

## 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



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

**A smarter Europe**



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

**A greener, low-carbon Europe**



**Effective mobility thanks to strategic transport networks.**

**A more connected 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**



**Support for locally led development strategies in rural areas 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



**Policy objective 1**  
**A smarter Europe**  
▶ A smarter Czechia

- Promoting research, development and innovation
- Developing digitization and internet
- Economic transformation
- Support for small and medium-sized enterprises

**3.4 bil. EUR**



**Policy objective 2**  
**A greener, low-carbon Europe**  
▶ A greener, carbon-free Czechia

- Circular economy
- Clean urban mobility
- Energy savings and renewables
- Environmental protection
- Measures related to climate change

**6.5 bil. EUR**



**Policy objective 3**  
**A more connected Europe**  
▶ A more connected Czechia

- Effective mobility
- Expanding strategic transport networks

**4.1 bil. EUR**



**Just Transition Fund**

Mitigation of the impact of diversion from the coal energy in the following regions:

- Usti nad Labem
- Karlovy Vary
- Moravian-Silesian

**1.6 bil. EUR**

**21.1 bil. EUR\***  
for cohesion policy



**Policy objective 5**  
**A Europe closer to citizens**  
▶ A Czechia closer to citizens

- Supporting locally-led development strategies
- Sustainable urban development across the EU

(also financed from PO1-4)

**0.3 bil. EUR**  
only POS



**Policy objective 4**  
**A more social Europe**  
▶ A more social Czechia

- Higher competences
- More professional skills
- Education development
- Supporting social inclusion
- Equal access to healthcare

**4.5 bil. EUR**

The proposals reflect the final European legislation published in the Official Journal of the EU in June 2021.

The amount of 21.1 billion EUR also includes the Technical Assistance allocation of 0.7 billion EUR.

# European funds in the Czech Republic

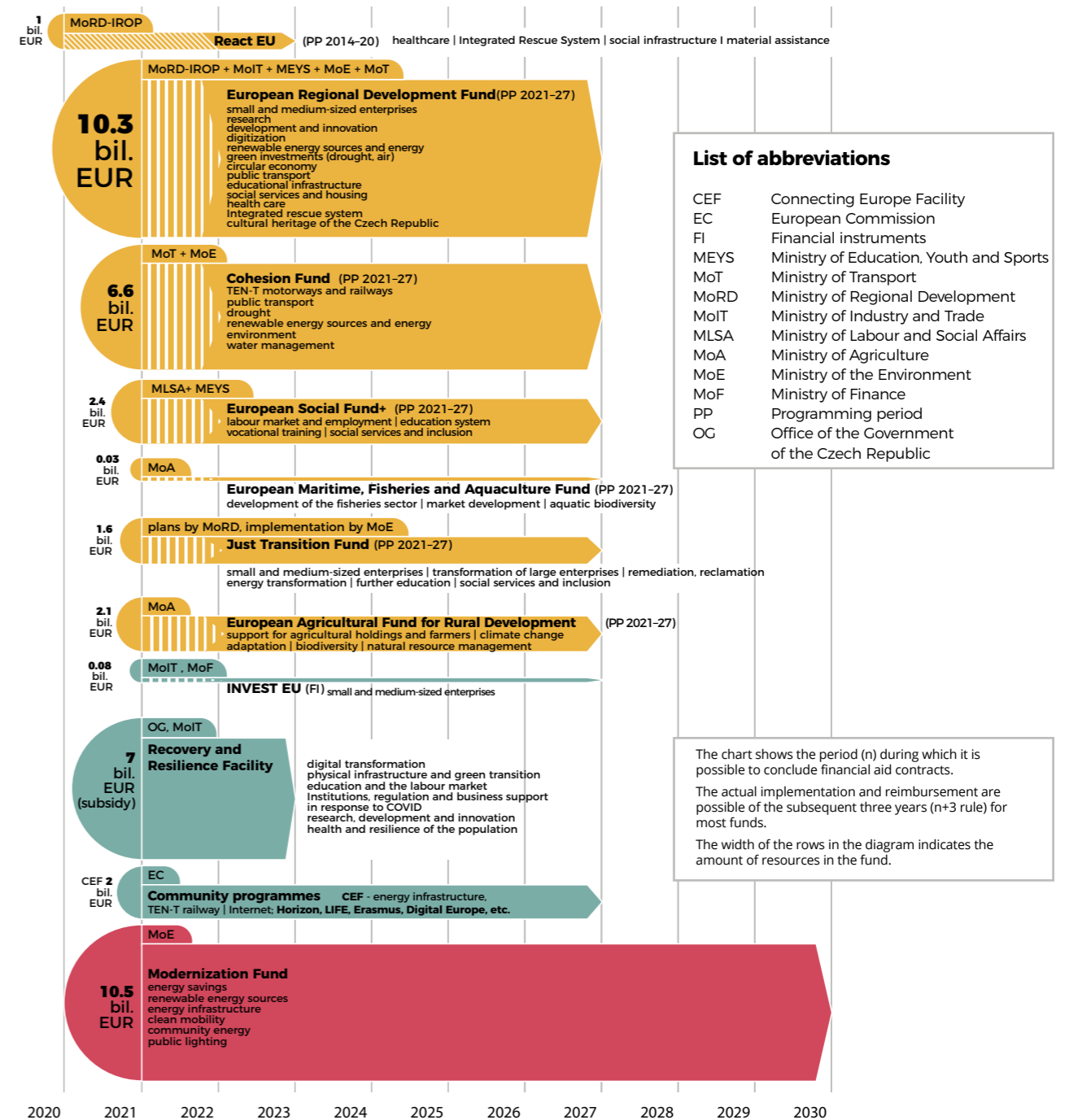
for the period

# 21–27

The Czech Republic has negotiated over 42.6 bln. EUR from European funds for the 21–27 programming period. We will have over 21.1 bln. EUR available in **several cohesion policy funds**. We can draw money in the form of **non-refundable grants or financial instruments** – more favourable loans. Applicants will be able to apply for support for their projects under eight programmes that follow up on the period 2014–2020.

The Ministry of the Environment is developing a new programme focused 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. By the decision of the European Commission, the Rural Development Programme newly transformed into the so-called Strategic Plan of the Common Agricultural Policy will no longer be included under the cohesion policy. 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 2021–2027












### List of abbreviations

CEF	Connecting Europe Facility
EC	European Commission
FI	Financial instruments
MEYS	Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports
MoT	Ministry of Transport
MoRD	Ministry of Regional Development
MoIT	Ministry of Industry and Trade
MLSA	Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs
MoA	Ministry of Agriculture
MoE	Ministry of the Environment
MoF	Ministry of Finance
PP	Programming period
OG	Office of the Government of the Czech Republic

The chart shows the period (n) during which it is possible to conclude financial aid contracts. The actual implementation and reimbursement are possible of the subsequent three years (n+3 rule) for most funds. The width of the rows in the diagram indicates the amount of resources in the fund.

# OVERVIEW OF NEW PROGRAMMES AND PROPOSED AREAS OF SUPPORT

in the 2021–2027 programming period

 <p><b>3.14 bil. EUR</b></p> <p><b>OP Technologies and Application for Competitiveness</b></p> <p>Managing Authority <b>Ministry of Industry and Trade</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Research and innovation</li> <li>Digitization and development of the internet</li> <li>Enhancing the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises</li> <li>Increasing the added value of products and services in the production chain</li> <li>Introducing advanced technologies and Industry 4.0 principles in companies</li> <li>Modernizing and streamlining the production, distribution and storage of electricity</li> <li>Increasing the energy efficiency and energy savings</li> <li>Deploying innovative low-carbon technologies</li> <li>Effective and thrifty use of renewable energy sources</li> <li>Introducing modern and highly efficient methods of production, distribution and storage of heat energy</li> <li>Use of brownfields for business activities</li> </ul>	 <p><b>4.80 bil. EUR</b></p> <p><b>Integrated Regional Operational Programme</b></p> <p>Managing Authority <b>Ministry of Regional Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional transport connectivity linked to the TEN-T (Class II roads)</li> <li>Development of urban, suburban and regional transport (incl. the rolling stock, transfer terminals, etc.)</li> <li>Development of cycling infrastructure</li> <li>Improving the quality of local education infrastructure</li> <li>Social housing</li> <li>Effective security of public administration information systems and adequate response to growing cyber threats</li> <li>Infrastructure of social services</li> <li>Enhancing public health protection</li> <li>Modernizing emergency admission units</li> <li>Integrated oncological, perinatological and gerontological care</li> <li>Psychiatric care</li> <li>Follow-up and long-term care</li> <li>Digitization and client-oriented public administration</li> <li>Improving public spaces in towns and municipalities including green infrastructure</li> <li>Population protection and risk prevention</li> <li>Cultural heritage and tourism</li> <li>Community-led local development</li> </ul>	 <p><b>2.55 bil. EUR</b></p> <p><b>OP Johannes Amos Comenius</b></p> <p>Managing Authority <b>Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Curricula and teaching methods for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, development of key competencies</li> <li>Equality in education, its availability and personalised approach</li> <li>Capacity building for education</li> <li>Comprehensive improvement of training and development of teaching staff</li> <li>Mobility of employees in research and education, and development of international cooperation</li> <li>Improving the settings and developing the capacities for research and development</li> <li>Cooperation and functional interconnection of public administration, the academic, research and business sectors</li> </ul>	 <p><b>1.46 bil. EUR</b></p> <p><b>OP Employment+</b></p> <p>Managing Authority <b>Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Streamlining public administration to provide quality services</li> <li>Increasing the participation of disadvantaged groups in the labour market</li> <li>Modernization of labour market institutions</li> <li>Promoting equal opportunities and satisfactory work-life balance</li> <li>A functioning system of continuing vocational training</li> <li>Promotion and use of labour mobility</li> <li>Social inclusion</li> <li>Social housing</li> <li>Client-oriented social services</li> <li>Improving the quality and availability of healthcare</li> </ul>	 <p><b>2.39 bil. EUR</b></p> <p><b>OP Environment</b></p> <p>Managing Authority <b>Ministry of Environment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nature protection and landscape conservation</li> <li>Improving air quality</li> <li>Protecting and improving the quality of water and water management</li> <li>Drought management, flood prevention and landslide prevention measures</li> <li>Remediation of sites with environmental burdens</li> <li>Creating education facilities for sustainable development</li> <li>Introducing the principles of a circular economy and resource efficiency</li> <li>Increasing the energy efficiency and energy savings</li> <li>Effective and thrifty use of renewable energy sources</li> </ul>	 <p><b>4.85 bil. EUR</b></p> <p><b>OP Transport</b></p> <p>Managing Authority <b>Ministry of Transport</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developing and improving linear transport infrastructure (incl. cities and their hinterlands)</li> <li>Introducing modern technologies for the organization of transport and reduction of traffic burden</li> <li>Increasing the utilization and availability of alternative fuels in transport</li> </ul>	 <p><b>0.03 bil. EUR</b></p> <p><b>OP Fisheries</b></p> <p>Managing Authority <b>Ministry of Agriculture</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protecting and restoring aquatic biodiversity</li> <li>Aquaculture development</li> <li>Promotion of fishing</li> <li>Enhancing the processing capacities</li> </ul>	
 <p><b>1.64 bil. EUR</b></p> <p><b>OP Just Transition Fund</b></p> <p>Managing Authority <b>Ministry of Environment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Addressing the social, economic and environmental impacts of the transition to a climate-neutral economy in selected regions</li> </ul>							 <p><b>0.22 bil. EUR</b></p> <p><b>OP Technical Assistance</b></p> <p>Managing Authority <b>Ministry of Regional Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Management and coordination of the Partnership Agreement</li> <li>Support for horizontal issues and partners</li> <li>Support for the administrative capacity of implementation</li> </ul>

The overview of programmes corresponds with the state in which they were approved by the Government in September 2021 and submitted to the Commission for formal negotiation in December 2021.

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

The Partnership Agreement, the umbrella strategy for cohesion policy in the Czech Republic, was approved by the Government in September 2021 and is currently being formally negotiated with the European Commission. After the approval of the Partnership Agreement by the Commission, the first calls will be announced - the expected time is the first half of 2022.

The total of 24.5 bil. EUR also includes 80.0 million EUR, which will be available to OP Technologies and Applications for Competitiveness within the InvestEU instrument.

**Cross border cooperation programmes (Interreg VI-A) Managing Authority**



Support of cross-border projects in the Czech border areas

<p><b>CZ – Poland</b></p> <p><b>CZ – Free State of Saxony</b></p> <p><b>CZ – Free State of Bavaria</b></p> <p><b>CZ – Austria</b></p> <p><b>CZ – Slovak Republic</b></p>	<p>Ministry of Regional Development of the Czech Republic</p> <p>Saxon State Ministry of Regional Development</p> <p>Bavarian Ministry of Economic Affairs, Regional Development and Energy</p> <p>Office of the Government of Lower Austria</p> <p>Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic</p>
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