

# National and regional possibilities of financing wetland projects

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## National (Czech) possibilities of financing wetland projects (1)

• 1. Landscape programs organized and supported by the Ministry of the Environment – a financial instrument for realisation of concrete arrangements in the landscape to develop and improve a quality of ecosystems.

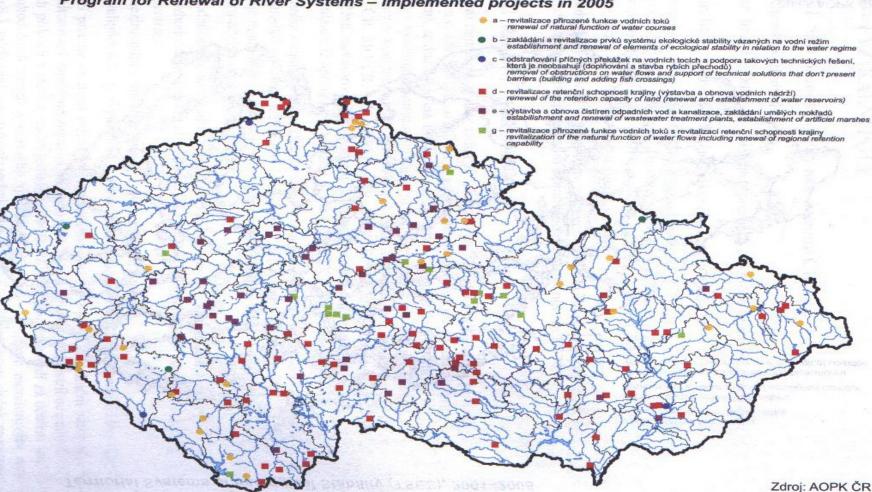
Responsible body is the **Department of financial instruments in nature and landscape conservation in support of Advisory committees.** 

- 1.1. River Systems Restoration Program since 1992, goal is to create or revitalize ecologically stable elements in the landscape connected with intervention into the water regime and the renewal of the natural functions of the water ecosystem.
- 1.2. Landscape Conservation Program since 1992, goal is to maintain and systematically increase the biological diversity, treat water systems that have been damaged in the past and support the functional use of the land



Source: AOPK ČR

#### Obr. B5.3.1 Program revitalizace říčních systémů – realizované akce v r. 2005 Program for Renewal of River Systems – implemented projects in 2005





## National (Czech) possibilities of financing wetland projects (2)

- 2. Environment Management Programme under the State Environmental Fund, probably only till the end of 2007
- 3. Fund for implementation of environment agreements under the MoE (small, one-year projects are supported). This fund allows us to organize seminars, training courses, prepare DVDs, edit leafleats, brochures, books and other information materials, support monitoring of waterfowl, etc. An intention is to support bilateral projects in future.



#### EU funds and other programs

- Rural Development Program (EU) Ministry of Agriculture
- Operation Program Environment (EU) Ministry of Environment program is focused on:
  - Implementation and protection of Natura 2000
  - Support for biodiversity
  - Landscape Structures Revitalization
  - Water Regime Revitalisation in Landscape
  - Revitalisation of Urban Landscape
- Operation Program Fishery (EU) Ministry of Agriculture
- LIFE+ (should start in 2007, three pillars: biodiversity, policy in environment, communication and information, 3-4 years projects, 75% co-financing, up to now no more details.)



### Other funds (3)

- Small Ramsar Grant Fund under the Ramsar Convention on wetlands
- Norway Fund for Environment
- WWF?
- World Bank GEF
- UNDP ?
- **FAO?**
- EU?
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