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The Operational Programme



Research and Development for Innovation

- By joining the EU, the Czech Republic was included among the member states that used targeted support within European Regional Policy.
- In compliance with the objectives of European Regional Policy, one of the priorities of the Czech Republic **is the strengthening of the growth of the competitiveness** of the state and **the orientation towards a knowledge based economy.**
- The Operational Programme Research and Development for Innovation ("OP R&DI") is focused on the creation of knowledge basis for industry and the other users in regions
- Global objective of OP R&DI is to strengthen the research, development and innovative potential of the CR by creation of highly qualified work positions so the **CR regions become significant places of concentration of R&D activities in Europe**



The Operational Programme Research and Development for Innovation

- **There are no running projects at the moment**, the first call for regional centers has just only finished – project proposals are in a stage of evaluation
- The call for another two axis – centers of excellence and regional centers has just been released – project proposals are expected to be received in September
- Together with the Operational Programme Enterprise and Innovation (“OP EI”) and the Operational programme Education for Competitiveness (“OP EC”), the OP R&DI **represents a mutually interconnected system of interventions, which aims to ensure the long-term sustainable competitiveness of the Czech Economy and the targeted regions**



**Good luck to Swedish
Presidency!
Thank You!
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