VOCABULARY

structural – strukturální
cohesion – soudržnost
Cohesion Fund – Fond soudržnosti, Kohézní fond
allocate – přidělit, stanovit
related – související
purpose – účel

aid – pomoc
focuse on – orientovat se na
disparity – nerovnost, rozdíl
lagging behind – zaostávání
disadvantage – znevýhodnit
instrument – nástroj
regional – regionální
meet an objective – splnit cíl
objective – cílová oblast

withdraw - čerpat

promote - povzbuzovat

lay down – stanovit

support – podporovat adjustment – přizpůsobení. úprava

fisheries guidance – podpora rybolovu guarantee – záruka

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Structural Funds and Cohesion Funds of the European Union

Structural and Cohesion Funds are funds allocated by the EU for two related purposes – at first to support the poorer regions of Europe, and at second to support integrating European infrastructure especially in the transport sector.

After the Czech Republic became an EU Member State on 1 May 2004, it can withdraw aid from the EU Structural Funds. Structural Funds are focused on decreasing disparities in the level of development of various regions and decreasing the lagging behind the most disadvantaged regions, while stressing the EU economic and social cohesion. Structural Funds belong to the most significant instruments of the EU regional and structural policy. They help meet objectives laid down by the EU.

3 Objectives of the EU regional and structural policy in the period 2000-2006

- Objective 1 Promoting the development and structural changes in lagging-behind regions (for regions with GDP less than 75% of the EU average);
- Objective 2 Supporting the economic and social conversion of regions facing structural difficulties;
- Objective 3 Supporting the adjustment and modernisation of policies and systems in education, re-qualification and employment

These objectives are met through four major funds:

- European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)
- European Social Fund (ESF)
 Financial Instruments for Fishe
- Financial Instruments for Fisheries Guidance (FIFG)
- European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF)

competitive - konkurenčni, make progress - činit pokrok významny sko-hospodářský support - podpora, pomoc classify - klasifikovat soudržnosti cohesion region - region hrubý domácí produkt gross domestic product average – průměrný in relation to - ve vztahu k konkurenceschopný pl. criterions, criteria socio-economic - společendraw on - čerpat z kritériu, splnit kritérium fulfil a criterion - vyhovět

duly - řádně cover - (zde) finančně krýt eligible cost - přípustné náklady national - národní public - veřejný, státní negotiations - jednání mework (CSF) - Rámec justify - odůvodnit local - mistni regional - oblastni nestatni non-public - neveřejný **internal** – vnitrostátni podpory Společenství Community Support Fra-

Operační program

Operační program

General information

significant - podstatný.

The Czech Republic has made significant progress in becoming competitive particularly in its relations to EU Member States, but it is still below 75% of the European Union's average gross domestic product (GDP). This means that its cohesion regions (see the Note in the section EXERCISES), with the exception of Prague, were classified under Objective I and could draw on support from the EU's Structural Funds for their socio-economic development. The region of Prague does not fulfil this criterion, and is not covered by the CSF; this region will however be able to draw funds from Objective 2 and Objective 3.

The contribution of the Funds could be a maximum of 75 % of the total eligible cost and, as a general rule, at least 50 % of eligible public expenditure in the case of Objective 1. Where the regions are located in a Member State covered by the Cohesion Fund, which is the case for the Czech Republic, the Community contribution could rise, in exceptional and duly justified cases, to a maximum of 80 % of the total eligible cost.

The Community Support Framework (CSF) for the Czech Republic 2004 – 2006 was the final result of a long period of preparations and internal negotiations within the Czech Republic between many different public and non-public, national, regional and local partners followed by an intensive period of negotiations with the European Commission.

Organisation

The global strategy of the Community Support Framework was implemented by specific strategies described in five Operational Programmes (OP).

OP Industry and Enterprise duktivita práce labour productivity - pro-OP Průmysl a podnikání

priority axis - prioritní osa OP Infrastructure - OP Intrastruktura

trvale udržitelný rozvoj sustainable development in line with - v souladu s funkční zemědělství re - Rozvoj venkova a multi-Multi-Functional Agricultu-OP Rural Development and noměrný rozvoj balanced development - rov-

lidských zdrojů Development - OP Rozvoj **OP Human Resources** cater for - starat se o

onální operační program financial weight - finanční Programme - Společný regi-Joint Regional Operational

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- 12 axis - Protection and improvement of the infrastructure - and the fourth priority rity axis - Development of Transport environment. The **OP Infrastructure** contributed to the development of the second prio-

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Programme Complement – Programový dodatek Programming documents - Programové dokumenty

> Priority - Priorita Single Programming Document - Jednotný programový dokument

Measure - Opatření

Managing Authority - Řídící orgán

ního rozvoje European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) – Evropský fond regionál-

European Social Fund (ESF) - Evropský sociální fond

pro podporu rybolovu

Financial Instruments for Fisheries Guidance (FIFG) – Finanční nástroj

ský zemědělský garanční a podpůrný fond European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF) – Evrop-

ral difficulties - Podpora strukturálně postižených regionů Supporting the economic and social conversion of regions facing structuregions - Povzbuzování rozvoje a strukturálních změn zaostávajících regionů Promoting the development and structural changes in lagging-behind

education, requalification and employment - Podpora přizpůsobování a mo-Supporting the adjustment and modernisation of policies and systems in dernizace politik a systémů vzdělávání, školení a zaměstnanosti

EXERCISES

Note

and Moravia Silesia. Cohesion regions in the Czech Republic are the following: Central Bohemia, North-West, South-West, North-East, South-East, Central Moravia

2 Fill in appropriate words.

nications, developing humanand supporting research and development through actions includinginfrastructure and telecommuused to tackle regionaland support regional development the EU. They make over one third of the European Unionand arefor supporting social and economicacross The Structural and Cohesion Funds are the European Union's main

Which word is defined?

these needs can be met not only in the present, the protection of the natural environment so that is balancing the fulfillment of human needs with but in the indefinite future

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4. Explain the terms.

sustainable development:

rural:

joint programme:

disparity:

human resources:

competitive market:

eligible cost:

5. Fill in prepositions if necessary.

Funds are allocatedthe EU.......various purposes; to draw.....support......the funds.....the regional development; a member state covered......the fund; to lay......the objectives; areas facing.......dit ficulties; to contribute......the development; the programme based....... a joint strategy; the area fulfills......that criterion.

6. Control questions.

- 1. What are the purposes of the Structural and Cohesion Funds?
- 2. What spheres do the objectives of the EU regional and structural policy concern?
- 3. What sources are they financed from?
- 4. Explain from which of the funds could an institution from your home town draw on support?
- 5. What maximum support could the institution be contributed?
- 6. What areas do the Operational Programmes cover?

7. Translate into English.

1. Evropský fond regionálního rozvoje pomáhá odstraňovat problemy

- Financuje investice do infrastruktury, vytváření pracovních míst, podporuje místní rozvoj, zaměstnanost, malé a střední podnikání v problémových regionech, vědu a výzkum.
- Evropský sociální fond se zaměřuje na boj s nezaměstnaností, rozvoj lidských zdrojů a pomáhá nezaměstnaným a znevýhodněným skupinám zapojit se do pracovního procesu.

8. PHRASE TO REMEMBER

earmark

Meaning

In the following sense the verb earmark means *allocate*, designate, reserve or set aside.

"The European Union has announced that it intends to earmark further funds for transportation".

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It probably originated in cattle breeding. Farmers used to cut the ears of their cattle in a particular way to set them aside from other animals in common grazing areas. An earmarked animal therefore was clearly identifiable to its owner.

5.4.1 Regional Policy and Structural Funds of the EU within 2007-2013

Key Terms

Guess the meaning or translate or try to explain - if you are not sure, read the text and consult the vocabulary on the left side of the text.

	Translate	Guess the meaning	Explain
merger			
entrepreneurial envi- ronment			
allocation of resources			
internal market			
small and medium-sized enterprises			
implementation			