Hradec Králové Region

Hradec Králové Region is situated in north-eastern part of Bohemia. With an area 4,758 square kilometres and a population about 550,000 of inhabitants it belongs among the smaller regions of the Czech Republic. The part of its northern and eastern border is as well the state frontier with the Polish republic. The border of region accounts for more than one-third of the border with Poland in the length of about 208 km.
In the Czech Republic is in the current programming period 2007-2013 within the Structural Funds available 26 operational programs:

8 thematic operational programs
7 regional operational programs
9 operational programs for the European territorial cooperation
2 operational programs for Prague
Example of the project: **Modernization of Faculty Hospital Hradec Kralove in the prevention of nosocomial infections.**

The project is the creation of a more effective prevention of nosocomial infections in the University Hospital in Hradec Kralove, a provider of highly specialized medical care most endangered populations. There are established training centres, such as perinatal, trauma or oncology. Seriously ill and polymorbid patients undergo lot of diagnostic and therapeutic procedures in the operating theatres. Any invasive procedure or non-physiological input increases the risk of hospital infections. The primary requirement is compliance with the principles of sterility, asepsis and antisepsis. The project includes the renovation and retrofitting of sterilizing and cleaning technology. This modernization will have a significant impact on the efficiency and improve the prevention of nosocomial infections in areas related to cleaning and sterilization of instruments, laundering and sterilization of containers and galoshes. The entire project is fully implemented in the context of internal long-term policies for the prevention of nosocomial infections and the related long-term improvements of quality and safety care at the Hradec Kralove Faculty Hospital.

**Beneficiary: Hradec Kralove Faculty Hospital**

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Operational Programme Education for Competitiveness

Example of the project: Chiropractic help children in the age 3-9 years to prevent learning disability and behavioral problems.

The project is to enable rapid cooperation between the parents, teachers and special education teachers considering the increasing number of children with speech defects and other defects (generally delayed psychomotor development). Direct and immediate help by special educators in kindergarten facilitate the child, parents and teachers operational approach to the problems of the child. Selected children are individually 1 week therapeutically guided. The base is chiropractic treatment, supplemented by special pedagogical activities. Condition for the inclusion of children into the project is that parents will work with children at home. Parents move from passive to active position. This leads to a conscious approach in the education of their child. In the Czech Republic the treatment method is little known, but very interesting and effective. The positive outcomes of the project are becoming interested in many other subjects.

Beneficiary: Kindergarten in Lažné Bělohrad

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Regional Operational Programme NUTS II
North-East

Example of the project: Lázně Bělohrad - Spa Resort Tree of Life

The main aim of the project was the construction of the Spa Resort Tree of Life, which serves as the basic infrastructure and facilities services for spa tourism.

The intention of the project implementer was built new infrastructure, to reflect the requirements and current trends in modern society, and in accordance with the strategic and conceptual documents. To offer domestic and foreign tourists new capacity through expansion of infrastructure for tourism and spa along with it to expand and improve the range of provided services.

**Beneficiary:** Lázně Bělohrad a.s.

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Case Study – Café: Bistro with Two Friends

- The naming of the project and the cafe as well was inspired by French film, in which played Jean Reno and Gerard Depardieu and they wanted to establish a bistro with two friends.
- The implementer of the project is charitable trust called Jump into life, Hradec Kralove.
- The project is aimed at creating job for persons with mental disabilities like a cafeteria attendant, preparation of food, cleaning services or delivery services.
- The project leaders will be trained in the topic of social entrepreneurship. The target group of the project consists of adults with mild mental disabilities after leaving school living in the region of Hradec Kralove and the surrounding area.
- These young people with mental disabilities want to work, are socially adaptable, able to work in a team, are motivated to change life, learn new skills and habits.
SUMMARY

• The “soft projects” or “non-investment projects” has positive impact to eliminating of health inequalities, but e.g. in the Operational Program Education for Competitiveness given the inefficient use of resources should be allocated much higher amount for eliminating of HI.

• Large part supported and implemented projects that are only in "indirect" context with the elimination of HI are called “hard, or investment projects” (e.g. hospital equipment, instrumentation, insulation of buildings, etc.). However, it also should be noted that due to neglected infrastructure in many areas in the Czech Republic and other countries of Central and Eastern Europe still need investment activities (medical and social reconstruction of buildings, equipment, transportation and communication links, etc.), unlike the Western and Northern Europe, where is no need for investment in this field. That corresponds to the high number of so-called hard investment projects in the Hradec Kralove Region.

• European subsidies flow to regional health and social services and very less to the private health facilities (e.g. Sanus - sanatorium for health, beauty and fertility).
The five key priorities for the Czech Republic during the next programming period are:

- Increasing the competitiveness of the economy
- The development of backbone infrastructure
- Improving the quality and efficiency of public administration
- **Promoting social inclusion, the fight against poverty and the health care system**
- Integrated territorial development

The main objective of national development priority "Promoting social inclusion, the fight against poverty and the health care system" is a particular social prevention to reduce social exclusion, with an emphasis on the inclusion of disadvantaged groups, respectively vulnerable groups in the labour market and also improve lifestyle and health status of the population.
Promoting social inclusion, the fight against poverty and the health care system

Other thematic areas, which are of the Ministry of Health recommended to support regional policy are included in other priorities:

- Education and Human Resource Development - National development priority: Increasing the competitiveness of the economy
- Science and research - National development priority: Increasing the competitiveness of the economy
- Support the implementation of e-health - National development priority: Improving the quality and efficiency of public administration
- Modernisation of health infrastructure - National development priority: Integrated territorial development
The next programming period should be focused on other inequalities in health, such as social area or transport - communication for better availability in mountainous and border areas, etc. And realize a soft non-investment activities for the elimination of health disparities (e.g., long-term problem is the inability of permanent housing for socially disadvantaged people in their own homes instead of social institutions, thanks to should be increased integration of this population group).