



Designing selection criteria for JTF projects

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From programming to implementing

- Current stage of the just transition process – the timeline
- From a plan outline to concrete projects
- Initial preparatory work on project selection and monitoring committees
- Length of project selection set-up process vs requirement of quick contracting for part of funds
- Decision-making for actual fund spending
- Keeping in mind the objectives of the just transition process



Some challenges for the implementation process

- Rapid contracting timeline and extensiveness of process
- Political instability
- Social dissatisfaction
- Danger of misuse of funds
- Low capacities on local/regional levels
- Sometimes lack of experience in spending EU funds
- High public mistrust and low civic participation
- Insufficient funding
- Intransparency and bad governance
- Gaps in political will
- Low environmental and climate ambitions and knowledge



Designing selection criteria well to leave no one behind

For objectives to be reached, we need solutions that are:

- Comprehensive
- Holistic
- Inclusive
- Transparent
- Well-researched
- Tailor-made
- Visionary
- Strategic
- Ambitious
- Climate-friendly & sustainable



How to structure the implementation phase

- Adherence to highest standards
 - Clarity, conscientious preparation and good governance
 - Transparency, accessibility and availability of information
 - High-quality structure of the process
 - High participation and representativeness levels
- Ongoing evaluation of implementation process

Thank you! Dziękuję!



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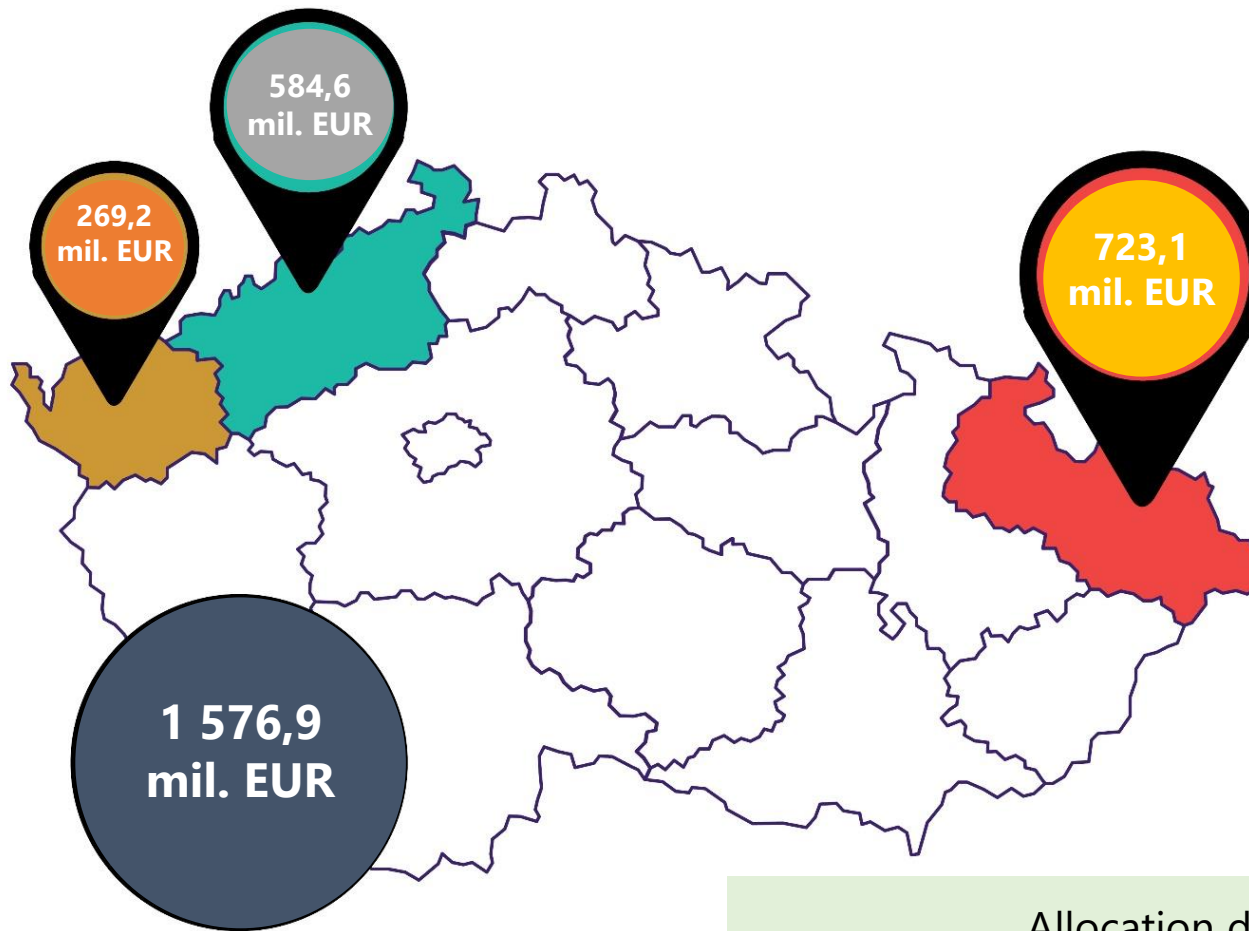
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* at an exchange rate of 26 CZK/EUR

KVK



815,4 EUR
per person

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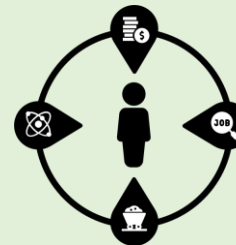


742,3 EUR
per person

MSK

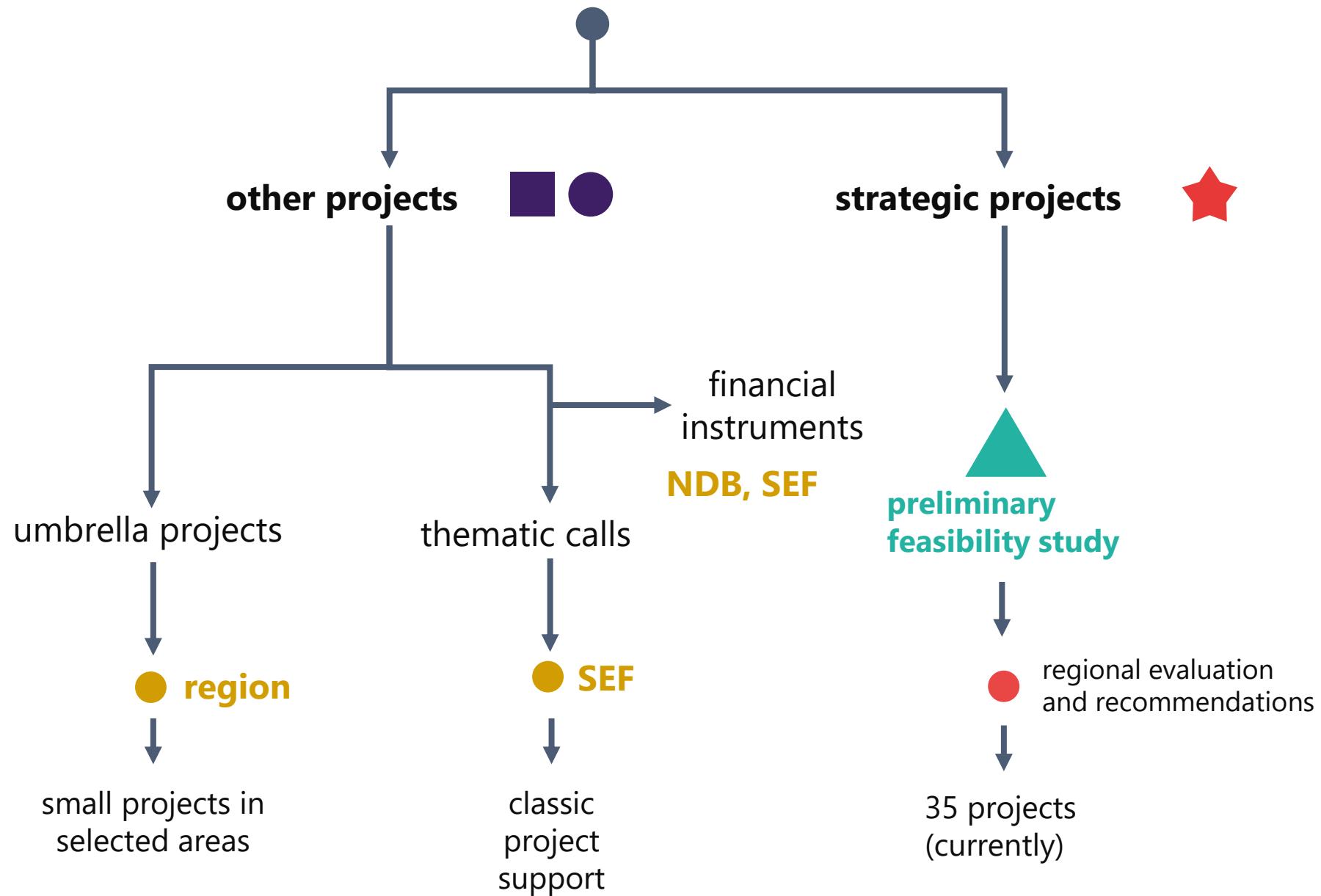


603,9 EUR
per person



Allocation distributed on the basis of:

- Total population
- Gross domestic product
- Unemployment rate
- Area affected by mining
- Number of R&D employees



Evaluation criteria of STRATEGIC PROJECTS

1/2 of the allocation of the OP

Vision of strategic projects

Purpose of used methods

Basic sorting and evaluation of envisaged activities – potentially strategic projects vs. projects that could serve for preparation of suitable grant schemes or defining of areas of support

Net solutions, territorial solutions, flagship projects.

Basic approach

Public call for submitting ideas/intentions of potentially strategic projects

Phase 0 – Initial review (compliance with activities that are allowed by JTF regulation, consideration of readiness and time needed to complete suggested projects;

Phase 1 – Identification of potentially strategic projects

(based on criteria that have been used for defining strategic projects in RE:START strategy and the Czech Regional Development Strategy 2021+ and other documents; appraisal of compliance with defined criteria based on information provided by promoter about the project);

Phase 2 – Expert appraisal (evaluation of transformation potential using the information that is present in the pre-feasibility study);

Phase 3 – Working groups of Permanent Conference – evaluation of projects in WGs that were broaden by members of tripartite (trade unions, employers, public sector representatives);

Phase 4 – Discussion on recommendations and conclusions from WGs (phase 3), final defining of strategic projects for TJTP.

Phase 1 – Identification of potentially strategic projects

Excluding criteria – using YES/NO approach

- Significant impact or potential to bring desired change to the place of implementation of the projects and/or to the broader area of selected coal region
- Compliance with relevant regional development strategies and RE:START strategy
- Creation of new jobs or retaining the current jobs, development of human resources e.g. through education, upskilling/reskilling activities.
- Contribution to the adaptation on climate change and its mitigation
- Clear identification of the promoter of project
- Minimum size of project – the estimated total costs of investment strategic project should be at least CZK 200 mil., and CZK 50 mil. in case of non-investment type of strategic project

Phase 2 – Expert evaluation

Based on a **pre-feasibility study**, the project was assessed in three separate areas:

- **Transformation potential**, which shows the project's ability to contribute to the economic transformation of the region;
- **Project feasibility**, which shows whether the project can be implemented;
- **Environmental impact**, which determines whether the project will not endanger the environment.

Participation in Czech coal regions

Multi-dimensional approach based mainly on the **using umbrella structure** due to larger number of stakeholders.

- **Transformation Platform => Monitoring Committee**
- Online and present **meetings** informing about the process with room for questions and comments. -> done by national and regional public institutions
- **Dedicated meetings** with particular stakeholders (NGOs, youth)
- Dissemination of information by participating in the events done by NGOs or other partners.
- **Dedicated working groups** on specific issues and close communication with representatives of regional governments.
- **Newsletter** and transparent and updated website

Challenges

- Setting the criteria for productive investments in large companies
- Setting criteria for thematic calls esp. restoration of the land (different types of projects in one call)



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Selection Criteria for Just Transition Projects

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Criterion 1:
Decarbonization Ambition and Comprehensiveness
based on:

GHG Emissions

Energy Savings

RES Integration

Waste Reduction

Transport Efficiency

Criterion 2:
Inclusion of 1 or 2 of the following performance indicators:

Storage

RES-Based Heating

Sustainable Transport

Fuel Mix Replacement in Industrial Processes

Energy System Decentralization and Prosumerism

Criterion 3:
Compatibility with National and European Decarbonization Strategies

Exclusion list of harmful activities

Average lifecycle emissions' intensity threshold

KPIs related to sustainability

Green procurement in public contracts

Environmental impact assessment

Criterion 1: Socioeconomic Aspects

Re-skilling and job replacement

Needs of vulnerable groups, women, youths & elderly

Value-added job creation

Criterion 2: Smart Specialization

Transformation of production processes

Energy and carbon intensity reduction

Technological added-value chains

Platforms for green innovation

Digitalization and process integration

Composite supportiveness of measures

Criterion 3: SME Development

Composite supportiveness of SME development measures

Polluter Pays Principle and Impact Assessments

Funding sources for projects

Criterion 4: Innovation Creation

Promotes environmentally-oriented start-ups

Enables technology transfers

Creation of regional innovation centres

Criterion 5: Community-led/Small-scale Public-Private Sustainable Projects

Promotes solutions developed by local citizens

Improves quality of life in local communities

Threshold for community projects

Criterion 1: inclusivity of different stakeholder groups

Criterion 2: The availability and comprehensiveness of an engagement strategy

Criterion 3: The project aims to develop local and regional capacity to ensure a more inclusive process

Criterion 4: The development of KPIs for the monitoring of project success and stakeholder engagement during project implementation

Feasibility of Project

- Realistic timeline
- Legal and administrative requirement
- Financial requirements
- Ongoing viability

Project Maturity

Project conceptualization and planning re: inputs/outputs, activities, risk assessment, etc.

Capacity to Deliver the Project

Access to technical, legal, financial and administrative resources

Technical Feasibility of Project

Adequacy and appropriateness of technical solutions to achieve desired outcomes

Consensus and Consultation

Consensus among the community on the importance of project objectives and community input to project development and realisation

Risk Exposure and Management

exposure and proposed responses to (main) project risks (e.g. in terms of demand, design, financing, procurement, execution, operation, legal and regulatory)



Sweden Just Transition Fund

Project selection criteria:

- Relevance
- Partnership
- Effectiveness
- Sustainability

The programme identifies the specific actions and ETS installations that can receive support, building on perspectives such as:

- Carbon dioxide reductions in the steel-, metal- and mineral industry
- Skills of workers, trade unions
- Gender equality, youth, diversity
- The rights of the indigenous population
- Challenges related to the island of Gotland + sparsely populated region of Upper Norrland.

Panel discussion

- **Radana Leistner Kratochvilova, Department Director of Support for a Low-Carbon Economy Transition, Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic**
- **Miłosława Stępień, JustTransition Campaign Coordinator, CEE Bankwatch Network**
- **Jim Conway, Director, Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly**

Thank you

