"Is transport infrastructure fund the way forward? – the experience of the Czech Republic"

State Fund for Transport Infrastructure (SFDI)

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SFDI vision and reality

- Original idea (2000)
 - Independent Fund not limited by the constraints of a yearly approved state budget
- Reality
 - Own resources cover only half of the minimum needs, rest covered from state budget subsidies to the Fund – political reasons



Role of SFDI in the system of transport infrastructure financing

- Ministry of Transport strategic decisions
- SFDI "bank", provider of national resources, implementing agency of EU funds
- Managers of infrastructure RMD, RIA, etc. – state organizations responsible for development and maintenance of infrastructure



Dedicated resources

- Revenues from the privatisation of state companies
- Revenues from road tax
- Revenues from fuel tax partially (9.1%),
- Revenues from highway vignettes
- Revenues from toll
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- EU and state subsidies



Financing of CZ infrastructure

- SFDI the most important player in financing construction and reconstruction of railways, motorways and inland waterways
- Other programs pedestrian safety measures, bicycle paths etc.
- Extensive know-how of EU policies
 - Programs and procedures
 - Co-financing of common projects



Financing of CZ infrastructure

- Ability to transfer resources
 - Among types of infrastructure based on long-term strategic needs (roads<>railways<>inland waterways)
- Flexibility to work with cash-flow
 - Accounting principles identical to a banking body
 - No books closing to state-budgeting principles
- Credit ranking corresponding to the state
 - Capability to enter a credit market if needed



SFDI Vision and Mission

- A single procedure in management, monitoring and processing of payments across all types of infrastructure projects
 - Roads, railways,... Ministry of Transport
 - Bicycle paths Ministry of Regional Development
 - Logistic parks Ministry of Industry and Trade
- Strategic financing of modal split change

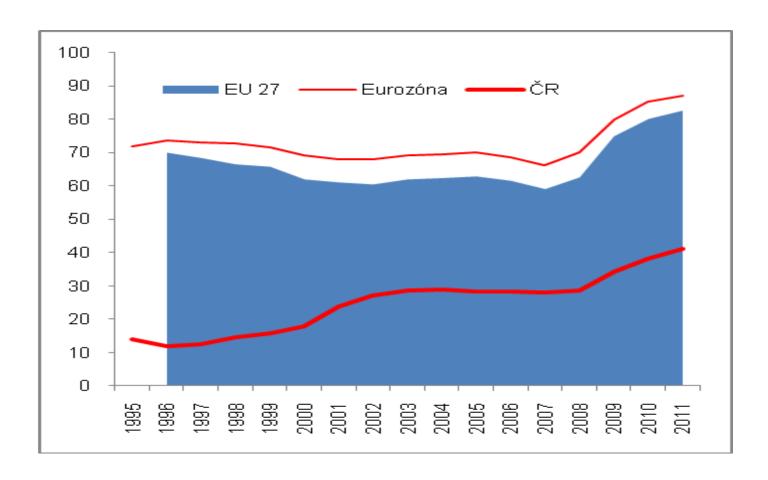


Lesson learned

- Dedicated resources must cover
 - 100% of maintenance fee
 - Basic development of the network
- Budgetary decisions must be independent from political influence
- Clear definition of the competences within the sector is needed



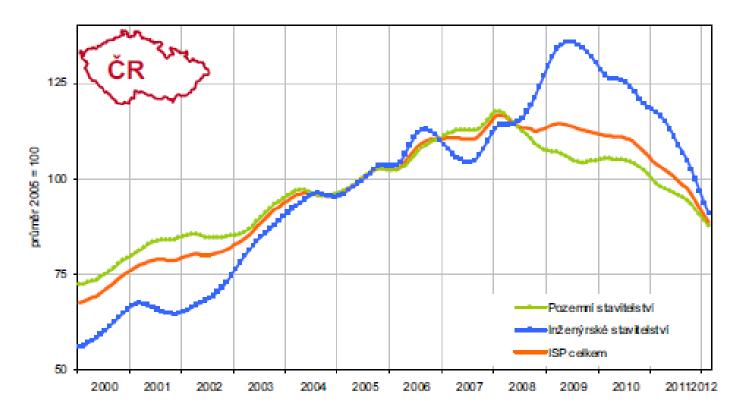
Czech indebtedness compared to the EU (% of GDP)



Source: Czech Statistical Office, web, January 2013



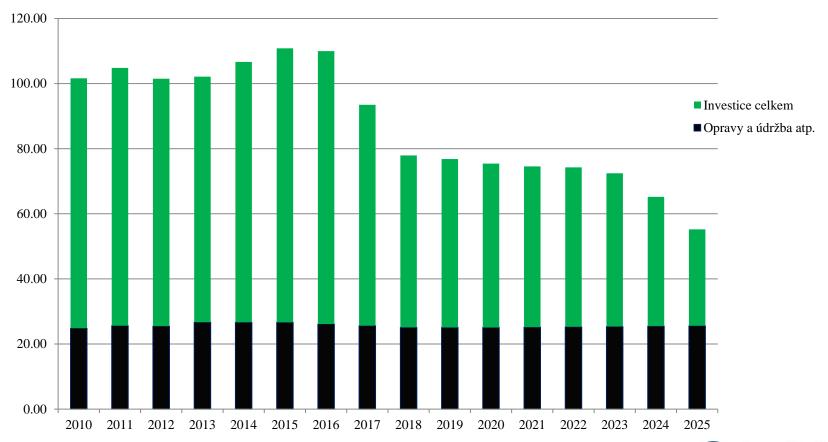
Civil Engineering Works Index



Source: Czech Statistical Office, web, 2013 Note: Pozemní stavitelství – Building Construction Inženýrské stavitelství – Engineering Construction ISP – combined index



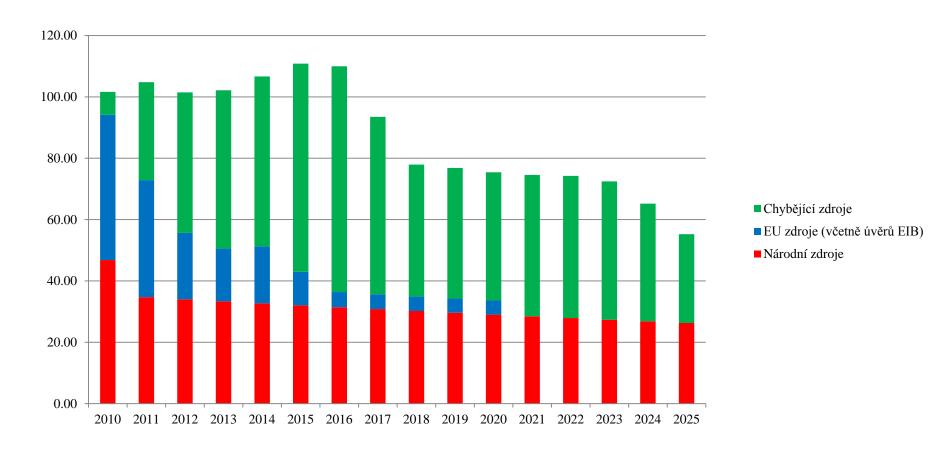
Demands — model 2025 (price level 2009) green — investment, black - reconstruction, maintenance





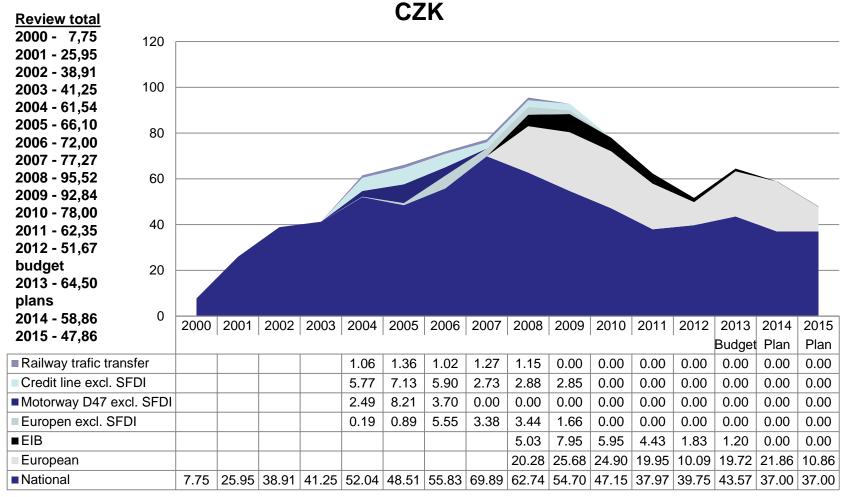
Demands – model 2025 (price level 2009) – what is expected to be covered by resources – present view

green - lack of resources, blue - EU and EIB funds, red - national budget





SFDI - Resources and expenditures 2000 – 2015 (est.), bill.





Thank you for you attention.

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