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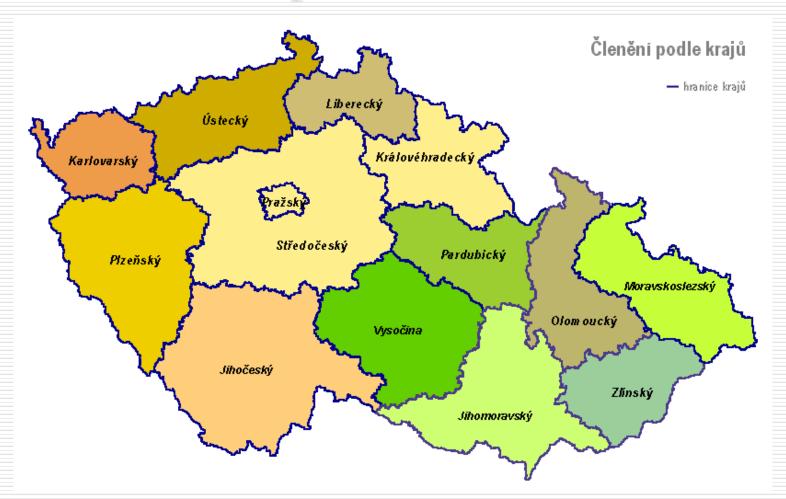


REGIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

- ☐ Vertical structure derived from the structure of Public Administration
 - 8 Cohesion Regions,
 - 14 Regions (krajs),
 - 76 Districts, and
 - More than 6 240 municipalities.
 - 205 municipalities with extended powers (majority of these powers were taken over from former district offices)
 - 23 statutory cities (>50 thous. + Mladá Boleslav)

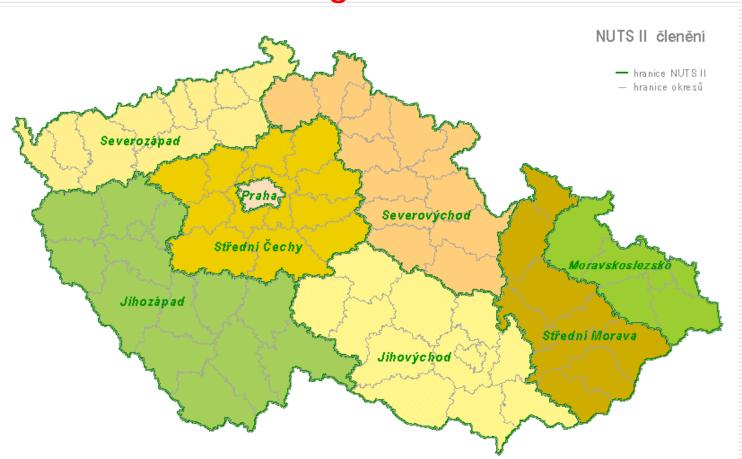


Regions - NUTS III





Cohesion Regions - NUTS II





SETTLEMENT STRUCTURE

and the Role of Cities

- Fragmented settlement of the CR (high level of scattering of rural settlements pattern)
- Relatively low number of big cities
- Close connection rate
- Process of sub-urbanization (increasing need for public investments, infrastructure, etc.)
- Significant role of small and medium towns
- Fragmentation of territorial and urban development



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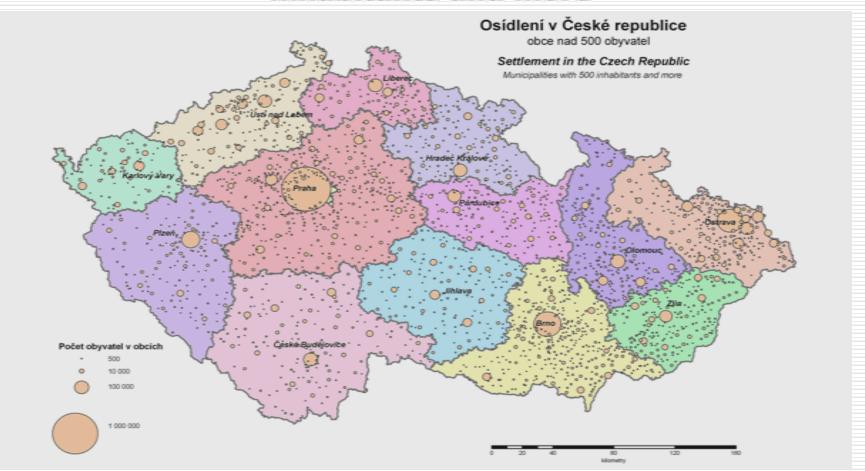
Urbanization and the Role of Cities

- only one city more than 1 million inhabitants (capital city of Prague)
- five cities more than 100 thousand inhabitants
- 22 cities more than 50 thousand inhabitants
- 63 cities more than 20 thousand inhabitants

While 5 690 municipalities with less than 4 000 inhabitants.



SETTLEMENT in the CR- Municipalities with 500 inhabitants and more





GENERAL OVERVIEW IN TERMS OF POLYCENTRIC DEVELOPMENT

- Based on the Czech settlement, a need for polycentric development is predetermined (incl. territorial administration)
- Territorial differences (disparities) still exist within the Czech Republic
 - monocentric system in Bohemia versus polycentric system in Moravia and Silesia
 - Bohemian and Moravian gradient
 - gravity areas determined by settlement



GENERAL OVERVIEW IN TERMS OF POLYCENTRIC DEVELOPMENT

- to consider the polycentric development not only between large cities, but also smaller one (hierarchy of settlements)
- Polycentrism is projected at several levels of administration
 - horizontal structure (relations): networks of towns, urban regions and municipalities (developmental strategies, delivering services, transport accessibility)
 - vertical structure: public administration (municipalities with extended powers, with delegated powers and "basic" municipalities)

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URBAN – RURAL RELATIONS IN THE CZECH REP.

- Overlapping of individual region types
- The small and medium towns play irreplaceable role
- Urban-Rural issues are resolved at "all" levels
- Basic problem continuing existence of significant linkages of rural areas to agricultural
- Rural settlement has undergone gradual transformation of their functions



URBAN – RURAL RELATIONS IN THE CZECH REP.

Strategic documents relating to cooperation

- National strategies and concepts do not mention directly urbanrural relations
- Operational Programmes urban-rural relations or relations between cities and their surroundings are very similar
- when optimizing urban-rural linkages fundamental issue is a large number of municipalities



URBAN – RURAL RELATIONS IN THE CZECH REP.

Instruments appearing in the relevant programmes and strategies

- Creation of conceptual and development documents,
- Coordination and organizational measures
- Transport and communication networks
- Transport service in the territory
- Information and booking networks
- Marketing and promotion
- Development of urban-rural partnerships



URBAN – RURAL RELATIONS IN THE CZECH REP.

Key obstacles in more effective cooperation between territorial cohesion issues and the urban development policy

- lack of national vertical structure which would match the actual hierarchy of strategic documents promoting the polycentrism
- ■relatively extensive fragmentation, particularly due to the preference of the sectoral approach to classification of programmes financed by public funds



URBAN – RURAL RELATIONS IN THE CZECH REP.

Proposals relating to better coordination of urban-rural relations

- Establishment of a vertical structure reflecting hierarchy of strategic documents promoting the implementation of urban-rural relations
- ■Setting up a systemic framework of the urban-rural issue a comprehensive approach to territory
- Overcoming fragmentation of programmes financed from public funds and applying the territorial dimension in these programmes
- Promoting research of urban-rural issues



THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVITY 1.1a

(URBAN - RURAL RELATIONS)

- The Mf.RD assumed the responsibility for the implementation of action 1.1a (during the Slovenian Presidency)
- 2008-2010 timeframe
- <u>The objective</u> is to create and promote guidelines and policy measures in order to support the coordination between both urban and territorial development (titled Urban-Rural Relations)
 - "need to elaborate a contribution to support the polycentric development and innovation through the networking of regions and city regions"
- The working group has been established
 - □(partners: Austria, Cyprus, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Turkey and representatives of the EC (DG Regio), CEMR, AEBR and University of Economics in Prague, and the Union of Towns and Municipalities of the CR)



CRITICAL ISSUES FOR URBAN-RURAL RELATIONS

Within 1.1a

- Difference between old and new EU MS in the context of urbanrural issue and its implementation
- Challenge to use best-practices in new EU Member states with regard to specific conditions (confrontation with bad practices as well)
- Stimulation of bottom-up approach
- ■Binding force versus ways of implementation
- ■Need to understand the issue as complex topic
- wide scope focus based
- Lack of data at regional and local level



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