

Country reporting on the national assessment and consultation process for WSSD

Czech Republic

A. Background

Ad 1)

The Local Agenda 21 is the main pillar of two Czech documents created on MoE and approved by Czech government: - The State Environmental Policy 2001

- The State Programme for Environmental Education, Training and Edification.

Ad 2)

Implementation of Local Agenda 21 has started or has been preparing in 65 regions and cities of the Czech Republic. Many similar programmes arise in high number of other Czech regions and cities, but these programmes don't take one's name Local Agenda 21. These activities, for example, have been running in the regions and in the cities which come under Healthy Cities of the Czech Republic. At the level of cities and small towns very close co-operation among self-government, Civil Service, NGO's and general public plays important rule in the creation of developing planes.

Ad 3)

UNDP intra – programme “Capacity 21” support the project “Towards Sustainable Development of the Czech Republic: Building National Capacities”. The main result of this project is document “National Strategy of Sustainable Development” which arose at the Charles University Environmental Centre. The National strategy should be approved by Czech government and should be published still this year. So the Czech Republic will have the “National Strategy of Sustainable Development” according to conclusions of “RIO+5”.

B. National WSSD Preparatory Process (ongoing/planned):

Ad 1)

- a. State Environmental Policy 2001 approved by Czech government fully reflects principles of sustainable development, especially the environmental pillar.
- b. Constitution of Council for Sustainable Development at the Ministry of the Environment. The chief of this Council is minister for the environment, the Deputy chiefs are the deputy minister for international relation and deputy minister for environmental policy.
- c. Constitution of Preparatory Working Group at the Ministry of the Environment, which should prepare the following steps.
- d. Organisation of national discussions about sustainable development.
- e. The preparation of different materials about sustainable development in Czech Republic for Czech delegation in Johannesburg.
- f. Constitution of National Preparatory Committee as a body for institutional preparation of the Czech Republic on the WSSD in Johannesburg.

- g. To finish final correction of the document “National Strategy of sustainable development and to prepare it for government of the Czech Republic.
- h. Adoption of this document by government of the Czech Republic.
- i. Presentation of “National Strategy of Sustainable Development” on WSSD in Johannesburg.

Ad.2)

The preparation of the Czech Republic on WSSD in Johannesburg has started after the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, and has continued specially after “RIO + 5” and CSD UN annual meetings. Many documents and seminars about sustainable development have been worked up and organised. Many special discussions about principles and problems of sustainable development have been running since 1992.

The preparatory process is intensified after CSD 9.

Ad.3)

Function of Council for Sustainable Development at the Ministry of the Environment and Preparatory Working Group at the Ministry of the Environment is financing from the Ministry budget.

Some seminars and workshop about sustainable development are financed from the budget of the governmental Council of social and economic strategy, international support of NGOœprojects, NGOœ.

The “National Strategy of Sustainable Development” was supported with finance from UNDP project “Towards Sustainable Development of the Czech Republic: Building National Capacities.”

Ad.4)

The Ministry of the Environment, and in close co-operation with existing bodies, interesting in problems and principles of sustainable development, involving NGO’s, industry. Ministry of labour and social affairs, Ministry of industry and trade, Ministry of agriculture, ministry of health should be more involved into sustainable development.

Ad 5)

MoE, Environmental strategy department

The Council for Sustainable Development at the Ministry of the Environment – exchange, preparation of important materials, function as discussion forum for principles and social, economic and environmental pillar of sustainable development.

Preparatory Working Group at the Ministry of the Environment – preparatory institution for constitution of National Preparatory Committee,

National Preparatory Committee – preparatory process different materials and support of Czech delegation on WSSD in Johannesburg

UNDP – support of project “Towards Sustainable Development of the Czech Republic: Building National Capacities”, in which scope the National Strategy of Sustainable Development has been elaborated.

Ad 6)

Interconnection of environmental pillar of sustainable development with the social and economical pillars. National Strategy of Sustainable Development, Local Agenda 21, Sustainable consumption, Transport and its sustainable pattern, Protection of biodiversity, world population stabilization.

Ad 7)

Working groups -Council for Sustainable development, Preparatory Working Group, National Preparatory Committee

Seminars and workshops – for example Seminar of the Council for social and economic strategy about “National strategy of sustainable development”.

Expert Discussions - about potential materials for presentation of Czech Delegation on WSSD in Johannesburg

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Ad 9)

The means are needed to support the continuation of processes, activity of councils and organisations, opened discussions about sustainable development, the organisation of round tables, expertises, activity of NGO’s and to help to popularize theme of sustainable development in mass media. The means level is determining for effectiveness and high quality of the preparatory process.

C. Workplan

Date	Action	Notices
May, 1999	Constitution of the Council of government of the Czech Republic for social and economic strategy	The Council focuses its attention to the social and economic pillar of sustainable development. After the involvement of environmental pillar the Council could be renamed on The Council of Czech government for sustainable development.
2000	Constitution of The Council for Sustainable Development at the Ministry of the Environment	
June 2000	1 st Meeting of The Council for Sustainable Development at the Ministry of the Environment	
June 2001	2 nd Meeting of The Council for Sustainable Development at the Ministry of the	

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	Environment	
2001	Constitution of Preparatory Working Group	
On 19 th of June 2001	Seminar of Council for social and economic strategy	Notes of experts to the material “National Strategy of Sustainable Development”
On 5 th of July 2001	1 st Meeting of Preparatory Working Group	
On 28 th of August 2001	2 nd Meeting of Preparatory Working Group	Notes of members to constitution of National Preparatory Committee
September 2001		Discussion about the constitution of National Preparatory Committee
2001 - 2002	Constitution of National Preparatory Committee	
2001-2002	Data preparations for CSD 10.	