

Bridging the Gap in Housing Affordability

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Key success factors – Czech Republic

- Cooperation of governments at all levels
 - e.g. national government with municipalities.
- Rental housing as a key tool at supply side of the housing market.
- Special focus on socially disadvantaged groups.
- Looking for new models e.g. Community housing, social mix in residential buildings.
- But not disturbing the housing market!



Important rental sector





Low-interest loans for young families

- Goal: Support acquisition of family houses or apartments by construction or by purchase.
- Beneficiary: Young people up to 36 years.
- Type: Low-interest loan (1% p.a.)
- Amount: Loan
 up to 80%
 of market price.





Rental housing for seniors

Supported dwellings

- Non-market segment.
- Rental flats only for socially defined tenants.
- Lower rents.
- Home care and social services.







Housing Rental Construction Programme

- Goal: Support housing rental housing, especially for socially defined groups (seniors, or disabled persons) through new construction or renewal of buildings not originally intended for housing.
- Beneficiary: Any entity, including municipality.
- **Type:** Low-interest loans (for up to 30 years).
- Amount: Loan up to 90 % of eligible expenditures.





Barrier-free residential buildings

- Goal: Improving access to residential buildings by removing barriers at the entrances or by elevators construction.
- Beneficiary: Owners and co-owners of the residential buildings.
- Type: Direct grants.
- Amount : Up to 50% of eligible expenditures.





New programme "Construction"



- Goal: Support social and affordable rental dwellings for households facing market failures and for other people.
- Beneficiary: Municipality (only).
- **Type:** Grants up to 100% for social dwellings, low-interest loans for affordable dwellings.
- Social mix social and affordable dwellings in the same building.



Community houses for seniors



- Goal: Social rental housing for seniors so they can keep and extend their self-sufficiency and independence, while enabling a community life on the principle of mutual neighbourly assistance.
- Beneficiary: Any entity, including municipality.
- Type: Direct grants.
- Amount: Up to 24 th. EUR/apartment.





Strategic directions and risks

Tools and mechanisms

- Not to disturb the housing market to distinguish between market and non-market (social) segments.
- To apply variety of support schemes on both, demand as well as supply sides.
- To keep the stability of the whole system.

Challenges and risks

- Political instability.
- Budgetary restrains.
- Low efficiency of subsidy tools; insufficient feedback.



Thank you for your attention.

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