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Progress in Czech Coal Regions

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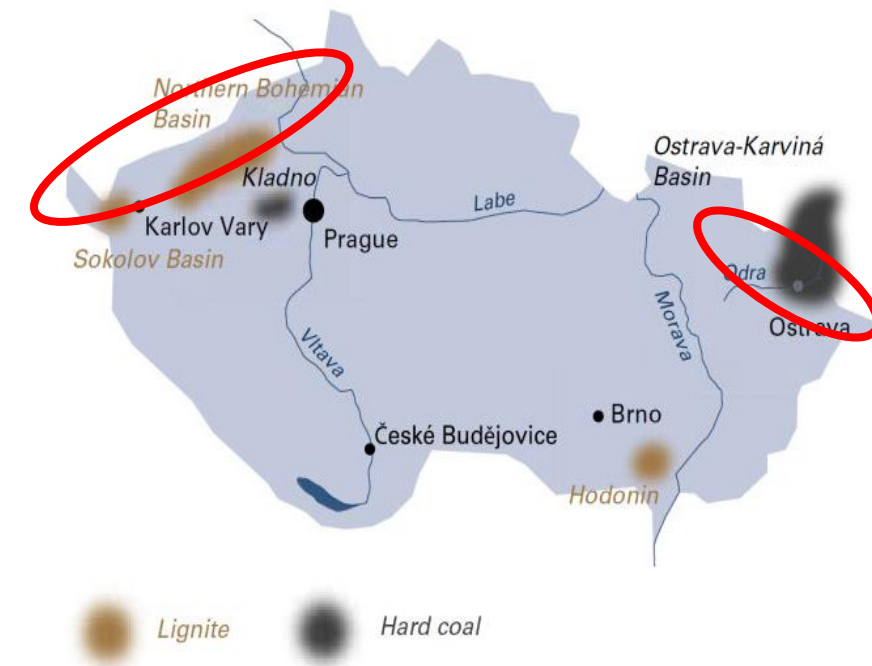
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Re:START Strategy

- Strategy of economic restructuring as one of 5 pillars of Strategy of Regional Development in the Czech Republic 2020+
- **3 regions:** Moravia-Silesia, Karlovy Vary, Usti nad Labem
- Combination of national and ESIF financing
 - » Investments and measures leading to structural changes
 - » Measures developing a framework for the next programming period
- Since 2018 – pilot regions of Coal Regions in Transition Initiative



Re:START Strategy



Change of economic structure, faster economic growth and cease of regions lagging

Identity – enforcing solidarity and self-confidence of inhabitants
Image – improved perception of regions by the neighbours: visits, investors, talents

Pillar Business and innovation

Growing business capable to cope with changes in global markets.

Pillar Direct investments

More direct investments with higher added value.

Pillar Research and development

Research and development with higher benefits for economy.

Pillar Human resources

Competent people for industry, services and public authorities.

Pillar Social stabilization

Remove barriers of development related with social instability.

Pillar Environment

Better quality of environment. Revitalized and regenerated area for better business and healthier life of inhabitants.

Pillar Infrastructure and public administration

Better quality infrastructure for business, attracting investments and addressing social exclusion.
Better quality services of public administration for businesses and citizens.

Pillar Implementation

Multilevel cooperation of public authorities; use of existing programmes and funds, complemented in case of need with new ones; Special management of implementation and responsibility for results.

- Beginning of implementation – summer 2017
- Funding dedicated to implementation of restructuring projects till 03/2019 :
73 % EU and 27 % national

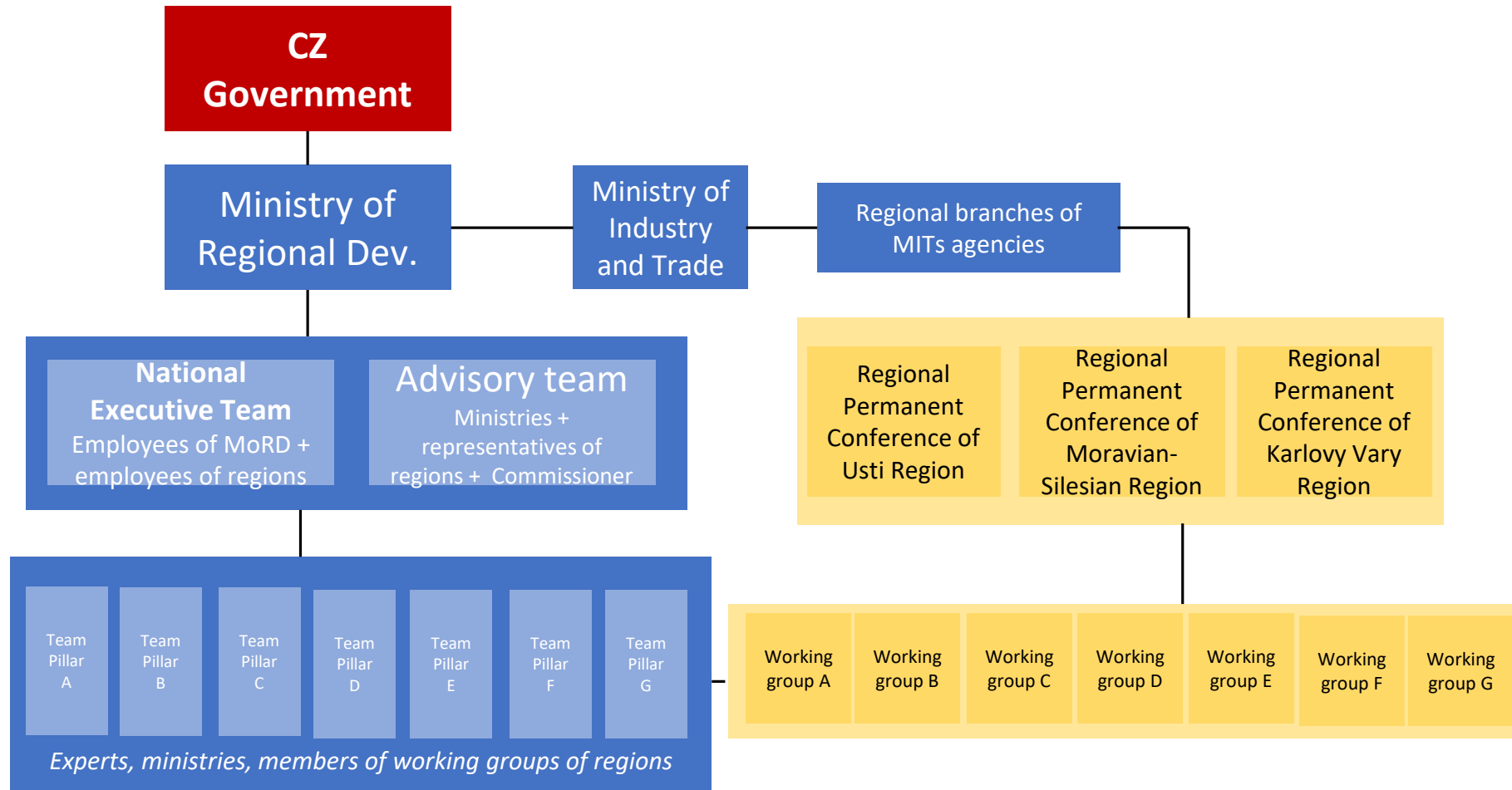
Region	NUTS II Moravian-Silesian	NUTS II Northwest
EUR	56 338 230	53 015 008

(incl. ESIF and national funding)

- Measures under implementation:

Total number of measures	Allocation	Implementation
92	approx. EUR 2,35 bilion	2017 - 2030
Phase of implementation	for all 3 structurally disadvantaged / coal regions	
I – preparation	22	
II – in implementation	38	
III – finalized	21	
Not implemented	5	

Re:START Management Structure



- 232 mil EUR reallocation of current ESI funds in favour of coal regions
 - » Supporting clean mobility, reducing air pollution, regeneration of properties and brownfields for business use
 - » Education infrastructure and health care
 - » E.g.
 - New infrastructure for schools in the city of Jirkov (Usti Region) – approx. EUR 1.27 million
 - New emission-free railway vehicles for the city of Mariánské Lázně (Karlovy Vary Region) - approx. EUR 3.2 million
 - Modernization of equipment for follow-up care in the Hospital and Health Centre in the city of Havířov (Moravian-Silesian Region) - approx. EUR 3.3 million

Country visit in February 2019

- Targeted to the Moravian-Silesian Region
- Relevant stakeholders and EC discussing expectations and needs of the region to secure the resources for the restructuring processes
- Examples of projects supported from reallocations in sectors of education and healthcare
- Field trip to mining and post-mining areas, examples of projects focusing on Mining pit and Collieries reclamation and Optimization of Heat Stations
 - » Examples of investments carried out within the transition process (Třinecké železářny)



Future cooperation with the Platform



- Visit of the EC representatives in Czech structurally disadvantaged / coal regions – incl. visit in Usti and Karlovy Vary Regions in May 2019
- Key issues: targeted support to coal regions, programming period 2020+, removal of barriers in multi-source financing of transformation projects in coal regions, strengthening of partnership principle
- Support to the management structure of the restructuring in regions
- Effective cooperation with CRIT secretariate
- Intense cooperation among the pilot regions of the platform
 - » Thematic and territorial partnerships accross the EU, best and bad practices etc.

Looking forward to further cooperation...

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