INTEGRATED REGIONAL OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME

SUMMARY FOR THE PUBLIC

This summary is prepared annually on the basis of Article 50(9) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013.

The Integrated Regional Operational Programme (IROP) builds on the Integrated Operational Programme (IOP) and the regional operational programmes from the 2007-2013 programming period. IROP pursues a balanced territorial development, it seeks to upgrade the infrastructure, improve public services and public administration and to ensure sustainable development in municipalities, cities and regions.

The aim of the programme is to strengthen regional competitiveness and the quality of life of all Czech citizens. The funds available to IROP amount to EUR 6.4 billion, i.e. CZK 164.6 billion. The function of the IROP Managing Authority (IROP MA) is performed by the Ministry of Regional Development.

IROP in numbers

- **104 calls** for proposals announced, offering a **total of CZK 227 billion,**
- 17 291 grant applications submitted, worth a total of CZK 278.6 billion,
- 3 730 applications worth a total of CZK 58.1 billion excluded due to a failure to meet the conditions of the call or to a lack of funds in the call,
- 12 085 projects for a total of CZK 198.2 billion approved,
- **legal acts issued for 12 079 projects** worth **CZK 198.4 billion in total**, i.e. **120.5 % of the IROP allocation**,
- **CZK 111.3 billion disbursed to the beneficiaries**, i.e. 67.6 % of the allocation,
- IROP MA prepared interim requests for payment from the Commission in the amount of CZK 91.2 billion (ERDF), i.e. 62.6 % of the total programme allocation (ERDF)
- 8 982 projects for a total of CZK 104.2 billion completed.

Integrated instruments in IROP

In 2021, calls under integrated instruments continued to be announced.
- **Urban agglomerations implementing Integrated Territorial Investments (ITI)** announced cumulatively 241 calls to which 970 aid applications were submitted, requesting CZK 18.6 billion, of which **711 projects worth CZK 14 billion** are already **under implementation**. CZK 10.6 billion has been disbursed, i.e. 73.3 % of the total ITI allocation in IROP.
- **Urban agglomerations implementing Integrated Territorial Development Plans (ITDPs)** announced cumulatively 212 calls to which 364 aid applications were submitted, requesting CZK 6.2 billion, of which **281 projects worth CZK 4.4 billion** are already **under implementation**. CZK 3.1 billion was disbursed, i.e. 56.5 % of the total ITDP allocation in IROP.
- **Local Action Groups** announced cumulatively 2 033 calls to which 4 589 aid applications were submitted with an allocation of CZK 9.8 billion, of which **3 385 projects** are already **under implementation at CZK 5.1 billion**. CZK 5.1 billion was disbursed, i.e. 67.5 % of the total CLLD allocation in IROP.

After the fourth revision of the program document, approximately EUR 1.2 billion (24.1% of the total IROP allocation) is allocated to the projects of integrated instruments (including the allocation for operational and animation costs of MAS).

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How does IROP specifically benefit the regions?

By the end of 2021, the support from the Integrated Regional Operational Programme helped to **upgrade 862 kilometres of roads**. **876 vehicles** were purchased **for public transport**.

1 317 facilities for social services were supported. In the area of social housing, **1 411 flats** were supported. A total of **2 639 educational institutions** and **129 health facilities** across the Czech Republic were supported.
A total of **61 027 Czech households** reduced their **energy consumption** thanks to support from the IROP and improved their classification of energy consumption. So far**, 97 monuments have been revitalized** with IROP funding and **398 information systems** have been acquired.

Compliance with the n+3 rule

In 2021, **the IROP met the limit** set by the so-called **n+3 rule** (funds allocated in a given year must be used up within 3 years). In this case, it was necessary **to absorb CZK 54.8 billion** (EU funds share) by the end of 2021. Since CZK **91.2 billion** was drawn, the limit for 2021 was **exceeded by 63 %** and even the limit for 2022 by 28 %.

Revision of the IROP Programming Document

On 26 May 2021, **the fifth revision of the IROP Programming Document** (IROP PD) with serial number **2.0** was approved. The main change was establishing new **priority axes 6 and 7** in order to use the additional ESIF allocation for the Czech Republic in response to COVID-19 in accordance with the **REACT-EU** Regulation. The IROP PD newly included an increase in the programme allocation by the first tranche of REACT-EU funds for 2021 in the amount of CZK 20.8 billion to support **healthcare, the integrated rescue system, social infrastructure with increased energy efficiency** and to supplement technical assistance. The changes were approved in the Resolution from the 14th meeting of the IROP Monitoring Committee, adopted in a written procedure on 15.01.2021.

In 2021, **revision 2.1** of IROP PD was started. The purpose of the submitted amendment to the IROP PD is to increase the programme allocation by the second tranche of REACT-EU for 2022 in the amount of CZK 7.8 billion.

Information about the financial instrument

The **IROP financial instrument** (IROP FI) was used in 2020 under **SO 2.5**, specifically in the area of **energy savings in apartment buildings**. The process of the IROP FI implementation was carried out by the State Investment Support Fund (SISF). SISF in the role of the IROP FI manager created a **Thermal Insulation**

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Programme, through which it implements the IROP FI. Subsequently, SISF issued a call to final beneficiaries with the receipt of applications starting on 2 March 2020.

The volume of applications in the IROP FI exceeded the total allocation in 2021. In view of that, the receipt of applications was closed on 10.07.2021. In addition, 2 tranches were transferred to the IROP FI manager during the year.