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## 1. SUMMARY FOR THE PUBLIC (Article 50(9) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

The Integrated Regional Operational Programme (IROP) follows 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 5.4 billion, i.e. almost CZK 119.5 billion. The function of the IROP Managing Authority (IROP MA) is performed by the Ministry of Regional Development.

### IROP in numbers

- 88 calls for proposals announced, offering a total of EUR 6.3 billion (CZK 164.4 billion)
- 10 889 grant applications submitted, worth a total of EUR 7.2 billion (CZK 187 billion)
- 2 426 applications worth a total of EUR 1.4 billion (CZK 36.6 billion) excluded due to a failure to meet the conditions of the call or to a lack of funds in the call
- 5 937 projects for a total of EUR 4 billion (CZK 102 billion) approved
- legal acts issued for 5 659 projects for CZK 98 billion CZK in total, i.e. 70% of the IROP allocation
- EUR 964 mil. (CZK 25 billion) in total disbursed to the beneficiaries
- IROP MA prepared expenditure for certification at EUR 982 million (CZK 25.5 billion) of total eligible expenditure, i.e. 18.3% of the IROP allocation
- 1 889 projects for a total of EUR 774 million (CZK 20 billion) completed

### Integrated instruments in IROP

In addition to the calls for individual projects, calls of the integrated instruments were announced at a rapid pace in 2018. The programme has earmarked 26.3% of its funds for them, i.e. EUR 1.5 billion (CZK 39 billion).

- City agglomerations of Integrated Territorial Investments (ITI) announced 150 calls, in which a total of 678 aid applications were submitted for EUR 454 million (CZK 11.8 billion). 373 projects worth EUR 268 million (CZK 7 billion) are already being implemented. EUR 100 million (CZK 2.6 billion) was disbursed, i.e. 15.9% of the total ITI allocation in IROP.
- The city agglomerations of Integrated Territorial Development Plans (IUDPs) announced 111 calls in which 186 aid applications were submitted for EUR 115 million (CZK 3 billion). 127 projects in the total amount of EUR 78.5 million (CZK 2 billion) are already under implementation. EUR 31 million (CZK 800 million) was disbursed, i.e. 13.9% of the total ITDP allocation in IROP.
- Local Action Groups (LAGs) announced 926 calls, receiving 1 833 aid applications worth EUR 167 million (CZK 4.3 billion). 826 projects worth EUR 71 million (CZK 1.8 billion) are being implemented. EUR 18 million (CZK 467 million) was disbursed, i.e. 5.6% of the total LAG allocation in IROP.



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### **Revision of the IROP Programming Document**

In 2018, the IROP Programming Document (PD) was revised for the second time. The most important change is the transfer of funds from IROP specific objective (SO) 2.5 Thermal Insulation into the Operational Programme Environment in the amount of EUR 79 million (CZK 2 billion), and the transfer of funds between the specific objectives within IROP, where EUR 59 million (CZK 1.5 billion) was transferred from SO 2.5 Thermal Insulation to SO 2.4 Education. The changes were approved by the IROP Monitoring Committee at its 9th session on 16 May 2018. The European Commission approved the revision of the programme on 29 October 2018.

### **Compliance with the n+3 rule**

In 2018, IROP met the limit set by the so-called n+3 rule. The rule provides that funds allocated in a given year (n) must be spent within the next 3 years. In this case, it was necessary to absorb EUR 732 million (CZK 19 billion) (share of EU funds) by the end of 2018. The IROP Managing Authority managed to exceed the limit by approximately EUR 77 million (CZK 2 billion) despite the initial delay.

### **Physical and financial milestones**

Another important area in 2018 is the achievement of the performance framework targets in the form of physical (material) and financial milestones. Their achievement means that a performance reserve of 6% of the total programme funds can be obtained. This is additional money that can be used to support further projects after the milestones have been met. In the second revision of the IROP PD, the values of some problematic financial and physical milestones were reduced while the values of the trouble-free ones were increased. The IROP has met all milestones and will thus receive the total performance reserve at EUR 286 million (CZK 7.4 billion).

### **Examples of successful projects**

Overview and photographs of successful and interesting projects can be found e.g. at:

- implemented projects on the IROP website: <http://irop.mmr.cz/cs/Projekty>
- IROP Newsletter presenting interesting projects: <http://irop.mmr.cz/cs/Zadatele-a-prijemci/Zpravodaj-IROP>
- IROP Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/irop.mmr/>