

Development assistance

- Between 1990 and 2002, Canada agreed to fund 272 projects, worth \$25.4 million, in the Czech Republic. Some 125 of these projects, worth \$14.6 million, were part of a bilateral program. The Renaissance Eastern Europe Program, a Canadian International Development Agency business development program for Central and Eastern Europe, funded 76 projects worth \$3 million.
- Most CIDA programs in the Czech Republic deal with the environment; government and civil society in general, and legal and judicial reform in particular; education; and industry.
- The progress achieved by the countries of Central and Northern Europe in their transition has led CIDA to implement a “graduation plan” for this region. The Czech Republic (along with Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Slovakia) will be graduating from CIDA assistance by the end of fiscal year 2004–5 and will no longer receive Canadian aid. CIDA anticipates that these nations will, over time, become donors supporting transition and poverty reduction in other countries.
- Canada’s Official Development Assistance in Central Europe program supports the change from recipient to donor status for the four countries of Central Europe (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia). Through this program Canada is helping strengthen each country’s Official Development Assistance program. An initial phase of capacity building will be followed by jointly implemented trilateral projects in developing countries.
- Canada’s \$2.5 million Local Governance Support in Central Europe program is helping municipal governments in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia to develop and strengthen their individual finance and management capabilities.