



Czech Republic

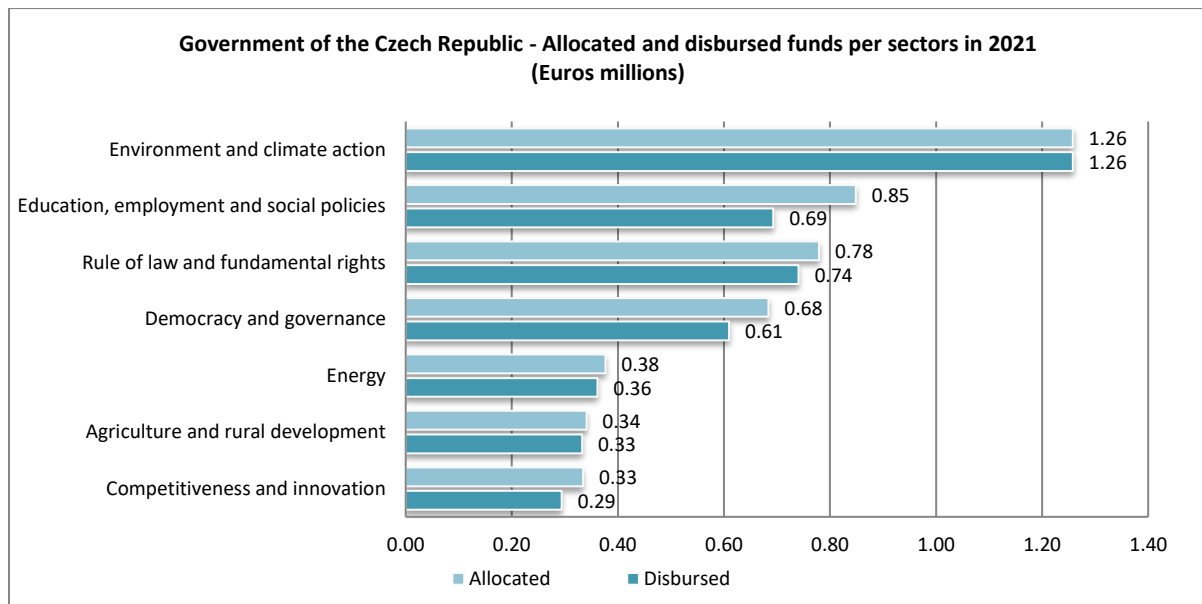
Policy approach

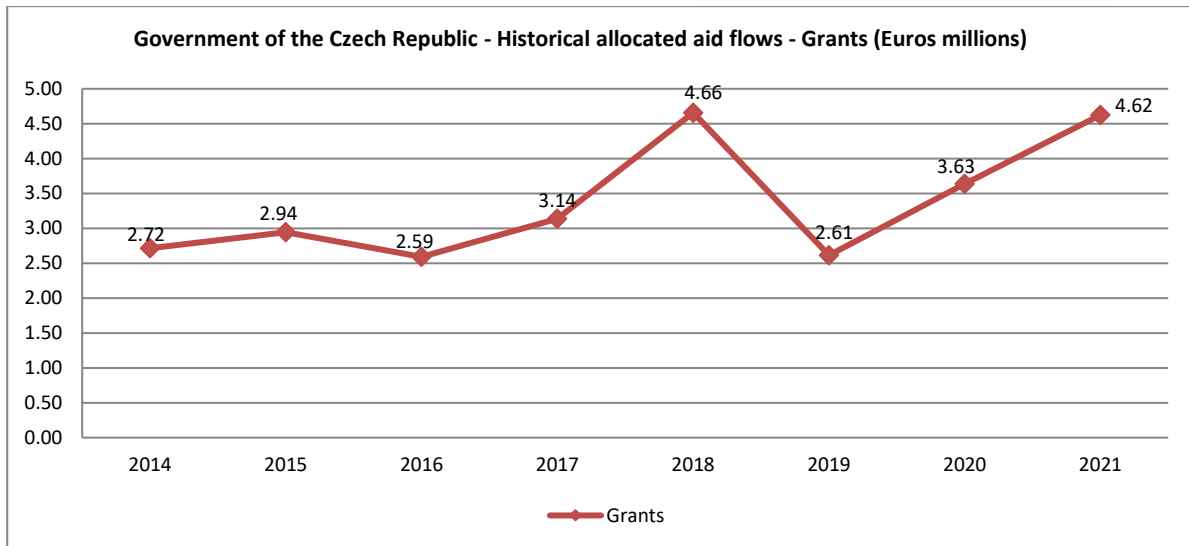
Bosnia and Herzegovina has been among the long-term priorities of the Czech Republic and as such, has been included within the Development Cooperation Strategy of the Czech Republic 2006 – 2010, 2011-2017 among programme priority countries for development cooperation. Current Development Cooperation Programme of the Czech Republic with Bosnia and Herzegovina (2018 – 2023) defines the following priority sectors:

- I. Economic growth with focus on increasing the share of renewable energy generation in areas with optimum conditions
- II. Sustainable management of natural resources, with focus on improving the protection, use and development of water sources, water quality and access to quality drinking water, eliminating pollution and improving wastewater management including systematic measures
- III. Good democratic governance, with focus on building efficient, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels of public administration

Key activities in 2021

The Government of the Czech Republic **allocated € 4.62 million and disbursed € 4.30 million in 2021 in the form of grant** to the following sectors: Environment and climate action, Education, employment and social policies, Rule of law and fundamental rights, Democracy and governance, Energy, Agriculture and rural development and Competitiveness and innovation.





Medium and long-term approach

While the current Programme of the Czech Republic with Bosnia and Herzegovina (2018 – 2023) is in place, we plan to continue on our development cooperation through: **Major development cooperation projects** managed by the Czech Development Agency and other partners, **Small scale local and transformational projects** which are short-term projects carried out by the local organisations and institutions, and our **Scholarship programme** offers several scholarship programs for BiH students who intend to study at Czech public universities (in Czech or English languages). This is the core of our Development agenda, which is further upgraded based on the opportunities opened by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic.

Our long-term role will be more closely decided during next year, as the new, 2024-2029 Programme is being developed. Strong and transparent institutions will continue to have a key role to play in the process of transition to democratic and pluralist society, and thus in our long-term strategy as well. The added value of Czech development assistance in BiH lies mainly in the Czech Republic's own experience of transition and integration into Euro-Atlantic structures.

Development partners coordination efforts

Government of the Czech Republic, through the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Bosnia and Herzegovina is part of couple of donor coordination efforts, focused on the priority sectors from the Development Cooperation Programme of the Czech Republic with Bosnia and Herzegovina (2018 – 2023).

In the sector of water and wastewater management, the Embassy of the Czech Republic in BiH is an active member of the Water Alliance, together with the UNDP, EUD, Embassy of Sweden, Embassy of Switzerland and The World Bank. Clean and renewable energy is topic of the donor coordination group where we are involved with UNDP, EUD, GIZ, Embassy of Sweden. Good democratic governance sector we cover from the two donor coordination efforts we are part of: Human Rights group, which is comprised of EUD and member states representative bodies, and second group is concerning cybersecurity, and its members are OSCE, EUD, EUSR, NATO, UNDP, Embassy of Switzerland and Embassy of the Netherlands.



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