Principles of the operational programmes preparation

What do we want to achieve and why? Let's build a **clear intervention logic** with respect to the real needs and the specifics of the territory.

Let's consider all **available forms of the projects support** - subsidies, financial instruments, integrated instruments and suggest the best solution for the easiest implementation of projects.
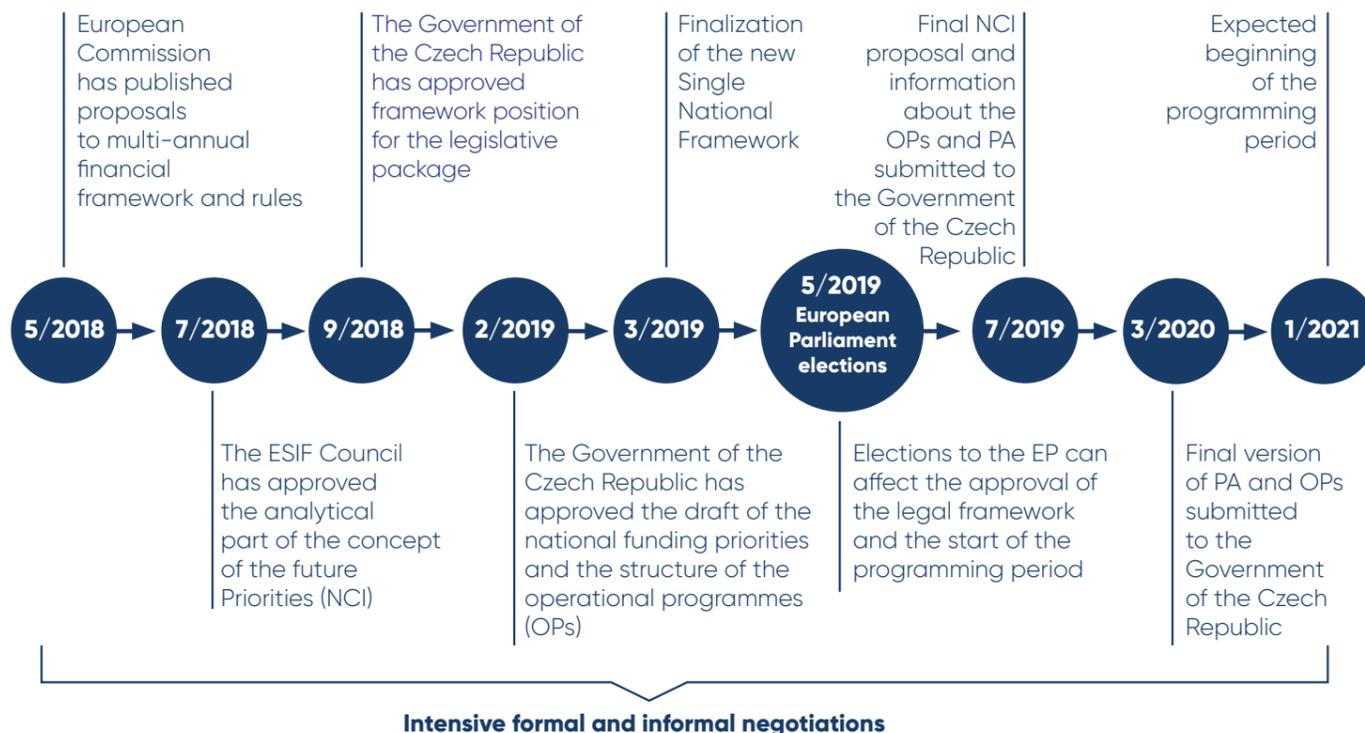
Let's put forward arguments using the **strategies and considering the potential and demand** in the area. Project readiness is a key element for achieving success.

Let's respect and **develop partnerships** in the preparation of programmes at both the ministerial and regional level. The key is to **get as close as possible to the needs of the beneficiaries**.

Let's build the future on the positive **experience from the past** and use it for the change we want to achieve.

Let's maintain **compliance with the EU rules** and legislation, national priorities and the Partnership Agreement.

Timetable for the preparation of rules, operational programmes and the Partnership Agreement (PA)

5/2018 — European Commission has published proposals to multi-annual financial framework and rules

7/2018 — The ESIF Council has approved the analytical part of the concept of the future Priorities (NCI)

9/2018 — The Government of the Czech Republic has approved framework position for the legislative package

2/2019 — The Government of the Czech Republic has approved the draft of the national funding priorities and the structure of the operational programmes (OPs)

3/2019 — Finalization of the new Single National Framework

5/2019 European Parliament elections — Elections to the EP can affect the approval of the legal framework and the start of the programming period

7/2019 — Final NCI proposal and information about the OPs and PA submitted to the Government of the Czech Republic

3/2020 — Final version of PA and OPs submitted to the Government of the Czech Republic

1/2021 — Expected beginning of the programming period

Intensive formal and informal negotiations

PRIORITIES OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
for the EU Funds

21–27

EUR 20 bn.*
for Cohesion Policy

The priorities of the Czech Republic, based on the needs at both national and regional levels, are in line with the proposed five objectives set out in the draft regulation for the EU Funds published in Spring 2018. The structure of operational programmes and the of supported areas emanate from these priorities and objectives.

For the Czech Republic, EUR 20 billion will be available for the 2021–2027 programming period. The Government of the Czech Republic approved the proposal of areas and operational programmes, which includes six thematic OPs, the technical assistance programme and a cross-border cooperation programme, which will participate in the fulfillment of national strategic objectives. OP Fisheries will be proposed by the Ministry of Agriculture. The European Commission proposes to take the Rural Development Programme out of the Cohesion Policy.

VISION
The Czech Republic is a cohesive society with a competitive economy both in a European and global context that minimizes structural and social inequalities, ensures a high quality of life, respects natural and territorial conditions and limits and successfully adapts to global changes.

GLOBAL OBJECTIVE
Sustainable development of the Czech Republic and its regions through adaptation to key changes in Europe and the world, based on innovation, research, development and digitisation as the main prerequisites, leading to minimisation of structural, social and environmental disparities.

PRIORITIES

- Low carbon economy and environmental responsibility
- Development based on research, innovation and the application of new technologies
- Educated and socially cohesive society
- Accessibility and mobility
- Sustainable territorial development

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- Improving quality of the environment, introducing low-carbon economy and adaptation to climate change
- Research and innovation system enhancing competitiveness of the society in the context of technological changes
- Competitive and cohesive society
- Effective, accessible and environmentally friendly transport
- Sustainable and integrated development of urban and rural areas

OVERVIEW OF NEW PROGRAMMES AND PROPOSED AREAS OF SUPPORT

2021–2027 programming period

OP Competitiveness

Managing Authority
Ministry of Industry and Trade

Promoting innovation through applied and experimental research

Cooperation and functional interconnection of public administration, academic, research and business sectors

Improving the innovative capability of SMEs

Increasing the added value of products and services in the production chain

Introducing the principles of Industry 4.0 in companies

Effective security of public administration information systems and adequate response to growing cyber threats

Electronization of public administration and implementation of related infrastructure

Introducing modern and highly efficient methods of production, distribution and storage of energy

Increasing the energy efficiency and energy savings

Introduction of innovative low-carbon technologies

Effective and economical use of renewable energy sources

Introducing modern and highly efficient methods of production, distribution and storage of heat energy

Utilisation of brownfields for business activities

Integrated Regional Operational Programme

Managing Authority
Ministry of Regional Development

Regional transport connectivity linked to the TEN-T

Development of urban and suburban mobility and telematics

Low-emission and zero-emission vehicles and related infrastructure

Improving territorial education infrastructure

Social housing

Social services infrastructure

Health services infrastructure

Development of innovative activities in relation to the support businesses and the labour market

Support for public infrastructure of tourism and cultural heritage

Improving public spaces in municipalities and cities including green infrastructure.

Revitalization of brownfields

Population protection and risk prevention

OP Research and Education

Managing Authority
Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports

Curricula and teaching methods for the 21st century, development of key competences

Equality in education, its availability and personalised approach

Development of capacities for education

Complex improvement of training and development of teaching staff

Mobility of research and education staff, development of international cooperation

Improving the environment and developing the capacities for research and development

Functional interconnection of public administration with the academic, research and business sectors

OP Human Resources

Managing Authority
Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs

Streamlining public administration to deliver quality services

Increasing the participation of disadvantaged groups in the labour market

Modernization of labour market institutions

Promoting equal opportunities and harmonizing work and life balance

A functioning system of further professional 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 the Environment

Conservation and care of nature and landscape

Improved quality of air

Protection and improvement of the water condition and water management

Sanitation of sites with environmental burdens and revitalization of brownfields

Creation of facilities for sustainable development education

Introducing the principles of circular economy and resource efficiency

Increasing energy efficiency and energy savings

Effective and economical use of renewable energy sources

OP Transport

Managing Authority
Ministry of Transport

Development and improvement of transport infrastructure, including cities and their neighbourhoods

Introducing modern technologies for transport and organization and reduction of traffic burden

Effective use of multimodal freight transport

Increasing the availability and use of alternative fuels in transport

OP Technical Assistance and Administration Quality

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

Selected activities to support the public administration

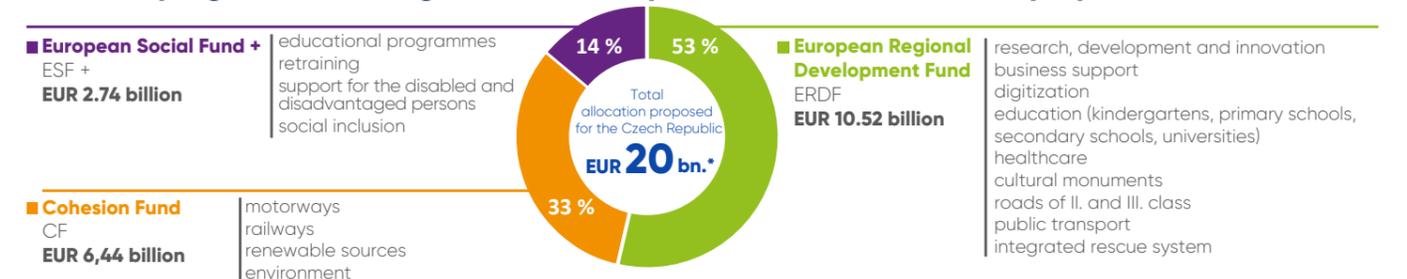### Cross-border cooperation programme

Managing Authority
TBC

To be specified on the basis of cooperation with neighbouring countries

Source of programme funding under the European Commission's current proposal

Total allocation proposed for the Czech Republic
EUR 20 bn.*

14 %
53 %
33 %

■ **European Social Fund +**
ESF +
EUR 2.74 billion

educational programmes
retraining
support for the disabled and disadvantaged persons
social inclusion

■ **Cohesion Fund**
CF
EUR 6,44 billion

motorways
railways
renewable sources
environment

■ **European Regional Development Fund**
ERDF
EUR 10.52 billion

research, development and innovation
business support
digitization
education (kindergartens, primary schools, secondary schools, universities)
healthcare
cultural monuments
roads of II. and III. class
public transport
integrated rescue system

The names of the operational programmes are preliminary and will be the subject of further discussions.
The same applies to the specification of areas supported by these programmes.

* **EUR 0.31 billion** is for European Territorial Cooperation in current prices of 2018