

ESF IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC & EXPERIENCES FROM ESF AUDIT

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Nejvyšší kontrolní úřad

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The basics of ESF

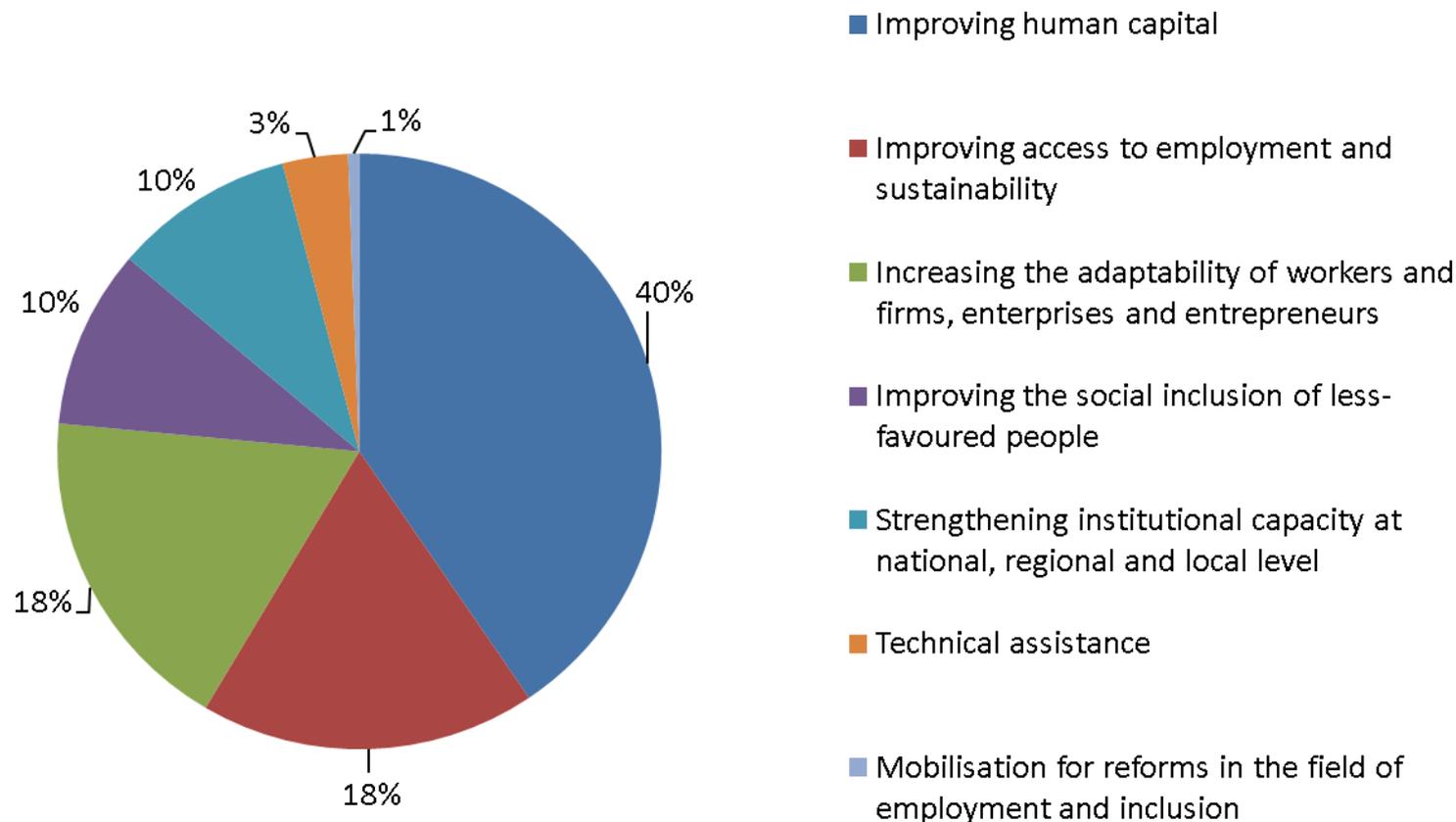
- Financial instrument of the EU
- Used after the Czech Republic joined the EU
- Funds allocation in the Czech Republic
 - Programming period 2000 – 2006
€ 456,98 mil.
 - Programming period 2007 – 2013
€ 3 800 mil.



Promoting employment in the EU

- Reg. (EC) No. 1081/2006 article 3
- Intervenes in the framework of the Convergence & Regional competition and employment objective
- Supports actions in Member States

ESF CR 2007–13, Breakdown by theme



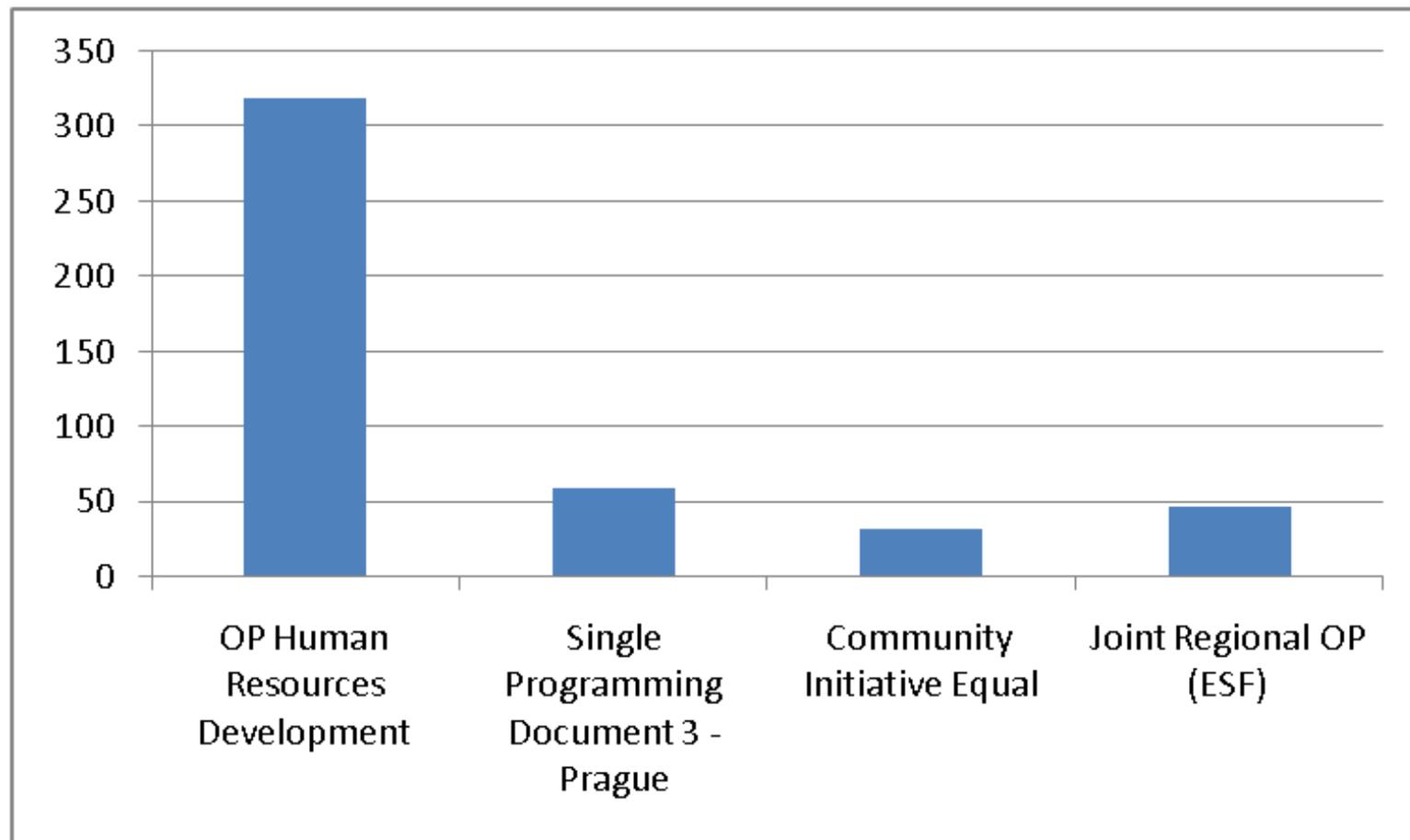
Programming period 2000 - 2006

- OP Human Resources Development
- Joint Regional OP
- Single Programming Document 3 Prague
- Community Initiative Equal

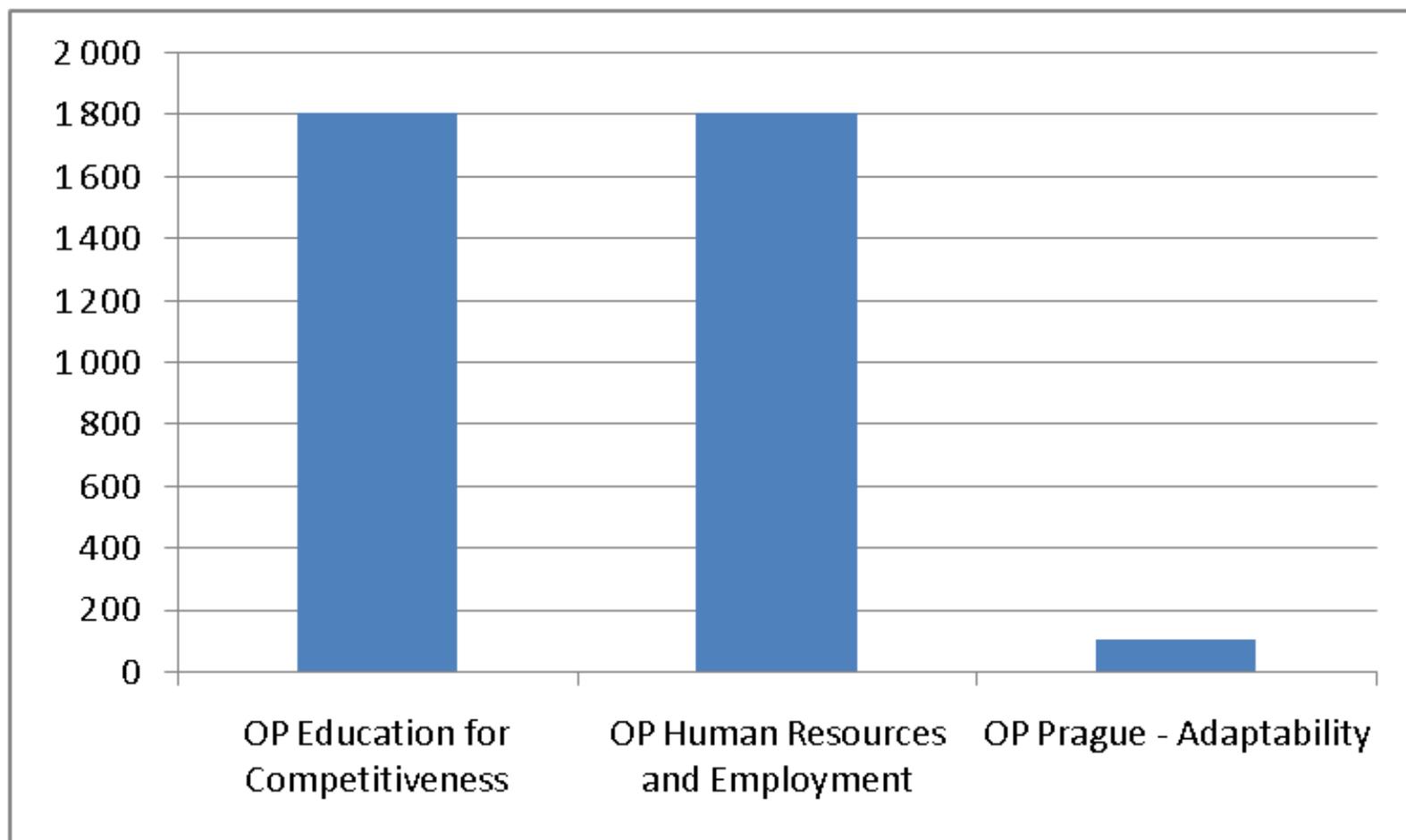
Programming period 2007 - 2013

- OP Human Resources and Employment
- OP Education for Competitiveness
- Regional Programme Prague - Adaptability

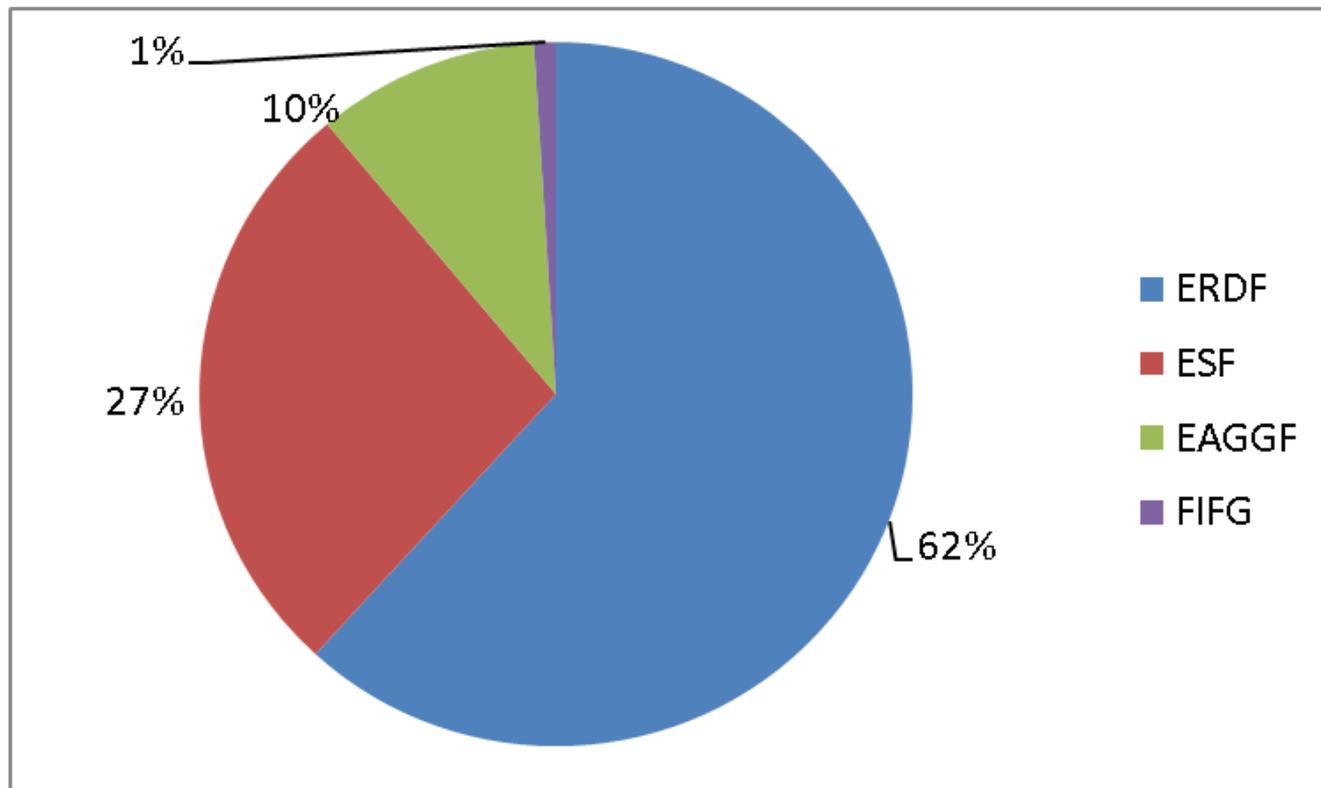
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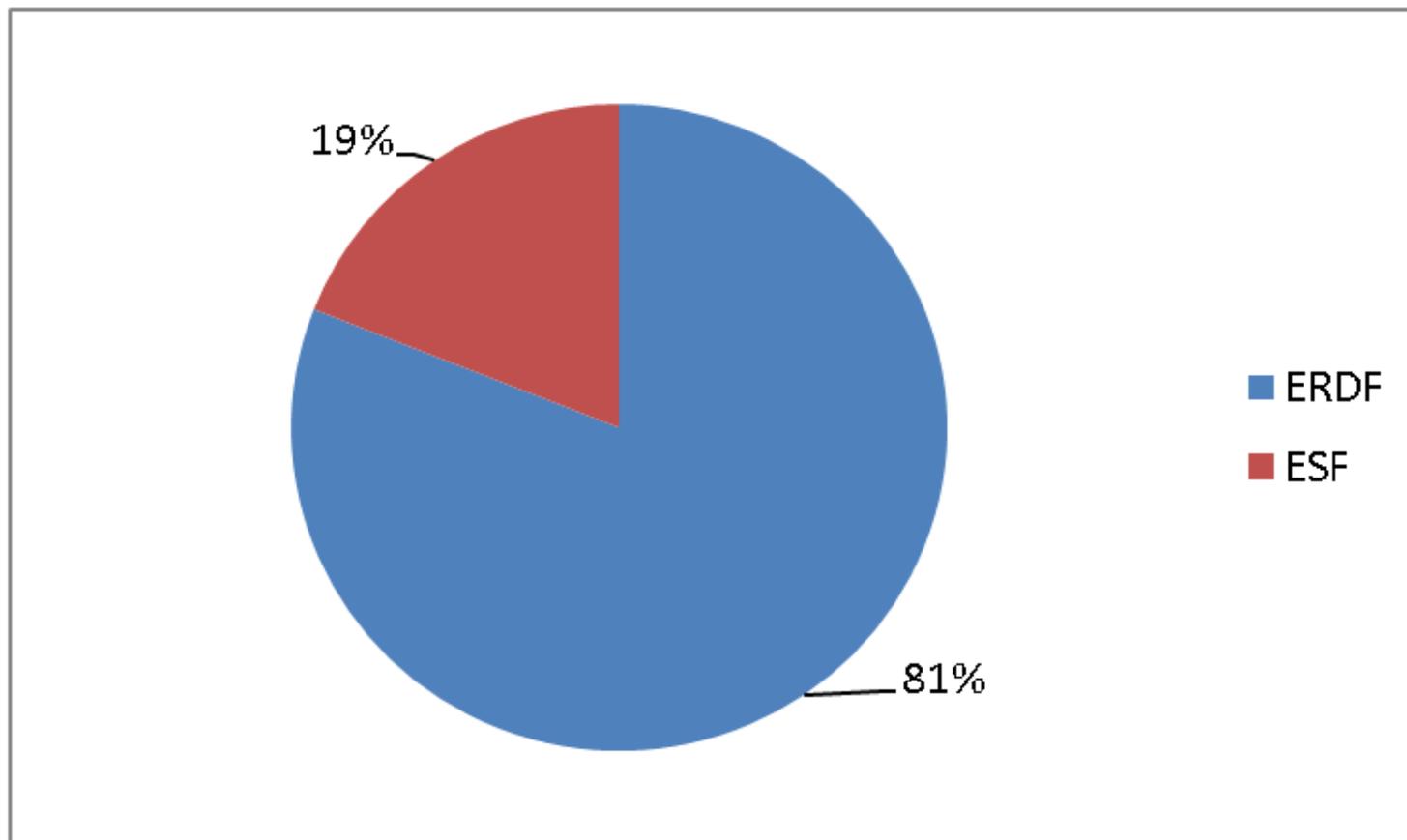
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Thank you for your attention

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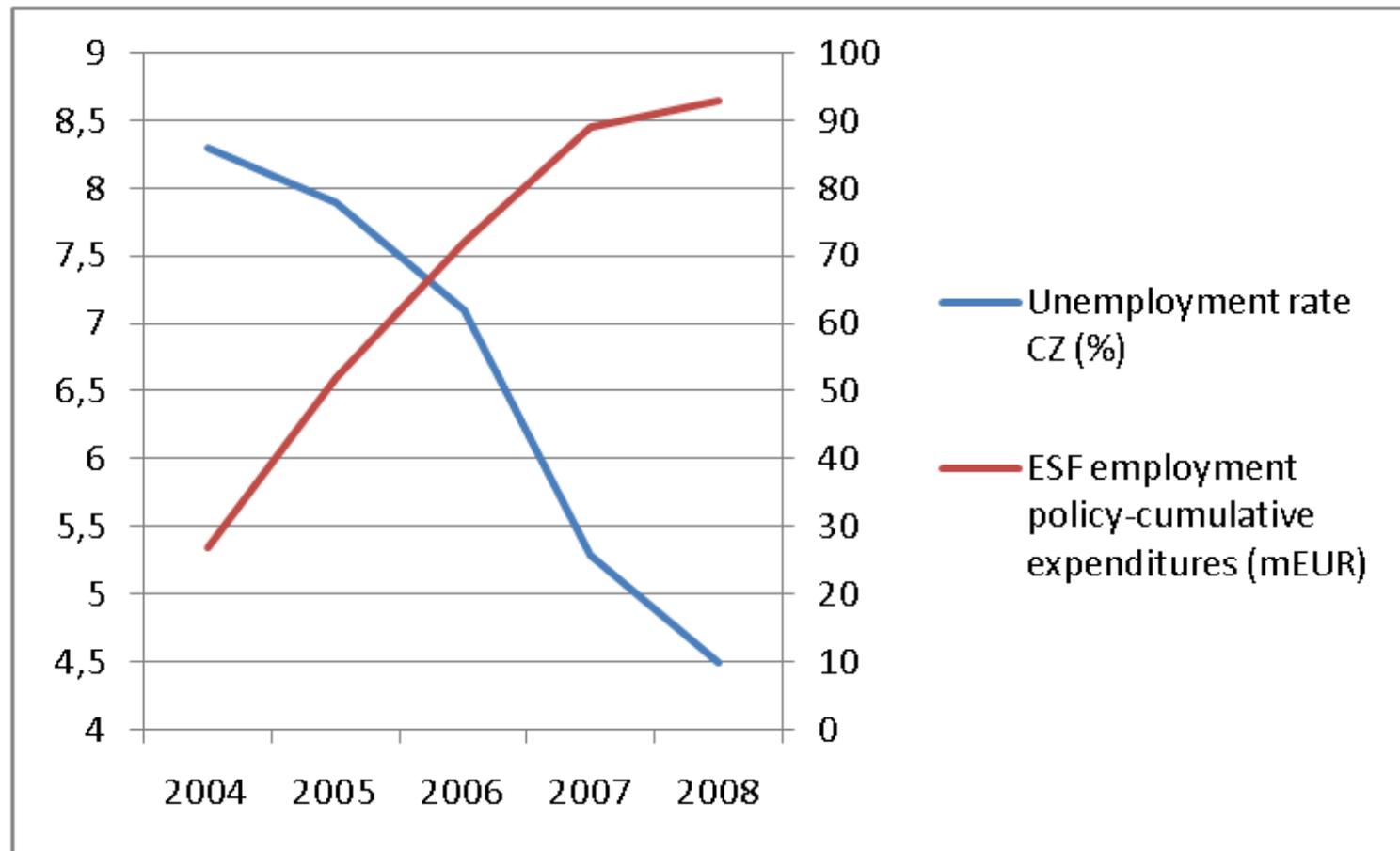


Experiences from ESF audit



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Unemployment & ESF expenditures



New trends in labour market

- Working **seniors**
- Declining employment of **young adults**
- **Part-time** employment
- **Temporary** employment
- Increased **qualification** of workforce



Impact of labour market changes to ESF projects

Innovative approach towards the labour market needs = **prerequisite** to all ESF projects

Objectives of audited projects

- **Extend the range** and effectiveness of active employment policy tools
- **Target new groups** of employment policy beneficiaries
- **Modernize** and increase effectiveness of the **employment services**



Impact groups of audited projects

- Job seekers (young, retirees, post-maternity, post-imprisonment etc.)
- Long-term unemployed
- Persons affected by large-scale lay-offs
- Part-time, temporary, seasonal workers
- Employment services workers



Activities of audited projects

Managed by central government agency

- Training programmes development
- Professional networks and structures
- Information systems
- Quality standards development

Managed by regional gov't agency or non-gov't recipient

- Requalification programmes
- Advisory services
- Support groups
- Intermediation
- Direct labour cost subsidies



Outcome of projects

Managed by central government agency

- Struggling to meet project objectives
- Retreat to funding established state employment policy programmes/projects
- Innovation basically abandoned

Managed by regional gov't agency or non-gov't recipient

- Generally meeting objectives
- Steady administration and funding



Audit approach

- Audit team and audit plan was segmented to
 - ◆ Central government agency
 - ◆ Regional government agencies and other recipients
- Pilot audit was carried out while developing audit plan
- Audit staff: 24 at peak
- Duration: 9 months



Audit approach

- Audit findings consistent with ECA findings in ESF audits
 - ◆ Lack of evidence supporting expenditures made
 - ◆ Eligibility of reimbursed expenditures
 - ◆ Non- respect of rules on public procurement
 - ◆ Ineffective internal controls



Thank you

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