Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic

Policy Context:

Proposals on Environmental Tax Reform, Energy and Emission Taxation in the CR and the role of MODEDR project

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Environmental Tax Reform in the CR

• 2006 - MoE prepared proposal of ETR:

"Principles and Schedule of ETR"

• 3.1.2007 - the government took note of the proposal



Environmental Tax Reform in the CR

<u>Schedule</u>: 2007-2017, 3 steps

Principles:

- Fiscal neutrality
- Support of renewable energy sources
- Support of combined heat and power
- Support of energy savings

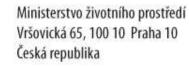


I. step of ETR

2007 - Transposition of the directive 2003/96/ES

1 January 2008 – new taxation came into force:

- of solid fuels
- of electricity
- of natural gas





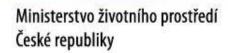


II. step of ETR

The aim:

to stimulate the modernization of technology for the generation of energy and reduction of air pollution

- Primary: to create an emission tax on CO₂
- Reality: economic instruments
 in new act on air protection



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Air protection - current economic instruments

- Energy consumption taxation
- Air pollution fee
- Financial support (OP Environment, State Environmental Fund)
- Road tax
- Mineral oil consumption tax
- Toll road fee

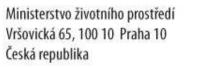


<u>Air protection</u> - current economic instruments

Low efficiency of current instruments

It is necessary **to focus** especially on:

- energy industry
- chemical industry
- transport
- households







II. step of ETR

Air pollution fee – revision

Combustion stationary source fee – new

Government subsidies – new

(investment in air pollution)

+ Financial support (Green Investment Scheme)

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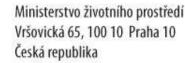


"Modelling of Environmental Tax Reform Impacts: Second Phase of the ETR" Research project

November 2007-December 2010

The aim: to analyze impact of

- (CO2 taxation original aim)
- new rates of air pollution fee





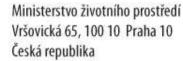


Research project

Help for new act on air protection:

modelling of impacts of rates increases

- June 2009
 rates at the level of "prevention costs"
- August, November 2009 various scenarios







III. step of ETR

Adaptation of current energy taxes according to Revision of the Energy Taxation Directive

Energy tax

CO2- related tax

General energy consumption tax

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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