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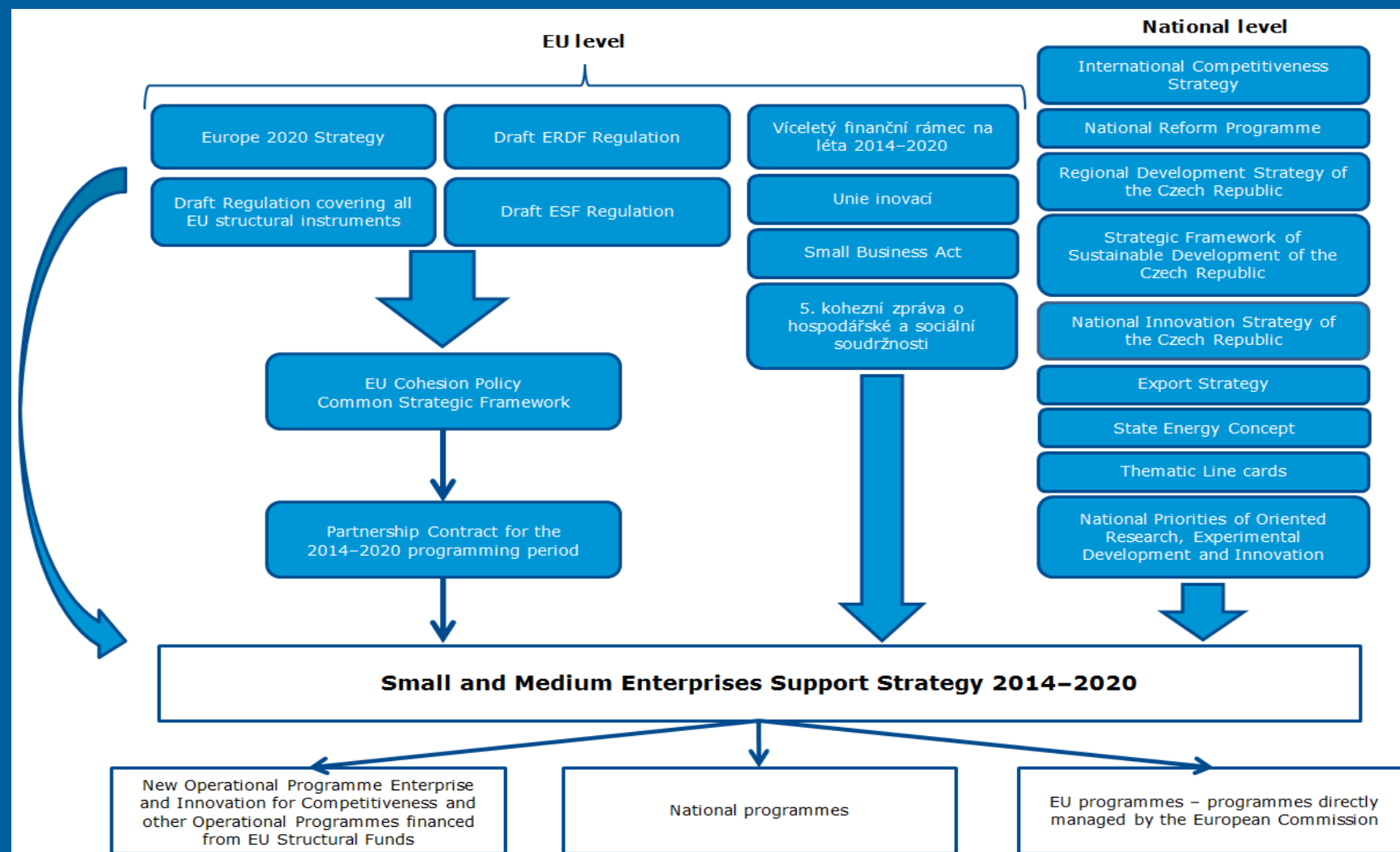


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- Small and medium-sized enterprises are clearly the most numerous group of enterprises.
- The share of small and medium-sized enterprises in the total number of active business entities is about 99.84%.
- From the long-term view, the contribution of SMEs to GDP has been slightly increasing, reaching 36.06% in 2010.
- The number of economically **active small and medium-sized enterprises in industry** is about 173,290 active entities.
- In 2011, these enterprises had 598,000 employees in the Czech Republic.

Reductions of energy and material requirements in the businesses of SMEs

- One of four strategic priorities, which have been defined under the SME Strategy 2014+;
- Increase energy efficiency and use renewable and secondary energy sources,
- **The aim of providing this aid is to reduce the material/energy requirements per unit of output while keeping the long-term stability and availability of energy to the business sector;**
- The sectoral priorities will be financed from three primary sources – funding under the EU cohesion policy, national funds and EU programmes.

Secondary raw material policy of the Czech Republic

- *The first document of the Czech Republic, which creates a strategic framework for the effective use of secondary raw materials;*
- *Ratified by the government on October 16th;*
- *Secondary raw materials represent a significant part of the state raw material base;*
- *Goal: the effective extraction and utilization of secondary raw materials for the purpose of saving non-renewable resources (energy and non-energy raw materials).*

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➤ *Secondary raw materials - What is that?*

The term secondary raw material is used in numerous legal provisions of both the EU and the Czech Republic, however no single definition has been created yet.

For us, secondary raw material means a substance or item that has ceased to be waste or has never become waste and enters another process of use; in addition, such substance or item is normally traded and its technical characteristics, such as technical and industry standards, trade practices etc., exist to allow for describing the substance or item clearly for the purposes of trade or technological process, and the use of the substance or item must be subject to environment protection.

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- The sources of secondary raw materials include:
- by-products of production,
 - unprocessed extracted raw materials,
 - products at the end of lifecycle and
 - usable waste that meets the criteria for secondary raw materials and their further processing.

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How this will be achieved?

- Creation and implementation of an Action Plan that will set specific goals for execution of the Secondary Raw Materials Policy;
- Information and technical assistance for the Action Plan implementation;
- Support of activities for the greater use of secondary raw materials;
- Initiation of support of the use of secondary raw materials in public procurement;
- Education in the area of consumer awareness regarding the significance of easily recyclable products and products made from secondary raw materials.;
- Support of education and awareness in the area of the extraction, processing and use of secondary raw materials;
- Support of research and development in the area of the extraction, processing and use of secondary raw materials.

Promotion of processing of secondary raw materials

- Financing source : EU Cohesion funds
- Programming period: 2014+
- New operational programme Enterprise and Innovation for Competitiveness
- Priority: Sustainable energy management, support of renewables and development of innovations in energetics
- Target: Higher exercise of research and development in the field of extraction of secondary raw materials
- Target group: SMEs, large companies

Thank you!

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