

MINISTRY OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
National Coordination Authority



Expert meeting of the Visegrad Group +

July 15 – 17 2019, Ostrava



Agenda of the Meeting

- Opening of the meeting
- Session 1: Cohesion legislation package negotiation
- Lunch
- Session 2: Objectives and priorities for the Cohesion Policy 2021-2027
- Conlucions and follow-up
- Family photo
- Coffee break
- Project visit
- Dinner





Session 1: Cohesion legislation package negotiation



Negotiation progress under RO PRES

- Over 60+ meetings on different level
- A partial mandate to all proposed regulations except for those parts, that are in negobox, was accepted
- Unexpected range and overall satisfaction with the negotiation progress

Important issues to be discussed further

- VAT eligibility
- Enabling conditions
- Art. 15 (EP proposal of deletion)

MFF negobox – CZ priorities

- Thematic concentration in ERDF
- National co-financing rate
- Pre-financing
- Decolmitment principles and rules

Plan B – in case of EC/EP standpoint prevalence

- Technical assistance
- Thematic concentration (prim. ERDF) demands
- Combination with 6 % SUD
- Climate demands
- € semester
- Enabling conditions
- Rural issues

Position to EP amendments

- Council compromise is a very good starting point for continuing in the negotiations with the new EP.
- Missing explanation of the “old” EP proposals.
- Recognition of the „new“ EP position.
- Strategic decision whether to „betray“ the SMWP common position in a few important cases
- The most sensitive AMDs within CPR block 1
- Confusing overlapping of elements with impact on implementation
- Sensitive exceptions to Art.6 ERDF/CF

Position to EP amendments

- EP proposals can be refused, accepted or CZ can be flexible during negotiations
- Non-acceptable proposals according to CZ:
 - » Re-introduction of major projects
 - » DG HOME Funds under PA
 - » Selection of operations parameters
 - » Additional requirements for ENC

Approach to categories of regions

- For CZ all 3 categories applicable
- Complications for implementation
- *Pro rata* solution (for ERDF), ? ESF+
- Complications for TA OP
- Solution: 2 or just 1 category?

Debate - what is your opinion on these ...

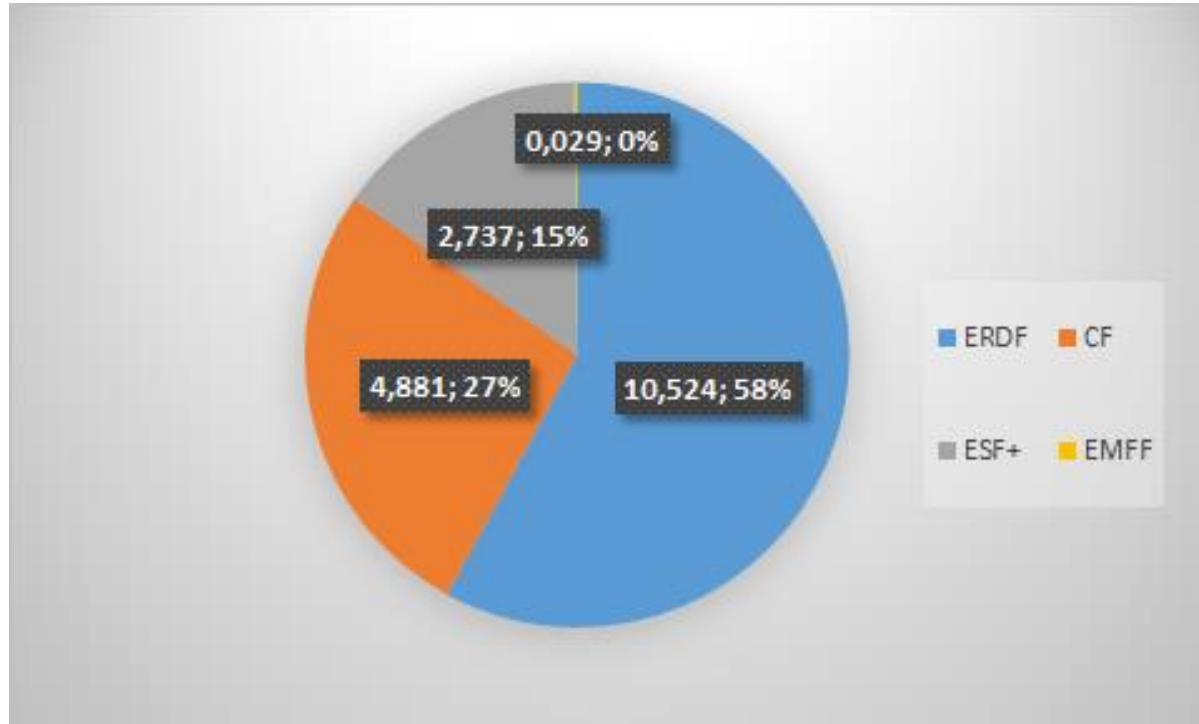
- Negotiations progress satisfaction?
- Important issues you are against? Of those you would bring again on the agenda?
- Plan B if the wording remains the same?
- MFF negotiation (negobox) priority/ies?
- Approach towards categories of regions?
- Opinion on the European parliament amendments?

Time to have refreshment ...



Session 2: Objectives and priorities for the Cohesion Policy 2021-2027

Key determinants

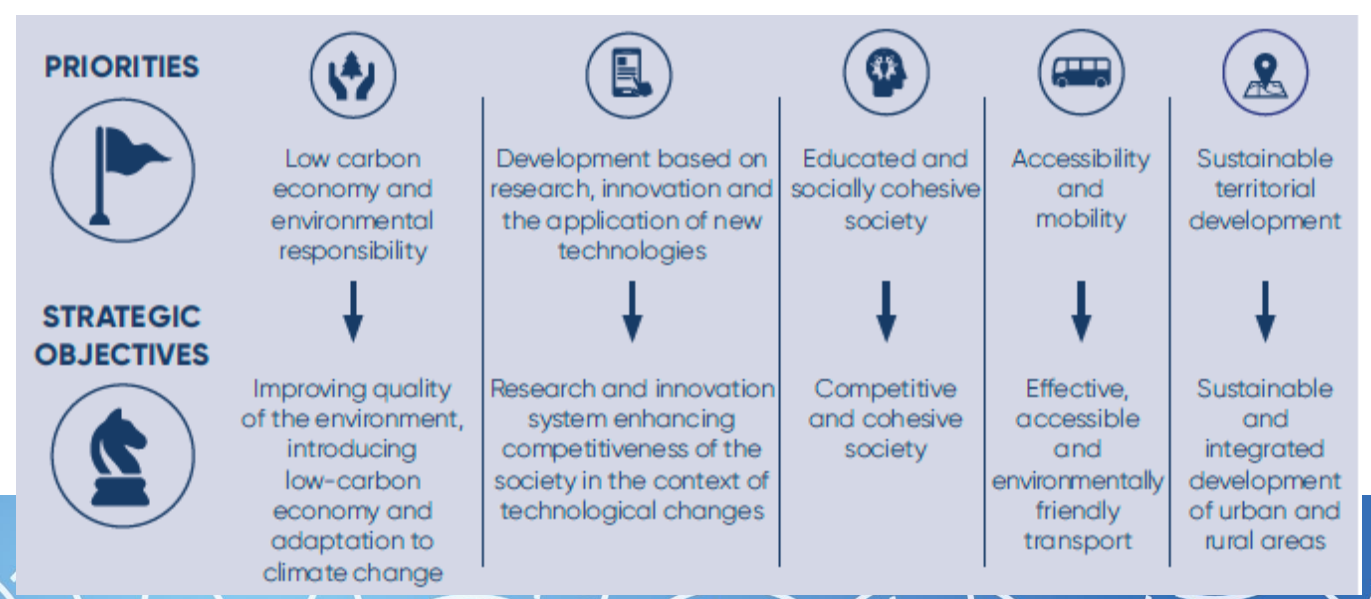


- 24 % drop of allocation (safety net captured)
- CZ in „Group 2“ (Art. 3.3) states
 - higher co-financing;
 - stricter concentration
- Rapid convergence of some regions, slow of others
- ...

National priorities (National strategy post2020)



- The Government of the CZ took into account the National Strategy in February 2019; now it is finalized
- Regional development Strategy and territorial dimension are of key importance as well.
- Starting point for Partnership Agreement and Operational programmes.



National Strategy: Key recommendations and measures

The results of the prioritization and related recommendations will be used in the preparation of the Partnership Agreement and Operational Programs.

Focus on **innovative measures and pilot interventions.**

Sufficient project pipeline (especially at the beginning)

Timely preparation of **co-financing rules** (linkage to the absorption)

Prefer the use of financial instruments to grant schemes in some areas, such as the areas of Support for Enterprise and Industry and Shift to Low Carbon Economy


Smart Specialization well-designed incl. EDP

Drought measures support; water management

Digitalization (services, infrastructure, skills)

Other specific measures and recommendations

Structure of OP's under PA



OP Competitiveness

Managing Authority
Ministry of Industry and Trade

Promoting innovation through applied and experimental research
Cooperation and functional interconnection of public administration, academic, research and business sectors
Improving the innovative capability of SMEs
Increasing the added value of products and services in the production chain
Introducing the principles of Industry 4.0 in companies
Effective security of public administration information systems and adequate response to growing cyber threats
Electronization of public administration and implementation of related infrastructure
Introducing modern and highly efficient methods of production, distribution and storage of energy
Increasing the energy efficiency and energy savings
Introduction of innovative low-carbon technologies
Effective and economical use of renewable energy sources
Introducing modern and highly efficient methods of production, distribution and storage of heat energy
Utilisation of brownfields for business activities



Integrated Regional Operational Programme

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Ministry of Regional Development

Regional transport connectivity linked to the TEN-T
Development of urban and suburban mobility and telematics
Low-emission and zero-emission vehicles and related infrastructure
Improving territorial education infrastructure
Social housing
Social services infrastructure
Health services infrastructure
Development of innovative activities in relation to the support businesses and the labour market
Support for public infrastructure of tourism and cultural heritage
Improving public spaces in municipalities and cities including green infrastructure.
Revitalization of brownfields
Population protection and risk prevention



OP Research and Education

Managing Authority
Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports


Curricula and teaching methods for the 21st century, development of key competences
Equality in education, its availability and personalised approach
Development of capacities for education
Complex improvement of training and development of teaching staff
Mobility of research and education staff, development of international cooperation
Improving the environment and developing the capacities for research and development
Functional interconnection of public administration with the academic, research and business sectors



OP Human Resources

Managing Authority
Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs


Streamlining public administration to deliver quality services
Increasing the participation of disadvantaged groups in the labour market
Modernization of labour market institutions
Promoting equal opportunities and harmonizing work and life balance
A functioning system of further professional training
Promotion and use of labour mobility
Social inclusion
Social housing
Client-oriented social services
Improving the quality and availability of healthcare



OP Environment

Managing Authority
Ministry of the Environment


Conservation and care of nature and landscape
Improved quality of air
Protection and improvement of the water condition and water management
Sanitation of sites with environmental burdens and revitalization of brownfields
Creation of facilities for sustainable development education
Introducing the principles of circular economy and resource efficiency
Increasing energy efficiency and energy savings
Effective and economical use of renewable energy sources



OP Transport

Managing Authority
Ministry of Transport

Development and improvement of transport infrastructure, including cities and their neighbourhoods
Introducing modern technologies for transport and organization and reduction of traffic burden
Effective use of multimodal freight transport
Increasing the availability and use of alternative fuels in transport



OP Technical Assistance and Administration Quality

Managing Authority
Ministry of Regional Development

Management and coordination of the Partnership Agreement
Support for horizontal issues and partners
Support for the administrative capacity of implementation
Selected activities to support the public administration

OP Fisheries
Managing Authority
Ministry of Agriculture

Cross-border cooperation programme 

Managing Authority
TBC

To be specified on the basis of cooperation with neighbouring countries



Partnership Agreement and OPs

- Based on the CPR template (Annex II). Something is not clear to us we ask the EC.
- The preparation of PA and OPs is done in accordance with the intervention logic (IL)
- IL = coherence of identified issues or opportunities, defined objectives and proposed measures and activities to achieve these objectives (what is an „engine“ of OP running).
- Managing Authorities elaborate IL in a prescribed format.

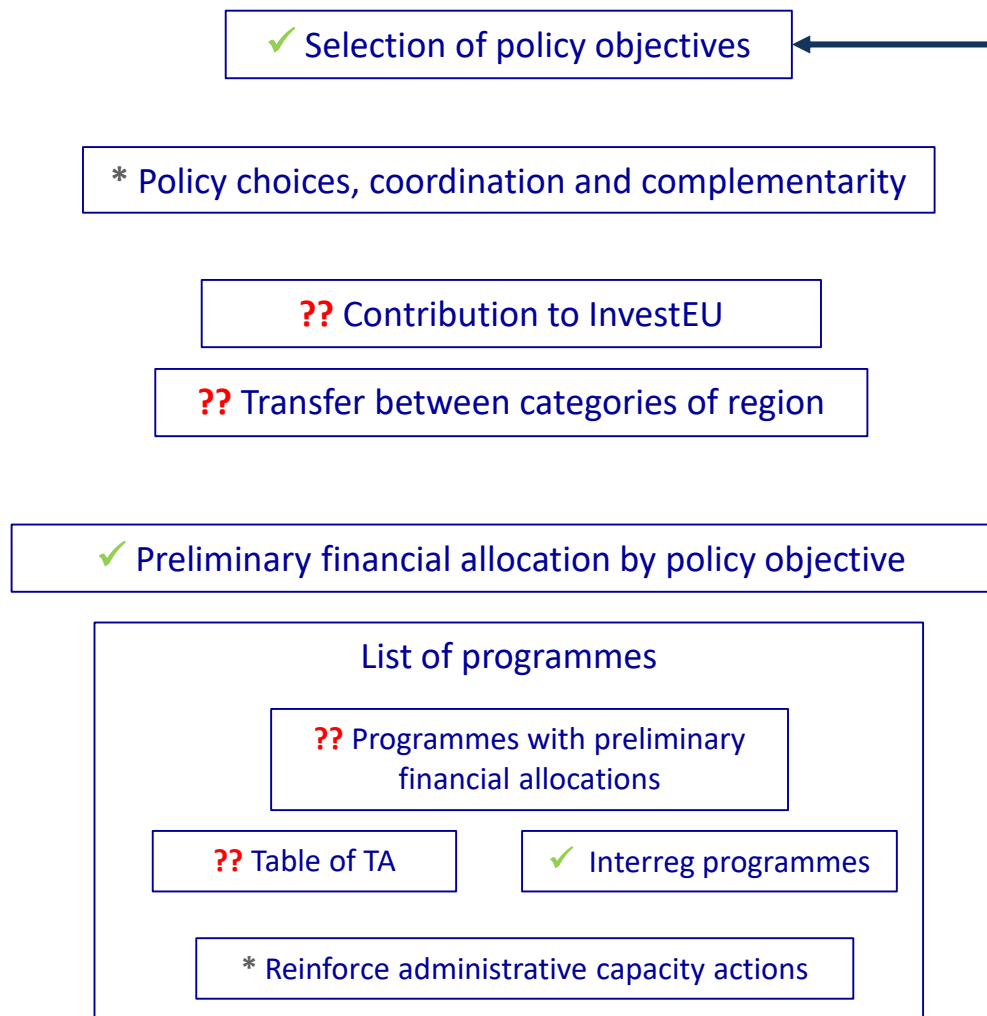
Policy Objectives and Fund	Specific Objective	(1) Causes and problems	(2) Needs and interventions	(3) Goal	(5a) Outputs	(5b) Results				
Policy objectives and Fund according to Regulation.	Specific objective according Regulation and estimation of allocation.	Defining all relevant causes of problems and challenges; identifying opportunities.	Identifying the main needs and specific measures (interventions, activities, intervention field). Defining the major target groups; using of financial instruments and/or territorial dimension.	Expected impacts or changes (ideally on target groups).	Outputs indicators.	Results indicators.				
							(4) How does it work?			
							How will the goal be achieved with these interventions? Experience and lesson learned. Differences from current programming period.			
							(6) Risks and barriers			
							Risk management – legislative, financial, institutional, and administrative or others. Measures to reduce the risks.			
							(7) Synergies and complementarities			
							Identifying similar interventions with other Ops; national program or others.			

Structure of PA and OPs: basic decomposition

Fund	OP	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
ERDF	Competitiveness	X	X	X		
	Research & Education	X			X	
	Transport		X	X		
	Environment		X			
	Integrated Regional	X	X	X	X	X
	Interreg					
CF	Transport		X	X		
	Environment		X			
ESF+	Research & Education				X	
	Employment+				X	
EMFF	Fisheries		X			

The match of POs after the information submitted to NCA by Managing Authorities of OPs

Content of PA and progress of preparation



✓ **First draft ready**
* **Not yet prepared**
?? **Under discussion**

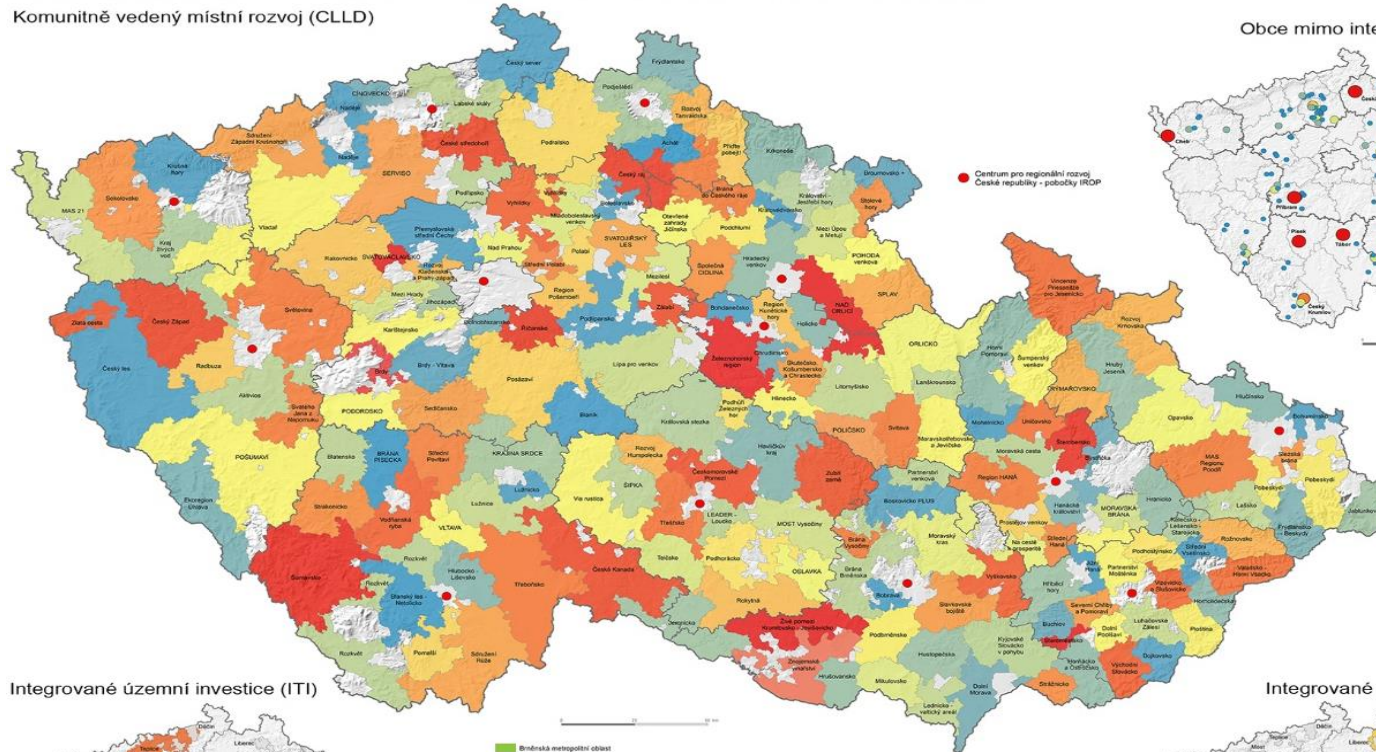
Example presented at Workshop in Brussels 14 June 2019

Policy choices and expected results – example

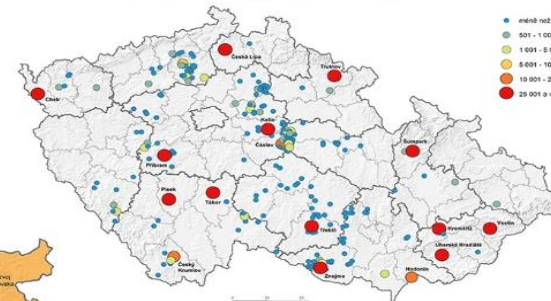
Policy objective	Programme(s)	Fund	Justification
Smart Europe	Smart MS (a national programme) Regional programmes	ERDF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low R&I and capital expenditure in companies • Low internationalisation of science • Small number of international enterprises and relatively low exports • Contribution to CSR on coordination of policies in research and industry and removing obstacles to investment • Contribution to NRP measure on science and industry cooperation network • Objective of development strategy on creating conditions for innovation and entrepreneurship • Objectives of regional innovation strategies

Current territorial tools

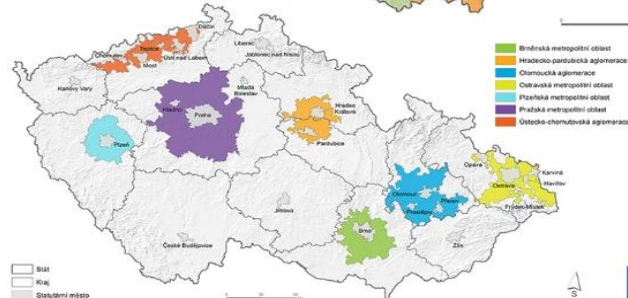
Komunitně vedený místní rozvoj (CLLD)



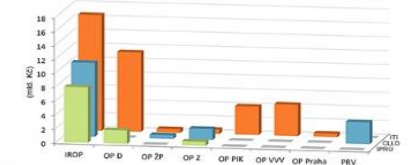
Obce mimo integrované nástroje



Integrované územní investice (ITI)



Finanční alokace pro nástroje ITI, IPRÚ a CLLD dle OP



Integrované plány rozvoje území (IPRÚ)



Integrated tools after 2020

Integrated Territorial Investment after 2020

- ITIs foreseen as a mechanism fulfilling SUD requirements (6 % ERDF allocation except TA).
- Delimitation of agglomerations consulted with cities – 3Q 2019
- Number of ITIs is expected to rise to 13 (currently 7 ITIs and 6 IPTD)
- No Intermediate bodies at city level (ITI IB)

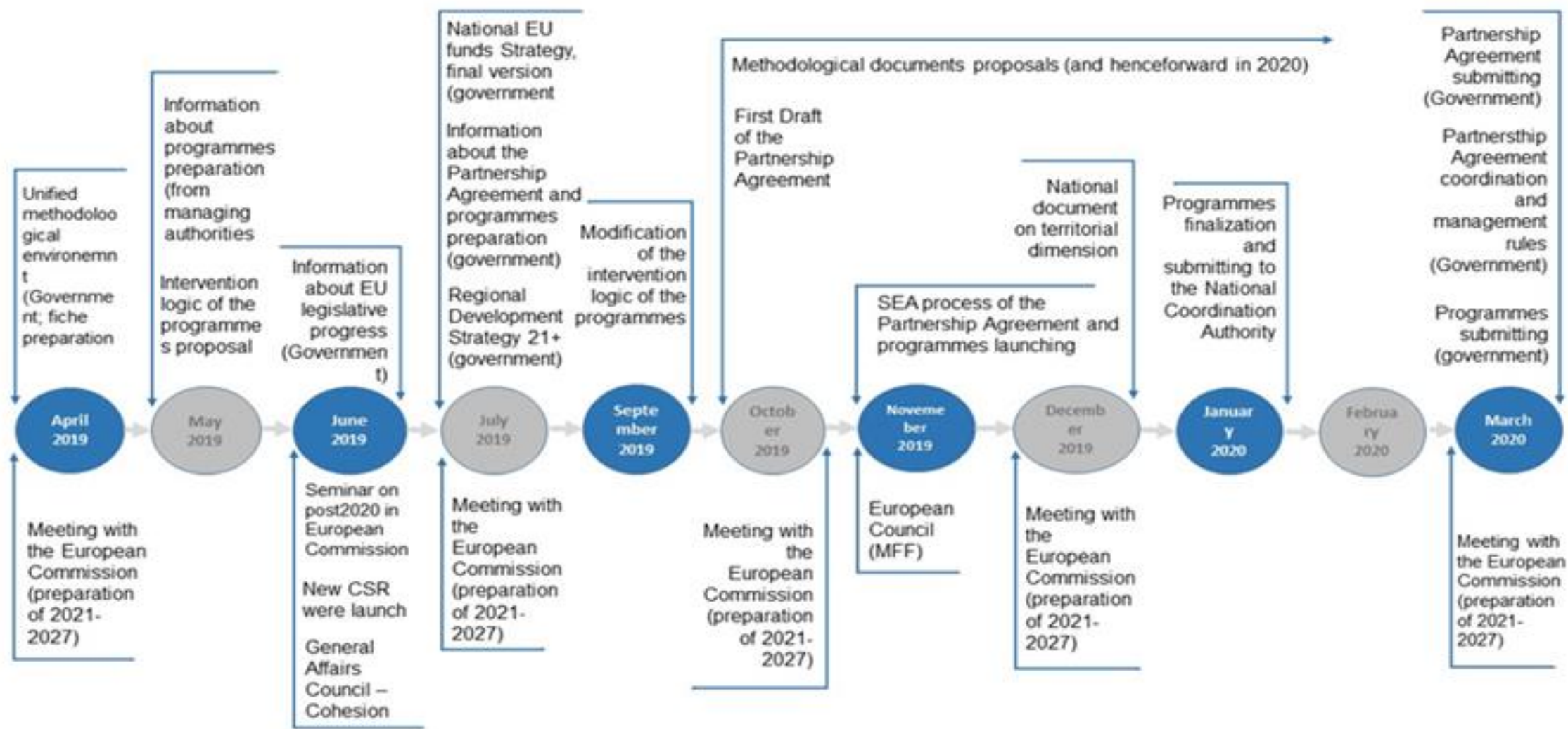
Community-Led Local Development after 2020

- CLLD as a key bottom-up instrument for development of rural areas (inc. centers up to 25 000 inhabitants)
- LAGs' territories population limits and their structure of bodies remain unchanged
- Simplification - Slim strategies, automation and simplification of "standardization" of LAGs, continuous LAGs' calls, etc.
- More emphasis on LAG territory animation

Cooperation with Commission

- European semestr conference
- Kick-off conference on post2020 dialogue
- Two technical meetings on several issues
- Videoconference on Enabling conditions
- Sharing documents
- FAQ – two rounds
- Seminar in Brussels
- Bilateral meetings - i.e. investEU

Our RoadMap



The timetable for the preparation of the programming period 2021-2027 may change, especially due to progress and approval of EU legislation and also in terms of essential causes at national level.



Questions for debate

- Main differences in implementation structure ?
- Thematic concentration generally ? Compliance with national needs/priorities and/or the CSRs?
- Construction of the expected results at the level of PA?
- National technical assistance OP?
- Usage of the InvestEU programme?
- Usage of the 'other territorial tool' for territorial development (e.g.SUD)?
- Role of self-governing regions in your country (specific territorial instruments)?
- Structure of ITI and CLLD strategies (action plan, specific operations)?
- Supported animation activities of LAGs under CLLD? Other sources of support LAGs?

Conclusions



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Key outputs ...

- Let's pick up some key points from today debate.
- Follow-up. We will propose official Conclusions.



V4 Reasonable Europe



PRESIDENCY OF V4 2019/2020

The Czech Presidency of the Visegrad Group lasts from the 1st July 2019 to the 30th June 2020.



The motto of the presidency – **V4 Reasonable Europe** – means that the Czech Republic will hold a rational, pragmatic and constructive approach for dealing with challenges of not only V4 countries but also Europe.

Priority areas of interest of the Czech Presidency:


Reasonable solutions


Revolutionary technologies


Reconciling approaches

OVERVIEW OF EVENTS ORGANISED BY THE MINISTRY OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PRIORITY AREAS OF INTEREST OF THE CZECH PRESIDENCY ARE REFLECTED IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE MINISTRY OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT



EU FUNDS

V4+4 Expert Meeting on the Future of the Cohesion Policy after 2020
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The General Directors' Meeting on the Future of the Cohesion Policy after 2020
 date: September/October 2019
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5th Evaluation Conference and Meeting with V4+4 Evaluation Units
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Workshop on "The Use of ESI Funds Monitoring Systems in the 2014-2020 Programming Period and their Preparation for the Post-2020 Programming Period"
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Friends of Cohesion Meeting
 date: October/November 2019
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Expert Meeting and Workshop on Financial Instruments
 date: November 2019
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Expert Meeting on the Use of EU Programs, Synergies with ESIF and Other Instruments
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Workshop on Sharing Good Practice in EU Funds Publicity
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The General Directors'/Ministers Meeting on the Future of Cohesion Policy
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PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

V4 PLUS Working Meeting
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Meeting of the Working Group of Public Procurement
 date: November 2019
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Public Procurement Conference PRAGUE2020
 date: March 2020
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Workshop on "Public Procurement and Their Electronization"
 date: April 2020
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TOURISM

V4 Financial-Marketing Meeting
 date: December 2019
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V4 High Level Meeting
 date: February 2020
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HOUSING

The General Directors' Meeting on Housing and State Aid
 date: November 2019
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Housing Forum 2020: Affordable Housing Improvement in V4 Countries
 date: April 2020
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CITIES

Workshop on "Integrated Development and Smart Cities"
 date: October 2019
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Conference on "Territorial Dimension and Integrated Territorial Development Tools after 2020"
 date: February 2020
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Working Round Table of V4+ on Smart City within URBIS Smart City Fair Conference
 date: April 2020
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BUILDING REGULATIONS & SPATIAL PLANNING

Meeting on the Architecture and Building Culture Policies
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Spatial Planning Observatory Group of V4+2 Countries Meeting
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Digitalization of Building Management and Spatial Planning
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MORE INFORMATION ON:

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**... now it is time to get more of the
Dolní Oblast Vítkovice**



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... and there is more coming tomorrow (for someone :))





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