

Starting points and priorities of cohesion policy for 2021–2027

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

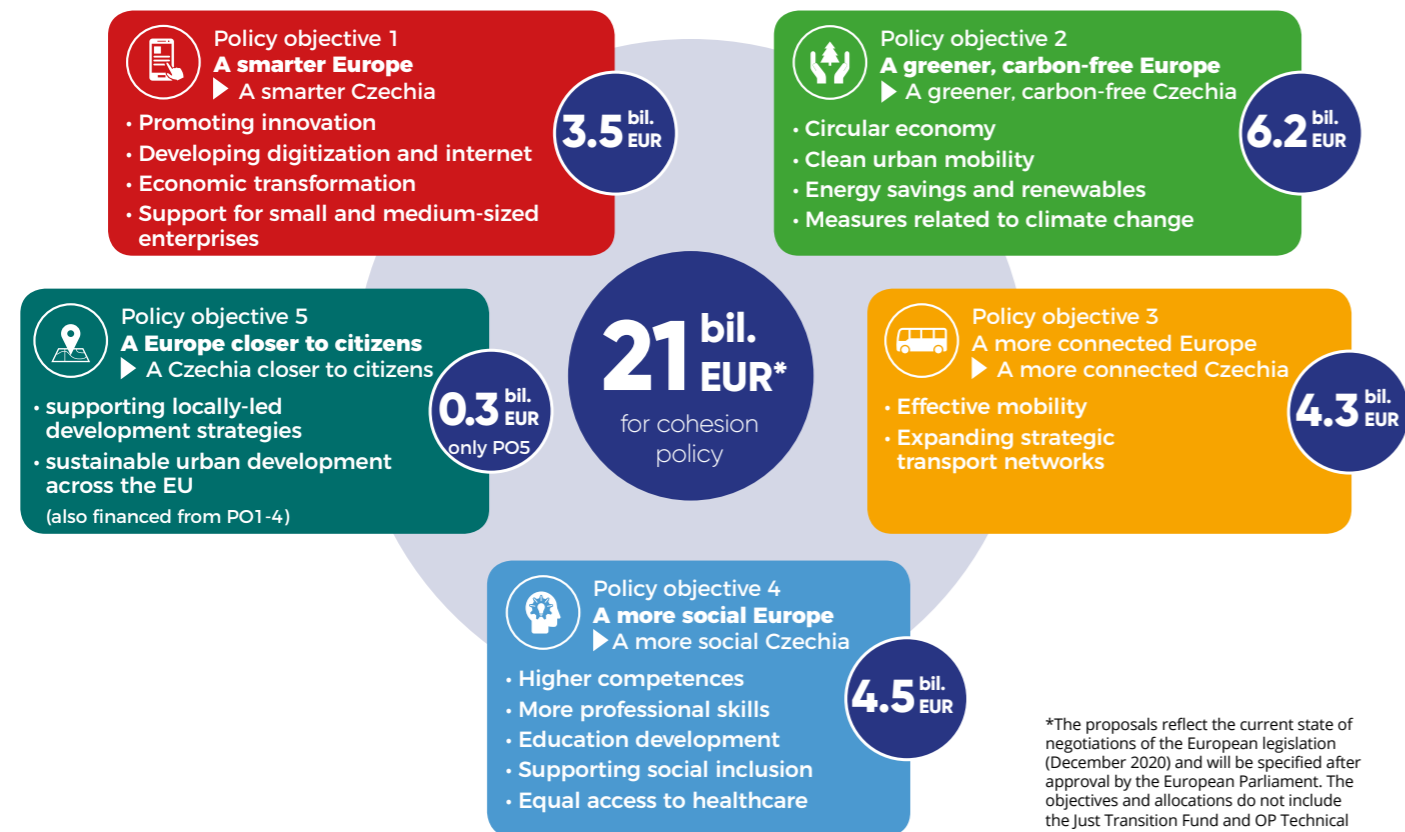


Support for locally led development strategies and sustainable urban development throughout the EU.

A Europe closer to citizens

Priorities of cohesion policy 2021-2027

Five objectives of the main EU investment policy



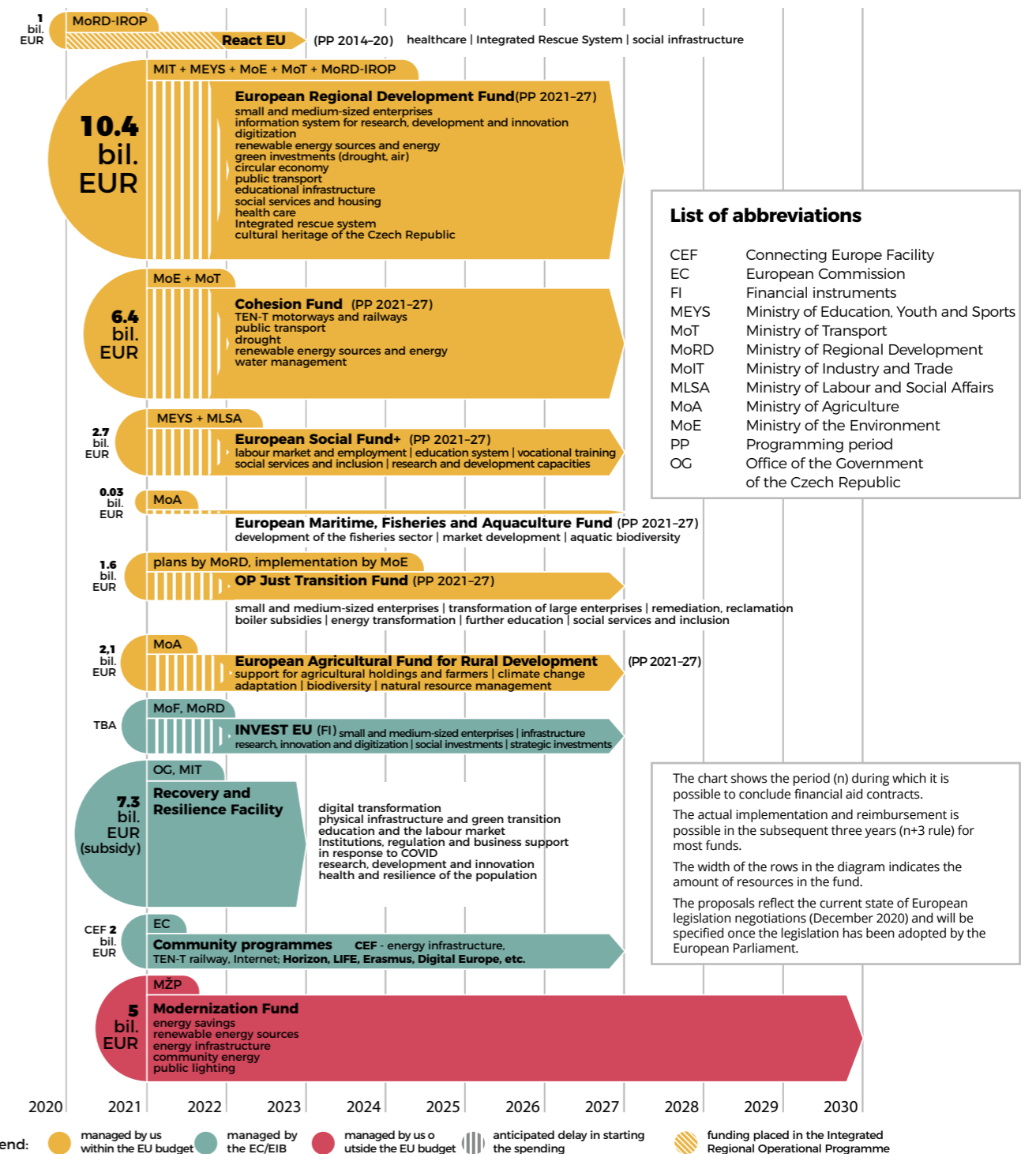
*The proposals reflect the current state of negotiations of the European legislation (December 2020) and will be specified after approval by the European Parliament. The objectives and allocations do not include the Just Transition Fund and OP Technical Assistance.

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 and financed from 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 first half of 2022.

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



3.1 bil. EUR

OP Technologies and Application for Competitiveness

Managing Authority
Ministry of Industry and Trade

- Research and innovation
- Digitization and development of the internet
- 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




4.7 bil. EUR

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, perinatological 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



2.5 bil. EUR

OP John Amos Comenius

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




1.4 bil. EUR

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




2.3 bil. EUR

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




4.8 bil. EUR

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



1.6 bil. EUR

OP Just Transition Fund

Managing Authority
Ministry of Environment

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



0.03 bil. EUR

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

Cross border cooperation programmes (Interreg VI-A)

Managing Authority



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

*The scheme and the mentioned partial amounts do not include the issue of technical assistance - not in the separate operational programme Technical Assistance (OP TA), neither the technical assistance in operational programmes, which serves to ensure the functioning of the programme in terms of personnel and administration. The exceptions are OP Just Transition Fund (workkng title) and OP Fisheries, where the amount is already included.

The overview of operational programmes corresponds to the state in which they were submitted to the government in October 2020.

Possible changes in the allocations and focus of operational programmes may still occur during the negotiation on the Partnership Agreement and operational programmes with the European Commission.

The Partnership Agreement, the overarching strategy for cohesion policy in the Czech Republic, will be presented in the summer of 2021 and subsequently negotiated with the European Commission. The first calls for some of the programmes of the new 2021-2027 programming period could be announced at the end of this year (that is 2021), with majority of the calls starting in the first half of 2022.