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 **RE:START**
Usti, Karlovy Vary and
Moravian-Silesian Region

Strategy of Economic Restructuring of Usti, Moravian-Silesian and Karlovy Vary Regions

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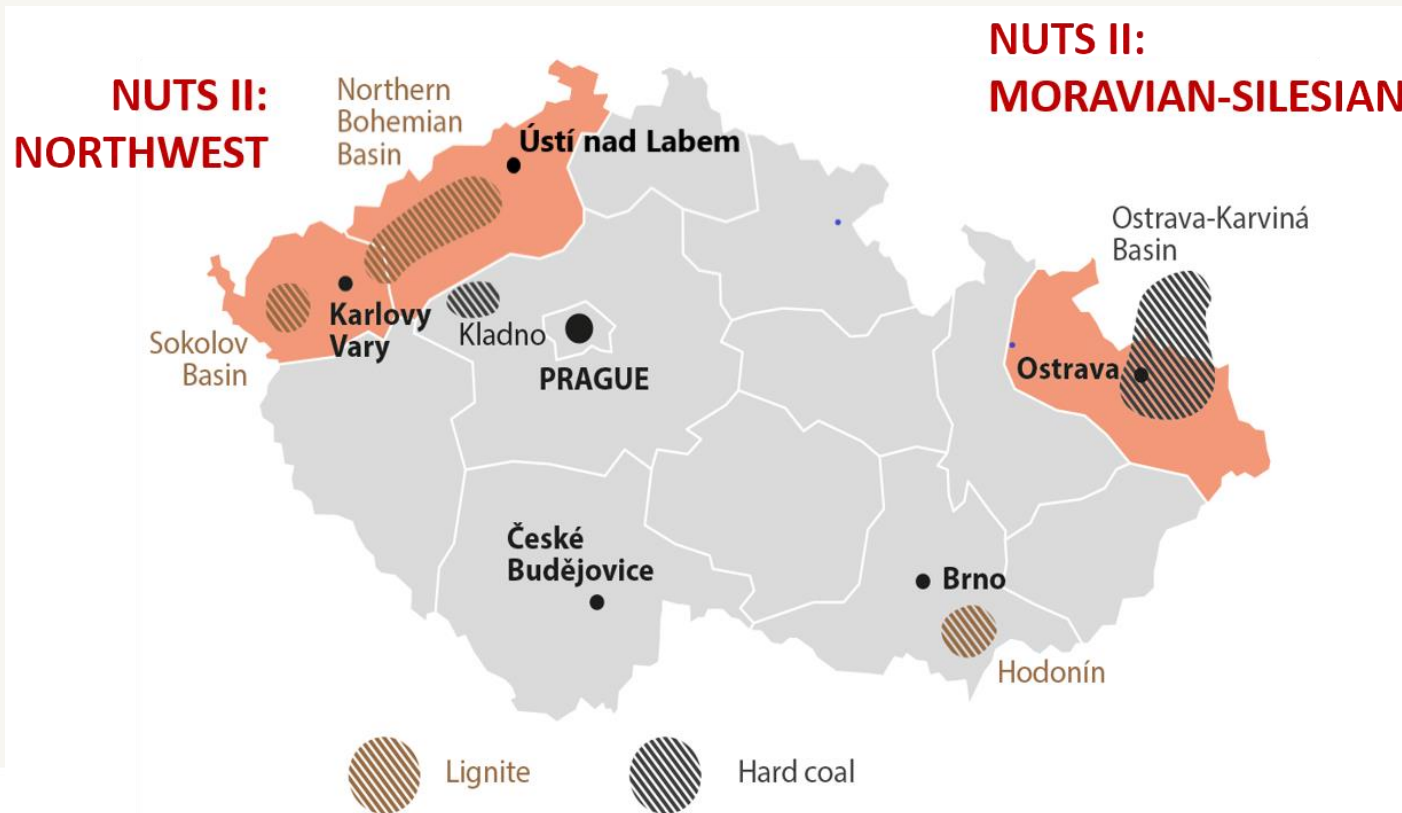


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Coal mining sites in the Czech Republic and
places of interest for the RE:START strategy:



KVR – Karlovy Vary region

UR – Ústí region

MSR – Moravian-Silesian reg

Lignite surface mining

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Hard coal underground mining



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RE:START strategy - general overview:

- Created on the initiative of **3 structurally affected regions** -> KVR, UR and MSR and a government resolution
- Part of the **Regional Development Strategy 2021+**
- **Since 2017** - first strategic framework (based on needs analysis)
- **Strategic framework (7 pillars)**, updates 2020 and **2023**
- **Action Plan** (AP1 -> AP5) - specific measures, **updates every 2 years**
- Strategy **has no financial resources of its own** - used to negotiate specific calls or allocations for the structurally affected regions , possibly for point advantages and generally to promote the interests of the **3 structurally affected regions**
- **Setting up close cooperation with regions** -> formulation of measures and priorities



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Social, socio-economic and demographic challenges:

- **Brain drain** (all regions)
- **Depopulation** and aging of population (MSR, KVR, UR)
- Unfavourable **educational structure of the population** (UR and KVR)
- The highest **unemployment rate** in CZ - **all three regions**
- High level of executions (seizure) and household indebtedness (UR, KVR)
- **Socially excluded localities and rising social inequalities** (KVR,UR,+MSR)
- Low regional image and low attractiveness of regions (MSR, UR)
- Quality of life
- Regional identity – historical context (German displacement, UR, KVR)



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Strategic Framework of RE:START strategy – basic goals and pillars

Change of economic structure, faster economic growth and cease of regions lagging

Identity – enforcing solidarity and self-confidence of inhabitants
Image – improved perception of regions by the neighbours: visits, investors, talents



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Current goals of the RE:START strategy



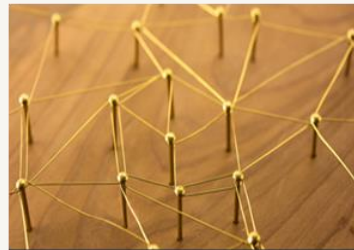
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What did RE:START bring to these regions?

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What did RE:START bring to these regions?

Demolition of ruined houses in socially excluded localities



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Low-emission vehicles in the regions



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Just Transition in the Czech Republic with focus on
Territorial Just Transition Plan (TJTP)

Areas of support agreed on by coal regions:

- Development of **innovative potential** and support for **business activity**
- **Transformation of economic sectors** affected by coal phase-out
- **Reskilling** and **upskilling**
- **Research and development**, improved education (human resources)
- Land reclamation and **revitalisation of post-mining areas** (looking for new functions of territory)
- New sources of energy (use of renewable resources) -> mostly Modernisation Fund



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Overview on Just Transition Mechanism in CZ

Participation in Czech coal regions

Multi-dimensional approach oriented on multiple different stakeholders: public sector (national, regional, local: ministries, regional government, municipalities etc.), private sector: Business, Key Industrial sectors, Employers, Unions, NGOs and many guests in role of observers including representatives of EC

- **Transformation Platform**
- Online and present **meetings** informing about the process with room for questions and comments > done by national and regional public institutions
- **Dedicated meetings** with particular stakeholders
- Spreading information by participating in the events done by NGOs or other partners
- **Dedicated groups** working on specific issues and close communication with representatives of regional governments
- **Transparent process** - programme, meeting minutes and presentations are shared on website [DotaceEU - Transformační platforma](#)



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Question for the audience

- Does any similar strategy exist for structurally affected regions in other states/your states?



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