

CZECH AID TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: BEYOND FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

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Abstract

The study describes the Czech Republic's performance in terms of aid efforts to developing countries in comparison with other developed countries. For the first time, the authors apply a time-proven methodology of the Center for Global Development think tank in Washington called "Commitment to Development Index". The Czech Republic ranks in 20th position out of 23 evaluated countries, so according to this index, we have a great potential for improvement. The study is firm and foremost showing that developed countries, such as the Czech Republic, can help through other means than simply financial development collaboration. Strategic decisions of governments and companies in areas such as international trade or migration often have a great impact on citizens of developing countries. The Index shows that compared to countries at the top – Sweden, Denmark, the Netherlands – the Czech Republic is mostly behind in the area of development and safety collaboration; on the other hand, it excels in international trade and environmental issues. The Czech Republic's results in investment, migration and technologies are slightly below average. Even in times of cuts in Czech public budgets there is a room for improvement in terms of aid to developing countries. It could often be much more acceptable for the Czech republic, and much more beneficial for developing countries, if we changed the status quo of our public policies, rather than simply increased financial aid to developing countries.

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