










Good institutional practices in promoting policy coherence for sustainable development

Building Block	Description
 Political commitment	<p>Commitment to PCSD is reflected in the strategic framework Czech Republic 2030 as well as in government strategies and communications. Two priority areas of the national strategy (Good Governance, Global Development) contain strategic goals aimed at improving PCSD.</p>
 Policy integration	<p>The regular discussion of sectoral documents between departments in government advisory bodies and interministerial co-ordination groups provides a basic mechanism for policy integration. Ongoing methodological work to draft an implementation plan based on policy gap analysis to identify trade-offs/synergies among different policy objectives is fostering policy integration.</p>
 Strategic Long-term Vision	<p>A long-term perspective is ensured by the nature of Czech Republic 2030 as well as co-operation with stakeholders and informal networks of actors crossing both agendas and political boundaries. The biannual monitoring report may however serve as a revision mechanism for future governments.</p>
 Policy and Financing Impacts	<p>A number of existing policy impact assessment tools (RIA, SIA, EIA) are used. Methodological guidelines are also being developed to analyse the transboundary impacts of policies, but depend on an increase of analytical capacity</p>
 Policy Coordination	<p>The governmental body responsible for PCSD, the Government Council for Sustainable Development (GCSD), seeks to engage the support of political representatives through a participatory process. Chaired by the First Deputy Minister and Minister for the Environment, with the participation of the Minister of Industry and Trade, the GCSD is the main forum for consultations, building new partnerships and developing the national strategic framework . Future ideas for co-ordination include the establishment of PCSD focal points in relevant ministries and building institutional capacity for strategic work by applying quality management methods.</p>
 Local and Regional Involvement	<p>Regions and municipalities have a key role in Czech Republic 2030. The Department of Sustainable Development organised 8 regional round tables/workshops in 2017 to gather input from regional and local stakeholders. The GCSD includes representatives from three important municipal associations and the Committee on Sustainable Municipalities, which represents all key municipal associations and organisations.</p>
 Stakeholder Engagement	<p>A number of stakeholder forums, academic institutions and voluntary associations exist to support SDG implementation in the agenda-setting phase and contributed to developing Czech Republic 2030, e.g. the Czech Forum for Development Cooperation (FoRS), think-tank Glopolis, CSO consortium Mej se k svetu, the Charles University Environment Center, the Association of Social Responsibility and the Green Circle. Relevant ministries and government agencies are also engaged in dialogue with the private sector. The PCSD governmental body provides a platform for discussion and mediation among stakeholders.</p>
 Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation	<p>Progress towards national goals will be monitored by the biannual analytical Report on Quality of Life and its Sustainability prepared by the Sustainable Development Department. Indicators are outlined and operationalised in the national strategy. The Czech Statistical Office plays a key role in providing relevant data, while the GCSD reviews national implementation and encourages maintained commitment. Embassies report to the MFA on developments in the field.</p>