Czech-UNDP Trust Fund Fact Sheet

Introduction
The Czech Republic was the first new donor country that started systematic promotion of its transitional experience and ODA activities in cooperation with UNDP. The Czech-UNDP Trust Fund was established in 2000 and it was the first example of such a successful cooperation in the Central Europe.

Czech Republic was also the first donor to start independent evaluations of its ODA projects (2012), from 2010 to October 2011 in cooperation with UNDP BRC (capacity building).

The Czech-UNDP Trust Fund supports development activities that involve sharing the experiences, best practices and lessons learned from the Czech transitional period both to a market economy and to European Union membership.

Since 2004, UNDP Regional Centre in Bratislava (now the UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub, http://europeandcis.undp.org/), within the framework of the Emerging Donors New Partnerships, becomes fully responsible for the administration, programming, contracting, monitoring and evaluation of the Czech contribution. Project proposals are submitted by UNDP Country Offices. This way the direct linkage of the Trust Fund activities to UNDP programming is secured, as well as targeted and effective use of the Czech expertise.

Area of work
Czech-UNDP Trust Fund activities are implemented in Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States (ECIS) and support the priority areas of the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which include:

- **Private sector development** (market economy institutions, support for value chains and other);
- **Democratic Governance** (institutional capacity building, parliamentary democracy, local governance, local strategic planning);
- **Energy & Environment** (Czech experience with ecological legacy problems - “hot spots” and other areas of Czech good practice);

“One should look at the state-of-the-art hydrometeorological web based services to see what can be achieved through intensive use of information technology, and in this respect the Czech Hydrometeorological Service is one of the world leaders.”

Brian Faulkner, UK
(Engineer/Analyst)
• **HIV/AIDS Prevention** among vulnerable populations especially issues related to injecting drug users.

• **Agriculture** (e.g. value chains, organic farming)

The Fund puts emphasis on **integrated approach** to development, balancing its social, environmental and economic aspects.

The Fund also supports **Business development partnerships** with Czech private sector that would contribute to solving concrete development problems in the ECIS region.

**Our Activities**

Activities supported by the Fund can be divided into four categories:

- Study tours and workshops in the Czech Republic
- Workshops and training in partner countries
- On-the-spot research and feasibility studies
- Individual consultations

Overall, Czech-UNDP Trust Fund’s activities have contributed not only to the expert knowledge in the priority areas but have also helped to build a network of informal contacts between our experts and representatives of various organizations in partner countries. Such contacts are being maintained continually and represent a platform for a future co-operation and a good basis for the long-term sustainability and targeted follow up activities. The Trust Fund also allows the Czech Republic to involve its specialists within the UN system, while benefiting from UNDP’s global partnerships.

For more information about the Trust Fund please contact Czech-UNDP Trust Fund Programme Associate, Mr. Ivan Lukas (ivan.lukas@undp.org).

**Facts and Numbers (Trust Fund)**

- **$7.3 million** - total amount of contributions from Czech Government to Trust Fund since 2004
- **Operating in 17 countries in Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States**

**About Donor (Czech Republic)**

- **Member of OECD/DAC since 2013**
- Czech Republic ranks second in the global **Bertelsmann Transformation Index 2012** (mapping successful transformation processes to democracy and market economy in the world)
- Its business environment scores high in **Innovation** according to the **Global Competitiveness Report 2013**