

## THE CZECH REPUBLIC PROMOTES:



**stable and strong Cohesion Policy** supported by all Member States (MS) of the European Union (EU).



Cohesion Policy based on **long-term objectives** drafted in an EU-wide umbrella strategic document (post EU 2020 Strategy).



**rules simplification and easing over-administration and controlling** while pursuing legal certainty of the decision-making based on trust.



implementation of Cohesion Policy through **shared management**, as it is an element with high added value.



**single set of rules** for all European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds) will contribute to their more efficient use.



architecture of Cohesion Policy based on **time-proven elements, best practice** and revision of the drawbacks of the current system.



**substantial simplification of the methodology for calculating Cohesion Policy allocations.**



**sufficient flexibility** of MS when using their funds to reflect current and future potential conditions in various categories of regions.



current application of the **automatic decommitment rule.**



**preserving specific ex ante conditionalities** focusing on key areas that may influence successful implementation of cohesion policy.



**territorial dimension** and **multifund financing of the integrated territorial investments (ITI)** and use of ITI for various types of territories.



the legislative framework reflecting specificities of the **European Territorial cooperation programmes.**



**complementarity between the ESI funds and other EU and national sources.**



**financial instruments** in the post-2020 programming period where there is a niche on the market (e.g. in supporting SMEs).