

„Regional policy of the Czech Republic“

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Territorial units in the Czech Republic (NUTS)

NUTS 5 - municipalities (about 6 200)

NUTS 4 - districts (76 + Praha, legal authority only till 1.1.2003)

NUTS 3 - regions (14)

NUTS 2 - regions of cohesion (8, no legal authority)

NUTS 1 - the whole area of the Czech Republic

Regional policy

The regional policy is understood as a conceptual activity of the state and regional authorities with the aim to:

- 1) contribute to the balanced and harmonious development of the regions,**
- 2) reduce the differences in the levels of development between the regions,**
- 3) improve the regional economic and social structure.**

Some reasons of regional differentiation in the Czech Republic

- Drop down of the production and employment in the heavy industry
- Decrease of the employment rate in the agricultural
- Differential development of the services sector
- Differential development of the small and medium private enterprises
- Low interregional mobility of the employees
- Differential conditions of the natural environment

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- regional policy, including regional support for private enterprises
- housing policy
- zoning
- tourism

Organizations controlled by MRD

- Czech-Moravian Guarantee and Development Bank
- Institute for Territorial Development
- Czech Tourist Authority
- Centre for Regional Development of the Czech Republic

Goal 1 (econ.weak regions)



National Development Plan



Community Support Framework



- **SOP Industry**
- **SOP Infrastructure**
- **SOP Human Resources Development**
- **SOP Rural development and Multifunctional Agriculture**
- **Joint Regional Operational Programme (SROP)**

Priorities of SROP

- **Development and support for SME's**
- **Development of regional transport and communication technologies**
- **Local development of human resources**
- **Improvement of natural environment in rural areas**
- **Revitalization of rural areas**
- **Tourismous development**
- *Technical assistance*

The Principles of the Government Regional Policy define two types of problem regions:

- **Structurally afflicted regions**
- **Lagging regions** (economically weak regions)