European Commission

IMPLEMENTATION OF E-COHESION
General characteristics

CZECHIA

No. of **targeted national/regional operational programmes** covering ERDF/CF: **6**

No. of **e-Cohesion systems**: **1**

At a glance:

e-Cohesion system: IS KP14+.

Introduction of the system: Operational since 2013.

Type of the system: National system covering six national/regional OPs that also supports one Interreg programme.
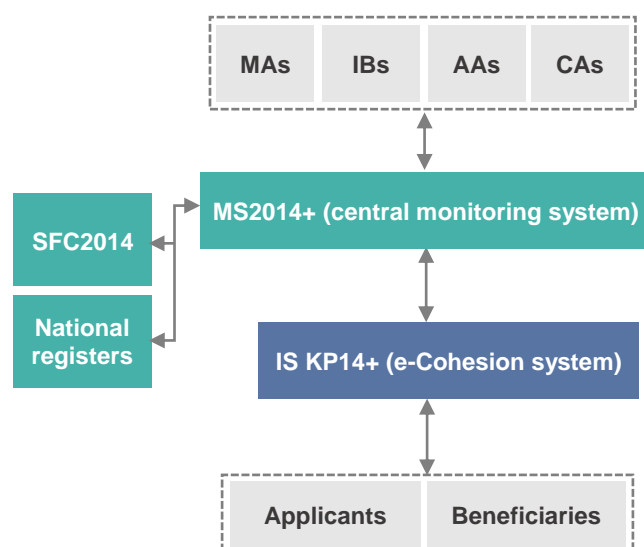
Implementation mode: Highly centralised.

Use during 2021-2027: It is foreseen that a new system will be developed.

Fund coverage of the system: ☑ **ERDF** ☑ **CF**

Context and structure of e-Cohesion

- E-Cohesion in Czechia is **centralised** – IS KP14+ covers six national/regional OPs and one Interreg programme;
- IS KP14+ showcases **high levels of interoperability**; it is linked with the **central monitoring system (MS2014+),** through which it is also connected to several other **national governmental registers** (e.g., accounting system and business register);
- IS KP14+ is integrated with the **European Commission's System for Fund Management (SFC2014)** through MS2014+;
- IS KP14+ supports the key processes related to implementation as well as the application process;
- IS KP14+ supports the use of **qualified e-signatures**.

MAs | IBs | AAs | CAs

MS2014+ (central monitoring system)

SFC2014

National registers

IS KP14+ (e-Cohesion system)

Applicants | Beneficiaries

Key principles of e-Cohesion: interoperability and once-only encoding

Principles: Extensive reuse of information; interoperability with EU tools.

IS KP14+ **supports once-only encoding on the project-level**. Data and documents provided by beneficiaries are shared with all relevant authorities.
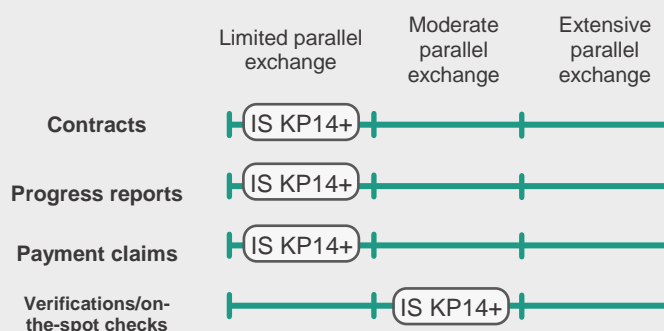
The system **extensively supports the pre-filling of information**:

- Information is pre-filled based on data entered during the project application and during previous steps of the operation and some national registers;
- **The pre-filling of information is highly valued** – nearly all beneficiary respondents using IS KP14+ aware of this functionality perceived it as useful to their operations (resulting in efficiency gains and reducing the number of errors).

Parallel data exchanges: Limited exchange of information outside of the system.

While being the officially provided solution, the use of IS KP14+ is not mandatory. **Beneficiaries indicate that they use the system for most key processes very extensively**, with limited data exchanges taking place outside the system.

	Limited parallel exchange	Moderate parallel exchange	Extensive parallel exchange
Contracts	IS KP14+		
Progress reports	IS KP14+		
Payment claims	IS KP14+		
Verifications/on-the-spot checks		IS KP14+	

Key processes: Coverage of all key processes, except modification requests.

- IS KP14+ supports applications, progress reports, payment claims and management verifications/on-the-spot checks;
- No support for modification requests;
- **Contracts for grants and other support, payment claims and progress reports are key processes of IS KP14+** – nearly all beneficiary respondents indicate that they submitted all of their relevant data and documents only through the system for these processes.

Functionalities: Support for all required functionalities, including interactive forms.

- **IS KP14+ supports all functionalities associated with user-friendliness** (interactive forms, automatic calculations, checks for incorrect/missing data, system-generated alerts, online status tracking, validity of e-signature and availability of previous data);
- **Nearly all beneficiary respondents aware of the functionalities provided by IS KP14+ consider them as useful**, meaning that they result in notable time gains and reduce the number of errors for their users.

Results of the introduction of e-Cohesion

Effectiveness – results and simplification

- The introduction of IS KP14+ has resulted in **extensive improvements and simplification**;
- Most respondents agree that the introduction of the system has led to significant improvements in various areas and has simplified the way they handle information compared with paper-based processes or email exchanges;
- **IS KP14+ has extensively improved information exchanges between authorities and beneficiaries** – most respondents report that its use has reduced repeated transmission of the same information, indicating that once-only encoding is highly valued by users of the system.

Efficiency – benefits vs costs

- The **benefits of using IS KP14+ compared to its costs are extensive** across beneficiaries' key processes;
- Nearly all respondents indicate that the benefits (reduced administrative burden, simplified procedures) of using the system outweigh any associated costs (the time and effort required to use it).

User–friendliness

- **IS KP14+ shows moderate user-friendliness** – more than half of beneficiaries perceive the system as easy to navigate and operate, and consider it as clear and self-explanatory;
- Indication for high satisfaction among users of e-Cohesion systems is whether authorities continue to develop and improve the existing system. In the case of IS KP14+, **more than half of beneficiary respondents feel that the system's functionalities and its overall functioning are being continuously improved, indicating moderate improvements**.