

2008 Annual Report



THE STATE
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OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

List of abbreviations

BSK ₅	Five-day Biochemical Oxygen Demand	NP	National Programmes
CF	Coherency Fund	OPE	Operational Programme – Environment
CHT	Central Heat Source	OPI	Operational Programme – Infrastructure
COD _{Cr}	Chemical Oxygen Demand	PES	Planning for Ecological Stability
E	Environment	PLA	Protected Landscape Area
ER	Equivalent Resident is defined by the production of contamination 60g BSK ₅ (biochemical consumption of oxygen) per day	RES	Renewable Energy Sources
ERDF	European Regional Development Fund	RW	Regional Workplace
EU	European Union	SB	State Budget
FO	Fund Office = Fund Operating Costs	SEF CR	State Environmental Fund of the Czech Republic
I	Insolubles	SP	Solid Pollutants
ISPA	Instrument for Structural Policies for Pre-accession	TA	Technical Assistance
ME	Ministry of the Environment	VOC	Volatile Organic Compound
MUFIS	Municipální finanční společnost, a. s.	WaS	Waterworks and Sewage
		WTP	Wastewater Treatment Plant

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Introduction

A dense network of consultants, skilled and highly qualified project managers, the fair evaluation of applications and quick payment of approved subsidies – these quality services are provided by the State Environmental Fund of the Czech Republic to all subsidy applicants and project contractors in the field of environmental improvement.

Within the Operational Programme Environment, we have successfully launched the financing of 1 373 approved projects worth CZK 30.1 billion. This second largest operational programme is supposed to disburse over EUR 5.2 billion by the end of 2013 and we can already see the first results.

By the end of 2008, the first billion of Czech crowns had been transferred to beneficiaries' accounts and 211 projects had been finalized. These included especially "fast" projects of schools' external insulation, but also continuous financing of water management projects which was started.

The benefits of environmental investments lie not only in our having cleaner air and water and saving large amounts of energy; green investments also help overcome the current economic crisis. In the 1990s, eco-industry became one of the European economy's most dynamically developing sectors creating more jobs than the automotive and chemical industries. The energy production from renewable sources sector raises high hopes for the creation of future jobs.

I am well aware that the Fund's success is based on hard work of all our co-workers and I would like to thank all of them.

Petr Štěpánek

Director of the State Environmental Fund of the Czech Republic

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'P. Štěpánek', with a horizontal line above it.

Successes and events of 2008

First billion on the way

As at year's end there was released from the Operational Programme—Environment (OPE) to the accounts of beneficiaries CZK 1.148 billion, whereas from European funds this amount was nearly CZK 1.067 billion and from The State Environmental Fund of the Czech Republic it was CZK 80.9 million. The financing focussed mainly on the so-called “fast projects” for insulating schools, although the concurrent financing of water-management projects was also set in motion.



Priority magazine

In April we published the first issue of Priority (Priorita) magazine (10,000 copies). The magazine is designed for town mayors and public administration as well as entrepreneurs and private individuals who can draw from the Operational Programme—Environment subsidy. Its objective is to inform on the subsidy offers from OPE, pass on the experience of project implementers and to guide applicants through the legislative pitfalls that can accompany funding. Priority is distributed by post free of charge. The various magazine issues are also available in PDF form at <http://www.opzp.cz/sekce/359/casopis-priorita/>. In 2008 four issues were published.

Atlas OPI

In spring we released a publication (1,000 copies) presenting the successful projects co-financed from the Operational Programme – Infrastructure. The expanded electronic version of Atlas OPI – available at <http://opi.sfzp.cz/> – offers details on 221 completed projects, including possibilities to search and classify information according to regions and according to the various areas of support. The atlas features a photo gallery of projects and a video spot of select projects supported from the OPI.

Partnership

The aim of the Partnership project, which took place from July 2008 to December 2008, was to increase professional- and lay-public awareness of the Operational Programme – Environment. The project featured 4 events. This consisted of the Fresh Film Fest (Aug 2008) and Ekofilm (Oct 2008) film festivals, the Green Architecture (October 2008) exhibition and the Passive Homes (November 2008) seminar.

Anti-corruption audit

We continue to endeavour to make sure the distribution of European and state subsidies is carried out justly, transparently and in a way that yields the desired effect in the area of environmental protection. With the aim to further improve the rules for using European and state subsidies, and to thereby increase the positive effects of projects, we're one of the first public administration office to decide to order an external anti-corruption audit. The external audit was conducted by Transparency International and the Oživení (Revival) association. The primary objective of the audit, which began in September 2008, was to identify high-risk and weak places in the process of reallocation of funds from EU funds and from state resources and to propose measures to remove them.

Audio-video production

As part of the Fresh Film Fest (FFF) festival in July we announced a competition for the audiovisual theme to the Operational Programme—Environment. In the end, the jury selected the animated theme of Jan Netušil. We use the theme at press conferences, professional seminars and other presentation and promotional events.

In spring 2008 Sirius-film began to shoot the documentary-educational series Eco-Pioneers. By year's end 9 parts were completed focused mainly on promoting the Operational Programme—Environment. The series is to present new trends regarding the environment, new technologies and options for financing ecological projects. We are in discussions with Czech Television over the airing of the series.

In conjunction with Stream TV we shot two videos—on the Operational Programme—Infrastructure and on the Operational Programme—Environment. Both spots can be viewed at www.sfzp.cz.

Expositions, conferences, seminars

Last year we took part in major expositions: Infotherma, For Waste, Envi Brno and Země žitelka. We also took part in a number of conferences: Odpady 21—waste water management of Central European countries and The Week of Sustainable resources. We organized the conferences European Funds for Water, Air and Nature and prepared a series of seminars for potential applicants for subsidies.

State Environmental Fund activities in 2008

The State Environmental Fund of the Czech Republic has since 1992 significantly contributed to the investment into the protection and improvement of the environment. It co-finances, above all, projects geared toward protecting waters, improving the quality of the air, using renewable energy resources, waste disposal, nature and landscape conservation and environmental education.

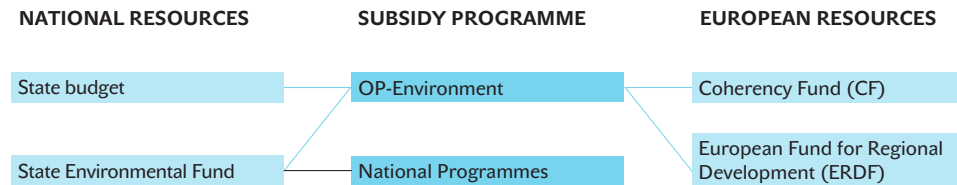
The fund provides direct financial support in the form of subsidies and indirect financial support through loans or contributions for partial coverage of interest. Direct financial support comes from state resources and EU funds, specifically from the Cohesion Fund and the European Regional Development Fund.

The fund's main activities include consultancy and advisory activities, receipt of applications for support, their evaluation, preparation of proposals for negotiations by the Fund Council and for the minister's decision, as well as the contractual agenda for providing support, the agenda for contractual guarantee for a provided loan, release of funds to support beneficiaries including ongoing monitoring of the purpose of use of funds, final evaluation of use of provided funds and achieved ecological effects, monitoring of rate of return of loans up to full settlement of obligations and possible imposing and collecting of penalties in the event that the contractual conditions for the provision of support are not observed.

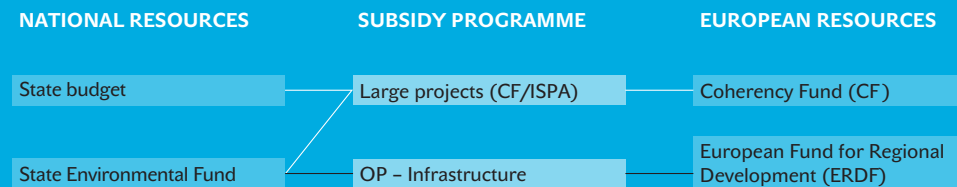
Subsidy programmes and financing resources

The State Environmental Fund of the Czech Republic provides applicants with subsidies from the following subsidy programmes (see diagram). The resources from which these programmes are financed are given in the diagrams.

Programmes which subsidies can be applied for in 2008



Programmes winding down (in 2008 no call for submission of applications was made, the implementation and administration of approved projects continued)



Prepared programmes (so far no call for submission of applications has been made)

Swiss Funds – financed from Swiss public resources

Operational Programme – Environment

The aim of the Operational Programme – Environment is the protection and improvement of the quality of the environment as a basic principle for sustainable development. The Operational Programme – Environment projects are financed from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and from the Cohesion Fund (CF). There is 5.2 billion euros prepared, which is 18.4% of the total support of European funds for the Czech Republic. The OP – Environment is the second largest operation programme after OP – Transport in the programme period of 2007–2013. The Managing Authority for Operational Programme ‘Environment’ is the Ministry of the Environment, while the Mediating Body administering the projects is the State Environmental Fund of the Czech Republic.

The Operational Programme – Environment brings the Czech Republic funds for the support of specific projects in eight areas:

Priority axis 1 – Improving the water management infrastructure and reducing the risk of floods

Support projects geared toward improving the condition of above-ground and underground water, improving the quality and supplies of drinking water and reducing the risk of floods.

Priority axis 2 – Improving the quality of the air and reducing emissions

Supports projects geared toward improving or maintaining the quality of the air and reducing emissions of primary pollutants to the air with an emphasis on making use of new, environmentally-friendly ways of producing energy including renewable resources of energy and energy savings.

Priority axis 3 – Sustainable use of energy resources

Supports projects geared toward sustainable use of energy resources, namely renewable energy resources and energy savings. A long-term objective of the programme is to increase the use of renewable resources of energy in producing electricity and heat and to make the use of waste heat more efficient.

Priority axis 4 – Improve the quality in waste disposal and remove old ecological burdens

Supports projects geared toward improving the quality of waste disposal, namely to create an infrastructure for waste disposal and also projects for removing old ecological burdens.

Priority axis 5 – Reduction of industrial pollution and environmental risks

Offers support in the form of subsidies to projects geared toward reducing industrial pollution and the risks related to it for life insurance with an emphasis on prevention and research in the areas of pollutants and their monitoring.

Priority axis 6 – Improving the condition of nature and the landscape

Supports projects that contribute to slowing or stopping the drop in biodiversity, protection of threatened species of plants and animals, ensuring ecological stability of the landscape and support the creation and preservation of natural elements in residential areas.

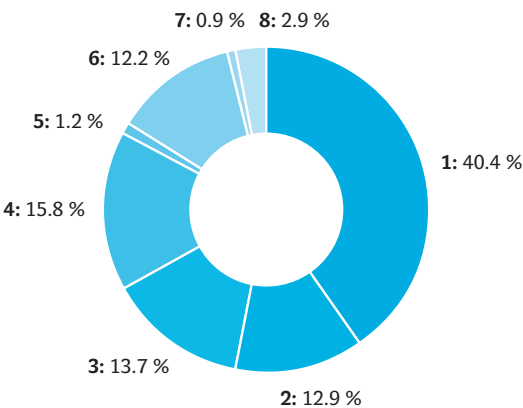
Priority axis 7 – Development of infrastructure for environmental education, consultancy and public education

Offers support in building a broad network of centres of environmental education and information advisory centres geared toward protecting the environment in all regions of the Czech Republic and to ensure quality professional materials for environmental education, training and public education.

Priority Axis 8 – Technical assistance financed from the Cohesion Fund

Assures proper implementation of the Operational Programme ‘Environment’.

Share of individual priorities of the Operational Programme ‘Environment’



Priority Axis	Name	Support from the ERDF	Support from the CF
1:	The Improvement of Water Management Infrastructure and the Reduction of Flood Risks	—	EUR 2 billion
2:	The Improvement of Air Quality and the Reduction of Emissions	—	EUR 634 million
3:	Sustainable Use of Energy Sources	—	EUR 673 million
4:	The Improvement of Waste Management and the Rehabilitation of Existing Ecological Burdens	—	EUR 777 million
5:	The Limiting of Industrial Pollution and Environmental Risks	EUR 61 million	—
6:	Improving the State of Nature and the Landscape	EUR 599 million	—
7:	The Development of Infrastructure for Environmental Education, Consultancy and Awareness	EUR 42 million	—
8:	Technical Assistance		EUR 143 million

The European Commission approved the Operational Programme – Environment 20 December 2007. As of the end of 2008 there was a total of 7 calls for the submission of applicants for the provision of support within the OP-Environment programme, whereas in 2008 they were the 4th through 7th calls. There was considerable interest in support from the OP.

Overview of calls made by OPE (in EUR, as at 31 Dec 2008)

Order of call	Date of call	Area of Support	Number of submitted applications	Amount of requested support from ERDF/CF	Amount of requested support from SEF CR/SR
I.	28. 6. 2007	1.1	96	275,339,390	15,953,866
		1.2	5	16,437,032	966,884
		2.1	12	2,409,185	152,019
		2.2	13	3,298,071	257,283
		3.1	28	14,884,879	606,990
		3.2	358	238,124,072	14,042,945
		4.1	161	58,413,094	5,483,735
		4.2	14	33,003,998	1,941,412
		7.1	18	16,281,687	1,147,893
II.	29. 10. 2007	6.1	7	1,612,655	284,586
		6.2	39	7,939,365	847,712
		6.3	66	3,919,592	256,906
		6.4	363	80,078,316	7,167,229
		6.5	143	19,484,473	1,341,221
		6.6	26	4,285,605	120,818
III.	21. 12. 2007	3.2	681	247,938,767	14,517,137
III. ind.		1.1	299	884,415,908	54,158,232
III. large		1.1	5	422,617,757	11,844,587

Order of call	Date of call	Area of Support	Number of submitted applications	Amount of requested support from ERDF/CF	Amount of requested support from SEF CR/SR
III. large		1.2	1	22,977,694	1,351,629
IV. large	25. 7. 2008	2.1	0	0	0
		2.2	0	0	0
		3.1	0	0	0
V.	4. 8. 2008	4.1	328	89,279,600	13,567,089
		4.2	24	12,904,975	802,133
		5.1	8	561,835	305,870
VI.	15. 9. 2008	1.1	2	5,750,382	338,359
		1.3	26	9,312,930	745,333
		6.1	10	13,796,695	2,596,710
		6.2	60	19,085,635	1,842,952
		6.3	90	5,642,328	410,920
		6.4	445	77,073,683	8,644,572
		6.5	210	22,007,443	1,970,571
		6.6	25	3,649,898	227,760
VII.	8. 12. 2008	1.1	4	4,508,135	1,095,824
Total			3,567	2,617,035,079	164,991,178

Note: Ind. — call for individual projects (i.e. projects with total costs < EUR 25 mil.)

— call for large projects (i.e. projects with total costs > EUR 25 mil.)

Financial amounts in EUR are converted by the exchange rate valid for 01/2009, i.e. CZK 26.630/EUR

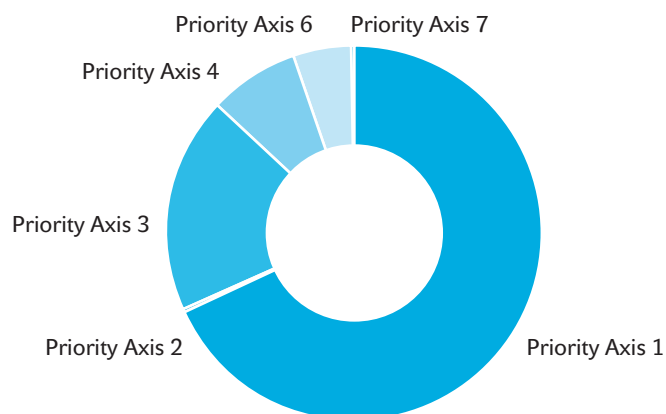
Projects submitted within the framework of the 5th to 7th calls were approved in 2009.

Source: SEF-Central

As of 31 December 2008, 1 373 projects were approved for financing (without technical assistance projects serving to administer the programme) totalling 30.1 billion crowns. Of this sum 28.27 billion crowns is provided from the Cohesion Fund and European Regional Development Fund, and 1.8 billion from the State Environmental Fund of the Czech Republic. In all, 63 technical assistance projects were approved by the end of the year totalling 237 million crowns. In the aggregate these funds amount to 20% of the operational programme allocation for the whole programme period.

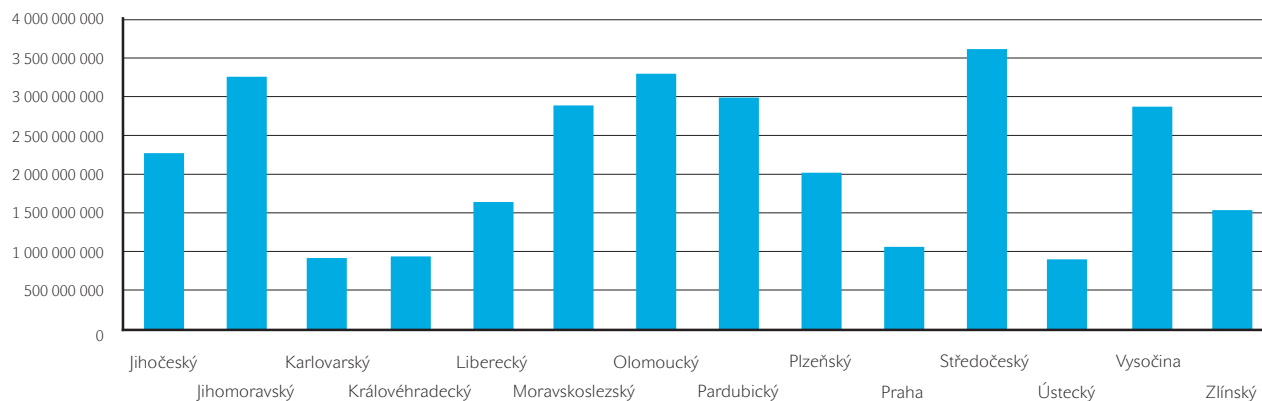
Amount of approved support in OPE by Priority Axis (in CZK, as at 31 Dec 2008)

Priority axis	Number of projects	Total costs	Total eligible costs	Amount of requested support
1	234	29,112,711,727	23,005,417,909	20,511,224,034
2	10	90,221,641	67,675,321	48,694,060
3	582	8,568,891,682	6,338,250,691	5,675,478,099
4	151	3,315,182,634	2,937,291,516	2,273,991,130
6	393	1,851,497,343	1,672,865,229	1,510,546,865
7	3	79,245,547	73,888,953	66,500,058
Total	1,373	43,017,750,574	34,095,389,620	30,086,434,246



As at the end of 2008 there were 12 projects completed and submitted for final assessment (11 projects from priority axis 4 and 1 project from priority axis 6). Construction work for another 211 projects was completed. Beneficiaries were paid from the OP—Environment as at the end of the year CZK 1.148 billion, whereas from European funds this amount was nearly CZK 1.067 billion and from the funds of the State Environmental Fund of the Czech Republic it was CZK 80.9 million. The most funds were paid in priority axes 3 and 4.

Amount of approved support from OPE by region (in CZK, as at 31 Dec 2008)



Large projects in OPE

Large projects are considered those having total costs exceeding 25 million euros. The European Commission decides on their approval based on a recommendation of the national steering body (Ministry of the Environment). In 2008 the national level of the steering committee approved 5 large projects. None of them was as at 31 December 2008 submitted to the European Commission for approval.

Overview of major projects approved by the Ministry of the Environment (in CZK, as at 31 Dec 2008)

Priority axis	Project name	Date of steering committee approval	Total costs	Total eligible costs	Amount of requested support from CF	Amount of requested support from SEF CR/SR
4	Redevelopment and reclamation of old ecological burden of state company DIAMO at Mydlovary site – chemical treatment plant and sludge bed K IV/D	23. 1. 2008	702,935,983	587,001,899	498,951,627	29,350,088
1	Cheb region – environmental measures	24. 11. 2008	646,156,125	425,594,261	361,755,134	21,279,705
1	Modernisation of BČOV Pardubice water treatment plant	24. 11. 2008	641,903,850	429,882,811	365,400,377	21,494,150
1	Water protection project for basin of Dyje river – Stage II	11. 12. 2008	1,709,203,415	1,209,613,815	1,028,171,742	60,480,698
1	Improvement of quality of upper basin of Morava river – Stage II	11. 12. 2008	1,934,848,198	1,362,735,694	1,158,325,349	68,136,778

Large projects financed from ISPA/Cohesion Fund

Even before entering the EU the Czech Republic had the opportunity to draw funds from the Cohesion Fund via Instruments for Structural Policies for Pre-accession (ISPA). On 1 May 2004, when the Czech Republic became a member of the EU, the country became eligible to draw subsidies from the Cohesion Fund. The State Environmental Fund of the Czech Republic was set by the implementation body for the environment sector. Since none of the ISPA projects were completed as at the date of the entry of the Czech Republic, these projects were from 1 May 2004 transferred to the Cohesion Fund projects. Since the launch of the Operational Programme – Environment, subsidies for large projects can only be requested within the framework of OP – Environment.

Cohesion Fund projects are designated for support in the area of the environment and transport. Projects financed from the Cohesion Fund are submitted by applicants from the public sector (i.e. entities founded or established for general-interest needs, financed primarily by the state, regions or local bodies or other public service entities or by sub-bodies), whereas total costs for project implementation should not be less than EUR 10 million.

The priority of the „large“ projects in the area of the environment is the observance of European Community legislative conditions, especially in the area of the protection of water, waste disposal, protection of the air and removal of old ecological burdens.

In 2008 there was provided support from the Coherency Fund to 28 large projects (that applied for subsidies before the start of OP – Environment) in a total amount of CZK 2,665,754,400.

In 2008 there was provided to fifteen water management projects of the Coherency Fund special support in the amount of CZK 500 million from the state budget. Support was paid via the funds from the chapter General Cash Administration from the expense item for co-financing of the EU programme in accordance with Czech government resolution no. 1625 from 16 Dec 2008 for increase co-financing due to exchange rate losses incurred.

Co-financing of large projects from SEF CR's own funds

From the start of the programme in 2004 till 31 December 2008 there was paid a total of CZK 579,659,000 in subsidies (of which in 2008 there was released CZK 89,847,000) and 95,447,000 in loans (of which in 2008 there was released CZK 36,513,000) from the State Environmental Fund of the Czech Republic.

The state fund took part in not only the preparation and implementation of the ISPA and Cohesion Fund projects, but also co-financed these projects from their own resources. All total there were submitted 69 applications for support from SEF CR resources (in 2008 however no application was submitted). The fund provided from its own resources a total of CZK 2,191,177,000 in subsidies and loans.

Large projects financed from ISPA/CF completed in 2008 (in EUR)

Final beneficiary	Project name (abbreviated)	Total costs	CF support	Region
Czech Hydrometeorological Institute	CHMI	16,856,600	12,642,450	throughout the Czech Republic
South Bohemian waterworks association	JVS	5,594,188	3,636,222	South Bohemia
Town of Klatovy	Klatovy	11,493,290	8,045,303	Plzeň
Town of Příbram	Příbram	7,150,400	5,076,784	Central Bohemia
Radbuza microregion	Radbuza	24,161,000	18,120,750	Plzeň
VHS municipalities of West Bohemia	Karlovy Vary	9,402,164	6,863,580	Karlovy Vary
Town of Beroun	Beroun	12,379,460	8,046,649	Central Bohemia
City of Plzeň	Plzeň	52,120,000	39,090,000	Plzeň
Total		139,157,102	101,521,738	

Large projects financed from ISPA/CF begun in 2008 (in EUR)

Final beneficiary	Project name (abbreviated)	Total costs	CF support	Region
WaS Břeclav	Břeclavsko	47,279,000	37,350,410	South Moravia
WaS Trutnov	Čistá horní Úpa	16,359,831	10,633,890	Hradec Králové
VOS Jičín	Čidlina	16,620,923	11,136,018	Hradec Králové
SAKO Brno	Spalovna Brno	69,625,000	47,345,000	South Moravia
Town of Karviná	Karviná	22,062,000	17,649,600	Moravia-Silesia
Total		171,946,754	124,114,918	

Operational Programme – Infrastructure

The Operational Programme – Infrastructure is one of the five operational programmes for the period 2004–2006 in that all projects must be completed by the end of 2008. At the end of 2008 the European Commission decided to prolong the deadline to mid 2009.

The global aim of the project is to protect and improve the condition of the environment and development and to improve the quality of the transport infrastructure.

The Operational Programme – Infrastructure consists of 4 priorities:

- Priority 1** – Modernisation and development of transport infrastructure of nationwide significance (responsibility of Ministry of Transportation)
- Priority 2** – Reduction of negative impact of transport on the environment (responsibility of Ministry of Transportation)
- Priority 3** – Improving the environmental infrastructure (responsibility of the Ministry of the Environment)
- Priority 4** – Technical aid (the Ministry of Transport, Ministry of the Environment and State Environmental Fund of the Czech Republic take part)

The State Environmental Fund of the Czech Republic administrates the undertaking of priority 3 – Improving the environmental infrastructure. Four measures are carried out in this:

3.1 – Renewal of environmental functions of territory

- 3.1 A – Revitalisation and watercourses, modifications to renewal of function of spring areas and wetlands, and renewal of retention reservoirs and dry polders
- 3.1 B – Removal of migration barriers on watercourses for freely living animals

3.2 – Improving of infrastructure in water management

- 3.2 A – Building and modernisation of wastewater treatment plants (WTP) and expansion of sewerage system
- 3.2 B – Supplying of towns with drinking water

3.3 – Improving of infrastructure for air protection

- 3.3 A – Use of environmentally friendly technology in burning
- 3.3 A1 – Introduction of environmentally friendly technology at incinerators of dangerous waste (medical waste in particular)
- 3.3 A2 – Reduction of emissions from large and central public incinerator facilities
- 3.3 B – Reduction in emissions of volatile organic substances
- 3.3 C – Use of renewable energy sources

3.4 – Waste disposal and removing old ecological burdens

- 3.4 A – Construction of integrated system of collecting and recycling waste
- 3.4 B – Reclamation and re-cultivation of old ecological burdens

Calls to submit applications were made in 2004–2006; 2007 and 2008, or 2009 are reserved for completing projects.

Drawing of funds as part of OPI

Total allocation for priority 3 was EUR 193,483,171. As at 31 Dec 2008 a total of 220 projects were approved with eligible costs of EUR 219,611,987 and with subsidies of EUR 177,405,260 (of which EUR 155,920,718 were from ERDF and EUR 21,484,542 were from SEF CR).

Overview of projects financed from OPI (in EUR, as at 31 Dec 2008)

Area of Support	Number of projects	Total eligible costs	Total ERDF	Total SEF CR	Total SEF CR loan
3.1 A	56	20,757,046	13,428,413	1,678,462	0
3.1 B	1	108,024	86,419	10,802	0
3.2 A	46	106,946,985	77,397,848	10,694,575	3,349,012
3.2 B	10	11,814,301	8,802,120	1,181,402	238,575
3.3 A1	7	1,835,151	944,650	155,707	145,949
3.3 A2	8	9,084,779	5,550,691	908,450	0
3.3 B	7	1,819,617	636,812	181,918	0
3.3 C	28	19,877,636	14,509,557	1,987,680	375,646
3.4 A	38	26,242,605	19,189,904	2,601,198	607,554
3.4 B	19	21,125,841	15,600,078	2,112,584	156,511
Total	220	219,611,987	156,146,493	21,512,778	4,873,247

The State Environmental Fund of the Czech Republic takes part in the co-financing of supported projects with ten percent of the support base (i.e. from eligible costs). The Fund also provides loans up to 10% of the support base for projects. Funds paid from State Environmental Fund of the Czech Republic from the start of the programme till 31 December 2008 stood at CZK 533.6 million subsidies and CZK 114.8 million loans.

Projects financed from OPI completed in 2008 (in CZK)

Area of Support	Number of projects	Total eligible costs	Total ERDF	Total SEF CR	Total SEF CR loan
3.1 A	21	188,928,517	154,240,848	19,279,304	0
3.2 A	8	460,883,643	341,937,208	341,937,208	341,937,208
3.2 B	3	71,042,373	53,281,777	7,104,236	3,393,958
3.3 A	2	54,133,000	37,853,000	5,413,000	0
3.3 B	3	26,282,963	9,198,436	2,627,695	0
3.3 C	6	113,289,478	84,967,357	11,328,447	4,080,000
3.4 A	13	351,847,717	261,824,556	35,516,664	9,769,208
3.4 B	2	91,508,009	68,631,006	9,150,801	0
Total	58	1,357,915,700	1,011,934,188	432,357,355	359,180,374

Completed projects and their ecological benefits

Water protection

Since the start of the programme till the end of 2008 there have been completed 17 water-protection projects that were provided subsidies of CZK 469,843,977 from ERDF funds. SEF CR subsidies stood at CZK 63,141,558; fund loans at CZK 9,752,773; the amount for project documentation paid from the fund was CZK 2,937,630.

Achieved ecological benefits within the framework of measure 3.2 completed in 2008	
Length of new sewage networks [km]	79.00
Length of new waterworks networks [km]	47.69
Number of ER connected to suitable WTP [ER]	14,667
Number of residents newly connected to waterworks [resident]	5,061
Number of residents of supplied quality drinking water [resident]	3,380
Number of reconstructed/new treatment plants, sources of drinking water [units]	1
Drop of BOD ₅ in wastewater [t/year]	283.9
Drop of COD _{Cr} in wastewater [t/year]	631.1
Drop of I in wastewater [t/year]	333.2

P Note: BOD₅ – biological oxygen demand per 5 days

COD_{Cr} – chemical oxygen demand

I – Insolubles

Air protection

Since the start of the programme till the end of 2008 there have been completed 6 projects as part of measure 3.3 A that were provided subsidies of CZK 77,295,139 from ERDF funds. SEF CR subsidies stood at CZK 10,473,319; fund loans at CZK 674,780; the amount for project documentation paid from the fund was CZK 1,892,739.

Achieved ecological benefits within the framework of measure 3.3A completed in 2008

Length of built/reconstructed CHT distribution network [km]	3.11
New installed electrical output [MWe]	0.242
New installed thermal output [MWt]	20.92
Number of installed filters [unit]	2
Number of connected objects [unit]	60
Reduction of CO emissions [t/year]	16.03
Reduction of CO ₂ emissions [t/year]	10,610.8
Reduction of NO _x emissions [t/year]	15.38
Reduction of SO ₂ emissions [t/year]	56.63
Reduction of SP emissions [t/year]	65.69
Reduction of VOC emissions [t/year]	5.33
Reduction of installed performance [MW]	8.224

Note: SP – solid pollutants
VOC – volatile organic substances

Since the start of the programme till the end of 2008 there have been completed 5 projects as part of measure 3.3 B that were provided subsidies of CZK 10,604,430 from ERDF funds. SEF CR subsidies reached CZK 3,029,405.

Achieved ecological benefits within the framework of measure 3.3 B completed in 2008

Number of installed units to reduce VOC emissions [units]	4
Reduction of VOC emissions [t/year]	134.2

Since the start of the programme till the end of 2008 there have been completed 6 projects as part of the measure 3.3 C that were provided subsidies of CZK 84,042,550 from ERDF funds. Subsidies from SEF CR funds were provided in the amount of CZK 11,205,131; the amount for project documentation paid from funds was CZK 990,200. A fund loan was provided in the amount of CZK 4,079,998.

Achieved ecological benefits within the framework of measure 3.3 C completed in 2008

Length of built/reconstructed CHT distribution network [km]	2.74
Installed electric output from RES [MW]	0.5
Installed thermal output from RES [MW]	6.12
Number of connections [unit]	40
Reduction of greenhouse gases [t/year]	3,458.6

Nature and landscape conservation

Since the start of the programme till the end of 2008 there have been completed 39 projects that were provided subsidies of CZK 228,750,371 from ERDF funds and fund subsidies of CZK 28,659,974. The amount for project documentation that was also paid for from the fund, was CZK 1,274,827.

Achieved ecological benefits within the framework of measure 3.1 completed in 2008

The area of the new retention basin [m ²]	108,747
Area of new polders [m ²]	30,823
Area of revitalised fishponds [m ²]	920,183

Waste disposal, technology and programme to support environmental education and public education

Since the start of the programme till the end of 2008 there have been completed 38 projects that were provided subsidies of CZK 477,696,054.67 from ERDF funds. SEF CR subsidies stood at CZK 64,523,844; fund loans at CZK 11,017,990; the amount for project documentation also paid from the fund was CZK 2,479,732.

Achieved ecological benefits within the framework of measure 3.4 completed in 2008

Capacity of scrap yards, of the scrap collection division system [t/years]	35,959.96
Material-use (recycled) [t/year]	9,480
Area of reclaimed and recultivated land [m ²]	130,116
Area of scrap yard, catchment area [m ²]	24,249.4
Number of scrap yards, of the scrap collection division system [units]	27
Separation of waste [t/year]	41,915.77
Treatment of waste [t/year]	6,254

National Programmes

SEF CR offered in 2008 subsidies from state resources via National Programmes. Provision of support is governed by Ministry of the Environment Directive no. 13/2008 and its appendices. The announced projects enabled projects to be carried out that were not financed from European sources.

In the National Programmes support for 2008 was divided into several areas. This consisted mainly of programmes in the area of air protection and an environmental care programme, the protection and use of natural resources (programme announced according to appendix I).

This programme offered subsidies in the following areas:

- 1. water protection**
- 2. air protection**
- 3. environmental care**
- 4. waste disposal**
- 8. support of environmental education and public education**
- 9. non-investment support of consultancy in REACH area**

(Programmes 5, 6 and 7, 10 and 11 were not announced in 2008).

As at 30 April 2008 appendices I were annulled and newly announced 1 November 2008. Since November this programme only offers subsidies in the area of air protection—2.6 Protection of the Earth's Ozone Layer programme—in the area of environmental care, protection and use of natural resources—3.1.6 Purchase of property in specially protected regions, their protected zones and significant landscape elements.

Approved applications in National Programmes according to Annex I (in CZK thousands, as at 31 Dec 2008)

Programme	Number	Total costs	Support	Loan	Subsidies
1.2	1	48,731	36,420	0	36,420
1.5	3	56,951	38,393	15,612	22,781
2.6	2	9,350	8,440	0	8,440
3.1.6	2	80,000	80,000	0	80,000
4.5	1	455	225	0	225
8.1	28	80,092	52,655	0	52,655
8.2	1	210	147	0	147
9.	2	15,028	7,514	0	7,514
10.2	4	13,614	10,139	0	10,139
10.3	15	16,037	12,691	0	12,691
Total	59	320,468	246,624	15,612	231,012

Note: Applications for programme 10.2 Investment support of environmental education and 10.3 Non-investment support of environmental education was already received in prior years.

The use of renewable resources of energy for heating water and heating apartments and detached houses (programme announced according to appendices II) was also supported from National Programmes. The aim was to carry out the National Programmes to support energy savings and the use of renewable resources of energy for 2008. Applications were received from 30 March 2008 to 31 December 2008. A total of 3,041 projects were supported. Support was distributed within the framework of:

1.A Investment support of environmentally friendly ways of heating and heating water for apartments and detached houses (applicants can only be individuals):

- a) biomass boiler
- b) solar systems for hot water
- c) solar systems for additional heating and hot water

4.A Heat pumps

Approved applications of citizens (individuals) according to Annex II (in CZK, as at 31 Dec 2008)

Programme	Number of applications	Expenses	Subsidies	Assessment contribution
1.A.a	698	68,590,445	28,827,349	1,462,697
1.A.b	1,510	166,683,926	69,912,768	3,041,646
1.A.c	711	137,907,704	42,267,406	1,681,091
4.A	121	35,187,197	7,064,570	313,691
Total	3,041	408,860,803	148,272,093	6,501,624

The final areas for which subsidies were provided from state resources was the programme supporting environmental education, public education and consultancy. The programme was announced in September 2008 according to appendices III. Receipt of the applications for subsidies was begun 14 November 2008 and completed in January of the following year. As of the end of 2008 however no application for subsidies was received. Supported areas:

- 2. Programme of non-investment support for the development of networks of environmental education, consultancy and information centres.**
- 3. Programme of non-investment support of project focused on the current theme from the area of the environment**

Swiss funds

The programme Swiss-Czech cooperation enables the Czech Republic to receive during the ensuing five years, i.e. till 2012, financial assistance from Switzerland in the amount of 109.78 million Swiss francs, which is roughly 1.744 billion Czech crowns.

From this amount roughly 30 million francs, i.e. nearly a half billion crowns, is designated for the area of the environment and infrastructure. The Environmental Fund of the Czech Republic was entrusted with the implementation of this area of support. From a regional perspective projects concerning mainly the Moravia-Silesian and Olomouc regions, or the Zlín region as the case may be, will be supported.

The basic document for receiving aid through the Czech Republic from a financial contribution from Switzerland is the General Agreement between the Swiss Federal Council and the government of the Czech Republic in the matter of implementation of the Swiss-Czech Cooperation Programme for the purpose of reducing economic and social discrepancies within the expanded European Union („General Agreement“), which was signed 20 December 2007 in Bern.

In 2008 preparations and suggestions were made concerning the Methodology of Cash Flows and Audits for the Swiss-Czech Cooperation Programme. Finalisation of the documents and other preparatory work was discussed with the super-ordinate body – the Ministry of the Education and with the Ministry of Finance.

So far no call for submission of subsidy applications has been made. The first calls should be made in 2009.

Foreign cooperation

The State Environmental Fund of the Czech Republic continued in 2008 to cooperate with foreign colleagues from Mongolia and Serbia. This cooperation was begun in prior years. The cooperation mainly consisted in the sharing of experience and knowledge. In March a Mongolian delegation composed of representatives from four ministries, including the secretary of the minister of the environment, was invited. In June the SEF CR took part along with the Ministry of the Environment in the study tour of 3 representatives of the Ministry of the Environment of Serbia, and in November director of SEF CR Petr Štěpánek received the new Serbian minister for the environment, who expressed considerable interest in our experts.

The most significant cooperation with regard to future prospects and success already achieved was conducted with the Vietnamese Environment Protection Fund (VEPF). In Prague on 6 June a Round Table discussion on the development of cooperation between the Czech Republic and Vietnam in the area of the environment was organized and this meeting featured the signing of a Memorandum on Mutual Cooperation between the State Environmental Fund of the Czech Republic and VEPF. Shortly thereafter a Czech delegation was invited to Vietnam for the Da Nang I conference. Cooperation with VEPF has already shown considerable results. Our know-how is held in high esteem in Vietnam. Shared successes are presented at international conferences. In October director Štěpánek took part in a working meeting at the Institute of International Relations on priorities of developmental cooperation between the Czech Republic and Vietnam on the occasion of the official trip of representatives of the Vietnam Committee for Foreign NGO Affairs (COMINGO) and the People's Aid Coordinating Committee (PACCOM). Contacts between the Czech Republic and Vietnam are governed by, among other things, government resolution of 31 March 2004 that defined Vietnam as one of eight priority countries for long-term foreign development cooperation.

Other activities in 2008 included, for instance, the co-organization of the three-day international conference within the framework of the project of the British Embassy and British Council Climate Change: Opportunity Through Action.

SEF CR each year also hangs on March 10th the Tibetan flag in support of the independence of Tibet.

Financial report

Overview of economic situation

The fund during the completed period secured the continuous provision of funds for contractual support activities in accordance with the valid internal rules for releasing funds (invoice principle) including coverage of operating costs of the fund's office.

Currently the State Environmental Fund of the Czech Republic fulfils the priority of the government of the Czech Republic and the Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic, which is the co-financing of investment from European funds.



The balance (in CZK mil., as at 31 Dec 2008; including index 2008/2009)

	Year 2008	Year 2007	index 2008/2007
Opening balance as at 1 Jan total, including MUFIS loan	3,539.4	2,734.9	129.4
Creation of balance sheet sources	1,871.3	1,964.3	95.3
Subsidies for covering exchange rate losses	500.0	0.0	×
Sold, ceded and paid receivables	0.0	0.0	×
Loan repayments	516.0	638.1	80.9
Total income	2,887.3	2,602.4	110.9
Total resources	6,426.7	5,337.3	120.4
Use of balance sheet resources transfers	1,657.9	1,452.0	114.2
— of which: Payment of special subsidy for coverage of CF exchange rate losses	500.0	×	,
— loans	98.7	106.7	92.5
contribution toward payment of interest from a commercial loan	1.5	7.4	20.3
Total	1,758.1	1,566.1	112.3
Fund office costs (including interest and MUFIS loan repayments	283.8	231.8	122.4
— of which is interest from MUFIS loan	8.7	10.0	87.0
— of which is MUFIS repayment	50.0	50.0	100.0
Total costs	2,041.9	1,797.9	113.6
Limit of costs pursuant to government resolution no. 970 from 16 Aug 2006 for 2007, for 2008 gov. res. no. 628 from 11 June 2007	3,222.8	2,433.9	×
Difference in costs and limit pursuant to gov. res.	1,180.9	636.0	×
Balance of income and expenses	845.4	804.5	×
Treasury bills	0.0	0.0	×
Total difference in resources and expenses	4,384.8	3,539.4	123.9
Funds balance	4,384.8	3,539.4	123.9

Funds on accounts of term deposits and on current accounts at commercial banks stands at CZK 4,414.2 million. The fund shows a disposable balance of funds of CZK 4,385.4 million.

The difference between the balance of funds given in the balance sheet and the balance reported under the change fund expenses in the total amount of CZK 20.1 million consists of unpaid liabilities related to fund office activities (i.e. for the fund's operating costs: unpaid wages, including statutory taxes, unpaid supplier invoices and advances).

From the total amount of contracted funds as at 31 December 2008 support beneficiaries received a total of CZK 1,758.1 million:

- for financial support in the form of transfers of CZK 1,659.4 million (of which CZK 895.2 million for state programmes – including CZK 1.5 million contribution for payment of interest from a commercial loan, CZK 89.8 million of ISPA/CF, CZK 500 million to cover exchange rate losses of ISPA/CF, CZK 93.5 million of OP – Infrastructure and CZK 80.9 million of OP – Environment);
- for financial support in the form of a loan of CZK 98.7 million (of which state programmes 32.4 million, ISPA/CF 36.5 million and OP – Infrastructure CZK 29.8 million).

Income of SEF CR

Fund income consists mainly of payments for pollution or damaged components of the environment, of repayments of provided loans and their interest and of revenues from disposable funds maintained on term accounts. The minister of the environment decides on the use of fund monies pursuant to the law based on the recommendation of the advisory body – the Fund Council. This income is not part of the state budget of the Czech Republic.

The income part of the budget was as at 31 December 2008 fulfilled by 110.6 percent with an offsetting of received subsidies for the payment of exchange rate losses at 133.7 percent and it remained the entire year without significant deviation. Income from environment pollution fees made up as at 31 December 2008 CZK 1,605.5 million of all fund income, which, compared with 2007 when it stood at CZK 1,723.5 million, represents a CZK 118 million drop. The fund's obligation to return overpayments to the JE Temelín and JE Dukovany wastewater treatment plants of CZK 70 million since 2004 had a considerable impact on this drop. In 2008 CZK 32.8 million were returned.

In 2008 the funds received from General Cash Administration pursuant to government resolution no. 1625 from 16 December 2008 a special subsidy of CZK 500 million for the compensation of exchange rate losses incurred during implementation of Cohesion Fund projects within the programme period 2004–2006. These funds were paid during December 2008.

Structure of fulfilment of income part of budget for 2008 (in CZK mil.)

Budget item	Budget for 2008	Income as at 31 Dec 2008	Fulfilment in %	Difference
Income from fees and fines according to Environment components				
Wastewater	350.0	240.7	68.8	-109.3
Subterranean water	360.0	382.0	106.1	22.0
Air	440.0	542.7	123.3	102.7
Waste	120.0	105.0	87.5	-15.0
Containers	18.0	18.3	101.7	0.3
Nature	310.0	316.8	102.2	6.8
Fines and financial resources	0.0	70.6	x	70.6
Total	1,598.0	1,676.1	104.9	78.1
Interest on deposits	30.0	103.6	345.3	73.6
Interest on loans	30.0	29.3	97.7	- 0.7
Loan repayments (without returns of loans)	501.0	516.0	103.0	15
Income from financial settlement	0.0	32.9	x	32.9
Returns of loans for prior years	0.0	0.2	x	0.2
Other income	0.0	29.2	x	29.2
Sold and paid receivables	0.0	0.0	x	0.0
Total SEF CR	2,159.0	2,387.3	110.6	228.3
Special subsidies for covering exchange rate losses	0.0	500.0	x	x
Total SEF CR including subsidies	2,159.0	2,887.3	133.7	x

The income from fees for releasing wastewater to surface waters, compared with 2007 in which 401 million crowns were credited on the account, was reduced by CZK 160.3 million to CZK 240.7 million, which represents a considerable year-on-year drop of 40%. The collection of fees thereby fell to its lowest level over the past three years. This drop-off is for the most part caused by increased quality in cleaning released waters and investment into wastewater treatment plants and partially from possible wastewater management by the polluters, whose water is monitored by inspection labs. Many entities also use legal means to delay payment of fees due to aforementioned investments to wastewater plants, in which the current legal regulations are relatively benevolent and even allow for these deferred fees to be waived altogether. For 2009 in this area we can expect a downward trend that may come to a halt in 2010 should the new water law be passed in the version supported by SEF CR.

The fund valorised through deposits on term accounts with commercial monetary institutions. Total interest from term deposits and other revenues reached as at 31 December 2008 values of CZK 95.7 million, interest from current accounts of CZK 7.9 million. These generated funds will be used for financing the fund's office costs.

Development of the fund's income in 1992–2008 (in CZK mil.)

Year	Fees and other income	Loan repayments	Improving the air programme	Total income
1992	2,422.50	0	0	2,422.50
1993	2,727.40	40.20	0	2,767.60
1994	3,287.60	201.50	1,000	4,489.10
1995	3,042.50	317.00	1,600	4,959.50
1996	2,837.30	516.90	2,000	5,354.20
1997	3,060.00	738.60	1,500	5,298.60
1998	2,730.10	1,037.00	0	3,767.10
1999	2,504.80	1,215.00	0	3,719.80
2000	2,154.60	1,346.50	0	3,501.10
2001	1,916.60	1,325.10	0	3,241.70
2002	2,135.20	1,279.30	0	3,414.50
2003	2,151.70	1,043.30	0	3,195.00
2004	1,976.20	979.20	0	2,955.40
2005	2,017.20	850.50	0	2,867.70
2006	1,802.60	752.90	0	2,555.50
2007	1,964.30	638.10	0	2,602.40
2008	1,871.30	516.00	0	2,387.30

* Income in 2003 and 2004 are given without the MUFIS loan in the total amount of CZK 500 mil., in 2008 without subsidy to cover exchange rate losses of ISPA/CF of CZK 500 mil.

Expenditures of SEF CR

Total financial expenditures reached as at 31 December 2008 CZK 2,041.9 million, of which CZK 500 million was the subsidy to cover exchange rate losses.

Beginning with 2004 each year an expenditure limit is set for the fund. Pursuant to government resolution no. 628 from 11 June 2007 the government-passed binding amount of expenditures for 2008 was CZK 3,222.8 million.

Expenditure limit (in CZK mil., as at 31 Dec 2008)

Expenditure limit for 2008	Actual expenditures of 2008	Difference
3,222.8	2,041.9	1,180.9

The expenditures limit has not been approached since the financing of the OP—Environment began in November 2008.

Expenditures incurred – structure of expenditures by environmental components (in CZK mil., as at 31 Dec 2008)

	Transfers (subsidies)	Share in %	Loan	Share in %	Total expenditures	Share in %
Water total	1,145.8	69.0	88.8	90.0	1,234.6	70.2
of which NP	528.7	31.9	32.4	32.8	561.1	31.9
of which CF	583.9	35.2	36.5	37.0	620.4	35.3
of which OPI	30.5	1.8	19.9	20.2	50.4	2.9
of which OPE	2.7	0.2	0.0	0.0	2.7	0.2
Nature total	179.0	10.8	0.0	0.0	179.0	10.2
of which NP	156.2	9.4	0.0	0.0	156.2	8.9
of which OPI	12.4	0.7	0.0	0.0	12.4	0.7
of which OPE	10.4	0.6	0.0	0.0	10.4	0.6
Air total	226.1	13.6	0.5	0.5	226.6	12.9
of which NP	175.8	10.6	0.0	0.0	175.8	10.0
of which OPI	14.1	0.8	0.5	0.5	14.6	0.8
of which OPE	36.2	2.2	0.0	0.0	36.2	2.1

	Transfers (subsidies)	Share in %	Loan	Share in %	Total expenditures	Share in %
Freons	3.7	0.2	0.0	0.0	3.7	0.2
Waste	104.8	6.3	9.4	9.5	114.2	6.5
of which NP	30.8	1.9	0.0	0.0	30.8	1.8
of which CF	5.9	0.4	0.0	0.0	5.9	0.3
of which OPI	36.5	2.2	9.4	9.5	45.9	2.6
OPE	31.6	1.9	0.0	0.0	31.6	1.8
TOTAL	1,659.4	100.0	98.7	100.0	1,758.1	100.0
of which NP	895.2	53.9	32.4	32.8	927.6	52.8
CF	589.8	35.5	36.5	37.0	626.3	35.6
OPI	93.5	5.6	29.8	30.2	123.3	7.0
OPE	80.9	4.9	0.0	0.0	80.9	4.6

– The table does not contain the fund's office costs and the MUFIS loan.

– The table includes the payment of a special subsidy to cover CF exchange rate losses in the amount of CZK 500 mil.

In the above table there are included in the subsidy part contributions for covering interest from a commercial loan of CZK 1.5 million. In the water protection component the amount is CZK 1.4 million and in the air component CZK 0.1 million.

The difference in income and expenditure (1992 to 2008) in the amount of CZK 4.38 billion (not including ceded claims of CZK 0.6 billion and including the drawing of the MUFIS loan for CZK 0.5 billion and drawing of a subsidy for CZK 0.5 billion in 2008) is the source of coverage of the fund's existing financial liabilities.

Personnel Data

As at 31 December 2008 SEF Czech Republic had a staff of 288 employees. The trend in increasing the number of employees due to the expanded agenda, namely for the administration of OP – Environment, thus continued.

The average monthly wage for SEF Czech Republic employees in 2008 was CZK 28,810.

Classification of employee according to age and sex – as at 31 Dec 2008

Age structure	Men	Women	Total	%
Up to 20 years	0	1	1	0.3
21–30 years	32	66	98	34.0
31–40 years	31	37	68	23.6
41–50 years	13	38	51	17.7
51–60 years	23	26	49	17.0
61 or more years	17	4	21	7.3
Total	116	172	288	100
%	40.3	59.7	100	

Personnel changes

In June there was created the new Department of the Fund Office Director, whose assistant was named the hitherto Head of the Director's Office Zdeňka Klimková. With Mrs. Klimková on maternity leave, she was replaced by the head of the division of the Swiss Funds, Hana Bakičová. In December the assistant for the Department of Information Technology, Eduard Hlava was replaced by Ladislav Rychtárik.



Professional growth of SEF CR employees

The State Environmental Fund of the Czech Republic devotes much attention to the education and further development of its employees. In 2008 SEF CR employees completed a number of professional training programmes of a construction, technical, economic and legal nature, whereas all areas are closely related to the processing of project requests and ensuing activities ensuring above all the successful implementation of operation programmes.

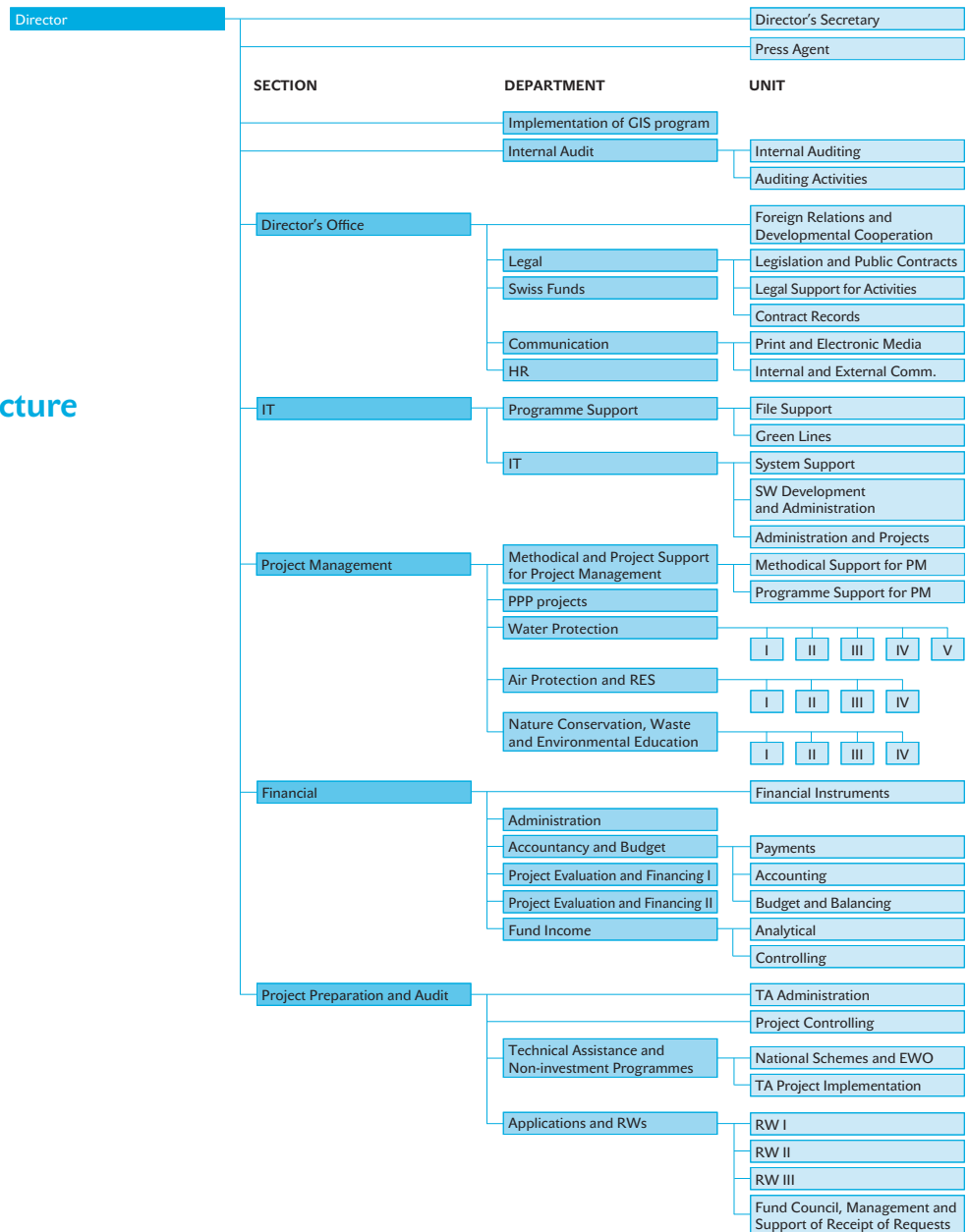
Fund employees also develop their abilities in the area of social competencies and the numerous successful graduates of courses of managerial and communication skills bear witness to this.

In their work SEF CR workers also communicate with EU bodies, including with European auditors, who carefully monitor that EU legal regulations are observed. In these discussions a solid grasp of English is required on both a general and professional level. This is why the development of language skills is an integral part of the professional growth of employees of the State Environmental Fund of the Czech Republic.

SEF CR views its employees and their professional qualification as an important condition for the successful work of the entire institution.

Organisational structure of SEF CR

Valid as at 31 Dec 2008



Fund management



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Mgr. Leo Steiner

Director of the Project
Preparation and Audit Section

The Fund Board

The Fund Board is a consultancy body of the Ministry of the Environment. The purpose is to discuss important issues for creating and using the fund's monies. The Members of the Board are appointed and dismissed by the Minister of the Environment. In 2008 five meetings were held.

The Chair of the Fund's Board:

Ing. arch. Václav Mencl	Deputy, vice-chairman of the Committee for the Environment, The Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Parliament
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Members of the Fund's Board:

RNDr. Libor Ambrozek	Deputy, chairman of the Committee for the Environment, The Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Parliament
Ing. Ivo Bárek	Senator, chairman of the Regional Development, Public Administration and the Environment Committee, The Senate of the Czech Parliament
Ing. Erik Geuss	Director of the Strategy and Economic Industry, Ministry of Trade and Industry of the Czech Republic
Ing. Rut Bízková	Deputy Minister, Director of the Environmental Economics and Policy Department, Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic
Mgr. Pavel Činčera	Director of the Government Council for NGOs, Government Office of the Czech Republic
Jiří Hodač	Deputy Minister, investment and transport infrastructure division, Ministry of Transportation of the Czech Republic
Josef Ježek	Deputy, The Public Administration and Regional Development Committee, The Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Parliament
Ing. Dan Jiránek	Mayor of the town of Kladno and chairman of the Environmental Committee, the Union of Towns and Municipalities
Ing. Jiří Krátký	Deputy, Public Administration and Regional Development Committee, Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Parliament
Ladislav Mičák	Deputy, Vice-chairman of the Environmental Committee, Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Parliament
Ing. Miloslav Müller	Director of the Minister's Office, the Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic
Ing. Ludmila Müllerová	Senator, vice-chair of the Regional Development, Public Administration and the Environment Committee, The Senate of the Czech Parliament
MUDr. Zuzana Peterková	The Department of General and Communal Hygiene, the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic
Petr Skokan	Liberec regional commissioner (till November 2008)
MVDr. Přemysl Rabas	Deputy, Environment Committee, the Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Parliament
Ing. Ladislav Šinčl	Deputy, the Environment Committee, Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Parliament
Ing. Jiří Trnka	Director of the Department of Environmental Strategy and RES, the Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic
Ing. Jiří Vačkář	Deputy Minister, the Section of Regional Policy and Tourism, the Ministry for Regional Development of the Czech Republic

Provision of information

Pursuant to Act no. 106/1999 Coll. on free access to information

The State Environmental Fund of the Czech Republic (hereinafter the fund) publishes an annual report on activity in the area of providing information based on section, 18 par. 1 Act no. 106/1999 Coll., on free access to information, and in accordance with government resolution no. 875/2000 from 6 Sept 2000 on methodological instructions to make uniform the process of public administration bodies in ensuring the right of individuals and legal entities to the provision of information pursuant to Act no. 106/1999 Coll. on free access to information.

In 2008 the State Environmental Fund of the Czech Republic recorded and carried out by e-mail 2 requests for the provision of information pursuant to Act no. 106/1999 Coll. One query was answered in writing. Verbal queries and responses to them are not recorded pursuant to the law.

Information requested pursuant to Act no. 106/1999 Coll.

- Number of submitted requests for information: 3
- Number of issued decisions on rejection of requests: 0
- Number of submitted appeals against decisions: 0
- Copy of the essential parts of each court ruling in the matter of reviewing the legitimacy of the decision of the obligatory entity on rejecting the request for the provision of information and a summary of all expenses that obligatory entity incurred in connection with the court proceedings on the rights and obligations pursuant to this law, including costs for its own employees and costs for legal representation: 0
- Specifications of provided exclusive licences, including justification of the necessity to provide an exclusive licence: 0
- Number of complaints issued pursuant to section 16a: 0



Other information related to the application of this law

To ensure high quality and speed in providing information the State Environmental Fund of the Czech Republic operated in 2008 a Green line for subsidy applicants. Professionally trained employees advise applicants in resolving possible uncertainties regarding the processing and submission of requests over the phone and via e-mail.

The most important types of queries and responses to them resolved by Green line employees, are available at www.opzp.cz in the section Most Frequently Posed Questions and Answers. Green line employees responded to dozens of queries daily. The number of resolved queries exceeded 13,000. Requested information or information files of the State Environmental Fund of the Czech Republic was provided to those requesting it free of charge.

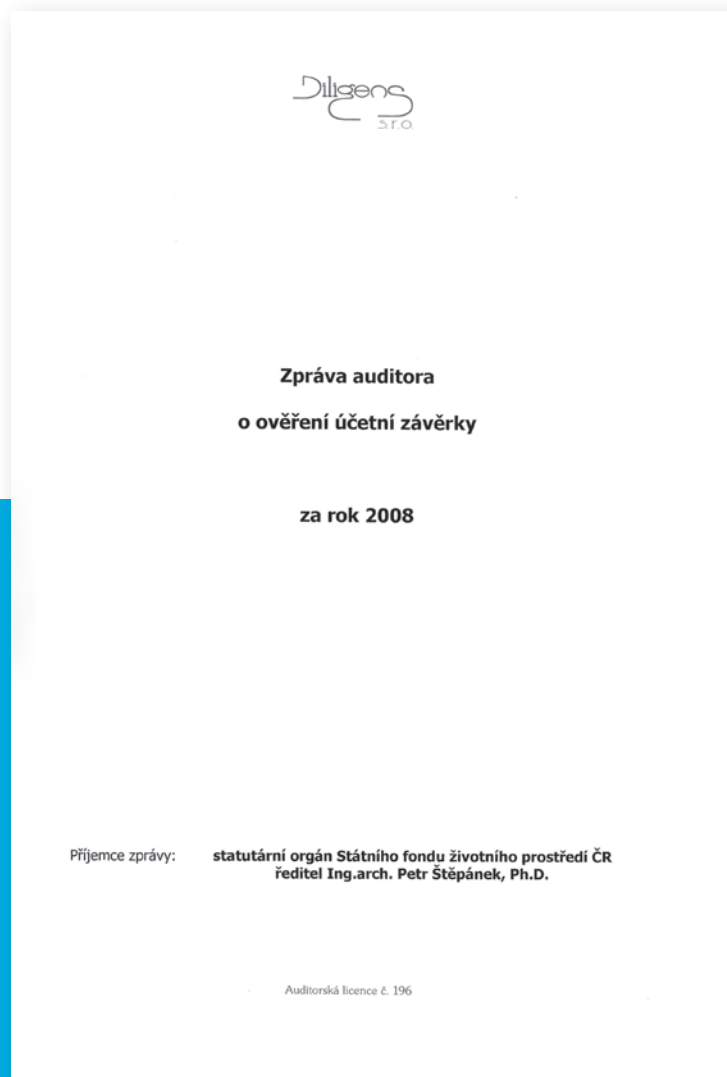
The requests for information concerned namely:

- conditions for providing financial support for environmentally friendly ways of heating and heating water for natural persons and for heating apartments and detached houses using heat pumps,
- the number of support projects as part of the State Programmes and EU funds and the amount of distributed funds,
- possibilities of obtaining a subsidy from the Operational Programme – Environment,
- course of implementation and results of select projects.

Auditor's report

The subject of the audit was the annual financial statement for 2008 of the State Environmental Fund of the Czech Republic in accordance with the provisions of Act no. 254/2000 Coll., on auditing, and in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing and relevant guidance of the Chamber of Auditors of the Czech Republic.

The auditor's statement is without reservation.





Název instituce: **Státní fond životního prostředí (SFŽP)**

Sídlo: **Kaplanova 1931/1, Praha 11 – Chodov, 148 00**

Právní forma: **jiná státní organizace, zřízena zákonem č.388/1991 Sb.**

IČ instituce: **00020729**

Období, za které
bylo ověření provedeno: **účetní rok 2008**

Předmět a účel ověření: **roční účetní závěrka za rok 2008 ve smyslu ustanovení zákona č. 254/2000 Sb., o auditorech a v souladu s Mezinárodními auditorskými standardy a souvisejícími aplikačními doložkami Komory auditorů České republiky**

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Zpráva nezávislého auditora

Ověřili jsme příloženou účetní závěrku Státního fondu životního prostředí (SFŽP), tj. rozvahu, výkaz pro hodnocení plnění rozpočtu správců kapitol, jimi zřízených organizačních složek státu a státních fondů a přílohu sestavené dle vyhlášky č. 505/2002 Sb., ve znění pozdějších předpisů k 31.12.2008. Příložené výkazy jsou rovněž obsahem výroční zprávy účetní jednotky.

Za sestavení účetní závěrky v souladu s českými účetními předpisy a za věrné zobrazení skutečností v ní odpovídá statutární orgán instituce Státní fond životního prostředí (SFŽP). Součástí této odpovědnosti je navrhnout, zavést a zajistit vnitřní kontroly nad sestavováním a věrným zobrazením účetní závěrky tak, aby neobsahovala významné nesprávnosti způsobené podvodem nebo chybou, zvolit a uplatňovat vhodné účetní metody.

Naši úlohou je vydat na základě provedeného auditu výrok k této účetní závěrce. Audit jsme provedli v souladu se zákonem o auditorech a Mezinárodními auditorskými standardy a souvisejícími aplikačními doložkami Komory auditorů České republiky. V souladu s těmito předpisy jsme povinni dodržovat etické normy a plánovat a provádět audit tak, abychom získali přiměřenou jistotu, že účetní závěrka neobsahuje významné nesprávnosti.

Audit zahrnuje provedení auditorských postupů, jejichž cílem je získat důkazní informace o částkách a skutečnostech uvedených v účetní závěrce. Výběr auditorských postupů závisí na posouzení auditora, včetně posouzení rizik významné nesprávnosti údajů uvedených v účetní závěrce způsobené podvodem nebo chybou. Při vyhodnocování těchto rizik auditor přihlédne k vnitřním kontrolám, které jsou relevantní pro sestavení a věrné zobrazení účetní závěrky. Cílem posouzení vnitřních kontrol je navrhnout vhodné auditorské postupy, nikoli vyjádřit se k účinnosti vnitřních kontrol. Audit zahrnuje též posouzení vhodnosti použitých účetních metod, přiměřenosti účetních odhadů provedených vedením a dále posouzení celkové prezentace účetní závěrky.

S přihlédnutím, že byl ověřován podnikatelský subjekt, zaměřil auditor a jeho asistenti zvláštní pozornost na:



- kontrolu plnění příjmů a výdajů
- správu majetku
- kontrolu finančních operací, týkající se tvorby a použití peněžních fondů
- kontrolu vyúčtování a vypořádání vztahů ke státnímu rozpočtu
- kontrolu vnitřního kontrolního systému organizace

Domníváme se, že důkazní informace, které jsme získali, jsou dostatečné a vhodné, aby poskytovaly přiměřený základ pro vyjádření výroku auditora.

Podle našeho názoru účetní závěrka ve všech významných ohledech podává věrný a poctivý obraz aktiv, závazků, vlastního kapitálu a finanční situace organizace Státní fond životního prostředí ČR k 31.prosinci 2008 v souladu se zákony a účetními předpisy, platnými v České republice.

Lze konstatovat, že stavy účtů ve všech významných ohledech věrně zobrazují vykazovaný majetek a závazky organizace Státní fond životního prostředí České republiky k 31.12.2008 v souladu se zákony a účetními předpisy platnými v České republice.

Na auditovanou účetní jednotku dle našeho názoru můžeme vydat

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