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# About CESES

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Established in 2000 at the Charles University in Prague (1348) within the Faculty of Social Sciences (1990)

## Mission:

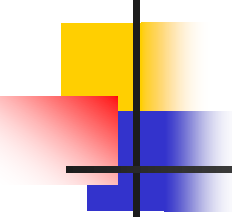
Interdisciplinary research think-tank engaged in the development of theory, methodology and practice of exploring possible futures, and the application of analyses and forecasts in decision making.

## **Disciplinary background:**

**sociology, economics, political science, demography, public policy, social policy, international area and security studies.**

# International research cooperation

(selected projects)

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- 2002-2004: **EU COST A 15** - „**Reforming Social Protection System in Europe: Comparing Dynamics of Transformation of Social Protection System in Context of Globalization and European Construction**“, partner
- 2002-2006: **European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions** – projects on „**Quality of Life in Candidate Countries**“, „**Quality of Life in an Enlarged Europe**“ – country experts, discussants, survey methodology advisers
- 2003-2004: **UNDP Regional Center Bratislava** - Preparation of the **Millennium Development Goals Baseline Report for Central and Eastern Europe**
- 2005-2009: **EU FP6** - „**Civil society and new forms of governance in Europe - The making of European citizenship**“ (**CINEFOGO**) – Network of Excellence, partner, Spread of Excellence coordinator, WP13 (The changing faces of security and social protection, and their impact on citizenship), WP38 (EU Civil Society in Four Policy Sectors)
- 2006: **DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities** – „**Study on Social and Health Services of General Interest in the Czech Republic**“. In HUBER, Manfred - MAUCHER, Mathias - SAK, Barbara. Study on Social and Health Services of General Interest in the European Union. Final Synthesis Report.



# Selected outcomes

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- POTŮČEK, Martin et al. *Strategic governance and the Czech Republic*. Prague: Karolinum, 2009. ISBN 978-80-246-1681-0.
- POTŮČEK, Martin (ed.). *Capacities of governance in the Czech Republic*. Prague: MatfyzPress, 2008. ISBN 978-80-7378-038-8.
- POTŮČEK, Martin (ed.). *The capacity to govern in Central and Eastern Europe*. Bratislava: NISPAcee, 2004. ISBN 80-89013-17-1.
- *Millennium development goals: reducing poverty and social exclusion. Czech Republic*. Bratislava: UNDP and CESES, 2004. ISBN 92-95042-04-2.
- POTŮČEK, Martin - LELOUP, L. - JENEI, G. - VÁRADI, L. (eds.). *Public policy in Central and Eastern Europe: theories, methods, practices*. Bratislava: NISPAcee, 2003, 80-89013-13-9.
- *Human development report: Czech Republic 2003: where do we come from, what are we, and where are we going?* Prague: MJF, 2003. ISBN 80-86284-34-4.

# Cohesion challenges in CEE

- research areas compatible with CESES capacities

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- Impact of globalization and the EU policies on socio-economic development in CEE after 1989
- Capacities of governance and interests' representation in CEE
- Development of quality and sustainability of life of the population
- Determinants and pockets of societal anomia, social exclusion and political extremism in the region
- Potentials of EU policies toward the region in a post-2013 period

*Thank you for your attention!*



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