

# For Safer Life.

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**EEA and Norway  
Grants in the Czech  
Republic**

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**Programme CZ14**

Schengen  
cooperation to  
facilitate fight  
against organized  
crime, including,  
human trafficking  
and migration of  
criminal groups



**Ministry of Finance  
of the Czech Republic**



**MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR  
OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC**



## EEA and Norway Grants 2009-2014

3 donor countries

16 beneficiary countries

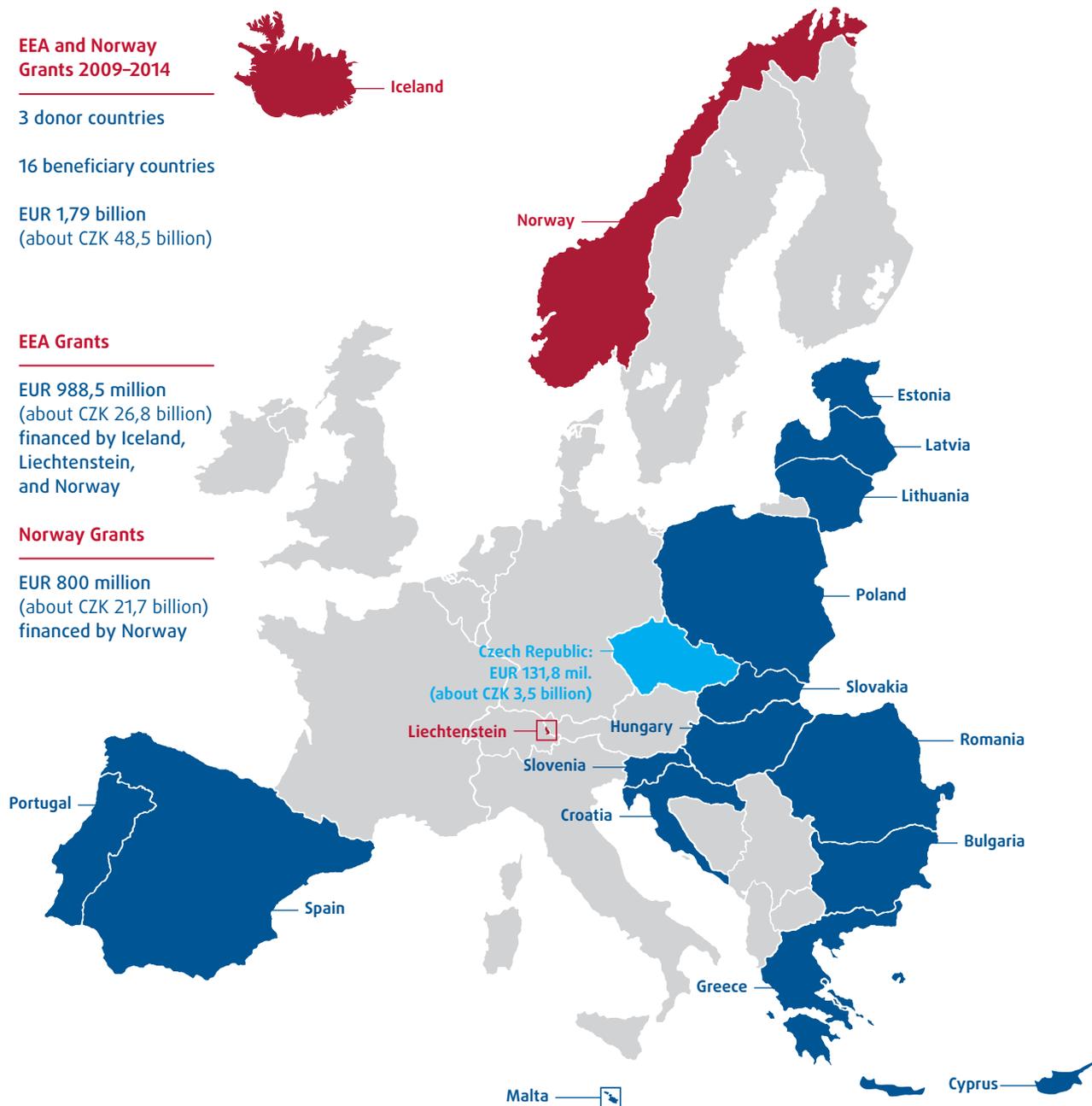
EUR 1,79 billion  
(about CZK 48,5 billion)

### EEA Grants

EUR 988,5 million  
(about CZK 26,8 billion)  
financed by Iceland,  
Liechtenstein,  
and Norway

### Norway Grants

EUR 800 million  
(about CZK 21,7 billion)  
financed by Norway



The EEA Grants and Norway Grants are Iceland, Lichtenstein and Norway's contribution to reducing economic and social disparities in the European Economic Area and to the strengthening of the bilateral relations with the 16 beneficiary states in the Central, Eastern and Southern Europe.

The EEA and the Norway Grants belong to those sources of funding that emphasize sharing and exchange of experience between and among partners.

In programming period 2009–2014 the Czech Republic distributed funding amounting to approximately CZK 3,5 billion. The grants were allocated to, among others, projects in the field of science and research, health, civil society, culture, environment, promotion of gender equality, social inclusion, and improved quality of care for vulnerable children and the youth. The donors also supported improved Schengen cooperation in combating cross-border and organized crime.

# About the Programme

The main objective of the Programme CZ14 is to increase citizen's security through improvement of the efficiency of cooperation between law enforcement authorities in the Schengen Member States in fighting organised crime, including trafficking in human beings.

The Programme supported a total of six pre-defined projects (hereinafter referred to as PDP) which were implemented by the Police Presidium of the Czech Republic.

These projects helped develop and improve structures, systems, and technical equipment in order to streamline enforcement of Schengen rules and regulations.

## Results of the Programme CZ14

- Increased competences of members of the Police in line with the Schengen rules (PDP 1)
- Use of the currently available technical equipment for to purposes of police cross-border cooperation (PDP 1)
- Increased efficiency and safety of border checks at international airports (PDP 2 and PDP 3)
- Improved Police planning and response time (PDP 4 and PDP 5)
- An analysis the past as well as current challenges in respect of Roma policing (PDP 6)
- Improved knowledge and competences necessary for the Police to police the Roma community (PDP 6)

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The Ministry of Finance acts as the CZ14 Programme Operator.

The Ministry of the Interior acts, through the Partnership Agreement, as a Programme Partner assuming selected responsibilities of the Programme Operator or its units.

## Programme CZ14 – Key Figures

Project promoter	Police Presidium of The Czech Republic
Number of supported projects	6
The total of grants for the implementation of all 6 pre-defined projects	EUR 5,613,314
Implementation period	2014–2017
The number of new e-gates at the Václav Havel International Airport in Prague	17
The number of passengers crossing the border through e-gates to increase protection of the Schengen external borders	over 100,000 per month
The number of multifunctional reading devices installed at 5 international airports in the Czech Republic	80
The number of new GIS workplaces (Police of the CR Geographic Information System)	8
The total number of members of the Police trained under the Programme CZ14	1,012
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Number of Policemen trained in prevention and fight against cross-border and organized crime</li><li>• Number of Policemen trained in Roma minority policing</li></ul>	850 65

# Improved Police Cross-border Cooperation

## Project PDP 1: Schengen Cooperation and Combatting Cross-border Crime

The Police of the Czech Republic have been implementing, step by step, tools and standards in the field of international Police and judicial cooperation in line with the development of European and national legislation.

The key project objective is to increase awareness of members and employees of the Police of the Czech Republic of the implementation of common European tools necessary for implementation of the international Police cooperation agenda.

One of the aspects proposed by the project is a new and more efficient integration of information and communication platforms to help improve mutual exchange of information on individual cases and suspects as part of the international Police cooperation agenda at regional as well as central level. The project funding was used primarily to cover training of members and staff of the Police of the Czech Republic, SW modifications to existing information systems, procurement of related computer and communication technology, and expert visits to selected EU member states and EU institutions.

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**Implementing period:**  
1. 12. 2014 – 30. 4. 2017

**Objective:**  
Integration of information platforms.

**Approved grant:**  
EUR 322,450

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**Highlights of the Project implementation phase**  
“The most interesting part of the Project was the process of preparing the document to analyse both the international exchange of information within the context of Schengen cooperation as well as the international Police information exchange in border areas. Expert debates and the truly working atmosphere at workshops helped significantly in the development of software changes which will ultimately improve handling of data and information in the respective systems of the Czech Police.”

**Mgr. Ivo Malecha,**  
Project Manager



## Project PDP 1: Key figures

Number of training events

15

Number of IT courses

9

Number of experts on foreign visits

42

Number of Policemen trained in cross border  
and organised crime

850

Number of foreign experts visiting the Czech Republic

8

# More Efficient and Safer Border Control

## Project PDP 2: Establishing the National Control Authority (NCA)

Sensitive data in the EU citizens' electronic passports must be protected against unauthorised access. Such biometric data include biometric facial images and fingerprints. Every country shall create a **national infrastructure to verify the integrity and authenticity of e-passports with biometric data** and to check the identity of their holders. The National Control Authority (Národní kontrolní autorita/NKA) will become an integral part of the international security infrastructure used primarily for the purpose of secure certificate exchange.

The NKA system is the only certification and verification authority in the Czech Republic, enabling e-passport verification and fingerprint machine reading in a certified terminal. It is a platform designed for international operation. The project envisages the Foreign Police as the National Control Authority to become a qualified provider of certification services for inspection systems which access biometric data stored in machine-readable public documents incorporating biometric data. At the same time, the Foreign Police should operate selected inspection systems, primarily for the purposes of border control. Border protection authorities and other authorized entities will be able to verify authenticity of documents and document holders' identity, thus contributing to increased protection of the Schengen area and the rest of the world.

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### Implementing period:

1. 1. 2015 – 30. 4. 2017

### Objective:

The National Control Authority established for the purpose of distribution of certificates necessary to verify authenticity of electronic travel documents incorporating biometric data and machine-reading of fingerprints.

### Approved grant:

EUR 1,398,145

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### Highlights of the Project implementation phase

“The NCA system offers numerous interesting applications especially for the future. With respect to the trend towards new security elements, the NCA can be utilized for example to access images of iris scans should such scans become a feature stored to personal identification documents.”

**Col. Mgr. Petr Malovec Ph.D.,**  
Head, National Situational  
Border Protection Centre



## Project PDP 2: Key figures

Supply and installation of technology for National Control Authority's services	1
Number of expert visits abroad	3
Number of staff trained	15

# Modernisation of International Airports

## Project PDP 3: The expansion of a system of automated controls of electronic travel documents at international airports (e-gate and full page documents scanners)

Border checks at Schengen type international airports are a system of specific methods and processes in which the Police verify the right of individuals to enter and exit the Czech Republic and/or the Schengen area. These checks include detailed verification of authenticity and validity of travel documents.

The **EasyGO automated biometric data verification system** helps provide for faster and easier passenger traffic and also for **higher degree of safety at international airports**. Currently, more than a hundred of these systems are in operation at international airports throughout the world. The Václav Havel Airport in Prague has been equipped, since 2011, with three e-gates. These gates handle about 42 thousand passengers a month. The current system capacity is, however, insufficient.

The key objective of the Project was therefore a reconstruction of the current system of biometric gates at the Václav Havel International Airport in Prague and its expansion to a total of 17 gates. The rest of five international airports in the Czech Republic were also upgraded to include border control posts with modern travel document reading devices incorporating a large database of travel document specimen enabling an automated travel document verification as part of the border control process.

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### Implementing period:

1. 1. 2015 – 30. 4. 2017

### Objective:

To obtain technology known as e-gate or automated gates or ABC (Automatic Border Control) and reading devices enabling optical or electronic reading of machine readable pages of travel documents.

### Approved grant:

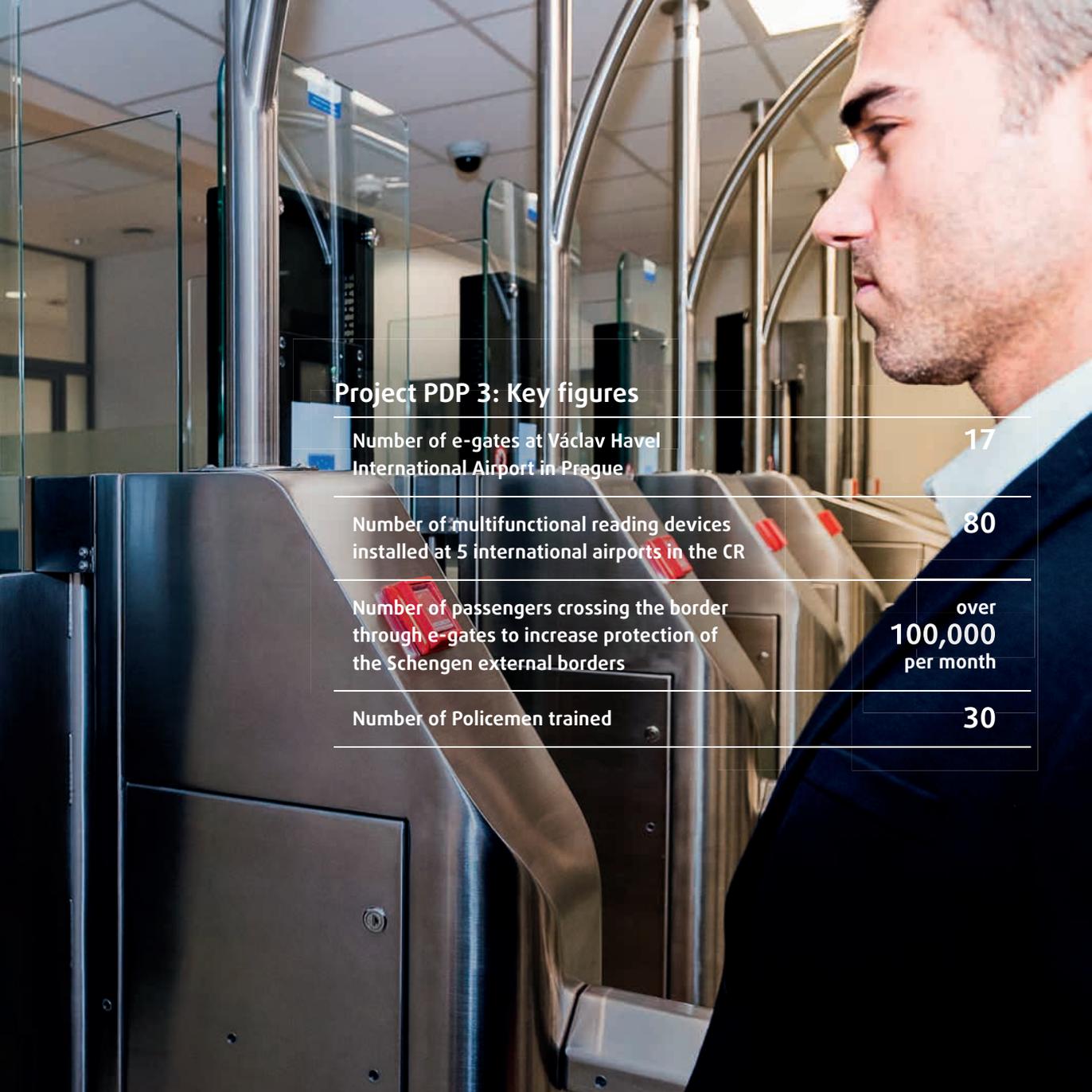
EUR 1,840,000

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### Highlights of the Project implementation phase

“One of the Project activities was an instructional and publicity spot. It was a challenge for us on the project implementation side, but we grabbed this opportunity to get more familiar with the film industry. It was interesting to see that some 30 seconds’ spot takes dozens of hours of several people’s work.”

**Col. Mgr. Petr Malovec Ph.D.,**  
Head, National Situational  
Border Protection Centre



### Project PDP 3: Key figures

Number of e-gates at Václav Havel International Airport in Prague

17

Number of multifunctional reading devices installed at 5 international airports in the CR

80

Number of passengers crossing the border through e-gates to increase protection of the Schengen external borders

over  
**100,000**  
per month

Number of Policemen trained

30

# Improved Geographical Data for the Police of the CR

## Project PDP 4: Application of a geographical information system for the Police of the Czech Republic in the field

In their operations, the Police of the CR frequently need high quality cross border geographical data to be used not only by the office staff but also by the members on field duty. One of the ways to satisfy the need is the more efficient use of the geographic information system (GIS PČR).

Thanks to the successful implementation of the Project, the Police of the CR added new GIS PČR workplaces at the level of Police of the CR Regional Directorates and improved the GIS PČR mobile platform. The Police thus have technology at their disposal that gains them access, when on duty in the field, to updated maps and geographical data of the Czech Republic and the bordering areas (e.g. border crossings, cross-border trails, crime locations, etc.). The Police can now draw much better picture and get higher quality information on the security situation on the territory alongside the border as well as improved geographic support of their policing activities. The emphasis is primarily on geographic information necessary for the analysis of the security situation, and prevention, detection, and fight against transnational organized crime and human trafficking.

The project has significantly improved functionality of the GIS PČR, primarily its capacity to provide **updated maps and information having a direct link to a selected location in space and time** for the purposes of decision-making, planning, and performance of security measures and interventions.

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### Implementing period:

1. 12. 2014 – 30. 4. 2017

### Objective:

Implementation of the Police Geographic Information System to provide direct geographic and analytical support; standardisation of analytical workplaces responsible for preparation of geographical data used to support the decision-making process.

### Approved grant:

EUR 456,719

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### Highlights of the Project implementation phase

“Probably the most interesting fact is that thanks to the open tendering, we could engage smaller Czech companies as suppliers. I must say that these suppliers took us by surprise as they offered reasonable prices in combination with high quality supplies and flexibility in their approach to solving technical problems related to the project implementation.”

Lt.Col. Mgr. Alexander Išunin,  
member of the Project team



## Project PDP 4: Key figures

Number of Policemen trained **15**

Number of procured analytical GIS SW **8**

Number of procured HW elements (e.g. testing mobile phones, a large format laminator and a scanner, a printer, desktop workstations, servers, etc.) **51**

Number of new GIS workstations **8**

# Accelerated Data Handling and Single Management of Data

## Project PDP 5: Developing an analytic platform for the use of the information systems of the Police of the Czech Republic to their full capacity

The three key objectives of the Police of the CR Project, which targeted information systems, were the following: More efficient use of existing information resources, accelerated and improved data handling by the Police, and improved international cooperation related to data.

Thanks to the Project, we created a single secure platform for development and implementation of Police of the Czech Republic's information systems. The new platform enables efficient development of and management of changes to individual heterogeneous information sources. The use of modern technology (i.e. testing and automated data processing) resulted in a new environment, enabling us to handle information more efficiently regardless of the format, data structure, or type of the primary medium. We have rendered numerous analytical processes automatic thus paving way to higher quality and extended range of output in the future. The new platform is a means of introducing internationally-recognized standards, thus improving process efficiency.

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### Implementing period:

1. 11. 2014 – 30. 4. 2017

### Objective:

Improved and more efficient use of current information resources, accelerated data handling in the context of everyday Police work, and accelerated and improved data exchange in the context of international cooperation

### Approved grant:

EUR 1,096,000

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### Highlights of the Project implementation phase

“It is remarkable to see, how much time we can save thanks to the newly procured technology. Many time and labour intensive processes are now much more efficient.”

**Col. Mgr. Pavel Stádník**, Head,  
Project Implementation Unit



## Project PDP 5: Key figures

Number of Policemen trained

37

Number of automated integrated security search engines to access Police of the CR database

1

# Police Experts in Roma Minority Policing

## Project PDP 6: Implementation of the police specialists in the field of police work in relation to Roma minority group in the socially segregated locations

The Police of the CR, building on relevant foreign experience in Roma minority policing at excluded locations, drafted a project targeted primarily at improved relationship between the Police and the Roma community, particularly at locations suffering from increased social tensions and minor conflicts.

The key element of the project was a sociological research paper mapping the current needs in the context of policing socially excluded locations. The research resulted in a number of follow up activities, primarily targeting improvement and deepening of international contacts as well as gathering of experience, methods and procedures used by foreign counterparts responsible for Roma policing. The police experts trained under the umbrella of the Project received high quality materials to streamline their everyday performance of duty.

Foreign experience applied in practice and adapted to the local conditions shall ultimately lead to **reduced incidence of crime at socially excluded locations and help minimize the number of inter-ethnic conflicts between the Roma and the majority population in the CR**. Thanks to the Project, the Police of the CR will be much better prepared to face the increasing social diversity.

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### Implementing period:

20. 10. 2014 – 30. 4. 2017

### Objective:

Training of Police experts in Roma minority policing at socially excluded locations and their introduction to service; follow-up training in minority Policing for minority liaison officers; follow-up training of selected Police managers

### Approved grant:

EUR 500,000

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### Highlights of the Project implementation phase

“It was interesting to visit Roma villages in the eastern part of Slovakia and to meet Roma artists at the Košice’s Romathan theatre. At the end of the performance, the Czech policemen joined the artist in their dance.”

**JUDr. Mgr. Václav Vlček,**  
Project Manager



## Project PDP 6: Key figures

Number of Police experts in Roma minority policing introduced to excluded locations 40

Number of minority liaison officers trained (in Roma minority policing at excluded locations) 15

Number of high ranking Police officers trained in conceptual management of Roma minority policing at individual Regional Police Headquarters and the Police Presidium 10

Number of analytical research papers 1

Number of training events 10

Number of study trips abroad 8

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