

Questions for the preparation of the 2022 Rule of Law Report

Ministry of Industry and Trade

10. We understand there are a number investigations and audits at national and European level into the use of EU funds. Are any measures planned at the governmental level to address issues in relation to potential corruption with/of EU funds?

As part of Czech RRP there is a whole component related to anti-corruption reforms. To name specific measures that are planned we would highlight:

- The law on protection of whistle-blowers (2024) aiming at improving legal safeguards for whistle-blowers and improving the perception of whistle-blowers within the public administration and in civil society.
- The law on lobbying (2025) aiming to establish a legal framework for lobbying activities in the legislative process, enable public scrutiny and increase transparency of the entire process.
- Creation and publication of methodology for measuring of corruption in the Czech Republic (2023) which would help to collect and analyze data on corruption under single definition and methodology.

Integral part of Czech RRP are also measures related closely to management of funds mainly connected to efficient protection of the financial interest of the Union e.g. measures to prevent, detect and correct fraud, corruption and conflict of interest.

- Review of definition of beneficial ownership and subsequent amendment of The law on beneficial ownership (2022) which should put the definition in the Czech law in line with the EU AML Directive.
- Amendment of The law on conflict of interest (2022) which has an ambition to bring more clarity into the assessment of certain situation taking into account findings of audits from the past.