

Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic

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on Sustainable Development  
Side event: National Reporting to the CSD  
**Reporting of the Czech Republic to the CSD**

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**Government Council for Sustainable Development (GCSD)**

- Established by Government resolution (July 30, 2003);
- Standing, advisory and coordinating body for sustainable development and strategic management;
- Secretariat of GCSD provided by Ministry of Environment;
- Chairman of GCSD: Prime Minister;
- Executive Vice-Chairman: Minister of Environment;
- Two Vice-Chairmen: Minister of Industry and Trade and Minister of Labour and Social Affairs;
- Members: Representatives of central and local government authorities, social partners, NGOs and academic community;
- Subsidiary bodies: two committees, seven working groups.

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**Working Group for Coordination of Preparation for UN CSD Sessions (WG)**

- Working body of GCSD (established on September 30, 2003);
- Ensures complex, coordinated and continuous preparations of the Czech Republic for UN CSD sessions;
- Head of WG: Minister of Environment;
- Executive secretary: Director of Dept. of Multilateral Relations, Ministry of Environment;
- Members: Representatives of ministries, NGOs and academic community responsible for topics of current thematic CSD cycle.

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**National Report to the CSD-16**

**Approaches:**

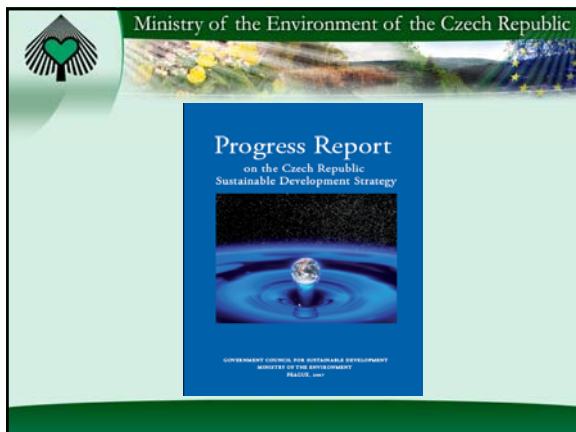
- ❑ Reporting to the CSD as a necessary part of preparation for CSD sessions;
- ❑ Elaboration of thematic areas by relevant ministries (with use of data from their subsidiary organizations);
- ❑ Consolidation of national report and case studies by Working Group for Coordination of Preparation for UN CSD Sessions;
- ❑ Effort to cover all CSD-16 thematic areas;

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**Approaches:**

- ❑ Focus on concrete activities and assessment of progress (not only listing of a number of legislative acts or action plans);
- ❑ Keep the report concise and post relevant links to detailed documents and information about case studies on CSD website/national information;
- ❑ Use information of other regularly submitted reports relevant to sustainable development (e.g. Progress Report on the Sustainable Development Strategy of the Czech Republic).



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### National reporting to the CSD in the Czech Republic Strengths and Gaps

**Strengths:**

- ✓ Institutional framework established;
- ✓ Number of existing information sources;
- ✓ Continuity of preparation for CSD sessions secured by the WG.

**Gaps:**

- ✓ Too much focus on „formal“ achievements in implementation (i.e. adoption of programmes, action plans etc.);
- ✓ Little emphasis on submission of case studies.

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### National reporting to the CSD in the Czech Republic Opportunities

**Opportunities:**

- ✓ Besides information about volumes of money spent or establishment of various initiatives, more focus on concrete achievements in implementation and identification of trends, threats and opportunities;
- ✓ Better integrate information sources not only from ministries and government agencies, but also from NGOs and academic community;
- ✓ Emphasis on use of appropriate indicators to measure real progress of implementation;
- ✓ Post further links to detailed, regularly updated information, including relevant case studies, on CSD website/national information.

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**Thank you for your attention.**