



# 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 5.6 billion, i.e. almost CZK 142.6 billion. The function of the IROP Managing Authority (IROP MA) is performed by the Ministry of Regional Development.





## IROP in numbers

- **95 calls** for proposals announced, offering a **total of CZK 202 billion**,
- 16 039 grant applications submitted, worth a total of CZK 238 billion,
- 3 516 applications worth a total of CZK 53.6 billion excluded due to a failure to meet the conditions of the call or to a lack of funds in the call,
- 10 840 projects for a total of CZK 161 billion approved,
- **legal acts issued for 10 388 projects worth CZK 156 billion in total, i.e. 107% of the IROP allocation**,
- **CZK 86 billion disbursed to the beneficiaries**, i.e. 59% of the allocation,
- IROP MA prepared interim requests for payment from the Commission in the amount of CZK 67 billion (ERDF), i.e. 54% of the total programme allocation (ERDF)
- 6 667 projects for a total of CZK 76 billion completed.

## Integrated instruments in IROP

In 2020, calls under integrated instruments continued to be announced, in particular calls of the Local Action Groups (LAGs). After the fourth revision of the programming document, the allocation for projects of integrated instruments is approximately EUR 1.2 billion (24.1% of the total IROP allocation).

- **Urban agglomerations implementing Integrated Territorial Investments (ITI)** announced cumulatively 213 calls to which 881 aid applications were submitted, requesting EUR 672.4 mil., of which **625 projects worth EUR 483 mil.** are already **under implementation**. EUR 318.5 million has been disbursed, i.e. 57.6% of the total ITI allocation in IROP.
- **Urban agglomerations implementing Integrated Territorial Development Plans (ITDPs)** announced cumulatively 174 calls to which 306 aid applications were submitted, requesting EUR 191.5 mil., of which **248 projects worth EUR 159.3 mil.** are already **under implementation**. EUR 96.2 million was disbursed, i.e. 45.6% of the total ITDP allocation in IROP.
- **Local Action Groups** announced cumulatively 1 783 calls to which 4 028 aid applications were submitted with an allocation of EUR 340 mil., of which **2 682 projects** are already **under implementation at EUR 224 mil.** EUR 132 million was disbursed, i.e. 45.5% of the total CLLD allocation in IROP.





## How does IROP specifically benefit the regions?

By the end of 2020, the support from the Integrated Regional Operational Programme helped to **upgrade 680 kilometres of roads**. **823 vehicles** were purchased for **public transport**.

**699 facilities for social services** were supported. In the area of social housing, **1 000 flats** were supported. A total of **1 360 educational institutions** and **107 health facilities** across the Czech Republic were supported.

A total of **50 309 Czech households** reduced their **energy consumption** thanks to support from the IROP and improved their classification of energy consumption. So far, **34 monuments have been revitalized** with IROP funding and **382 information systems** have been acquired.

## Compliance with the n+3 rule

In 2020, 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 45 billion** (EU funds share) by the end of 2020. The IROP Managing Authority managed to exceed that limit by **CZK 22 billion**.

## Revision of the IROP Programming Document

In 2020, the IROP MA made the **fourth revision of the IROP Programming Document** (IROP PD). The most significant change was the **internal reallocation of CZK 1 billion from specific objective 2.5 Thermal insulation to objective 3.2 eGovernment to cover the digitization of the building permit procedure** as a priority area, which will accelerate construction and consequently help to accelerate the economy weakened by the current crisis. The European Commission approved the IROP PD revision in its Implementing Decision C(2020) 4938 of 15 July 2020.

## Information about the financial instrument

The IROP **financial instrument (IROP FI)** was implemented in 2020 under **SO 2.5**, specifically in the area of **energy savings in apartment buildings**. The implementation was processed by the State Investment Support Fund (SISF). On 21 February 2020, the IROP Managing Authority issued a call to the IROP FI manager. SISF in the role of the IROP FI manager created a **Thermal Insulation Programme**, through which it implements the IROP FI. Subsequently, SISF issued a call to final recipients with the receipt of applications starting on 2 March 2020. Then, on 25 June 2020, a Financing Agreement was signed between the IROP MA and the SISF, in which SISF received **an allocation of EUR 22 892 245,35** for the IROP FI.

