

Democracy Support in the Czech and Visegrad Development Co-operation

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Structure of the Presentation

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- ❖ What is the Czech Republic doing in support of democracy and development?

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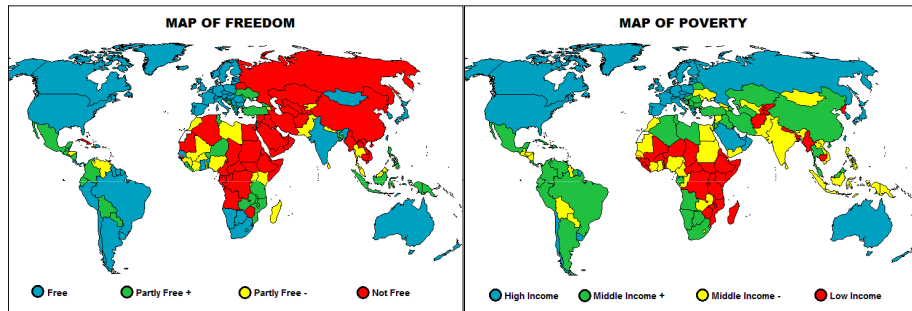
Elements of sustainable development

Production = Technology * f (Land, Labour, Capital)

Development = Governance * f (Planet, People, Time)

Governance (institutions, policies)	-> <i>values</i>
o Peace	-> <i>security</i>
o Elections	-> <i>accountability</i>
o Minorities	-> <i>diversity</i>
o Rule of law	-> <i>justice</i>
o Media	-> <i>freedom</i>
o Civil society	-> <i>participation</i>

Two maps - one world



Source: Freedom House (2014), World Bank (2014)

80 % correlation between income and freedom

FREEDOM \ INCOME	High Income	Middle Income +	Middle Income -	Low Income
Free	EU+EEA, USA, Canada, Chile, Australia, Japan, South Korea, Israel	Brazil, South Africa, Romania, etc.	India, Mongolia, Guyana, Senegal, Ghana	Benin
Partly Free +	none	Mexico, Colombia, Turkey, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Tunisia	Ukraine, Paraguay, Indonesia, etc.	Bangladesh, Tanzania, Mozambique, Sierra Leone, Liberia
Partly Free -	Kuwait, Singapore	Venezuela, Libya, Thailand, etc.	Armenia, Pakistan, Nigeria, Cote d'Ivoire, Honduras	Haiti, Kenya, Nepal, etc.
Not Free	Russia, Brunei, Oman, Qatar, UAE, Eq. Guinea, Saudi Arabia	Cuba, Algeria, Angola, Gabon, Iraq, Iran, Kazakhstan, China	Sudan, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, etc.	Afghanistan, Myanmar, Cambodia, DPRK, Chad, Eritrea, Somalia, Zimbabwe

A two way street with some dead ends

Democracy -> Development

- „No taxation without representation“
- Development as Freedom (Amartya Sen)

Exceptions (Free but Poor):

- India
- Bangladesh
- Ghana
- Benin
- Liberia

Development -> Democracy

- Zakaria's threshold (around 10000 USD/capita)
- Middle income trap (H. de Soto)

Exceptions (Rich but Not Free):

- Russia
- Saudi Arabia
- China
- Singapore
- Angola

2. Democracy and Development in Practice

- ❖ What is the Czech Republic doing in support of democracy and development?

Two arms of Czech ODA

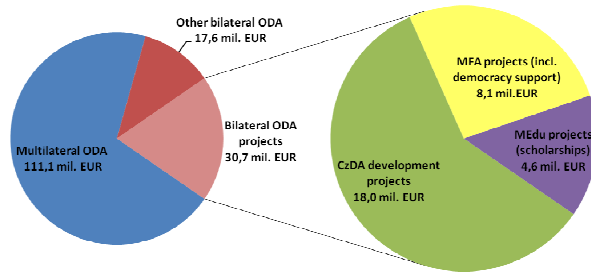
MFA:

- o Strategic framework
- o Multilateral contributions
- o Humanitarian assistance
- o Human rights and democracy support

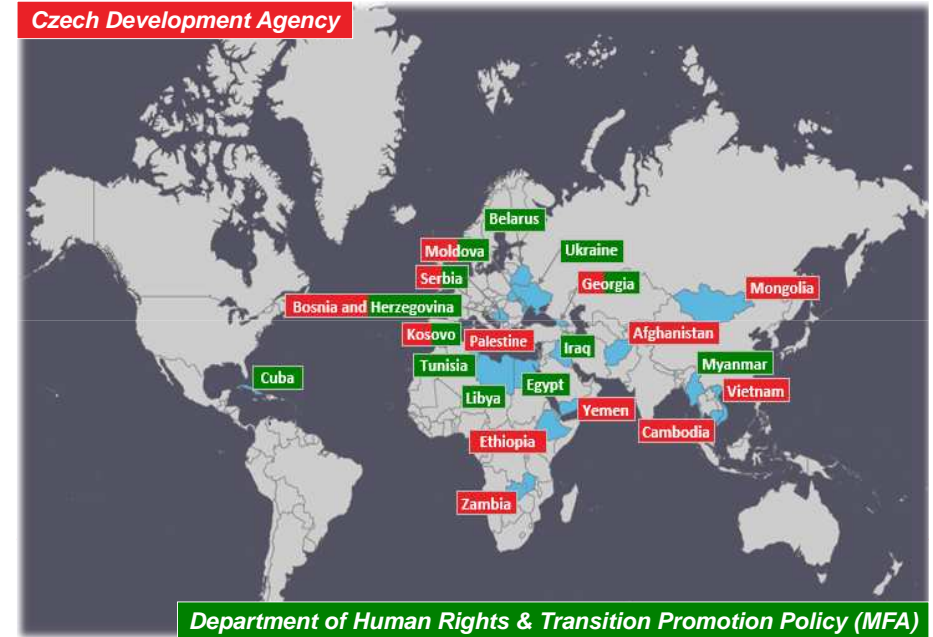
CzDA:

- o Bilateral development projects
- o Capacity building

Czech ODA by type of activity
(total = EUR 159 mil., 2013 estimates)



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Societies in transition – stages and tools

1. Authoritarian regime

- Human rights support and policy (sanctions?)

2. Revolution/conflict

- Conflict resolution, Humanitarian aid

3. Stabilization/Free elections

- Elections observers, Capacity building (scholarships)

4. Economic reforms

- Debt relief, Capacity building (experts), Development Aid

5. Institutions building

- Capacity building (experts), Development Aid

6. Structural societal change

- Capacity building (experts), Development Aid



cross-cutting:

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3. Democracy and Development in Future

- ❖ Future challenges and opportunities for V4 cooperation?

Challenges and Opportunities:

- ODA paradigm = ownership by partner governments
- DS paradigm = support to civil society (avoid government)

Examples of „win-win solutions“:

Land = unleashing human rights & unleashing dead capital

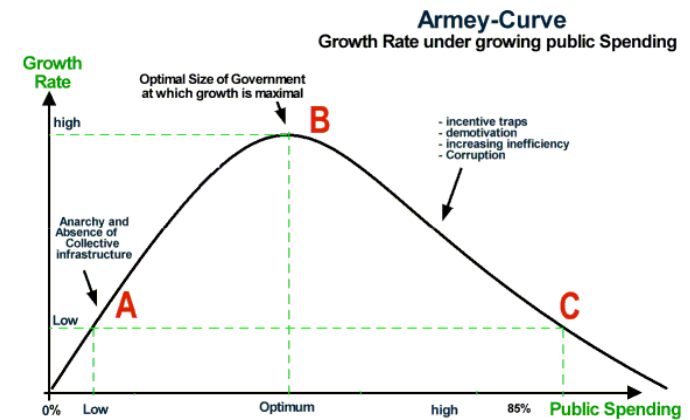
Trade = import of goods & import of ideas and rules

Education = human capital & liberal thinking

Media = watchdogs for freedom & watchdogs against corruption

Government: smaller state = bigger freedom & bigger economy (?)

Beware of „one size fits all“ trap



Opportunities for V4 cooperation

Global level

- ✓ Good governance and transition as part of post-2015 agenda

EU level

- ✓ Champions of EU enlargement and neighbourhood („more for more“)
- ✓ European Transition Compendium

Country level

- ✓ Joint programming
- ✓ Coordinated ODA projects
- ✓ International Visegrad Fund

❖ Questions and Answers ?

Thank you for your attention!

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