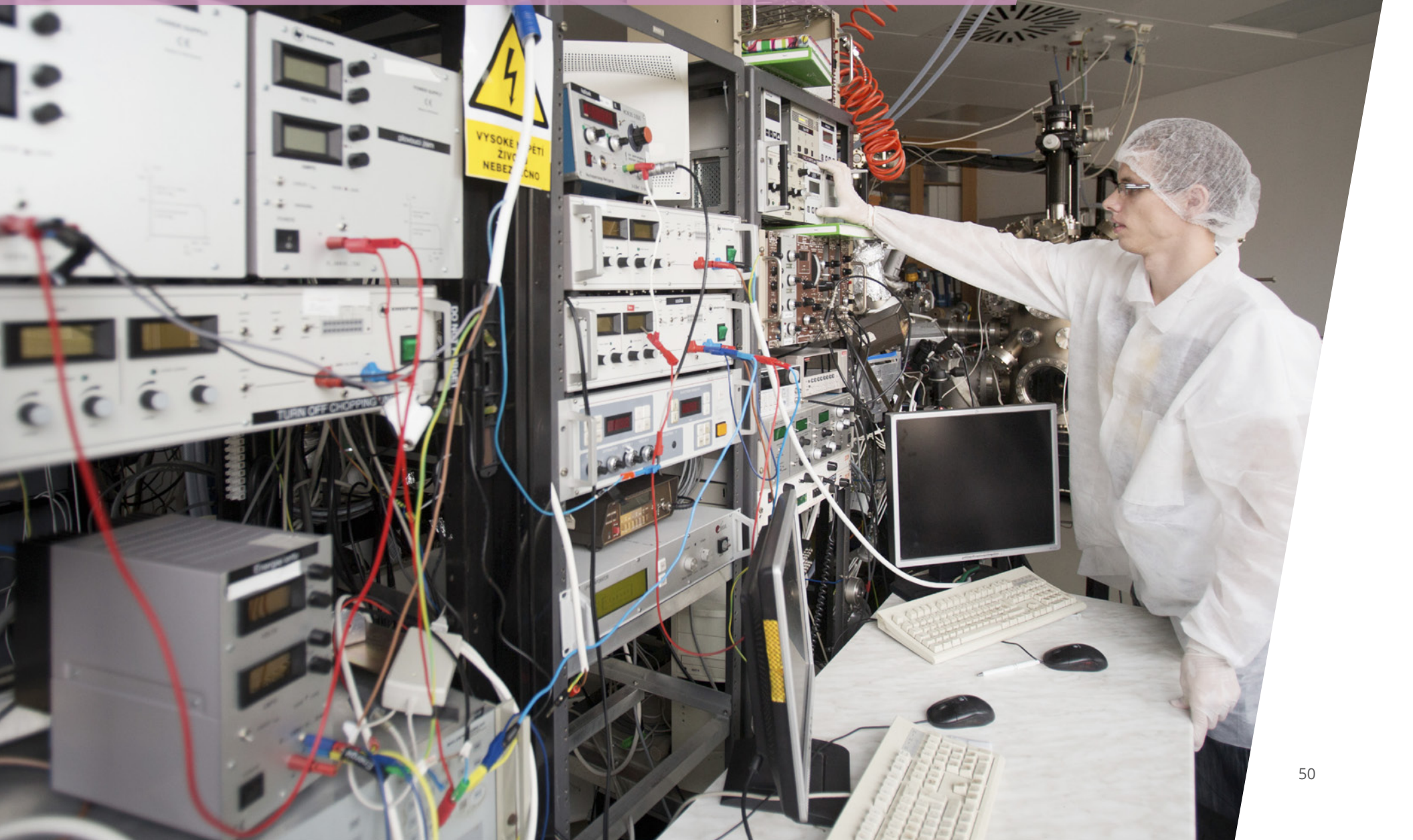
Project name: **Reconstruction of the railway junction Břeclav, first construction**
Operational Programme: OP Transport
Fund: Cohesion Fund
Applicant: The Railway Infrastructure Administration
Registration number: CZ.1.01/1.1.00/08.0044
Project implementation period: 1.10.2007–30.11.2010
EU grant: CZK 1,788,317,798
National public sources: CZK 471,656,672



The project on reconstruction of the railway junction and the railway station in Břeclav focused on constructing new water conduits and both pressure and gravitation sewerages. In the area, there are complicated foundation conditions, which became more difficult throughout the operation of the railway station. In spite of complications caused e.g. by a strong inflow of ground water, the large reconstruction was successfully completed. Modernisation involved not only the railway track and elements related to its operation, but also the railway station building and the subway. The station has also been connected to the already completed structures and to the reconstructed railway sections of the neighbouring states, most notably Austria.

This project has improved the passenger comfort.

Innovated study of natural sciences focuses on new trends



Total costs:
CZK 25,990,659



EU grant
CZK 22,338,758

National public sources
CZK 3,651,901

Project name: **Innovation of inter-disciplinary study of natural sciences and engineering**
Operational Programme: OP Education for Competitiveness
Fund: European Social Fund
Applicant: Brno University of Technology
Registration number: CZ.1.07/2.2.00/28.0250
Project implementation period: 1.1.2012–31.12.2014
EU grant: CZK 22,338,758
National public sources: CZK 3,651,901



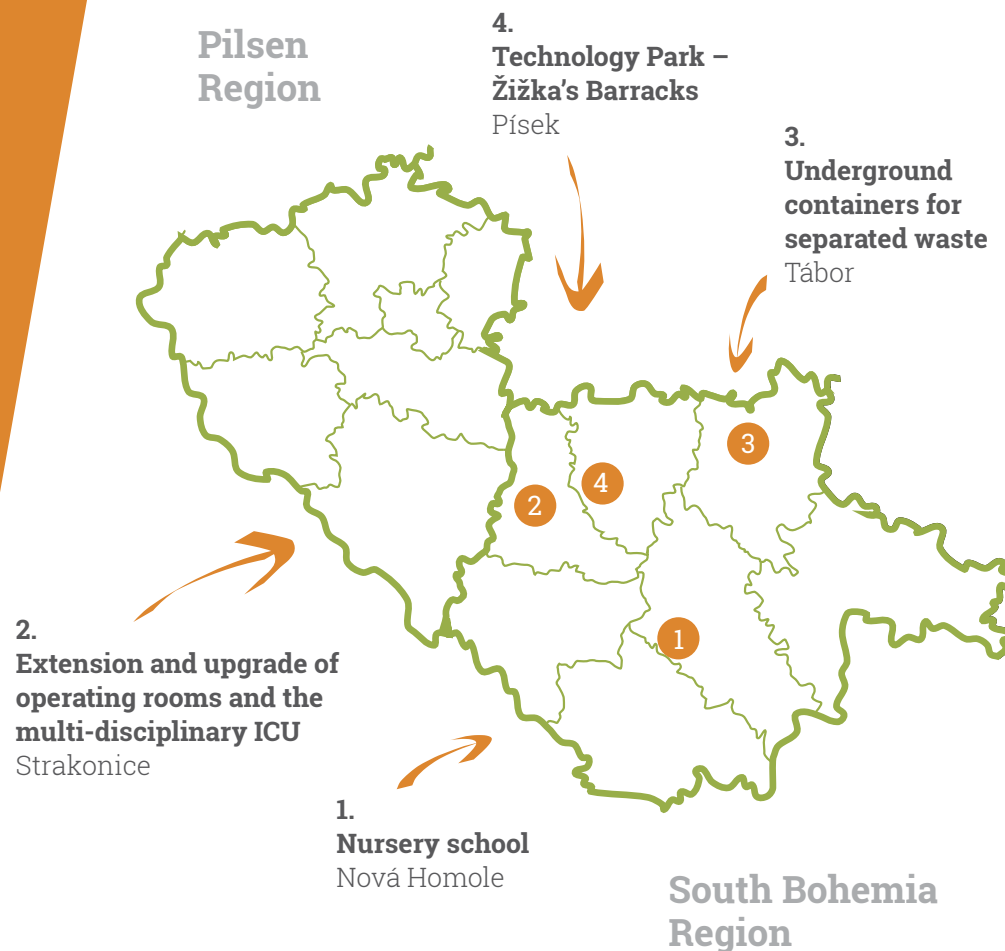
The main project activity was innovation of the study courses of natural sciences and engineering with an emphasis on new trends in science, research and the commercial sector. Those trends were then projected into all stages of the higher education study. The innovative processes included creation of a modular subject system for students of various courses innovated under this project, while ensuring access to state-of-the-art equipment and related work training. The project also ensured access to the latest R&D knowledge and trends in the commercial sphere in the form of world data-bases where students learn how to use data sources.

*Thanks to this project,
studying has been
adapted to new trends.*

South-West



The South-West cohesion region consists of the Pilsner Region and the South-Bohemian Region. This area has also witnessed economic and social development thanks to financial support from the European Union. Here, **9 124 new jobs** have been created and **57 monuments** renovated. In the following selection, you can look at projects implemented under the Regional Operational Programme South-West, the Operational Programme Enterprise and Innovation, and the Operational Programme Environment. The implemented projects helped to increase the competitiveness and activity of the region, while improving the life quality of its residents.

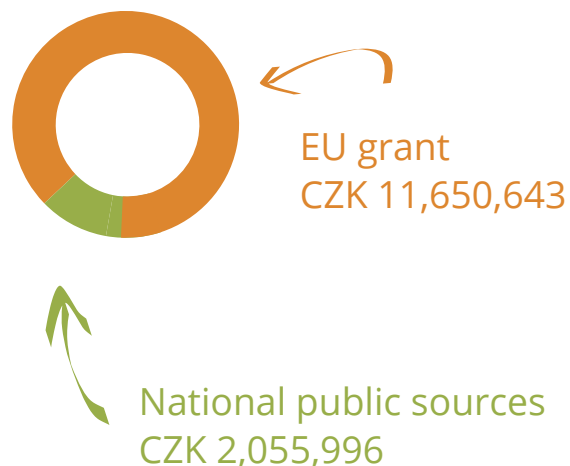




A nursery school can now
accept more children



Total costs:
CZK 13,706,639



Project name: **Nursery School Nové Homole – reconstruction and capacity increase**
Operational Programme: ROP South-West
Fund: European Regional Development Fund
Applicant: The municipality of Homole
Registration number: CZ.1.14/2.5.00/05.01657
Project implementation period: 6.12.2010–30.7.2012
EU grant: CZK 11,650,643
National public sources: CZK 2,055,996



The Homole municipality and the adjacent villages near České Budějovice suffered from a lack of children places in nursery schools and from the lack of places, where parents with children could meet and spend time actively. The nursery school was refurbished and its capacity extended. Preschool education is provided by pedagogical staff who now enjoy modern IT equipment at work. A new mothers' centre, much welcomed by local mums, has also been created here. The project funded from the Regional Operational Programme South-West now functions to the full satisfaction of local residents big and small.

*Thanks to this project,
more children
can attend
a nursery school.*

Upgraded operating rooms at the Strakonice hospital now serve patients



Total costs:
CZK 140,451,836



Project name: **Extension and upgrade of operating rooms and the multi-disciplinary ICU in Strakonice Hospital**

Operational Programme: ROP South-West

Fund: European Regional Development Fund

Applicant: Strakonice Hospital

Registration number: CZ.1.14/2.6.00/05.01750

Project implementation period: 1.6.2011–30.6.2014

EU grant: CZK 76,023,085

National public sources: CZK 64,428,750



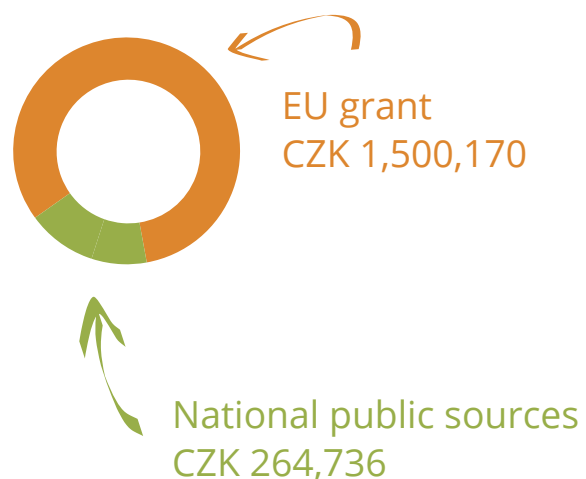
The reconstruction of the Strakonice hospital focused on the main inpatient part and the surgery unit, thus significantly improving the patient care. The operating rooms underwent an overall refurbishment including an extension with a so-called sterile corridor which serves as a connection in supplying the rooms with sterile material. With that, being the last step in the hospital modernization, the whole complex now features a new equipment including the staff facility. The reorganisation of the workplace has contributed to an overall optimisation and effective operation.

*This project
has improved
patient care.*

The town of Tábor sorts waste in underground containers



Total costs:
CZK 1,764,906



Project name: **Underground containers for separated waste – Tábor**

Operational Programme: OP Environment

Fund: Cohesion Fund

Applicant: The town of Tábor

Registration number: CZ.1.02/4.1.00/13.18707

Project implementation period: 23.9.2013–31.12.2013

EU grant: CZK 1,500,170

National public sources: CZK 264,736



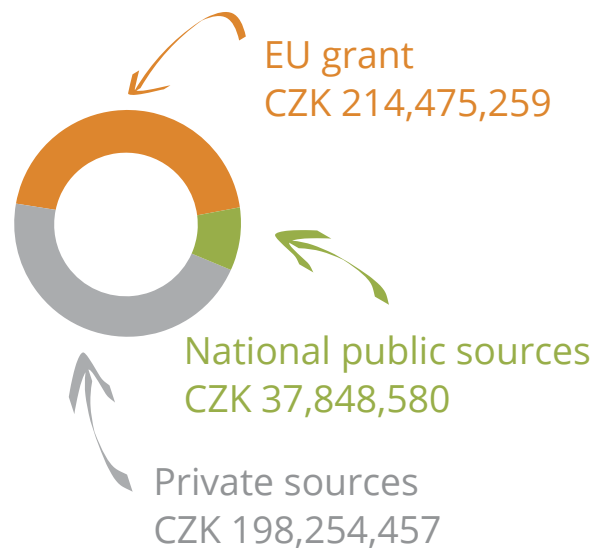
The technology of underground containers saves space, environment and their aesthetic quality cannot be disputed. For those reasons, they were also created in the town of Tábor. Containers are placed under ground, with only a column for throwing in the waste above. In principle, the waste can only be thrown in by a typical user. There is thus no danger of spilling or overthrowing the container. Everything remains in the large-volume container underground, including the noise of the falling glass. The underground containers for sorted waste are an ideal solution both for historic parts of towns and for housing estates.

This project has improved waste separation.

In Písek, barracks have turned into a technology park



Total costs:
CZK 450,578,296



Project name: **Technology Park – Žižka's Barracks Písek**

Operational Programme: OP Enterprise and Innovation

Fund: European Regional Development Fund

Applicant: Technological centre Písek, s.r.o.

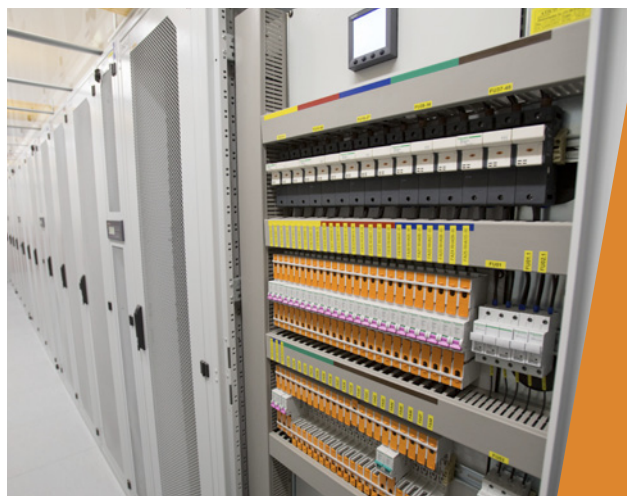
Registration number: CZ.1.03/5.1.00/41.00022

Project implementation period: 1.11.2009–31.3.2014

EU grant: CZK 214,475,259

National public sources: CZK 37,848,580

Private sources: CZK 198,254,457



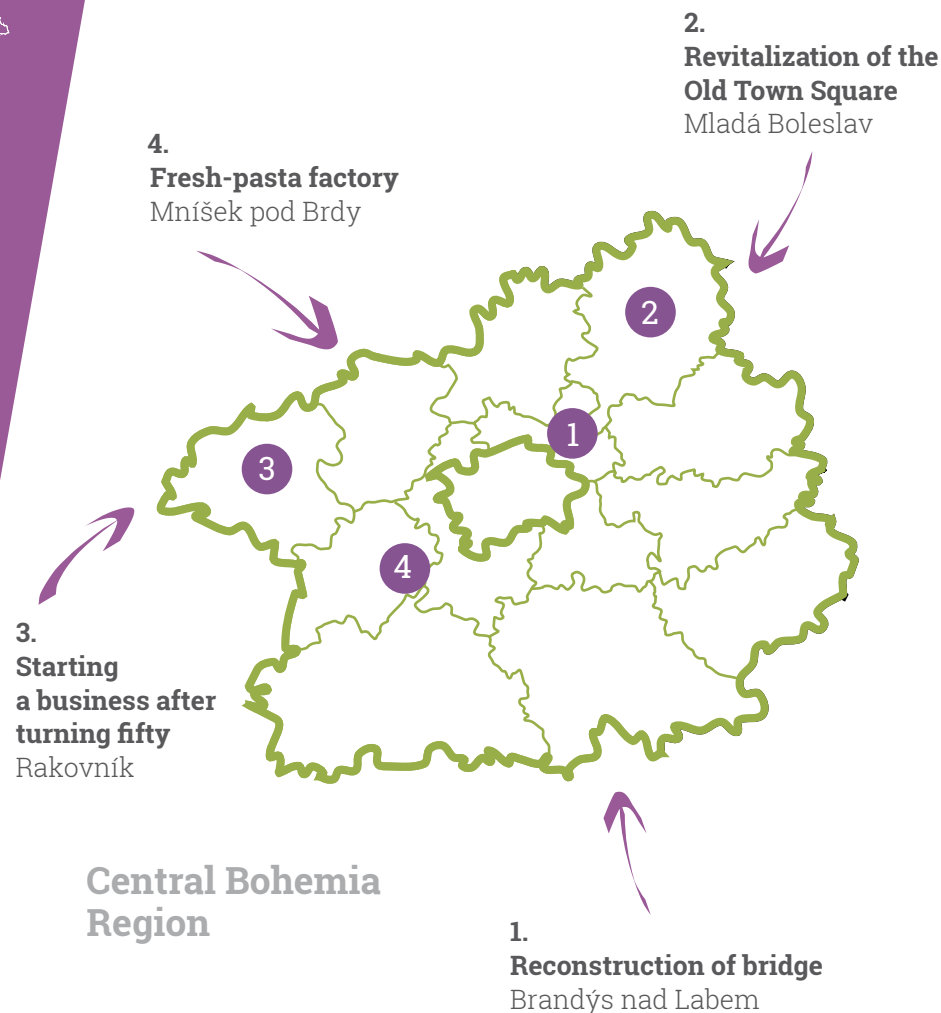
The former barracks in Písek were largely damaged and their revitalisation was necessary. Thanks to a project supported from the Operational Programme Enterprise and Innovation, a science-technology park has been created together with a business incubator, focused on IT, automation and mechanical engineering. The project has fostered the potential of the whole region which has become one of the most modern data centres in the Czech Republic. It can provide place of business for up to 20 firms with approximately 300 jobs. The modern appearance of the whole building gives an impression of a stable and prospering institution, which the technology park certainly is.

This project has increased the entrepreneurial potential of the region.

Central Bohemia



The cohesion region is formed by the Central-Bohemian Region. Here the European funds support has enabled the creation of **10 024 new jobs**, regeneration of **6 952 flats** and revitalisation of **18 monuments**. In the following selection, you can look at projects implemented under the Regional Operational Programme Central Bohemia and the Operational Programme Human Resources and Employment. Thanks to support from EU funds, the competitiveness as well as tourist potential of the Central-Bohemian Region has risen.





Brandýs nad Labem and Stará Boleslav are connected with a new bridge



Total costs:
CZK 205,915,735



Project name: **II/610 Brandýs nad Labem, reconstruction of bridge with ref. No 610/013**
Operational Programme: ROP Central Bohemia
Fund: European Regional Development Fund
Applicant: Central Bohemian Region
Registration number: CZ.1.15/1.1.00/92.011/14
Project implementation period: 25.11.2010–26.7.2012
EU grant: CZK 175,028,375
National public sources: CZK 30,887,360



The bridge over the Elbe River between Brandýs nad Labem and Stará Boleslav is an essential thoroughfare on this route. The original bridge from the 19th century was already in disrepair, and was therefore replaced by a new one. The construction of a completely new bridge proved more profitable and less time consuming than the potential repair. During the reconstruction, a makeshift footbridge has been created over the river for the pedestrians, but the drivers had to use a longer diversion route. Thanks to this new bridge, the route is less time consuming and the travelling between the two parts of the conurbation became easier. This decent yet representative bridge was created in a short time, without compromising the landscape or disturbing the view at the renaissance chateau in Brandýs.

This project has made traffic safer.

The renovated square in Mladá Boleslav plays with water



Total costs:
CZK 92,795,969



Project name: **Revitalization of the Old Town Square in Mladá Boleslav**

Operational Programme: ROP Central Bohemia

Fund: European Regional Development Fund

Applicant: The Statutory City of Mladá Boleslav

Registration number: CZ.1.15/3.1.00/91.00789

Project implementation period: 4.1.2010–20.12.2011

EU grant: CZK 78,876,573

National public sources: CZK 13,919,396



After the reconstruction, the Old Town Square in Mladá Boleslav is again a dignified dominant town feature. The water element has become a symbol of enlivening the square. The town lies close to the Jizera river so a replica of the river basin is located directly on the square. The motive of a “river” is vivified with metal features – willows. The impression of nature, albeit cold, creates an idyllic atmosphere. Another water feature is the fountain pavement, lit up on summer evenings with various colours. And in the background of the fountain, a Marian plague column which has been standing here since the 17th century.

This project has made the square a town landmark again.

Active women have started up a business



Total costs:
CZK 5,975,619



Project name: **Starting a business after 50+**
Operational Programme: OP Human Resources and Employment
Fund: European Social Fund
Applicant: S-COMP Centre CZ s.r.o.
Registration number: CZ.1.04/3.4.04/88.00264
Project implementation period: 1.11.2012–30.9.2014
EU grant: CZK 5,079,276
National public sources: CZK 896,343



An inspiring project focused on helping women in their pre-retirement age was implemented in the Rakovník district. It was intended for unemployed women after fifty, who are still active and want to continue to live their life to the full and up to their potential. The programme has provided women with an opportunity to gain skills and knowledge supporting their self-esteem, which will enable them to start an entirely independent business. The project was utilised by 84 women and consisted of three modules, as requested – Starting a Business, Computer for Business, and Specialised Courses. This opportunity gave rise to an Open Club of Business Women which is still in operation and where members exchange their experience and advice.

*Thanks to this project,
more women were able
to start a business.*

Pasta factory helps to protect disabled people against social exclusion



Total costs:
CZK 2,425,932



Fresh-pasta factory with the original name Pasta Fidli, located together with a company shop in the town of Mníšek pod Brdy, is a true social company. It employs people with disabilities who had struggled to succeed on the labour market. The seven employees produce a large range of pasta of many shapers and flavours – from the classics of spaghetti, tagliatelle or paperdelle to curious shapes of locomotives or dinosaurs. The pasta is in demand by a range of stores or farmer's markets across the country. The project supported by the Operational Programme Human Resources and Employment has enabled socially excluded people to get a job and boosted a successful social business.

Project name: **Fresh-pasta factory**
Operational Programme: OP Human Resources and Employment
Fund: European Social Fund
Applicant: Náruč, s.r.o.
Registration number: CZ.1.04/3.1.06/30.00453
Project implementation period: 1.4.2013–31.1.2015
EU grant: CZK 2,062,042
National public sources: CZK 363 890

Thanks to this project disabled people have found work.

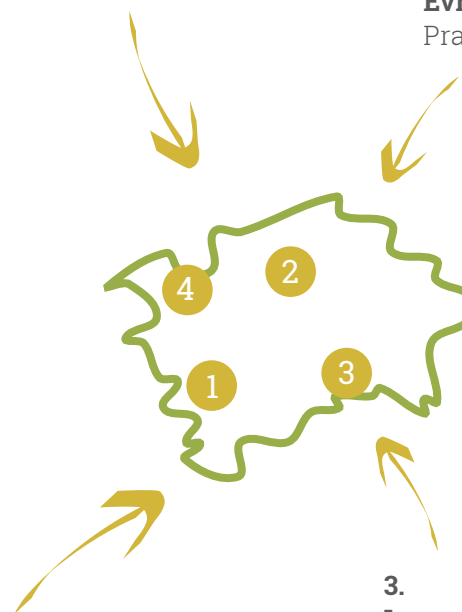
Prague



The cohesion region is formed by the City of Prague alone. Here, **1 159 new jobs** have been created, **9 monuments** have been revitalised and **13 km of railway tracks** modernised. In the following selection, you can look at projects implemented under the Operational Programmes Prague – Adaptability and Prague – Competitiveness. As the capital of the Czech Republic, Prague has significantly greater economic dynamics and lower unemployment compared to other regions in the country, therefore it could only use the financial sources from the European Union to a lesser degree.

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**Otto Wichterle Centre
of Polymer Materials
and Technologies**
Prague

2.
**Reconstruction of
the tram track in
Evropská Street**
Prague



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**Support for education
of blind pupils**
Prague

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**Innovation of the study
programme Architecture
and Construction**
Prague



Blind pupils have received special educational aids



Total costs:
CZK 3,273,412



National public sources
CZK 491,012

Project name: **Support for education of blind pupils**
Operational Programme: OP Prague – Adaptability
Fund: European Social Fund
Applicant: Association of Parents and Friends of Blind and Partially Sighted Children in the Czech Republic
Registration number: CZ.2.17/3.1.00/36150
Project implementation period: 1.7.2013–30.3.2015
EU grant: CZK 2,782,400
National public sources: CZK 491,012



We receive the majority of information by the means of sight. If that sense is damaged or lost, one suddenly finds oneself in a very unpleasant information vacuum. Blind persons need special textbooks, didactic aids and simply everything for their preparation to school. The project aimed to create conditions for blind pupils so that they can receive quality education. In cooperation with the staff of the Jaroslav Ježek School for the Visually Impaired, 77 tactile textbooks were created with 29 tactile annexes, 21 electronic textbooks and 65 aids for 55 blind pupils. At the same time, seminars were organised for teachers and for classmates of the blind pupils, who are attending mainstream schools. Both parents and teachers appreciated this exceptional project very much.

*Thanks to this project,
blind pupils can receive
quality education.*

The tram transport on Evropská Street is now safer



Total costs:
CZK 112,535,218



Project name: **Reconstruction of the tram track in Evropská Street**

Operational Programme: OP Prague – Competitiveness

Fund: European Regional Development Fund

Applicant: Prague Public Transit Company

Registration number: CZ.2.16/1.1.00/21506

Project implementation period: 1.9.2013–31.5.2014

EU grant: CZK 95,654,935

National public sources: CZK 16,880,283



The tram track in Evropská Street was completely upgraded and nearly a two-kilometre section was completed at the end of November 2013. A new track was put in place, supplemented with features for the blind and with barrier-free platforms. The route is now more fluent and safer for all passengers. The projects took into account with the new metro stations on the A line – an entry track into the Vokovice tram depot was added, and a connection to the loop at Červený vrch was made. As a result, the traffic flow was significantly improved.

This project made the platforms barrier-free.

Architecture students gain more from practice



Total costs:
CZK 1,700,000



Project name: **Innovation of the study programme Architecture and Construction**
Operational Programme: OP Prague – Adaptability
Fund: European Social Fund
Applicant: Czech Technical University in Prague
Registration number: CZ.2.17/3.1.00/36043
Project implementation period: 1.7.2013–30.3.2015
EU grant: CZK 1,445,000
National public sources: CZK 255,000



The project of the Czech Technical University in Prague, intended for students of architecture, aimed at enhancing the cooperation with construction and design firms as well as with the state administration. The project was successful in establishing partnership with foreign universities which provided Czech students with the options of traineeships, participation in competitions or in a summer school of architecture in Austria. Thanks to this support, a new Bachelor degree programme of Architecture and Construction was initiated in the winter semester 2013/2014, or an exhibition of studio designs, attended by experts from practice, was held. On the whole, every point of the innovation of the study was also connected to practice. The project contributed to higher employability of the graduates.

This project has improved the employability of graduates.

The Academy of Sciences has a new centre for polymer research



Total costs:
CZK 70,038,816



Project name: **Otto Wichterle Centre of Polymer Materials and Technologies**

Operational Programme: OP Prague – Competitiveness

Fund: European Regional Development Fund

Applicant: Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry of Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic

Registration number: CZ.2.16/3.1.00/22216

Project implementation period: 1.1.2010–30.7.2011

EU grant: CZK 59,532,993

National public sources: CZK 10,505,822



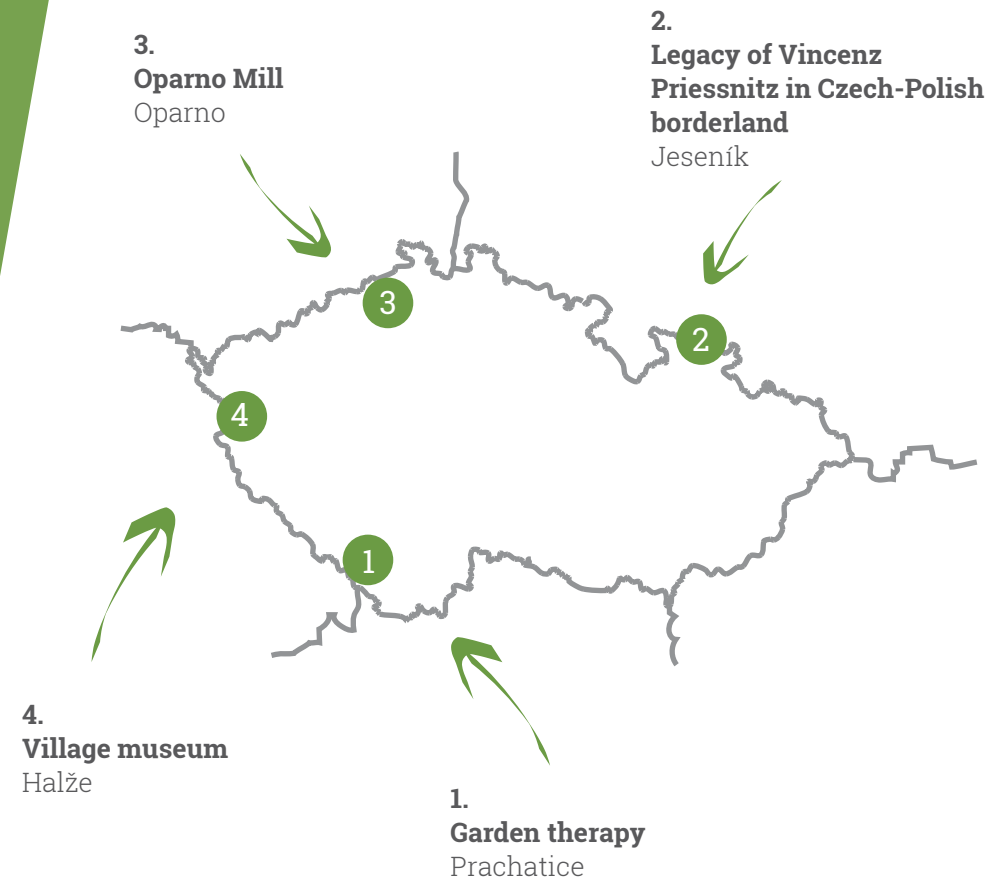
The Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry was founded in 1959 under the Academy of Sciences and from the start it performed polymer research, among other things. This research was carried out over the years by several units of the Institute, which was not an ideal solution for the long term. Therefore, a project financed from the Operational Programme Prague – Competitiveness was designed to support the creation of the Centre of Polymer Materials and Technologies under the Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, which was named after the first director of the Institute and the world-renowned chemist, Otto Wichterle. Under the project a part of the Institute building was reconstructed and additional instrumental and technical equipment was purchased. The Czech Academy of Sciences now makes full use of the potential in polymer research.

Thanks to this project, the scientific potential in polymers research will be fully utilised.

Cross-border Co-operation Programmes



The main aim of Cross-border Co-operation Programmes is to improve synergies between the neighbouring states within the European Union. The Czech Republic features 5 such programmes, the projects of which are undertaken by partners on both sides of the border. The implemented projects focus mainly on improving the accessibility of the cross-border regions, environmental protection, development of cross-border infrastructure, promotion of tourism and general cultural and social cooperation. Projects also support education and social integration, cooperation of economic entities and cross-border cooperation of local governments on both sides of the border. On the following pages you can look at the projects implemented under the Cross-border Co-operation Programmes between the Czech Republic on one side and Bavaria, Saxony, Austria or Poland on the other.

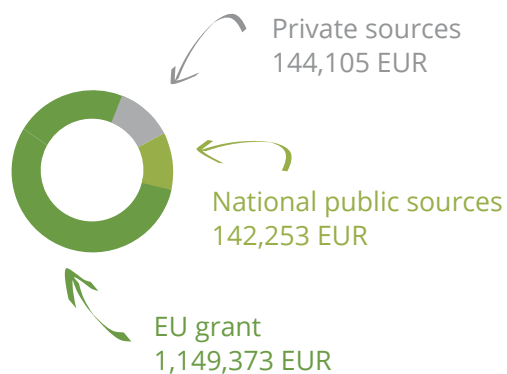




Garden therapy helps disadvantaged groups



Total costs on the Czech side:
1,435,731 EUR



Project name: **Garden Therapy**

Operational Programme: Objective European
Territorial Cooperation Programme Austria – Czech
Republic 2007–2013

Fund: European Regional Development Fund

Applicants: Chaloupky, o.p.s.; Retirement Home of
Mister Křišťan in Prachatice; Lipka – environmental
education establishment, The University Hospital
Brno; Umweltschutzverein Bürger und Umwelt –
Geschäftsbereich Natur im Garten; Hochschule für
Agrar – und Umweltpädagogik Wien

Registration number: M00212

Project implementation period: 14.10.2011–31.8.2014

EU grant: EUR 1,149,373 (only CZ part)

National public sources: EUR 142,253 (only CZ part)

Private sources: EUR 144 105 EUR (only CZ part)



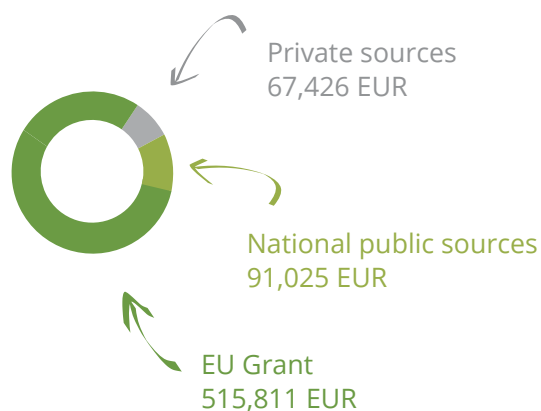
The project of several Czech and Austrian partners is dedicated to social inclusion as well as health support. For disadvantaged people of all age groups, a garden is often the only place where they can come into contact with nature. The project trained carers and nurses and constructed infrastructure for practical implementation of garden therapy. In the Czech territory, the therapy was altogether established in three locations: in Baliny near Velké Meziříčí, in Prachatice and in Brno.

This project has supported the development of garden therapy.

A new park in Jeseník cures with water and sunshine



Total costs on the Czech side:
158,451 EUR



Project name: **Legacy of Vincenz Priessnitz in Czech-Polish borderland**

Operational Programme: Operational Programme Cross-border Cooperation Czech Republic – Poland 2007–2013

Fund: European Regional Development Fund

Applicants: The Vincenz Priessnitz Society; Gmina Głuchołazy

Registration number: CZ.3.22/2.2.00/08.00037

Project implementation period: 1.7.2008–31.8.2010

EU grant: EUR 515,811 (only CZ part)

National public sources: EUR 91,025 (only CZ part)

Private sources: EUR 67 426 (only CZ part)



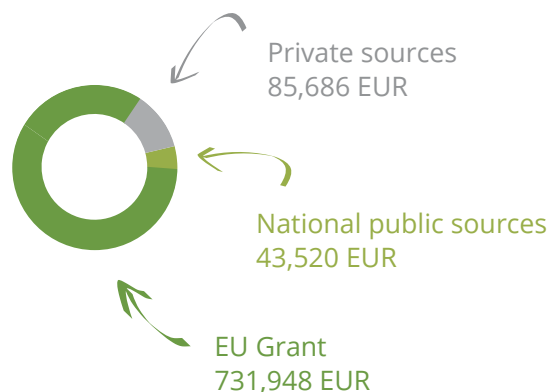
In the Czech town of Jeseník and the Polish Głuchołazy, they decided to take up the tradition of hydrotherapy which was founded here by the local native Vincenz Priessnitz. Thanks to support from the European funds, a spa balneopark with a hydrotherapeutic centre was built in Jeseník, while its Polish counterpart in Głuchołazy has been revitalised. The balneopark is based on a natural water stream with a number of features such as a wading pool, a shower or a bath for the upper and the lower limbs. The park concept builds on the therapeutic characteristics of water, sunshine and exercise in fresh air. Both parks are only 15 kilometres apart, so spa guests and tourists may move between them comfortably by train.

*Thanks to this project,
spa guests can be
treated with the power
of nature.*

Oparno mill serves young people



Total costs on the Czech side:
129,206 EUR



Project name: **Environmental and cultural education centre of A-TOM ČR "Oparno Mill"**

Operational Programme: Objective 3 for the Promotion of Cross-border cooperation between the Free State of Saxony and the Czech Republic

Fund: European Regional Development Fund

Applicants: Association of Youth Tourist Groups of the Czech Republic (A-TOM ČR); Erzgebirgsverein, e.V.

Registration number: Ziel3/C/1.2.00/09.00120

Project implementation period: 1.7.2009–30.6.2012

EU grant: EUR 731,948 (only CZ part)

National public sources: EUR 43,520 (only CZ part)

Private sources: EUR 85,686 (only CZ part)



The historically valuable premises of the Oparno mill lie in the valley of the same name near Lovosice. The Association of Youth Tourist Groups of the Czech Republic, which obtained the whole premises from the state administration in 2001, decided to submit a project on its reconstruction. The dilapidating premises were completely modernised after nearly 80 years. Now, the mill has become an environmental and cultural education youth centre to be used not just by the tourist groups – at the same time it also serves as a venue for Czech-Bavarian get-togethers. The Czech Association of Tourist Groups organises joint activities here in cooperation with its German project partner, the association for the Ore Mountains – Erzgebirgsverein.

This project has regenerated a dilapidating mill.

An agricultural museum has been built in Halže



Total costs on the Czech side:
47,049 EUR



Project name: **Village museum in Halže and Neualbenreuth**

Operational Programme: Cross-border Cooperation
Programme Objective 3 – Czech Republic – Free State of Bavaria 2007–2013

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Applicants: Marktgemeinde Neualbenreuth; Zlatý čas, o.p.s.

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The aim to capture common history and at the same time to support tourism development in the Czech-Bavarian borderland gave rise to a joint Czech-German project of a village museum. The unused granary in Halže near Tachov has turned, thanks to support from the European funds, into an agricultural museum with an exhibition area of more than one square kilometre. The whole premises contain over than 400 historic exhibits, among others e.g. "ruchadlo" – a Czech innovation of a plough, a winnower, or tractors. As part of cooperation with the Bavarian Neualbenreuth where a similar museum already exists, exhibits and information materials are exchanged.

This project has encouraged tourism.

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