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## Connecting city and region – Introducing the ITI tool in Czechia

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# 1

## Regional development and funding framework in Czechia

# Territorial dimension



## What are the leading regional policy tools?

### RAP (Regional Action Plans)

- regions
- selected topics

### CLLD (Community-led Local Development)

- Local Action Groups (LAGs)
- rural areas

### ITI (Integrated Territorial Investments)

- functional urban areas

### Other tools:

- Regional Innovation Strategies,
- Regional Education Action Plans,
- Local Education Action Plans.



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**Integrated approach at  
metropolitan level**

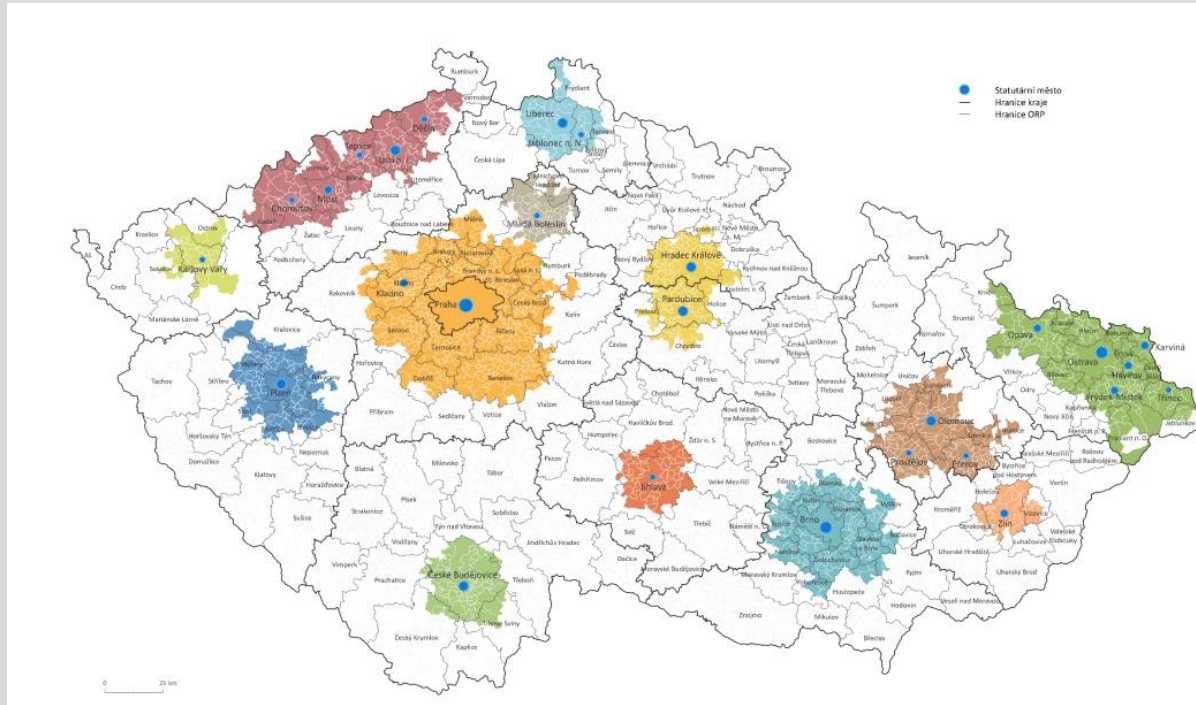
# ITI – an efficient and flexible tool

## INTEGRATED APPROACH:

- multiple financial sources, different priority axes of one or more EU Funding programmes
  - planning, coordination and implementation of selected projects within the defined area
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- **Functional metropolitan areas and agglomerations**
  - **No legislative framework → partnership principle**
  - **Integrated strategy → application for funding to the Ministry**
  - **Allocation of funds to local ITI projects**
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- **ITI provides a flexible mechanism for formulating integrated responses to diverse territorial needs**



# ITI: 3 metropolitan areas and 10 agglomerations



# Metropolitan areas and agglomerations

...in a nutshell



**26 % of the area of the Czech Republic**



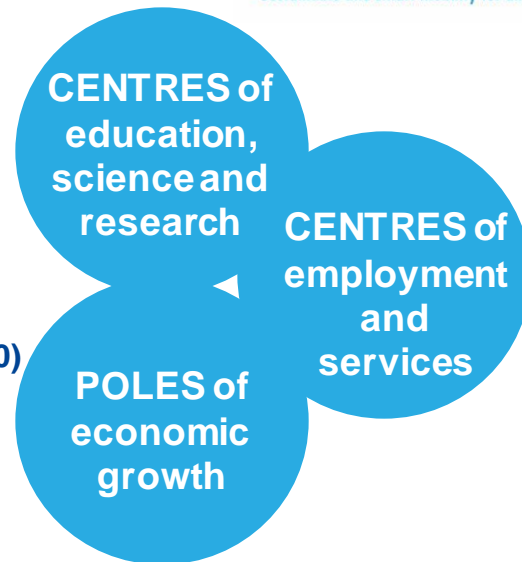
**60 % of the population of the Czech Republic**



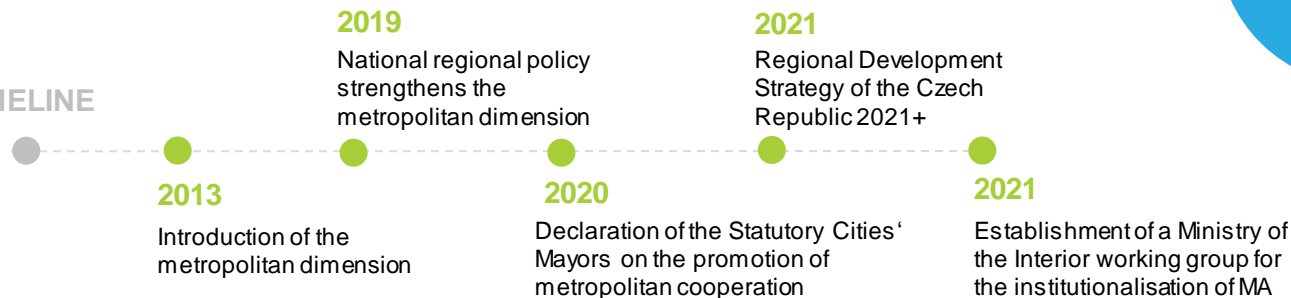
**over 1.300 projects implemented (2014–2020)**



**1.265 bil. EUR of EU subsidies invested (2014–2020)**



## TIMELINE





# PROGRAMMING PERIOD 2021-2027



2.146 bil. EUR



## PRIORITIES:

- ✓ sustainable urban mobility
- ✓ completion of public infrastructure
- ✓ promotion of cross-sectoral cooperation
- ✓ prevention of climate change and drought
- ✓ introduction of modern technologies
- ✓ applications to improve the performance of territorial public administration
- ✓ improvement of the quality of life of citizens

## What are the benefits of metropolitan cooperation (ITIs)?



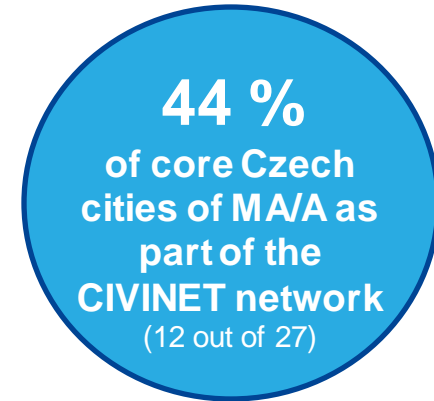
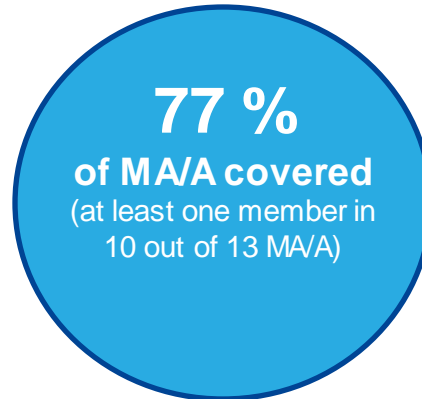
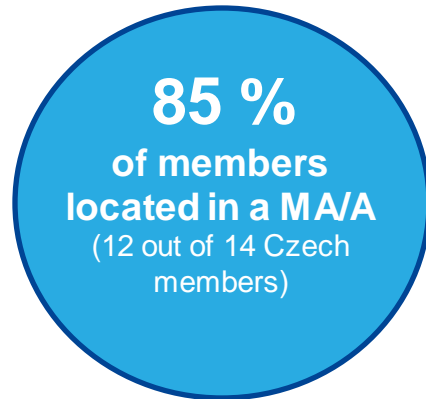
- ✓ Partnership principle → **effective cooperation**
- ✓ Knowledge of the actors → **easier communication and decision-making**
- ✓ Key strategic projects with **agglomeration effect**
- ✓ **Development of secondary centres**
- ✓ **Improved coordination, information flow, connected intentions, elimination of duplicated projects**

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## Role of the CIVINET CZ SK

# CIVINET members and ITI metropolitan areas and agglomerations

## BASIC FACTS:



# How (can) we support cities?

## EDUCATIONAL AND PROMOTIONAL SUPPORT

- topics important to ITIs (P+R, integrated transport systems,...)
- speakers from ITIs



## GOOD PRACTICE TRANSFER FROM EUROPEAN CITIES

## PROJECTS

- applied research projects with the Transport Research Centre

## EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AREAS AND AGGLOMERATIONS

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**Challenges**

# Challenges

## ...of the ITI in Czechia

- **For how large areas does the ITI make sense?**
- **How to increase the motivation of municipalities for a metropolitan cooperation?**
- **Should a public administration body responsible for the harmonious development of the area concerned (metropolitan institution/association) be established?**
- **Wouldn't institutionalizing metropolitan cooperation jeopardize the region's status and negatively impact municipalities beyond the metropolitan area?**



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# Discussion

## How about your countries?



- **What instruments are used to develop urban agglomerations?**
- **Does your country use the ITI tool?**
- **What challenges do you face?**
- **What is your experience of city-region cooperation / municipal cooperation in a metropolitan area?**

