



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 strives for a balanced territorial development, improvement of the infrastructure, improvement of public services and public administration and ensuring 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 6.7 billion, i.e. CZK 163.4 billion (EU and Member State support). 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 234,5 billion**,
- 17 549 grant applications submitted, worth a total of CZK 281.9 billion,
- 4 417 applications worth a total of CZK 68.5 billion withdrawn by the applicant or excluded due to a failure to meet the conditions of the call or to a lack of funds in the call,
- **legal acts issued for 12 715 projects worth CZK 204.7 billion in total**, i.e. **125.3 % of the IROP allocation**,
- **CZK 137.3 billion disbursed to the beneficiaries**, i.e. 84.1 % of the allocation,
- IROP MA prepared interim requests for payment from the Commission in the amount of CZK 108.3 billion (ERDF), i.e. 71 % of the total programme allocation,
- **10 748 projects** for a total of CZK 131.2 billion **completed**.

Integrated instruments in IROP

No Integrated Instrument (II) calls were announced in 2022.

Urban agglomerations implementing Integrated Territorial Investments (ITI) announced cumulatively 241 calls to which 977 aid applications were submitted, requesting CZK 18.7 billion (ERDF), of which **741 projects worth CZK 14.6 billion are under implementation**. CZK 12.3 billion was disbursed, i.e. 92.2 % of the total ITI allocation in IROP.

Urban agglomerations implementing Integrated Territorial Development Plans (ITDP) announced cumulatively 212 calls to which 378 aid applications were submitted, requesting CZK 6.4 billion, of which **324 projects worth CZK 5.4 billion are under implementation**. CZK 4 billion was disbursed, i.e. 78.6 % of the total ITDP allocation in IROP.

Local Action Groups (LAGs) announced cumulatively 2 033 calls to which 4 589 aid applications were submitted with an allocation of CZK 9.8 billion, of which **3 636 projects are under implementation at CZK 7.5 billion**. CZK 6.5 billion was disbursed, i.e. 68.1 % of the total CLLD allocation in IROP.

The allocation for II projects (including the amount for the operating and animation costs of LAGs) is approximately EUR 1.1 billion (24.1% of the total IROP allocation).





How does IROP specifically benefit the regions?

By the end of 2022, the support from the Integrated Regional Operational Programme helped to **upgrade 1 287 kilometres of roads**. **953 vehicles** were purchased for public transport.

2 177 facilities for social services were supported. In the area of social housing, **2 038 flats** were supported. A total of **3 061 educational institutions** and **142 health facilities** across the Czech Republic were supported.

A total of **80 383 Czech households** reduced their **energy consumption** thanks to support from the IROP and improved their classification of energy consumption. So far, **177 monuments have been revitalized** with IROP funding and **442 information systems** have been acquired.

Compliance with the n+3 rule

IROP MA prepared interim requests for **payment from the Commission in the amount of EUR 4.2 billion**. The absorption **limit for 2022 was met at 154%**.

Revision of the IROP Programming Document

In 2022, the **sixth revision of the IROP Programming Document (IROP PD)** with sequence designation 2.1 was approved. Its main purpose was to **increase the allocation of the programme by the second tranche of REACT-EU for 2022**. The amount for the IROP was **increased to EUR 313.2 million (approx. CZK 8.05 billion)** from the Structural Funds, and a proposal was made to use it for the **health sector and the integrated rescue system** in SO 6.1 of the IROP. In addition to the increase in the allocation by the second tranche of funds, the funds from the first tranche were reallocated within the REACT-EU activities.

At the end of 2022, the **seventh revision of IROP PD** was approved with sequence number 2.2. The aim of the revision was to **transfer available funds from SO 3.2** from the category of more developed regions in the amount of EUR 10 740 000 (CZK 261.3 thousand) **to the newly established Priority Axis 8 in order to address the situation with the influx of refugees to the Czech Republic**, which is a consequence of military aggression by the Russian Federation against Ukraine.





Information about the financial instrument

In the IROP financial instrument (IROP FI), the trend of an **increasing volume of applications**, set in previous years, was maintained in 2022. The volume **exceeded the total FI allocation** in 2022. Moreover, **2 tranches were transferred to the IROP FI manager** during the year. The second executed tranche, which was approved by the IROP MA on 5 December 2022, was also the last final payment to the IROP FI.

