

MINISTRY OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
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# **NEW TERRITORIAL MODELS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE EUROPEAN URBAN POLICY**

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# Bigger vs. Smaller cities I.

Europe = polycentric urban territory

- » Metropolitan Regions or Metropolis, which functionally constitute FUAs;
- » Agglomerations, with core Cities of 50,000 or more inhabitants, which constitute, or may be, FUAs within a Region;
- » Smaller towns with 10-20,000 inhabitants, which are centres of attraction for 2 or more smaller urban/rural centres.

In a recent [study](#) published by the European ESPON program, **around 1,600 potential FUAs with a minimum of 20,000 inhabitants were identified in Europe.**

# Bigger vs. Smaller cities II.

- At the EU level only major European FUAs are currently eligible for the ERDF.
- EU Policies were addressed mainly to cities with 50 000+ inhabitants
- 2014-2020 ITI was eligible to agglomerations with at least 300 000 inhabitants

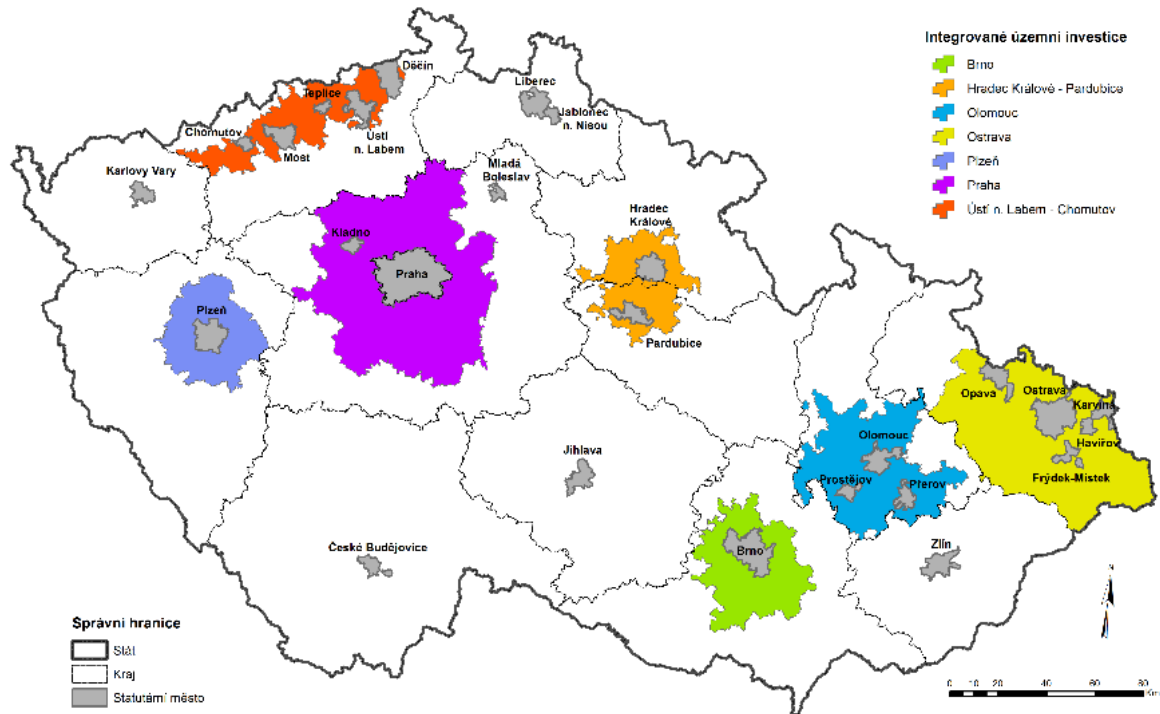
## WHY?

Smaller cities face similar problems, even if on a different scale, and have lesser technical and financial resources. For these reasons, **FUAs of 50,000** or more inhabitants **should be more supported**, support for **smaller FUAs with 20 000** **should be also attainable.**

# ITI and SUD in the Czech Republic: Strengthening and enhancing support

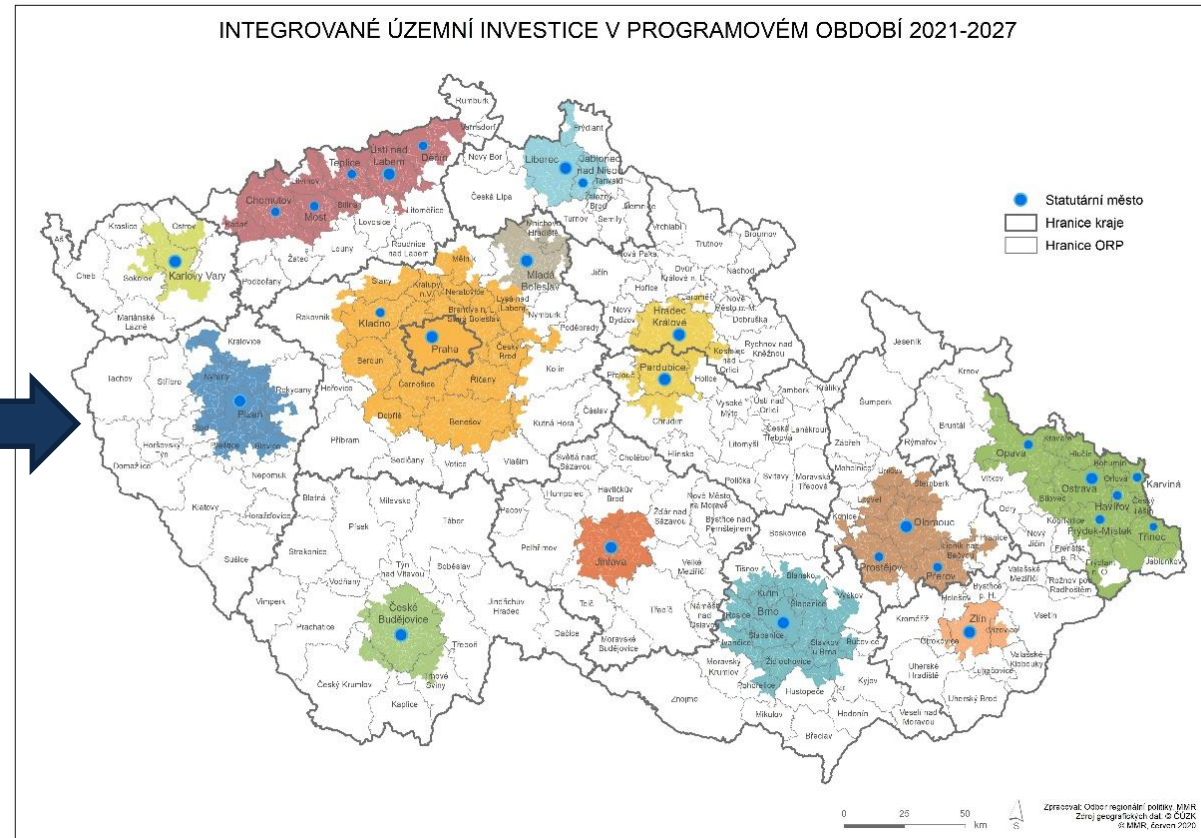
## ITI 2014-2020

Integrované nástroje ITI v programovém období 2014-2020  
- vymezení funkčního území integrované strategie



## ITI 2021-2027

INTEGROVANÉ ÚZEMNÍ INVESTICE V PROGRAMOVÉM OBDOBÍ 2021-2027



# Recommendation

- Promote an effective participation of small, medium and peripheral cities in the EU urban policy to strengthen polycentrism.
- Circular Economy should be mainstreamed into European Urban Policy for small, medium and peripheral cities.
- Simplification of ERDF management.

# Approaches / Cooperation

## RURAL PACT

- Framework for cooperation among authorities and stakeholders dealing with rural territorial development at the European, national, regional and local level.
- Holistic horizontal policy approach.
- Sustainable connectivity for every city and village, including small towns in rural areas.

## EURE OPINION REPORT

- To improve the participation of small, medium and peripheral cities in the definition and more effective implementation of European Urban Policy.

# Challenges and opportunities

- Capacities support
- Strategic planning process at local level  
(concerning small and medium agglomerations)
- Strengthening the ITI tool
- Enhancing SUD further



# Discussion

## Space for your questions

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