



MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE  
OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

## A Word from the Minister

Dear friends of rural areas,

You have in your hands the publication in which successful projects of the Rural Development Programme are presented. This programme document was approved in May 2007 with a budget of EUR 3.6 billion for the period from 2007-2013, of which EUR 2.8 billion will be made available from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development.

The funds from the Rural Development Programme are utilised for a variety of projects that are intended to contribute to the quality of life of those who live and work in rural areas and to enable those who decide to spend their holidays there to fully enjoy the beauty of the Czech countryside. There is a current trend of seeking to live in harmony with nature and those people who travel around the Czech Republic are also seeking, in today's hectic times, to rediscover traditional values. Thanks to this European funding, the appearance of villages and small towns has been changing and they now offer their inhabitants a greater degree of comfort, together with jobs in their place of residence. Well utilised grants enable both the restoration of the local heritage while also promoting tourism. The projects implemented contribute to the modernisation of farms or provide direct assistance for initiating a business venture. A significant proportion of these funds also assist in improving the environment and protection of the landscape so that it can be passed on to our descendants in better condition.

The projects to which this publication is dedicated are defined on the basis of the individual regions and also classified in accordance with the differing character of the types of measures being undertaken. They should serve as an inspiring example of how imaginatively, effectively and innovatively it is possible to take advantage of the funds distributed for rural areas.

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Minister of Agriculture

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# Basic Information

## concerning the Rural Development Programme of the CR 2007-2013

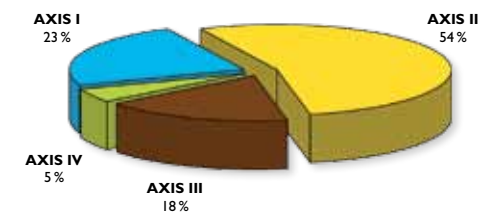
The Rural Development Programme of the Czech Republic (hereinafter referred to as the RDP) is a instrument for obtaining support from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development that is sponsored by the European Union. The RDP was adopted by the Committee on Rural Development of the European Commission on 23rd May 2007 and, in that same month, the acceptance of applications for grants for a certain group of measures defined in Axis II had already been initiated, followed in July of the same year by the acceptance of applications for selected groups of measures defined in Axes I and III. The total budget for the RDP amounts to EUR 3.6 billion.

The focus of the programme is directed towards the four primary axes that define the main objectives of rural development. The first axis includes measures for the improvement of the competitiveness of the agriculture and forestry industries. The second axis includes measures related to improvement of the environment and of the landscape. The third axis focuses primarily on measures for the improvement of the quality of life in rural areas and for the diversity of the rural economy. Axis IV, using the

LEADER method, is concerned with improving the quality of life in rural areas and also with the strengthening of the management and administrative capabilities in these areas. At the present time, already in the second half of the programming period, almost all the measures of the RDP are in operation and the high degree of interest in the implementation of these projects can be documented by the fact that, in respect of the individual measures, the budgets for most of these have already been exhausted. In accordance with the Council Regulation (EC) No. 1698/2005, the Ministry of Agriculture has established The National Rural Network (hereinafter referred to as the Network) as a communication platform for the RDP. The Network's activities officially commenced on the 11th November 2008 at a meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the RDP. The Network acts as a „communication bridge“ between the European Commission and the Member State(s) in order to channel feedback in regard to the impact of the individual rural development programmes and to their implementation. For more information about the Network access the portal [www.eagri.cz](http://www.eagri.cz)

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The distribution of funds for the RDP for 2007-2013



## Axis I

### Supporting the competitiveness of agriculture and forestry

The goals of Axis I are to support the competitiveness of agriculture and forestry and to strengthen the dynamics of enterprises involved in agriculture and in the downstream food industry. The budget for Axis I represents 23% of the total budget of the **RDP**.



The priority areas of Axis I are:

- **the modernisation of agricultural holdings** (support for investments that improve the overall performance of agricultural holdings in order to increase their competitiveness),
- **land consolidation** (addressing issues concerning the ownership of land, an inadequate agricultural infrastructure or the absence of requisite elements for the ecological stability of the landscape)
- **adding value to agricultural and food products** (support for the performance of the processing enterprises and for the development of innovation).

Another important aspect is encouraging investment in forestry, by which the dynamic management of forestry, a higher level of performance by forestry enterprises, the restructuring of the forestry sector and the improvement of environmental protection in forestry are supported.

The support of investment activities is complemented by the investment in human resources, especially through counselling, training and information events. Another important feature is the encouragement of the entry of young farmers into the business, supported by payments for early retirement from farming.

## Axis II

### Improving the environment and the landscape



The priorities of Axis II include increasing biodiversity, the conservation and development of agricultural and forestry systems with a high added value, the conservation of traditional agricultural landscapes and, additionally, the protection of water and soil. The measures undertaken in Axis II should also contribute to the mitigation of climate change.

The budget for Axis II represents 54% of the total budget for the Rural Development Programme.

The largest proportion of the funding is allocated to **Agri-environment Measures** (AEM). This broad grouping of measures is targeted towards the promotion of ways of using agricultural land that are consistent with the protection and improvement of the environment, the landscape and their properties (organic agriculture). Also supported are the preservation of managed areas with high nature value (sub-measure landscape management), natural resources, biodiversity and landscape maintenance

(sub-measure management of grassland).

The second largest proportion of the funds allocated is provided in mountain areas and in other less favoured areas (LFA) and is reserved for the **Natural handicap payments** measure. Subsidies are provided for grassland that has a positive environmental impact. This measure also contributes to the stabilisation of the rural population in these areas and provides the farmers with a higher income level.

The utilisation rate of the **Payments within Natura 2000** measure on farmland is influenced by the joint allocation of funds, including for the as-yet unimplemented Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC sub-measure. Every year, in accordance with this measure grassland is supported in those Natura 2000 areas that are also located in Zone I of the National Parks or in protected landscape areas with an area of 3,700 hectares or more.

From the group of measures targeting the **Sustainable use of forest land**, relatively successfully utilised is the measure Afforestation of agricultural land, which contributes to the increase of biodiversity by the expansion of the forested areas and to the improvement of the ecological balance of the landscape. Also relatively successful have been other measures, such as projects targeted towards the restoration of forestry potential following disasters and those supporting the societal functions of forests.



## Axis III

### The quality of life in rural areas and the diversification of the rural economy

The principal priorities of Axis III include job creation, the promotion of renewable energy sources, the improvement of the quality of life in rural areas, including education and information provided to the economic subjects and last but not least also the protection of cultural monuments.

The budget for Axis II represents 54% of the total budget for the Rural Development Programme



The largest proportion of the funding is allocated to the measure promoting the **revitalisation and development of villages**. Based on this measure investment in the basic municipal water infrastructure and projects for the construction and renovation of local roads are implemented and also improvements to the appearance of municipalities and of their public facilities and the obtaining local planning documentation.

Also of equal importance is the measure supporting **the diversification of the activities of agricultural entrepreneurs**, which is focused on the construction, modernisation and purchase of buildings, machinery, technology and equipment utilised for the diversification of the activities of agricultural entrepreneurs in the direction of non-agricultural activities, including the construction of decentralised facilities based on the use of renewable sources of fuels and energy. The development of small-scale manufacturing and of trades and services is implemented in order to support **business creation and development** activities. Supporting **tourism** is intended to encourage the construction of accommodation facilities, including restaurants, and sports facilities with sports equipment rental and additional tourist infrastructure. The final active measure is that of **Skills acquisition, animation and implementation** which focuses on support for the preparation of an Integrated Territorial Strategy.

## Axis IV

### LEADER



Axis IV - LEADER represents the methodological axis and it is implemented through the fulfilment of the objectives of the individual measures defined by Axes I - III. The main contribution of Axis IV - LEADER is the means by which the rural development projects are implemented and interconnected.

The purpose of Axis IV - LEADER is to improve the quality of life in rural areas, to support the strengthening of the economic potential and of the appreciation of the natural and cultural heritage of rural areas, while also supporting the management and administrative resources in the rural areas. The principles of LEADER constitute a particularly beneficial method of rural development because they bring about positive effects resulting from the co-operation of different entities that operate in the same rural areas. Local Action Groups (LAG) following the LEADER principle are not acting in opposition to the local government, but more effectively complement the

effort of the revitalisation and development of communities and also contribute to the development of agriculture and the care for nature and the landscape. Currently there are 150 Local Action Groups in the Czech Republic of which 112 were chosen to provide support for the RDP.

In addition to supporting the functioning of the LAGs and the implementation of their Strategic LEADER plans, also supported and integral to the fourth axis is the implementation of cooperative projects at both the national and the international level. The purpose of this measure is to support the use of best practices to strengthen innovative practices and the transfer of knowledge.

The budget for Axis IV represents 5% of the allocation of funds from the RDP.

# The South Bohemian Region

South Bohemia is principally an agricultural and tourist area of Bohemia with a rich tradition of fish farming. A part of this fish production is also exported abroad. Cultivated in the fields are undemanding crops such as cereals, oilseeds and, amongst root crops, potatoes. Livestock production is oriented towards beef and dairy cattle. Rural tourism in this region has been developed to a high degree. Projects implemented through the RDP have contributed to the development of the rural areas, to the reduction of any negative impacts of agriculture on the landscape and to improving competitiveness in the production of food commodities. In the rural areas these projects assist business development, create jobs and ultimately strengthen the affiliation of the population.



The principal regional city	České Budějovice
Official website	<a href="http://www.kraj-jihocesky.cz">http://www.kraj-jihocesky.cz</a>
Area of the region	10 056 km²
Population	636 118
Agriculture	fish farming, ducks, cattle and pigs, cereals, oilseeds and potatoes

## The utilisation of funds from the Rural Development Programme as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012

Projects		Funding Received
Specification of the data	Number of projects	Total amount in millions of CZK
Measures supported in Axis I	1 401	1 740
Measures supported in Axis II – Projects	25	64
Measures supported in Axis II – Entitlement	4 000 *	5 551 **
Measures supported in Axis III	350	1 014
Measures supported in Axis IV ***	512	225

\* Annual average number of requests for all measures for Axis II.

\*\* The amount paid from the initiation of the programme period for the obligations of the RDP and the HRDP from the RDP envelope.

\*\*\* These are the projects funded, exclusive of Measure IV.1.1 - The Local Action Group.

# Axis I

Project Title
Preservation of healing substances in natural products with an innovative way of storing them
Project Number
08/004/1131a/231/002665
Location of the implementation of the project
Čičenice
Year of completion of the project
2010
The amount of support provided by the RDP
CZK 6 021 600
The characteristics of the project

The project implemented enabled the company to utilise an innovative method for the processing and storage of herbs and plants.

The newly built facility is designed in such a manner that every season the proper and especially a stable temperature and degree of humidity and sufficient air circulation are guaranteed and thereby a significant loss of the healing properties of herbs and plants is avoided.

The project has improved the quality of the stored raw materials and of the finished products, enabling the storage of larger quantities of raw materials and facilitating the widening of the of the product range.

Thanks to the support for the project new jobs were created. The project has also had a positive impact for the buyers and suppliers of the BYLINY Mikeš s.r.o. Company - based on the quality of the products and their wide range it is possible to foresee revenue growth and the implementation of independent investment and development projects.





# Axis II

**Category of the measure**

II.1.1. Natural handicap payments in less favoured areas (LFA)  
II.1.3. Agri-environmental measures

**Category of the sub-measure (title)**

II.1.3.1 Environmentally friendly procedures  
II.1.3.1.1 Organic agriculture  
II.1.3.2. Grassland management

**Location of the implementation of these measures**

Branišov

**The period of the utilisation of the subsidy**

2007 - 2013

**The characteristics of the project**

The purpose of this measure is the support the management of those areas with less favourable conditions in order to protect the countryside, to support environmentally friendly systems and to contribute to the stabilisation of the rural population in these areas. On the farm in Branišov, as part of this measure, maintenance of 25 ha of mountain pastures is provided together with permission for the breeding of 35 head of beef cattle of the Highland breed.

These agri-environmental measures have the purpose of promote ways of using agricultural land that are compatible with the protection and the improvement of the environment and the landscape and of their characteristics. This supports the conservation of managed areas of great nature value, of natural resources and biodiversity and the preservation of the land. The entire Branišov farm is involved in organic farming production with the possibility of marketing the organic beef meat processed in its own slaughterhouse with an organic certificate.



# Axis III

**Project Title**

The multipurpose hall in Řepice

**Project Number**

07/002/3212a/231/000089

**Location of the implementation of the project**

Řepice

**Year of completion of the project**

2009

**The amount of support provided by the RDP**

CZK 9 067 534

**The characteristics of the project**

As part of the project a multipurpose premise was created for the social, cultural, educational and sports activities of citizens. Annually it hosts dozens of events with a regional outreach, and the reconstructed premises are used 7 days a week for the requirements of citizens and local associations. Last, but not least, a listed the facade of a Renaissance building was saved and historic spaces in its former cellar were restored. This reconstruction helped to both improve the appearance of the public areas and to improve the quality of life for the inhabitants of the village. The building was granted the prestigious Presta architectural award.



# Axis IV

**Project Title**

Landscaping in the village of Bradáčov

**Project Number**

08/005/41200/031/000197

**Location of the implementation of the project**

Bradáčov a Horní Světlá

**Year of completion of the project**

2009

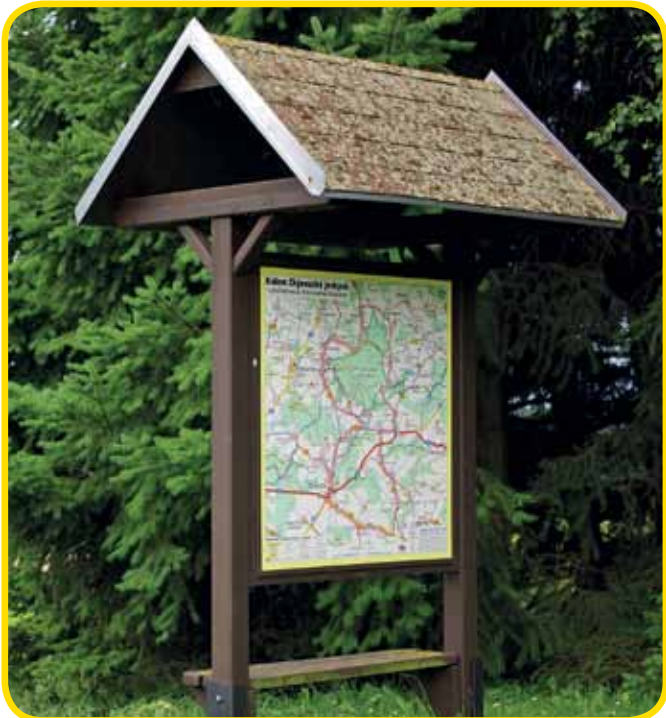
**The amount of support provided by the RDP**

CZK 109 461

**The characteristics of the project**

In the centre of both villages street furniture was constructed, which assisted in improving the manner in which the population is kept informed about local upcoming events and activities (sports, cultural, etc.) and those taking place in the surrounding villages. The centre of the village was beautified with ornamental flower-beds and conveniently located benches that conform appropriately with the atmosphere of the village.

From the funds granted a garden tractor was purchased, which enables more regular care of the lawn, thereby helps to maintain the pleasant appearance of the village.



# The South Moravian Region

The climate of the South Moravian Region is one of the warmest in the Czech Republic. In the lowlands of southern Moravia the soil is very fertile. This fertility is limited, however, by frequent and significant weather events, i.e. either extreme drought or flooding. The southern part of the agricultural region, in particular, is frequently affected by drought, while in the same area the largest overflow and flood areas in the Czech Republic are located. These two extremes fundamentally influence both the care of the land and the agriculture. Cereals, canola and corn are grown there, together with fruits and vegetables on a much smaller scale. The region also includes the largest area of vineyards in the Czech Republic. In recent years there has been a significant decline in the quantity of livestock, cattle and pigs. Since 2010 a thematic working group focussing on the effects of extreme drought in arid areas has been active in the South Moravia Region. One of its additional outputs is an analysis with the goal of suggesting possible measures for maintaining soil quality and for improving the water regime, the environment and the quality of life in rural areas.

The principal regional city	Brno
Official website	<a href="http://www.kr-jihomoravsky.cz">http://www.kr-jihomoravsky.cz</a>
Area of the region	7196.5 km²
Population	1 166 830
Agriculture	cereals, rape, corn, grapevines; on a small scale vegetables, fruits

**The utilisation of funds from the Rural Development Programme as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

Projects		Funding Received
Specification of the data	Number of projects	Total amount in millions of CZK
Measures supported in Axis I	1 180	1 397
Measures supported in Axis II – Projects	14	22
Measures supported in Axis II – Entitlement	1 500 *	2 041**
Measures supported in Axis III	251	688
Measures supported in Axis IV ***	392	194

\* Annual average number of requests for all measures for Axis II.  
\*\* The amount paid from the initiation of the programme period for the obligations of the RDP and the HRDP from the RDP envelope.  
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# Axis I

**Project Title**

PPO and PEO Hájek, Blatnice

**Project Number**

08/005/1140d/564/003548

**Location of the implementation of the project**

Blatnice pod Svatým Antonínkem

**Year of completion of the project**

2009

**The amount of support provided by the RDP**

CZK 5 208 183

**The characteristics of the project**

The construction consists primarily of a water reservoir with an area of 1,200 m2 including a drain facility and a piped gully, DN 800, 240 m in length.

A sedimentation reservoir, recreating the form of wetland, with an overflow was constructed on the feeder together with the necessary reinforcement to the right bank of the ravine that consists of three log dams and with accompanying greenery.

The implementation of this project has provided for a reduction of flood flows and for the retention of water in the land-area during torrential rains. It creates an element in the landscape that fulfils both environmental and aesthetic requirements and also the function of creating a habitat for plants and animals and providing possibilities for recreation and for sport fishing.

Lastly, the modified area serves as a resting place for cyclists.



# Axis II

**Category of the measure**

II.1.3. Agri-environmental measures

**Category of the sub-measure (title)**

II.1.3.1 Environmentally friendly procedures  
- II.1.3.2.2 Integrated production of grapevines

**Location of the implementation of this measure**

Týnec

**The period of the utilisation of the subsidy**

2009 - 2014

**The characteristics of the project**

As part of the Integrated Production sub-measure Wineries Kosík has received a subsidy for blocks of land containing vineyards. The subsidy itself assists in reducing the cost of treating the individual vineyards and the funds saved are invested in better protection of the vineyards and in modern technology. A major benefit is the reduction of the environmental burden in the manner of controlling the quantity of chemicals that are utilised for the protection of the vines. Since this is a long process, only in the next generation will it be possible to assess the improvement to the quality of the environment - this seems in any case like a step in the right direction.





# Axis III

**Project Title**

The biogas plant Devět křížů

**Project Number**

10/009/3110b/564/000478

**Location of the implementation of the project**

Domašov

**Year of completion of the project**

2011

**The amount of support provided by the RDP**

CZK 20 239 202

**The characteristics of the project**

The Company Management decided to construct a biogas plant (hereinafter referred to as „BGP“) as a replacement for the terminated production of pork.A fully functioning BGP should restore the missing revenue and reduce dependence on commercial companies since, due to the cancellation of the pork production the consumption of feed grains decreased.

The implementation of the project has contributed not only to the stabilisation of revenues, but also to maintaining employment in the region, to improvements in the handling, storage and use of the liquid manure (slurry, dung water) produced by cattle breeding and to the reduction of the odour of this operation. Putting the BGP into operation generated the need for undertaking an additional project; now it will be necessary to construct facilities for utilising waste heat. In the first stage a heat pipeline should be constructed that would provide heating to the existing buildings (the hygiene facilities, workshops, offices, etc.). However, this will only ensure the use of a part of the waste heat generated. For the remaining waste heat another suitable method of application is being sought.

Currently a study is being prepared, based on which it is planned to select the optimal manner of utilising this energy source. Under consideration, for example, is the drying of digestate, lumber, etc.



# Axis IV

**Project Title**

Rural landscape traditions

**Project Number**

08/005/4210a/452/000015

**Location of the implementation of the project**

Kozojídky, Strážnice, Tvarožná Lhota, Hroznová Lhota, Sudoměřice

**Year of completion of the project**

2011

**The amount of support provided by the RDP**

CZK 4 134 149

**The characteristics of the project**

Historically, the land of Bohemia and Moravia has for centuries been cultivated farmland with orchards and gardens, the acreage of which, however, has been decreasing as people's interest in the landscape has changed. The project for cooperation between the three local action groups (LAG) „Rural landscape traditions in Bohemia and Moravia“ in a wide range of activities has revived the interest of locals and tourists alike in fruit growing, viticulture, apiculture and other such crafts in relation with local consumption, gastronomy, the activities of associations and in agritourism.

Identified and planted in the region as part of the project (in collaboration with the local people) were forgotten traditional fruit trees, such as Rowanberry, for example. All of the species and varieties planted have been documented and a poster - „Rare fruits of Bohemia and Moravia“ - was printed. One overall result of the project is the publication of the „Cookbook from the Countryside of Bohemia and Moravia“ containing recipes for preparing traditional dishes from both the fruits and the other gifts of nature to our regions. Other activities carried out as part of the project include the planting of gene-pool orchards, in which educational panels are displayed. Also made accessible were various other locations that are thematically linked to the project, thematic exhibitions were prepared and various events were supported, at which visitors could become acquainted with the traditional products and crafts of this specific region. From amongst the wide-ranging menu of events and activities it is possible to specifically mention, for example, a distillery and cider house in Strážnice, that carries out the production of cider and spirits, and where there is an exhibition of fruit and grape processing together with a demonstration of the traditional technological procedures utilised.



# The Karlovy Vary Region

The character of the climate and the quality of the agricultural soils of the Karlovy Vary Region do not create conditions that are favourable for intensive agriculture. In the foothills and the mountainous areas where there is a predominance of grassland and pasture primarily cattle and sheep are bred. Cereals are successfully grown on the land that is of higher agricultural quality and also rape which has a long historical tradition. An important feature of this area is the ecological manner of farming utilised. The Rural Development Programme is an important source of funding for projects focused, for example, on the reconstruction of stables, shelters, refuse-depositories, haylofts, grain silos, biogas plants, enclosed arenas for training horses, etc. Additionally supported from these funds are activities directed towards the construction of small-scale processing establishments, such as dairies, slaughterhouses, fruit-drying plants, cheese manufactures, etc. The funds are also used to support projects focused on interesting activities organised by municipalities or non-profit organisations.



The principal regional city	Karlovy Vary
Official website	<a href="http://www.kr-karlovarsky.cz">http://www.kr-karlovarsky.cz</a>
Area of the region	3 314 km²
Population	302 805
Agriculture	grazing livestock, in particular beef cattle, organic farming

## The utilisation of funds from the Rural Development Programme as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012

Projects		Funding Received
Specification of the data	Number of projects	Total amount in millions of CZK
Measures supported in Axis I	267	405
Measures supported in Axis II – Projects	5	13
Measures supported in Axis II – Entitlement	700 *	2 440 **
Measures supported in Axis III	48	150
Measures supported in Axis IV ***	75	68

\* Annual average number of requests for all measures for Axis II.  
 \*\* The amount paid from the initiation of the programme period for the obligations of the RDP and the HRDP from the RDP envelope.  
 \*\*\* These are the projects funded, exclusive of Measure IV.1.1 - The Local Action Group.

# Axis I

Project Title
Wintering area for sheep - Abertamy/Pernink
Project number
07/001/1111a/341/000900
Location of the implementation of the project
Pernink
Year of completion of the project
2008
The amount of support provided by the RDP
CZK 2 706 000
The characteristics of the project

During the period of reconstruction the remaining building of the destroyed former stables was utilised. After the completion of all the work the building had been completely renovated, with a new system for housing and feeding that corresponds to the requirements for organic sheep farming. The capacity of the sheepfold is for 616 sheep in free-standing pens. This reconstruction enabled the farm to develop additional business activities - milking sheep and making cheese and other dairy products based on organic farming.

The implementation of this project has contributed to the preservation of jobs in this area with a high unemployment rate, while at the same time increasing the competitiveness of the company that also operates in harsh mountain conditions.





# Axis II

**Category of the measure**

II.1.3. Agri-environmental measures

**Category of the sub-measure (title)**

II.1.3.1 Environmentally friendly procedures

II.1.3.1.1 Organic agriculture

II.1.3.2. Grassland management

**Location of the implementation of this measure**

Kamenný Dvůr

**The period of the utilisation of the subsidy**

2007 - 2013

**The characteristics of the project**

The implementation of the RDP measures has contributed to the adequate maintenance of the land around the farm and to the improvement of the overall environment in this region. Great losses had been experienced on the arable land, due to consistent damage by forest animals to the cereals grown. Grassing, however, eliminated this problem and the company has also achieved an improvement in the financial balance of its business. The permanent grassland is now treated during its vegetation so that there has not been so much damage to the arable land. In the areas of permanent grassland a herd of suckler cows is pastured. Based on this scheme the costs for animal feed, energy and fuel consumption are saved. Also significantly decreased is the amount of manual labour by employees required. High school students and other interested persons from the agricultural world and the professional public have also been familiarised with the positive benefits of these farming methods. The implementation of these measures has contributed to a significant improvement in the farm environment and to the living standards both of its employees and of residents around the farm. Our goal is to persevere with these efforts and to not only contribute to the creation of better working conditions in agriculture but also to preserve the environment of this region.



# Axis III

**Project Title**

Rescuing the Church of St. Catherine

**Project Number**

08/005/3220b/341/001012

**Location of the implementation of the project**

Křižovatka

**Year of completion of the project**

2009

**The amount of support provided by the RDP**

CZK 2 444 049

**The characteristics of the project**

The Church of St. Catherine dates back to the 12th Century and it was declared a cultural monument by the Ministry of Culture, listed under number 11508/4-5087. The church was destroyed and rebuilt several times in the past. Since the year 2009 the building has been under the ownership of the municipality of Křižovatka, which initiated the construction and restoration work that is led to the rescuing of the single object in the village possessing a cultural heritage. The rescue work on the church was divided into three phases - currently ongoing is the second phase, which should be completed during the year 2013. After the reconstruction and restoration work has been completed a permanent exhibition about the Křižovatka municipality and its surroundings will be installed in the church. At the same time the monument will also be used for a variety of social and cultural events, such as concerts, exhibitions, ceremonies, funereal farewells and others.



# Axis IV

**Project Title**

The establishment of an Art Workshop

**Project Number**

10/010/41200/145/001701

**Location of the implementation of the project**

Dolní Rychnov

**Year of completion of the project**

2011

**The amount of support provided by the RDP**

CZK 315 961

**The characteristics of the project**

Through the establishment of the Art Workshop in the attic of the Nursery School, premises were also created suitable for gatherings of the people of the village, for mothers with children and, at the same time, opportunities for artistic enjoyment by the kindergarten pupils were expanded.

The workshop can be utilised not only for artistic activities, but also for gatherings of children who play musical instruments.

The establishment of the workshop has made for the effective utilisation of the attic-space of this municipal building. Interesting opportunities have been created for its active leisure time usage by the children and the young people of the village.



# The Hradec Králové Region

Agricultural production in this region is concentrated in the area of the Elbe lowlands. Cultivated there are cereals, oilseed rape, sugar beet and corn, reared are dairy cattle. The foothill areas have less favourable conditions for agriculture. There cereals and root crops are grown. In the meadows on the slopes of the mountains cattle are bred, mostly for beef. Many farms are taking advantage of the opportunities for the diversification of their economic activities, especially in terms of energy production (biogas plants, solar collectors). Funds from the RDP, as in other regions, serve as a support for the reconstruction and development of this region. Representatives of the RAARA of this region consider it very important to pay sufficient attention to and provide support for the education of youthful future farmers.

The principal regional city	Hradec Králové
Official website	<a href="http://www.kr-kralovehradecky.cz">http://www.kr-kralovehradecky.cz</a>
Area of the region	4 758 km²
Population	553 519
Agriculture	cereals, oilseeds, sugar beet, potatoes, fruit, cattle breeding.

**The utilisation of funds from the Rural Development Programme as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

Projects		Funding Received	
Specification of the data	Number of projects	Total amount in millions of CZK	
Measures supported in Axis I	529	719	
Measures supported in Axis II – Projects	25	15	
Measures supported in Axis II – Entitlement	1 700 *	2 014 **	
Measures supported in Axis III	186	635	
Measures supported in Axis IV ***	339	164	

\* Annual average number of requests for all measures for Axis II.  
\*\* The amount paid from the initiation of the programme period for the obligations of the RDP and the HRDP from the RDP envelope.  
\*\*\* These are the projects funded, exclusive of Measure IV.1.1 - The Local Action Group.



# Axis I

**Project Title**

The purchase of a container mini-dairy

**Project Number**

10/010/11310/452/002639

**Location of the implementation of the project**

Rokytnice v Orlických horách

**Year of completion of the project**

2010

**The amount of support provided by the RDP**

CZK 1 000 000

**The characteristics of the project**

This project was implemented on a family farm in Rokytnice v Orlických Horách, where cows have already been bred since 1991. In recent years, the purchase price for milk by dairies had dropped to such exploitative levels that the farmers decided to process and sell a part of their production independently. The purchase of a small container dairy proved a huge benefit, especially for enhancing the quality of the dairy products. Another positive aspect of this project has been the rapid growth in the production of products and the increase of their independent sales. People from the surrounding area and visitors to the Orlické Mountains find their way to the farm and often go shopping for their favourite milk, kefir, cottage cheese, yoghurt, butter and various types of cheeses. Additional development of the farm could support the purchase of a cooled vehicle that could deliver products to more distant supply points or sell them directly at the increasingly popular farmers' markets.



# Axis II

**Category of the measure**

II.1.3. Agri-environmental measures

**Category of the sub-measure (title)**

II.1.3.1 Environmentally friendly procedures  
II.1.3.1.1 Organic agriculture – permanent cultures (orchards)

**Location of the implementation of this measure**

Vinice u Hořic v Podkrkonoší

**The period of the utilisation of the subsidy**

2007 - 2013

**The characteristics of the project**

This ecological orchard was already established here in 1999. Covering an area of 5.22 ha, 8,000 trees of resistant cultivars were planted here. The motivation for this activity was to demonstrate in practice that the ecological production of fruit without the use of synthetic pesticides and fertilisers is sustainable, that it contributes to the protection of nature and provides people with healthy fruit. The orchard is currently visited by excursion groups, both from within the Czech Republic and from abroad, including high-school and university students. The farmer published his experience of this work in a methodological publication and has also been involved in the creation of schoolbooks. These activities have contributed to the popularisation of organic farming and they have also inspired many followers. The orchard on the hill above Hořice constitutes a significant element of the landscape while offering a very rich biodiversity including many species of fauna and flora. The number of people who are interested in buying directly from „the farmyard“ continues to increase. In 2008 the farmer was awarded the annual „Barták's pot“ prize as the best organic farmer in the CR. The RDP subsidies support the farmer's ability to conduct his business in accordance with a strictly organic regime and are essential for helping to bridge the difficult times (e.g. seasonal and climatic fluctuations).



## Axis III

### Project Title

The sewerage system in the Kosičky municipality

### Project Number

07/002/3211b/452/000892

### Location of the implementation of the project

Kosičky

### Year of completion of the project

2010

### The amount of support provided by the RDP

CZK 24 363 400

### The characteristics of the project

Prior to the construction of separated sanitary sewers, waste water was either discharged through septic tanks into settling tank, from which the water then flowed into the Bystřice River or it was retained in the septic tanks of individual households. Now this polluted water is let out to a wastewater treatment plant. This has reduced the quantity of pollutants flowing in the Bystřice River, the final effect of which is that this contributes to the improvement of the environment of this region. After connecting to the new sewerage system, citizens no longer need to worry about emptying their septic tanks and cesspools and there is also a considerable financial saving in the family budgets of the individual households.



## Axis IV

### Project Title

Preservation of the monuments from the War of 1866 at the battlefield near Hradec Kralove – a series of 24 memorials

### Project Number

10/010/41200/127/001309

### Location of the implementation of the project

Hořiněves, Dohalice, Sovětice, Všetaty (Rosnice, Bříza, Chlum, Lípa), Mžany (Stračovská Lhota), Kunčice

### Year of completion of the project

2010

### The amount of support provided by the RDP

CZK 449 280

### The characteristics of the project

The Committee for the Maintenance of Monuments from the War of 1866 is a civic association that is dedicated to the tradition of protection of the heritage of the War of 1866. In respect of the care of war graves and memorials of 1866 the Committee 1866, together with other participating institutions, has succeeded during the last 20 years in saving, reconstructing and repairing almost 700 war graves and memorials out of the total number of the more than 1300 war graves from 1866 that are located within the territory of the Czech Republic. The sites that have been reconstructed as part of this project are visited by members of the general public of all ages and social groups. The reconstruction of the monuments and making them accessible has led to a significant recovery of certain individual communities and to the improvement of the environment of the battlefield complex situated close to Hradec Králové. The monuments are also located on the routes of nature trails and are frequently visited by both domestic and foreign visitors. Thanks to this project the memorials from the war of 1866 were rescued and these war graves were returned to a decent condition. All the monuments on the individual battlefields create a unique series of monuments of military funeral architecture of the 19th and 20th centuries that has existed there for more than 140 years and that is unique in Europe.





# The Vysočina Region

The Vysočina Region is one of the colder regions of the Czech Republic, with less fertile soil. Potatoes are a typical crop from the stony fields. Also widespread is the cultivation of cereals and forage crops; at higher elevations the soil is particularly well suited for growing rye and oats. The region is also characterised by cattle breeding and milk production. Funded from the RDP resources are a variety of projects and activities - such as the repair and construction of stables, dung holes, reservoirs, warehouses; supported is the processing of regional products through the promotion of small plants and the acquisition of new technologies. It is also possible to obtain funding for the afforestation of agricultural land. Also supported are activities targeted towards the development of tourism, the diversification of non-agricultural activities and other interesting activities intended to assist in the development of this region.



The principal regional city	Jihlava
Official website	<a href="http://www.kr-vysocina.cz">http://www.kr-vysocina.cz</a>
Area of the region	6 795 km²
Population	511 602
Agriculture	cereals, forage crops, potatoes, cattle

## The utilisation of funds from the Rural Development Programme as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012

Projects		Funding Received
Specification of the data	Number of projects	Total amount in millions of CZK
Measures supported in Axis I	1 375	1 542
Measures supported in Axis II – Projects	37	64
Measures supported in Axis II – Entitlement	3 000 *	2 771**
Measures supported in Axis III	396	1 320
Measures supported in Axis IV ***	219	106

\* Annual average number of requests for all measures for Axis II.

\*\* The amount paid from the initiation of the programme period for the obligations of the RDP and the HRDP from the RDP envelope.

\*\*\* These are the projects funded, exclusive of Measure IV.1.1 - The Local Action Group.

# Axis I

## Project Title

Construction of a farm slaughterhouse

## Project Number

07/002/1131a/561/002083

## Location of the implementation of the project

Jihlava-Sasov

## Year of completion of the project

2010

## The amount of support provided by the RDP

CZK 7 040 000

## The characteristics of the project

Since 1999 the farm has been recognised as an eco-friendly enterprise. One of its main business activities is the breeding of pigs. Pigs are raised on the farm in a unique manner in groups that are defined as „families“. This method, together with the animals staying in the fresh air in enclosures, defines the breeding and rearing of pigs with a maximum emphasis on their welfare and this is viewed as a prerequisite for the subsequent achievement of products of organic quality. With an increasing demand for its products the applicant realised the necessity to solve the production processing by being independent of the contractual processors. A non-economic effect of the project is the elimination of the stress experienced by animals during their transport to the slaughterhouse.

As part of the project, adjustments to the former farm dairy were made in order to construct an on-site slaughterhouse. The appropriate technology for the slaughter of animals and for chilled meat packaging was installed. By putting the slaughterhouse into service a closed production cycle was introduced on the farm, from the input material to the end-product without any significant movement of materials, raw materials or animals. Another important benefit of the project was ensuring the greater financial stability of the applicant.



# Axis II

## Category of the measure

II.1.1. Natural handicap payments in less favoured areas (LFA)  
II.1.3. Agri-environmental measures

## Category of the sub-measure (title)

II.1.3.1 Environmentally friendly procedures  
II.1.3.1.1 Organic agriculture  
II.1.3.2. Grassland management

## Location of the implementation of these measures

Sasov

## The period of the utilisation of the subsidy

2007 - 2015

## The characteristics of the project

Subsidies provided on the basis of these measures help to maintain the landscape of the area and contribute towards the improvement of the environment in this region. Species diversity of the grassland is achieved by cattle grazing. The cattle are also reared under a regime of organic agriculture that is environmentally friendly. Subsidies help to offset the higher costs associated with the organic breeding of cattle and the environmental management of grasslands. The implementation of this manner of farming has positive benefits for the region, which is reflected in the improved environment and the standard of living of its inhabitants.



# Axis III

## Project Title

A multifunctional building in the village of Velká Chyška

## Project Number

07/002/3212a/561/000889

## Location of the implementation of the project

Velká Chyška

## Year of completion of the project

2009

## The amount of support provided by the RDP

CZK 10 903 074

## The characteristics of the project

The completed project has contributed to the development of awareness of the village throughout the entire Strážíště micro-region.

The building is the centre of life in the village. It is the seat of the municipality and the local library (which was awarded the title of Library of the Vysočina Region 2011). The premises are used to fulfil the needs of both the local population (regular meetings of local clubs and organisations, events for children, social gatherings ...), and those of people from other areas of the region (e.g. for English courses, trainings, gatherings of local people, etc.).

Visitors to the region can also take advantage of the information centre and the public Internet access.





Axis IV

Project Title

Reconstruction of the projection facility of the outdoor cinema

Project Number

10/011/41200/148/002207

Location of the implementation of the project

Moravské Budějovice

Year of completion of the project

2011

The amount of support provided by the RDP

CZK 157 500

The characteristics of the project

The outdoor cinema in Moravské Budějovice was already established in 1973. It consists of an auditorium area, a stage with a proscenium, operational equipment, a projection booth block, stairways for the arrival and departure of visitors and a lighting system. Until 2007 these premises were used only occasionally, for cultural events such as concerts and musical shows. The project implemented is intended for the benefit of the general public and has positive aspects both for the citizens of Moravské Budějovice and for all those in the wider area of Moravské Budějovice who are interested in it. The refurbishing of the projection equipment and the purchase of new audio speakers have enabled film screenings throughout the entire summer season. Thereby the options for cultural experiences in the town have been augmented.

This year the reconstruction of the cinema continues with another improvement which is the construction of new toilets. During the following year the modernisation of the premises will continue with the reconstruction of the lighting for the public area, while in subsequent years the restoration of the stairway is planned. The gradual implementation of these individual activities contributes to the value of the premises and the upgrading of the facilities, which can also be used by the Municipal Cultural Centre, as well as by other organisations and associations, supports the organising of a variety of cultural events.



The Liberec Region

In the mountainous area of the Liberec Region there is greater precipitation and the temperature is lower. This enables the cultivation of only less demanding crops, such as oats and animal fodder. The agriculture is primarily focussed on livestock, milk and dairy products. Mainly reared are cattle, pigs and poultry. The Rural Development Programme (RDP) also contributes through subsidies towards the development of this region. Thanks to the subsidies provided, a number of projects could be undertaken that support the creation of new jobs or the modernisation of farms. Investments in the municipal infrastructure, in promoting tourism and the cultural heritage were supported, for example. The activities of the Local Action Groups (LAGs) are also financed by support from the RDP. Thanks to the LAGs the Liberec Region will receive several tens of millions of crowns for the development of rural areas.

The principal regional city	Liberec
Official website	<a href="http://www.kraj-lbc.cz">http://www.kraj-lbc.cz</a>
Area of the region	3 163 km²
Population	438 433
Agriculture	livestock, milk and milk products

The utilisation of funds from the Rural Development Programme as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012

Projects		Funding Received	
Specification of the data	Number of projects	Total amount in millions of CZK	
Measures supported in Axis I	298	391	
Measures supported in Axis II – Projects	16	23	
Measures supported in Axis II – Entitlement	1 600 *	1 728 **	
Measures supported in Axis III	73	188	
Measures supported in Axis IV ***	187	119	

\* Annual average number of requests for all measures for Axis II.  
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\*\*\* These are the projects funded, exclusive of Measure IV.1.1 - The Local Action Group.

# Axis I

**Project Title**

Reconstruction of the 2x24 milking parlour for goats

**Project Number**

07/001/1111a/451/000924

**Location of the implementation of the project**

Pěnčín

**Year of completion of the project**

2008

**The amount of support provided by the RDP**

CZK 755 962

**The characteristics of the project**

The reconstruction of the milking parlour has greatly increased the labour productivity (by cca. 50%) and thanks to the automatic sanitation equipment the milk quality indicators have also improved. Currently 300 goats and 400 sheep are milked daily – the milking parlour is adapted to deal with both species. The improvement in the milk quality is reflected in the delicious taste of our products. All the milk drawn is processed in our own facility into cheese, yoghurt, cottage cheese, kefir, etc. Interest in these products exceeds our production capacity. Sheep and goat breeders are able to participate in a tour of this parlour, the technology of which is very interesting.



# Axis II

**Category of the measure**

- II.1.1. Natural handicap payments in less favoured areas (LFA)
- II.1.3. Agri-environmental measures

**Category of the sub-measure (title)**

- II.1.3.2. Grassland management

**Location of the implementation of these measures**

Václavice u Hrádku nad Nisou, Dětrichov u Frýdlantu

**The period of the utilisation of the subsidy**

2009-2013

**The characteristics of the project**

Subsidies granted for farming in less favoured areas help to compensate for the natural handicaps of these areas. In the pastures that are located in LFAs, the yield of the grassland is lower and the gain in weight of the cattle is not comparable to the national average. The LFA payments minimise the losses resulting from this lower income and contribute to the continued presence of meat breeds in pastures. Thanks to the subsidy, the applicant is able to continue to work with suckler cows and to invest not only in their welfare (drinking facilities in pastures, feeding from the feeding vehicle in winter, the mowing of the ungrazed areas and mineral supplements in the form of licks, etc.), but also to increase their genetic potential through selected top breeding bulls in an attempt to minimise the differences between the weight gains of bulls reared in LFAs and of bulls reared under normal conditions. With support from the Rural Development Programme it is possible to care for the countryside and to preserve the landscape for future generations. Regular mowing of meadows and pastures contributes to maintaining the grassland species-rich and not overgrown with teasel and the result of other seedage; a feature that is certainly appreciated both by the local residents and the general public, those who use this area for recreation.





# Axis III

**Project Title**

Reconstruction of the Church of the Holy Trinity in Polevsko

**Project Number**

09/008/3220b/451/001251

**Location of the implementation of the project**

Polevsko

**Year of completion of the project**

2011

**The amount of support provided by the RDP**

CZK 4 513 940

**The characteristics of the project**

The subject of this project was reconstruction work on the Church of the Holy Trinity. The Church of the Holy Trinity is a cultural monument registered in the Central Register of the Cultural Heritage under registration number 16876/5 - 3217. The work consisted of the reconstruction of the drainage throughout the premises - the repair of the existing drainage and the restoration of the gutters and the downspouts. Additionally carried out was the replacement of the damaged roofing, the restoration of the façade including its stone elements, the repair of the doors and the windows fittings, the renovation and replacement of the door and window infill. The project also included securing work, which consisted of the installation of reinforcing rods in the tower, the bracing of the saddle roof and of masonry faults and restoration of the area of a faulty header.

The aim of the project was, using the construction work implemented, to address the emergency status of a cultural monument in the village, to prevent the further deterioration of this important building and last but not least to value the building, which is widely used by citizens for activities that take place in the community. Another objective was to enhance the attractiveness of this region both for its own citizens and for visitors to the village.



# Axis IV

**Project Title**

U nás je taky hezky! (It's also nice here!) Stage II

**Project Number**

09/007/4210a/451/000013

**Location of the implementation of the project**

Bělá pod Bezdězem, Kravaře, Mimoň, Jablonné v Podještědí, Stráž pod Ralskem, Malá Skála, Kobyly, Radostná pod Kozákovem

**Year of completion of the project**

2010

**The amount of support provided by the RDP**

CZK 2 984 429

**The characteristics of the project**

Restored and equipped as part of the project were selected exhibition facilities in the areas of activity of the Turnovsko LAG and the Podralsko LAG. Their selection was preceded by a community discussion concerning the upcoming collaborative project involving these LAGs.

The exhibitions present specific locations and also placed there are references to all the other exhibitions that were created during the implementation of Stages I and II of this “U nás je taky hezky!” (It's also nice here!) cooperative project. This all contributes to the greater awareness of the visitors. In these premises thematic exhibitions are organised but they are also used as a meeting place for the citizens of these communities. Cultural events and activities also take place there, including follow-up meetings concerning currently running cooperation projects. All the events and activities organised in these premises enable visitors to the region to discover, in addition to the contemporary life, the traditions of these municipalities.



# The Moravian-Silesian Region

Despite the industrial character of this region also well represented are agricultural, food and forestry production. Most of the fertile areas that are suitable for intensive production are located in the districts of Opava, Nový Jičín and in Osoblaha in the Bruntál district where sugar beet, wheat, barley, maize, oilseeds, vegetables and perennial fodder are grown. In terms of livestock production the breeding of dairy cows prevails; the breeding of pigs and poultry is limited. Organic farming is more prevalent in the domain of less favoured areas (LFA) and it is focused primarily on landscape maintenance by grazing cattle and to a certain extent also by sheep. Resources from the Rural Development Programme have contributed towards funding projects that serve for the development of agritourism and also supported are facilities that process products from this region.



The principal regional city	Ostrava
Official website	http://www.kr-moravskoslezsky.cz
Area of the region	5 427 km²
Population	1 229 510
Agriculture	the cultivation of sugar beet, cereals, oilseeds and forage crops; livestock production is focused on breeding dairy cows, suckler cows and to a limited extent also the rearing of pigs, sheep and poultry

## The utilisation of funds from the Rural Development Programme as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012

Projects		Funding Received
Specification of the data	Number of projects	Total amount in millions of CZK
Measures supported in Axis I	905	582
Measures supported in Axis II – Projects	6	8 400
Measures supported in Axis II – Entitlement	2 000 *	2 967 **
Measures supported in Axis III	143	481
Measures supported in Axis IV ***	198	141

\* Annual average number of requests for all measures for Axis II.  
 \*\* The amount paid from the initiation of the programme period for the obligations of the RDP and the HRDP from the RDP envelope.  
 \*\*\* These are the projects funded, exclusive of Measure IV.1.1 - The Local Action Group.

# Axis I

Project Title
Improving its quality through the certification of the production of Otické Sauerkraut
Project Number
09/007/11310/780/003570
Location of the implementation of the project
Otice
Year of completion of the project
2011
The amount of support provided by the RDP
CZK 3 553 820
The characteristics of the project

The project was planned due to the requirement for the International Food Standard certification (IFS) for the production of Otické Sauerkraut.

This standard combines the requirements of ISO 9001:2000 and HACCP and also the specific requirements of retailers and consumers. Food businesses with accredited certification in accordance with the IFS norm have exhibited a high standard of hygiene and obtain an exceptional market position and a competitive advantage. The introduction of the IFS certification in 2010 facilitated meeting the requirements of food chains that specify this certification as a prerequisite for the sale of goods under their individual trademarks.

- The additional objectives of this project were:
- the improvement of the corporate structure for the quality control of the manufacturing process
  - an increase in labour productivity
  - a reduction in operating costs
  - an increase in the company's market value

The project implemented facilitated the promotion of sales of „Otické Sauerkraut“ and the logical outcome of this was the evaluation of the product for two consecutive years as a prestigious Regional Food of the MSR, where, in 2011, the company won an award for „Otické Red Sauerkraut“ and in 2012 another for the product „Otické White Sauerkraut with Carrot“.





# Axis II

## Category of the measure

- II.1.1. Natural handicap payments in less favoured areas (LFA)
- II.1.3. Agri-environmental measures

## Category of the sub-measure (title)

- II.1.3.1 Environmentally friendly procedures
  - II.1.3.1.1 Organic agriculture
- II.1.3.2. Grassland management

## Location of implementation of these measures

Jelení u Holčovic

## The period of the utilisation of the subsidy

2007-2015

## The characteristics of the project

The farm carries out its activities in areas of less favourable conditions with the goal of preserving the countryside, supporting environmentally-friendly systems and contributing to the stabilisation of the rural population in these areas. With support from two measures (LFA and AEM) the company provides the maintenance of mountain pastures and the subsidy also contributes to the ecological rearing of sheep and cattle and of non-traditional herbivores, such as deer, bison and llamas. The proper maintenance of meadows and pastures contributes to the conservation of the species-rich vegetation in these areas. All this also supports the interests of both the local and the „non-resident“ population in this region, and thereby contributes to an increase in traffic to our region.



# Axis III

## Project Title

Conversion of former farm buildings to a microbrewery

## Project Number

10/009/3120a/780/000017

## Location of the implementation of the project

Rohov

## Year of completion of the project

2010

## The amount of support provided by the RDP

CZK 1 485 717

## The characteristics of the project

The emergence of this microbrewery, which constitutes a part of an existing restaurant with a long tradition, has attracted many new visitors to the village. The company has increased its sales and has created new jobs. Due to the increasing demand for beer from this microbrewery it is currently planning to expand in order to increase its production. In this manner, in this small village with about 600 inhabitants, another two jobs will be created.



# Axis IV

**Project Title**

The Annaberg natural gym

**Project Number**

10/010/41200/131/001085

**Location of the implementation of the project**

Andělská Hora

**Year of completion of the project**

2011

**The amount of support provided by the RDP**

CZK 1 002 600

**The characteristics of the project**

The subject of the project realised is of particular importance for the town of Andělská Hora. It will, however, also be available for free use by the general public (e.g. for pre-school and school-age children, for families and for other visitors irrespective of their age) from the surrounding villages and towns for fulfilling their sports and relaxation needs and for increasing their physical endurance.

This means of an active approach to the use of leisure time will contribute to the improvement of the health of local residents and of visitors to the region. The completed project will support the improvement of physical education in local schools, offer additional outdoor training options for children and young people and contribute to the expansion of the current options for physiotherapy and rehabilitation treatment for patients from local sanatoria.



# The Olomouc Region

The most fertile parts of the Olomouc Region are the Upper Morava valley and the area along the Haná River. They have fertile soil and a warm climate. Fruits, vegetables, sugar beet, wheat, corn, oilseed rape, barley and hops are grown there. In the foothills of the Jeseníky Mountains there is a colder climate and the agriculture is focussed more on pastoralism and livestock production. The RDP represents one of the major financial resources that support rural development and agri-business in the Olomouc Region. Such projects as the renovation or construction of playgrounds, gyms and multifunctional buildings in villages have been supported and the creation of small businesses has also been financed. In addition, a variety of activities that have helped to revive social life in villages have also been supported and contributions have been made to improve the appearance of municipalities and the quality of life of their inhabitants.

<b>The principal regional city</b>	<b>Olomouc</b>
<b>Official website</b>	<a href="http://www.kr-olomoucky.cz">http://www.kr-olomoucky.cz</a>
<b>Area of the region</b>	5 159 km²
<b>Population</b>	638 080
<b>Agriculture</b>	barley, wheat, sugar beet, fruit and vegetables, cattle

**The utilisation of funds from the Rural Development Programme as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

Projects		Funding Received	
Specification of the data	Number of projects	Total amount in millions of CZK	
Measures supported in Axis I	637	653	
Measures supported in Axis II – Projects	10	13	
Measures supported in Axis II – Entitlement	1 200 *	2 369 **	
Measures supported in Axis III	158	489	
Measures supported in Axis IV ***	429	202	

\* Annual average number of requests for all measures for Axis II.  
\*\* The amount paid from the initiation of the programme period for the obligations of the RDP and the HRDP from the RDP envelope.  
\*\*\* These are the projects funded, exclusive of Measure IV.1.1 - The Local Action Group.



# Axis I

**Project Title**

A rearing house for young cattle

**Project Number**

10/009/1111a/671/000971

**Location of the implementation of the project**

Protivanov

**Year of completion of the project**

2011

**The amount of support provided by the RDP**

CZK 4 735 255

**The characteristics of the project**

The project for the implementation of a rearing house for young cattle is conceptually linked to dairy farming for 820 cows. The implementation of the project has addressed:

- the remedying of the adverse operating conditions
- the creation of a favourable working environment for the crew taking care of cca. 150 calves in individual boxes
- the creation of optimal conditions for the rearing of calves of up to the age of cca. 1 year

The project has enabled the achievement of high labour productivity based on the implementation of mechanisation for most work operations.



# Axis II

**Category of the measure**

II.1.1. Natural handicap payments in less favoured areas (LFA)  
II.1.3. Agri-environmental measures

**Category of the sub-measure (title)**

II.1.3.1 Environmentally friendly procedures  
- II.1.3.1.1 Organic agriculture  
II.1.3.2. Grassland management + management of the bird sites on the grassland – a nesting site of the corncrake

**Location of implementation of these measures**

Malá Morava

**The period of the utilisation of the subsidy**

2009-2013

**The characteristics of the project**

For meadows and pastures in less favoured areas payments associated with these measures help to compensate for their natural disadvantages. Grassland grazing sheep and cattle, in this case bred in an organic manner, support the species diversity of grassland vegetation. As a feature of the management of the Bird Sites on the grassland, at selected locations of the nesting sites of the corncrake a special management regime is maintained (restrictions against the fertilisation and the mowing of the grass), which is adequately compensated through payment subsidies provided in accordance with this agri-environmental measure. Utilised subsidies help to maintain the countryside and preserve its landscape.



## Axis III

### Project Title

Wastewater disposal in Radslavice - The WWTP and sewerage

### Project Number

07/002/3211b/671/000134

### Location of the implementation of the project

Radslavice

### Year of completion of the project

2009

### The amount of support provided by the RDP

CZK 32 530 068

### The characteristics of the project

The implementation of this project has enabled the connecting of almost all the buildings in the village to a new wastewater treatment plant and thereby the disposal of all the waste water produced. The implemented project has facilitated an improvement in the purity of the Radslavický Brook, which flows through the centre of the municipality. Secondly, also improved was the quality of the groundwater in the protected zones of the water resources of the public Radslavice - Grymov water conduit and in the protected zone of the natural Hanácká kyselka - Horní Moštěnice mineral waters. The completed project has enabled the creation of the conditions for the further development of the municipality. The reconstruction of a primary school took place and also planned is the renovation of the Cultural Centre; the development of the individual family houses is continuing and business in the village is also supported.



## Axis IV

### Project Title

Improvement of the facilities for the activities of the Sagittarie Land League

### Project Number

10/010/41200/016/000961

### Location of the implementation of the project

Křelov - Břuchotín

### Year of completion of the project

2010

### The amount of support provided by the RDP

CZK 665 174

### The characteristics of the project

The implementation of this project has contributed to the improvement of the technical facilities for the care of valuable natural locations in Central Moravia that are managed by the Sagittarie Land League. The supported project represented the first phase of the reconstruction of the Sagittarie Ecological Centre in Křelov. The repairs included new wiring, new interior plaster and floors, including waterproofing the warehouse, workshop and garage, the replacement of windows and entrance doors to the outbuilding area of the premises and the replacement of the garage doors.

The minor repairs included attaching flashing to the barn and fixing the chimney head.





# The Pardubice Region

The greater part of the area of the Pardubice Region is occupied by fertile agricultural land and the most important agricultural area of the region lies along the Elbe River. Mostly grown there are cereals, beets, corn, potatoes and oilseed rape. In the foothill areas the farmers grow oats, potatoes and flax. Also utilised in the region is Axis II of the RDP, whereby support for less favoured areas contributes to the conservation of the landscape, the maintenance of cattle rearing and the preservation of jobs. The financial resources of the RDP have contributed to the modernisation of cattle stables and poultry-houses and, to a lesser extent, they have also focused on pig farming. The completed projects have led to better animal welfare and a growth in labour productivity. The stability of the farms has been significantly facilitated by the upgrading of the post-harvest grain lines and the construction of biogas plants. The application of the LEADER method has facilitated the restoration of a dialogue between the local authorities, the associations, the businesses and farmers in the rural areas.



The principal regional city	Pardubice
Official website	<a href="http://www.pardubickykraj.cz">http://www.pardubickykraj.cz</a>
Area of the region	4 519 km²
Population	516 294
Agriculture	cereals, beet, potato, rapeseed

## The utilisation of funds from the Rural Development Programme as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012

Projects		Funding Received
Specification of the data	Number of projects	Total amount in millions of CZK
Measures supported in Axis I	670	770
Measures supported in Axis II – Projects	37	34
Measures supported in Axis II – Entitlement	1 500 *	1 572 **
Measures supported in Axis III	177	750
Measures supported in Axis IV ***	153	67

\* Annual average number of requests for all measures for Axis II.

\*\* The amount paid from the initiation of the programme period for the obligations of the RDP and the HRDP from the RDP envelope.

\*\*\* These are the projects funded, exclusive of Measure IV.1.1 - The Local Action Group.

# Axis I

## Project Title

A Mushroom Drying Plant

## Project Number

08/004/1131a/453/002184

## Location of the implementation of the project

Dolany

## Year of completion of the project

2009

## The amount of support provided by the RDP

CZK 219 640

## The characteristics of the project

The project consisted of establishing a drying facility that is able to rapidly remove the water from fungal tissue under conditions that must not lead to the impairment of any active substances that are also used by people for the treatment of the most serious diseases. Another equally important process is the actual breaking down of the raw materials into a very fine fraction, which is achieved by grinding in suspension while following strict temperature requirements.

The implementation of the project initiated the implementation of a range of possible procedures for the processing of the mushrooms grown that are of organic quality. Thereby the company clearly distinguished itself from similar manufacturers and suppliers who operate throughout the territory of Czech Republic in the production of items of unidentifiable quality. The company was also included in a programme for the testing of grown and processed mushrooms and of their effects on the human organism. The implementation of this project enabled the company to continue its further development, which includes the growing and processing of medicinal mushrooms, in such a manner as to preserve all the active substances that they contain.



# Axis II

**Project Title**

Restoring forestry potential following disasters

**Project Number**

08/003/2241a/452/000050

**Location of the implementation of the project**

The forests in the area of Česká Metuje

**Year of completion of the project**

2009

**The amount of support provided by the RDP**

CZK 76 056

**The characteristics of the project**

The forests in this region were severely damaged during the calamity caused by Hurricane Kyrill. First, it was necessary to clear the affected area and then to provide new forestation of this area. The entire project was financially demanding in regard to the new structure of the restored vegetation - planted trees will better meet the demanding conditions of this region. The vegetation should, on the basis of its composition, be more resilient and stable and should be resistant to the influences of both biotic and abiotic factors.

This project was the first of its kind that had been implemented by the company. Its successful implementation has stimulated the interest of the supervisory staff and therefore additional projects related to landscape maintenance and the protection of the environment have been prepared and implemented.



# Axis III

**Project Title**

The adaptation of a farm for agritourism

**Project Number**

09/007/3130b/453/000865

**Location of the implementation of the project**

Mladoňovice - Lipina

**Year of completion of the project**

2011

**The amount of support provided by the RDP**

CZK 2 454 088

**The characteristics of the project**

The project implemented provided a technical valuation and the subsequent optimal use of an existing property. The building, offering an accommodation facility, is the first of its kind in this village that lies in a region that is used intensely for recreation purposes. Located relatively close-by is the Seč reservoir and the beautiful nature of the foothills of the Iron Mountains is an ideal location for hiking or for cycling. The playground established there is widely used by children and young people. Over a relatively short period, it is possible to observe that guests of all ages leave satisfied and with the intention to return. All the visitors are also interested in the main business activity, which is cattle breeding together with the cultivation of fields. Children are especially enthusiastic about both the calves and the tractors.





Axis IV

Project Title

Naším nejmenším (For our little ones)

Project Number

10/010/4210a/453/000007

Location of the implementation of the project

Bystré, Cetkovice, Visky, Polička, Lysice, Kunštát, Velenov, Svitávka, Boskovice, Míchov, Malá Roudka, Světlá, Trpín, Svojanov, Březiny

Year of completion of the project

2012

The amount of support provided by the RDP

CZK 2 496 112

The characteristics of the project

This project included the involvement of a total of 15 entities (municipalities and non-profit organisations of the family centre type) in the activities of the three LAGs (the Sdružení pro rozvoj Poličska LAG, the Boskovicko PLUS LAG and the Partnerství venkova LAG).The „spirit“ of the activities of family centres was transferred to small villages through the construction of gazebos suitable for use by children and their parents, especially for those who must have previously had to travel to larger family centres.The equipment utilised facilitated the organisation of other related events.All the participants in the project were linked during the year 2011 through the preparation of 15 joint events.

Similar activities will continue throughout the entire period of the sustainability of the project,also during future years.The project mutually acquainted entities with the same interests that till then did not know each other and were not in cooperation.The LAGs will „leave“ the project after the completion of its implementation and the subjects will continue, even without the LAGs, to collaborate on joint events and will be mutually inspired by their thoughts and ideas.And that is the main object of the meaning and the fulfilment of the project.



The Pilsen Region

The natural conditions of the Pilsen Region support the cultivation of potatoes and of straightforward cereals such as oats. The livestock production is focused on cattle breeding.The border areas that are located higher and are sparsely populated include mountain meadows that are suitable for grazing. Klatovy is famous both at home and abroad for the cultivation of carnations. The Rural Development Programme of the region offers one very important benefit above all others (though this is not yet fully appreciated) - it contributes to the dissemination of information concerning innovative practices and contributes to the ongoing development of farmers and of other inhabitants of rural areas. As a feature of the field trips that it organises (both within the CR and abroad), the participants exchange their experiences and meetings and seminars are organised and sponsored while also supported is the preparation and publication of expert publications concerning rural development.

The principal regional city	Plzeň
Official website	<a href="http://www.kr-plzensky.cz">http://www.kr-plzensky.cz</a>
Area of the region	7 561 km²
Population	571 789
Agriculture	growing potatoes, cereals, cattle breeding

The utilisation of funds from the Rural Development Programme as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012

Projects		Funding Received	
Specification of the data	Number of projects	Total amount in millions of CZK	
Measures supported in Axis I	922	981	
Measures supported in Axis II – Projects	17	17	
Measures supported in Axis II – Entitlement	2 600 *	3 597 **	
Measures supported in Axis III	186	534	
Measures supported in Axis IV ***	289	143	

\* Annual average number of requests for all measures for Axis II.  
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# Axis I

## Project Title

The acquisition of machinery for the restoration and management of forest stands

## Project Number

07/002/1121a/232/001719

## Location of the implementation of the project

Kbelany, Rochlov, Úlice, Všeruby, Nekmíř, Nýřany-Doubrava

## Year of completion of the project

2008

## The amount of support provided by the RDP

CZK 1 186 400

## The characteristics of the project

Through the purchase of the P32.6Lplus telescopic manipulator the treatment of forest land following its clearing was significantly accelerated and improved; the brushwood is immediately removed from the newly cleared areas and made ready for fresh planting. Thereby there is no necessity to use such large quantities of chemicals to support the new growth and thereby the costs of the silviculture operations are correspondingly lower.

The manipulator is also utilised for the revitalisation of the forest roads and this thereby the ease of access to the forests is improved both for the felling equipment and also for the general public (much utilised are the cycling paths). Each spring the roads are cleared, any sections that are impassable are sprinkled with crushed materials and also amelioration of the drainage is implemented. Unfortunately it also has to be used for the disposal of illegal landfills that still appear around the forest land.



# Axis II

## Category of the measure

II.1.1. Natural handicap payments in less favoured areas (LFA)  
II.1.3. Agri-environmental measures

## Category of the sub-measure (title)

II.1.3.1 Environmentally friendly procedures  
- II.1.3.1.1 Organic agriculture  
II.1.3.2. Grassland management

## Location of implementation of these measures

The village of Rybník  
cadastral area - Velký Horšín, Korytany, Mostek, Závist,  
Švarcava, Rybník

## The period of the utilisation of the subsidy

2008 - 2013

## The characteristics of the project

The opportunity to obtain subsidy support from the RDP represents a tremendous benefit for the company. This support will enable the proper conducting of business under beautiful, though for entrepreneurs less favourable, conditions. An attractive landscape also attracts more tourists, who will also take advantage of our accommodation facilities. A well-maintained landscape also increases the interest of the active local residents in increasing the scope of their enterprises and activities. For example, members of the Local Action Group have undertaken the marking of hiking trails, the construction of rest-areas and they are also involved in promoting and providing information about this region.





## Axis III

### Project Title

Project for the renewal of the Chateau Grounds and of the parkland in the village of Svojšín

### Project Number

07/002/3220b/232/000171

### Location of the implementation of the project

Svojšín

### Year of completion of the project

2008

### The amount of support provided by the RDP

CZK 2 590 381

### The characteristics of the project

In the context of the planned gradual restoration of the grounds of the Château in Svojšín, both of the Château terraces in front of the main building of the Château have been re-covered. The park behind the Château and the Church, including the former cemetery and the area between the parish garden and the path, have also undergone significant modifications. Also under consideration in regard to the modifications already carried out is the restoration of the currently defunct water reservoir inside the park. The restoration of both the terraces evokes the atmosphere of the historic Baroque period, i.e. the period during which the château complex was constructed, while the design respects both the surviving historical documentation and at the same its current status with the quality of the trees and shrubs. The implementation of the project has restored the former beauty of this area. Thanks to this project the Château Grounds in Svojšín have become more attractive and popular both as a tourist destination and also a meeting place and a relaxation area for the local residents.



## Axis IV

### Project Title

Preservation and restoration of small-scale features of the rural architecture in the municipalities of the Dolní Lukavice District

### Project Number

08/005/41200/058/000151

### Location of the implementation of the project

Dolní Lukavice

### Year of completion of the project

2010

### The amount of support provided by the RDP

CZK 846 000

### The characteristics of the project

In 2008 the Municipal Council decided to undertake a comprehensive revitalisation of the small-scale buildings within its area that represent the historic rural architecture in order to restore these buildings to their original purpose as places for meetings, meditation or relaxation.

The primary objective of the project was the physical preservation of this unique rural heritage. Without rapid intervention and the professional restoration of the buildings their destruction would have been irreversible. An equally important goal, that it was also possible to achieve through this project, was through these fixed sites and their landscaped surroundings to enhance the atmosphere and beauty of the municipalities of the Dolní Lukavice district. Nine individual sites underwent reconstruction; some of these are now also floodlit. The implementation of this project, by its scope, evoked a strong response in the region and inspired a desire to continue with similar activities. In 2011 the municipality therefore followed up on this with another project supported by the RDP entitled „Resting corners for all generations“.



# Prague and the Central Bohemian Region

The Central Bohemian Region is characterised by its considerable diversity. Most of the agricultural land is arable; in the southern part of the region there are meadows and pastures. Vineyards and hop garden also enjoy a significant status and there are also large protected areas. The warm climate and fertile soil of the Elbe lowlands enable the cultivation of cereals, sugar beet, corn and a variety of vegetables. These agricultural products constitute the raw materials for many of the local factories that process food. Of great importance for the development of rural areas have been the subsidies provided for the renovation and development of villages, for public facilities and services, for tourism and for the development of handicrafts. For increasing the competitiveness of farms, significant projects have been implemented targeted at adding value to agricultural and food products and supporting the modernisation of businesses and projects. Measures targeted to supporting the establishment of young farmers and early retirement from farming have contributed to the development of agri-business. A feature of great importance in this picture has been the re-allotment of land supported from Axis I of the RDP.



The principal regional city	Praha
Official website	<a href="http://www.kr-stredocesky.cz">http://www.kr-stredocesky.cz</a>
Area of the region	11 014 km²
Population	1 283 000
Agriculture	cereals, oilseed, fodder crops, sugar beets, fruit, hops, vines, vegetables, flowers

## The utilisation of funds from the Rural Development Programme as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012

Projects	Funding Received	
Specification of the data	Number of projects	Total amount in millions of CZK
Measures supported in Axis I	1 181	1 690
Measures supported in Axis II – Projects	97	76
Measures supported in Axis II – Entitlement	2 900 *	3 431 **
Measures supported in Axis III	275	1 345
Measures supported in Axis IV ***	435	254

\* Annual average number of requests for all measures for Axis II.

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\*\*\* These are the projects funded, exclusive of Measure IV.1.1 - The Local Action Group.

# Axis I

## Project Title

The acquisition of technical facilities for business premises

## Project Number

08/005/1122a/120/003838

## Location of the implementation of the project

Svatý Jan

## Year of completion of the project

2009

## The amount of support provided by the RDP

CZK 637 000

## The characteristics of the project

As an entrepreneur in the forestry business, the applicant was either selling prepared roundwood or he was forced to have it cut to the desired size at a remote sawmill. The acquisition of a bandsaw from the RDP brought with it the possibility of processing the extracted logs directly at the location of his premises. This step contributed to efficiency in the processing of the wood and to savings, especially for transport costs. The implementation of this project created the need to construct a hall for the storage of timber and shooks for making pallets. The project for the construction of the hall is currently being carried out.





# Axis II

**Category of the measure**

II.1.3. Agri-environmental measures

**Category of the sub-measure (title)**

II.1.3.1 Environmentally friendly procedures  
- II.1.3.1.2.1 Integrated production of fruits

**Location of implementation of this measure**

Slaný

**The period of the utilisation of the subsidy**

2010-2014

**The characteristics of the project**

Involvement in the sub-measure “Integrated fruit production” and the utilisation of the funds generated by it enables, in comparison with traditional conventional production methods, the utilisation in the orchards of the more expensive but environmentally much more friendly methods of protection against diseases and pests, while at the same time maintaining the economic profitability of the investment.

Considered very positively is not only the impact on the surrounding environment, but also the elimination of the risk of contamination of the fruit guaranteed by the limited range of certified plant protection products and regular inspection of the fruit and the soil for any content of heavy metals.

The positive effect already described above is not only in respect of the natural environment, but also in the provision of a healthier working environment for the employees in the orchards. For the consumer, this fruit carries with it an assurance of its high quality and represents healthy Czech fruit.



# Axis III

**Project Title**

The Nature Trail in Tuchom - Phase I

**Project Number**

09/007/3130a/120/000812

**Location of the implementation of the project**

Tuchom (289 35 Košík)

**Year of completion of the project**

2011

**The amount of support provided by the RDP**

CZK 551 628

**The characteristics of the project**

The Nature Trail „Tuchom - Phase I“ passes along the red trail through the village of Tuchom towards the centre of the Košík Farms that surround the Tuchom Guest House. The topic of this nature trail is the human impact on the landscape. Seven stops at boards bearing popular educational texts that describe the local flora and fauna, the features of the landscape, the baulks and bosks, ponds, orchards, meadows and their denizens. The texts are comprehensible and are interesting both for children and for adults. Installed along the path are resting places, playgrounds, benches, climbing frames and fireplaces. The trail guides visitors to the farm and local tourists through the landscape and contributes to the increased attractiveness of this region. Visitors also have an opportunity to purchase local products at the farm. The vicinity of the trail was restored and shrubs and plants typical of the local landscape were planted along it. It is visited by many people, especially families with children. In the preparation phase is a second section of the trail that will run through the Košík farm to the village of Sovolusky u Košíku and will be 3 km long.



# Axis IV

**Project Title**

The processing of wood and biomass; the production of semi-finished wooden products, firewood, pellets - ACACIA - LIBECHOV

**Project Number**

08/005/41200/094/000521

**Location of the implementation of the project**

Liběchov, the Mělník District

**Year of completion of the project**

2009

**The amount of support provided by the RDP**

CZK | 199 043

**The characteristics of the project**

The project focuses on the utilisation of acacia wood, which is notable for its hardness and durability. In accordance with the requirements of customers from all over the Czech Republic, studs for livestock fencing, various profiles for the construction of outdoor terraces, garden furniture and small structures for playgrounds are produced.

The waste from the acacia is utilised as firewood. Such debris as sawdust and wood chips are utilised as material for the production of wood fuel-pellets. Also processed is the waste from two nearby joineries and a sawmill. Chips from other trees that have been disposed of in association with the management of the landscape around municipalities are also utilised. For making agri-pellets hay from low quality grasslands is used that is not suitable for feeding to livestock, together with straw purchased from small-scale farmers. The production of pellets helps to meet the needs of users of ecological boilers and contributes to the environmental improvement of this primarily industrial area of Mělník in Central Bohemia.



# The Ústí nad Labem Region

The land along the Elbe and the Ohře Rivers has very fertile soil and fruits in particular are grown there. Thanks to the favourable climate and the suitable soil of the area around Žatec, Louny and Litoměřice the cultivation of hops is very successful there and wineries are also represented in this region.

In this region the Rural Development Programme has supported a number of interesting projects and beneficial activities. The successfully implemented projects were presented to the public in a modern manner - a photographic contest was announced, interesting projects were photographically documented and a calendar was created using the best images. In collaboration with partners belonging to the National Rural Network several field trips were organised to visit successfully implemented projects. The thematic working group is very active in this region and it is involved in the preparation of the feasibility study, based on the previous analysis, for conducting revitalisation measures in the catchment area of the Močidla watercourse.

The principal regional city	Ústí nad Labem
Official website	<a href="http://www.kr-ustecky.cz">http://www.kr-ustecky.cz</a>
Area of the region	5 335 km
Population	827 508
Agriculture	fruit, hops

**The utilisation of funds from the Rural Development Programme as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

Projects		Funding Received
Specification of the data	Number of projects	Total amount in millions of CZK
Measures supported in Axis I	593	534
Measures supported in Axis II – Projects	6	12
Measures supported in Axis II – Entitlement	1 000 *	2 223 **
Measures supported in Axis III	128	550
Measures supported in Axis IV ***	167	83

\* Annual average number of requests for all measures for Axis II.  
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\*\*\* These are the projects funded, exclusive of Measure IV.1.1 - The Local Action Group.



# Axis I

**Project Title**

Construction of a Cheese Plant at the goat farm in Držovice

**Project Number**

08/004/1131a/342/002409

**Location of the implementation of the project**

Úštěk

**Year of completion of the project**

2009

**The amount of support provided by the RDP**

CZK | 585 773

**The characteristics of the project**

For this family farm successfully obtaining a grant from the RDP and the subsequent implementation of a project for a farm dairy represented a key step that enabled its inception of the production of cheese. The implementation of this project also enabled the expansion of the basic herd of goats and sheep and subsequently a significant proportion of purchased cow's milk was additionally processed. From the beginning the sale of products from the yard was implemented and the farm has since become a frequently visited destination for many customers, including tourists, in the Central Bohemian Uplands. This successful project was eventually followed by several additional projects (implemented directly through the RDP or via the Central Bohemian Uplands LAG), which additionally expanded the operation of the dairy farm and thereby also the agricultural operation directly.



# Axis II

**Category of the measure**

II.1.3. Agri-environmental measures

**Category of the sub-measure (title)**

II.1.3.1 Environmentally friendly procedures  
- II.1.3.1.2.1 Integrated production of fruits

**Location of implementation of this measure**

Ploskovice - Těchobuzice

**The period of the utilisation of the subsidy**

2007-2015

**The characteristics of the project**

The principal activity of the company is fruit cultivation, especially apples, pears, plums and apricots. The company produces and sells high quality fruit and has gradually come to the attention of people who are interested in buying fruit from Czech primary producers.

Utilising another RDP measure, the existing barn was reconstructed as a warehouse, enabling the offering of the fruit produced at a higher quality level all-year-round. Subsidies from the RDP have had great economic significance for the development of the company.



# Axis III

Project Title
Construction work for the establishment of a carpentry workshop in Merboltice
Project Number
09/006/3120a/342/000487
Location of the implementation of the project
Merboltice
Year of completion of the project
2011
The amount of support provided by the RDP
CZK 1 191 598
The characteristics of the project

As a part of the project a former agricultural building (a granary) was repaired and reconstructed as a carpentry and joinery workshop, while a new warehouse was built alongside the workshop. The courtyard of the building was reinforced with concrete slabs and new sloping retaining walls were created.

The workshop was equipped with new machines. The implementation of a new workshop and the purchase of new machinery have greatly increased the quality of the products (the company is engaged in the restoration and repair of cottages and of historical monuments). The company recruited four new employees (originally it was only intended to create one new job), while the annual turnover has increased by about 110%. The entire building (the former farmhouse), including the granary (now a workshop) is a cultural monument (part of the Merboltice Village Conservation Area). Several local cultural events have been held in the newly built courtyard and in the workshop premises - demonstrations of historic crafts, concerts, fairs.

The company's development plan also includes the construction of additional manufacturing facilities and storage space.



# Axis IV

Project Title
Reconstruction of the series of Calvary chapels on Ostrá Hill
Project Number
09/008/41200/150/001799
Location of the implementation of the project
Úštěk
Year of completion of the project
2011
The amount of support provided by the RDP
CZK 446 994
The characteristics of the project

The reconstruction of the Calvary chapels on Ostrá Hill was an essential step in the overall revitalisation of the Stations of the Cross. In the following stage 14 chapels were fitted with panel paintings by the artist Radomil Klouza and the entrance to the baroque chapel was decorated with a sculpture by MgA David Janouch.

In the course of cultural and social events the Calvary on Ostrá Hill became a meeting place for the general public of all age groups. This project contributed to the development of tourism in the Úštěk district and to the preservation of this important landmark for future generations.





# The Zlín Region

Mainly grown in the foothills are potatoes, oats, flax and rape. The mountain meadows are utilised for grazing.

In the lowlands in Hanna, along the Olšava and Morava Rivers, there exist very good conditions for growing fruits, vegetables, cereals and sugar beet. Grapevines thrive in Slovácko and are grown there in large vineyards. The impact of the RDP in the Zlín Region can be evaluated prior to the end of the current programming period as being highly significant and positive. Through investments subsidised by this programme a number of successful projects have been implemented - such as a post-harvest processing line, a biogas plant, various multi-purpose facilities in villages, business premises have been modernised, machinery has been acquired, etc. A number of the events that have contributed to improving the quality of life for the citizens of the region were implemented through Local Action Groups.



The principal regional city	Zlín
Official website	<a href="http://www.kr-zlinsky.cz">http://www.kr-zlinsky.cz</a>
Area of the region	3 964 km²
Population	588 652
Agriculture	cultivation of wheat, sugar beet, grapes, potatoes, flax and oats, cattle grazing

## The utilisation of funds from the Rural Development Programme as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012

Projects		Funding Received
Specification of the data	Number of projects	Total amount in millions of CZK
Measures supported in Axis I	922	981
Measures supported in Axis II – Projects	17	17
Measures supported in Axis II – Entitlement	2,600 *	3,597 **
Measures supported in Axis III	186	534
Measures supported in Axis IV ***	289	143

\* Annual average number of requests for all measures for Axis II.

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# Axis I

## Project Title

Functional foods based on lactic-acid fermented and pickled vegetables

## Project Number

10/010/11320/672/002428

## Location of the implementation of the project

Kunovice

## Year of completion of the project

2011

## The amount of support provided by the RDP

CZK 10 466 001

## The characteristics of the project

The implementation of this project enabled the development of new products, with an assortment of lactic-acid fermented and pickled vegetables in flexible packaging, completely free of chemical preservatives. These products therefore have a high added value and a high quality standard, enabling the expansion of the portfolio of these products for the Czech market and the possibility of their export to foreign markets.

The raw material base of these products comes from primary agricultural producers, primarily from within the Czech Republic. The commencement of their serial production is contributing to the recovery in vegetable production in the Czech Republic. This project therefore has a positive impact, not only on employment in the district of Uherské Hradiště, but also on jobs in other regions focusing on agricultural production.

The project enables actively responding to the ever increasing demands of end customers to whom high-quality Czech products can be offered. Also playing an important role is the greater competitiveness of these products in comparison with those manufactured in other European countries in which the level of support for agriculture and the food industry is higher.



# Axis II

## Category of the measure

II.1.1. Natural handicap payments in less favoured areas (LFA)  
II.1.3. Agri-environmental measures

## Název podopatření (titulu)

II.1.3.1 Environmentally friendly procedures  
- II.1.3.1.1 Organic agriculture  
II.1.3.2. Grassland management

## Location of implementation of these measures

Valašská Bystřice

## The period of the utilisation of the subsidy

2008-2013

## The characteristics of the project

Subsidies provided from Axis II of the RDP help to maintain the landscape of the area. The species diversity of grassland is achieved by grazing cattle. Subsidies for organic farming support a friendly approach to nature. These subsidies also indirectly support the costs associated with organic sheep breeding. This support assists the applicant in compensating for the elevated costs for the ecological management of grassland and breeding of sheep using the methods of organic farming. Another of the applicant's sources of income is the sale of organic products made from sheep milk.



# Axis III

## Project Title

The Bakery in Přílepy

## Project Number

10/009/3120a/672/000590

## Location of the implementation of the project

Přílepy

## Year of completion of the project

2010

## The amount of support provided by the RDP

CZK 4 042 578

## The characteristics of the project

The project for the reconstruction of an abandoned former café and a butcher's shop has brought new job opportunities for local citizens. The bakery building has become the new centre of the community, the place where locals and visitors to the village can buy fresh bread daily. In the morning customers who are passing by stop in at the bakery, especially for a snack when they are on a business trip; school trips plan to stop there for their refreshments.

The demand for local pastry inspired a related investment – the expansion of the capacity of the bakery with a new bread production line in Holešov. Also notable is the interest of people from the surrounding areas of the Moravian-Silesian and Olomouc Regions. After its first year of operation the company has received the „HANNA - REGIONAL PRODUCT“ Certificate for the quality and originality of its recipes. This certificate guarantees the product quality, environmental friendliness and uniqueness, which is assessed as the combination of the tradition of production, the utilisation of local raw materials, craftsmanship and its specific regional origin.





# Axis IV

## Project Title

Preservation of the historically protected Parish House building and the construction of a youth centre and an exhibition dedicated to Arnošt Hrabal

## Project Number

09/008/41200/116/001872

## Location of the implementation of the project

Buchlovice

## Year of completion of the project

2010

## The amount of support provided by the RDP

CZK | 600 000

## The characteristics of the project

The implementation of this project has succeeded in breathing new life into a dilapidated complex of historically valuable parish buildings. In the renovated premises modern facilities for the Christian youth community have been created, in association with various other parish activities (the church choir, the schola, a missionary club, a community of acolytes, a community of families). There is also a newly established museum dedicated to local native Arnošt Hrabal, a famous graphic artist and priest who served in the parish from 1937 to 1969. The parish complex is located at the very centre of the village, close to the baroque Church of St Martin and the Buchlovice Chateau, a national monument.

