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POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR JI PROJECTS IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

CLIMATE CHANGE - Ratification process

- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change *October 1993*
- Kyoto Protocol signature November 1998
- Kyoto Protocol ratification November 2001

CLIMATE CHANGE - Responsibilities (1)

- Government Resolution No. 480/1999 = Climate Change Strategy
- Ministry of the Environment
- Ministry of Industry and Trade
- Ministry of Transport and Communications
- Ministry of Agriculture
- Ministry of Finance
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs

CLIMATE CHANGE - Responsibilities (2)

- Organisational provision for compliance with the UN FCCC and the Kyoto Protocol
- Co-ordination of the activities of the Inter-ministerial Commission on the Climate Change (Gov. Resolution No. 669/1998)
- Regular monitoring of GHG emissions
- Up-date of emission projections
- Co-ordination of research
- Preparation of suitable adaptation measures

CLIMATE CHANGE - Responsibilities (3)

- Section of International Relations (co-operation with the UN FCCC Secretariat, international relations, joint implementation approval, Prototype Carbon Fund)
- Section of Technical Environmental Protection (linkage to Clear Air Act, emission inventories and projections, research and observation)
- Section of the Environmental Policy (JI project methodology, emission trading scheme, linkage to State Environmental Policy)
- Czech Hydrometeorological Institute
- MoE Working Group on Climate Change

CLIMATE CHANGE - Responsibilities (4)

Ministry of Industry and Trade

- implementation following from the State Program for Energy Efficiency and the Use of Renewable Sources of Energy
- linkage to the State Energy Policy

Ministry of Transport and Communication

- development and introduction of means of highway, railway, water and air transport
- favouring non-motor means of transport by creating the relevant infrastructure
- support of alternative sources of engine fuel

CLIMATE CHANGE - Responsibilities (5)

Ministry of Agriculture

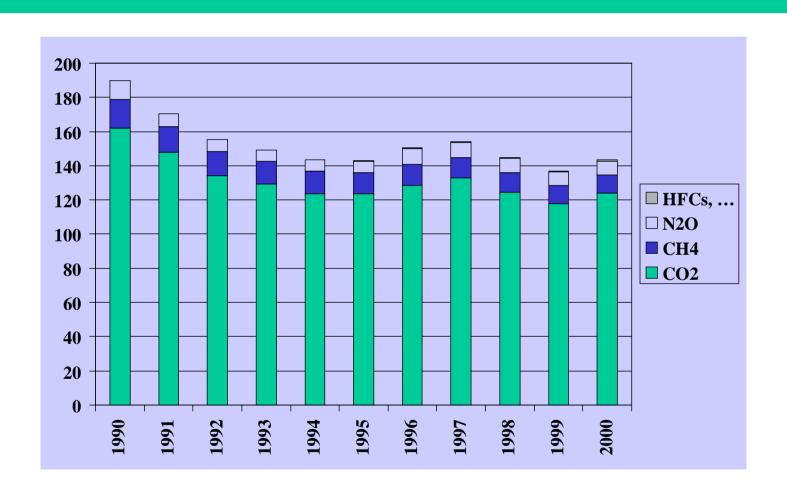
- extension of the forest area through suitable afforestation of unmanaged agricultural land
- development of new cultivation methods

Ministry of Finance

 creation of the financial preconditions for complying to Climate Change Strategy

GHG EMISSIONS IN 1990-2000

(kt/year)



JOINT IMPLEMENTATION

Working Group on Climate Change on the MoE

- established in July 2001
- advisory body to the Minister of MoE
- experts from different departments of MoE, State Environmental Fund, Czech Hydrometeorological Institute, Czech Ecological Institute, Czech Ecological Institute, Czech Energy Agency, PCF,...
- responsibility for the preparation of the methodology, approaches related to climate change, web sites, evaluation of proposals, ...

JI PROJECTS - current status (1)

- previous experience with the AIJ
- January 2002 official start of JI activities
- general information about Approach of the MoE to JI published on the web site of the MoE www.env.cz (priority areas, general conditions and requirements)
- May 2002 JI Guidelines published on the web site of the MoE
- administrative structure on evaluation and approval of the JI project proposals established

JI PROJECTS - current status (2)

- Administrative centre for JI projects MoE contact place for submitting of projects
- technical and economic feasibility of projects will be evaluated by the State Environmental Fund and the Czech Energy Agency
- final position towards the project proposal Working Group of the MoE - based on the evaluation
- final decision by the Minister of the Environment (proposal)

JI PROJECTS - current status (3)

- PCF preparation of the projects, Host Country Agreement under the preparation, necessary approval of the Government, to be signed by the end of the year
- Working Group with Germany
- Memorandum of Understanding with Austria
- Dutch ERU-PT portfolio of bio-mass projects discussed with the MoE
- Interest from other countries (Denmark, Japan, UK, ...)

JI PROJECTS - next steps

Government

- Directive for the signature of the International Agreements
- Preparation of the New National Climate Change Strategy
- Decision of the Government concerning the approval of the transfer of emissions (JI projects)
- possibility of some changes in the methodology and the evaluation criteria (learning process)

