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# Public Works

As a example of good practice related to Long-term unemployed

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# What Public Works are?



- very useful measure and often the only job opportunities for long-term unemployed and people with basic education
- supported by the Labour Office of the Czech Republic as a measure of active labour market policy
- program providing part-time work mainly in maintaining public areas and infrastructure, for a maximum of 12 months and on a renewable basis
- the Labour Office may provide a contribution up to the amount of the minimum wage plus social security contributions

# Types of works and contribution recipients

## Local government, municipal and city authorities, technical services

- Removal of snow during winter period
- Maintenance of public green areas and public spaces
- Coordination of voluntary public service
- Removal of the current flood damage

## Institutions providing social services

- Retirement Homes - nursing services
- Parent Center - assistant worker
- Organisation for disabled people – personal assistants for disabled children in kindergartens and primary schools



# Public Works also for handicapped persons

- Public works are mainly physical character
- However it may be suitable for a disabled person or person with disabilities
- Some people with disabilities may meet the time limitations of job opportunities
- Physical work can be performed by people with intellectual disabilities, mental illness, or people with long term illness, etc.

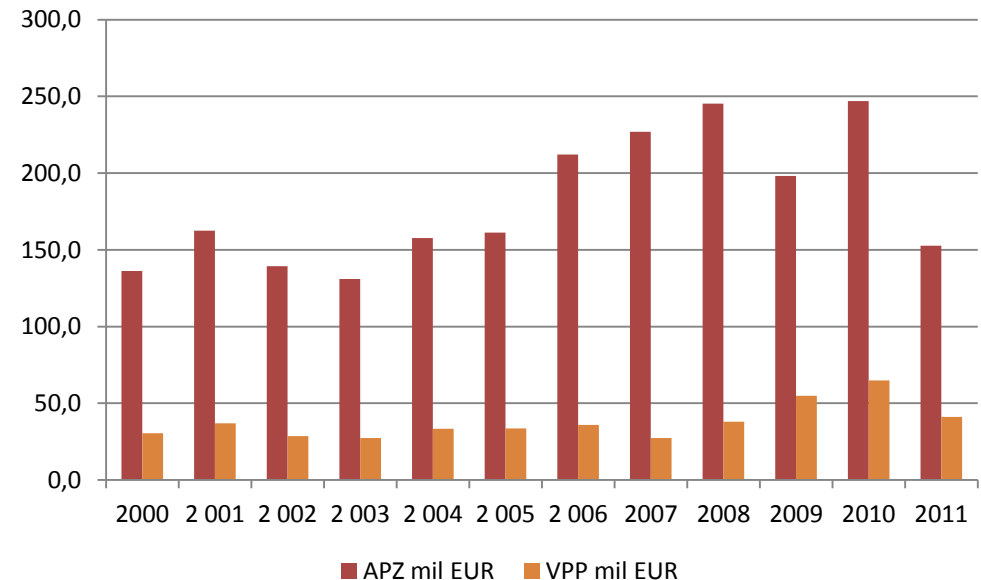


# Public Works - financial sources

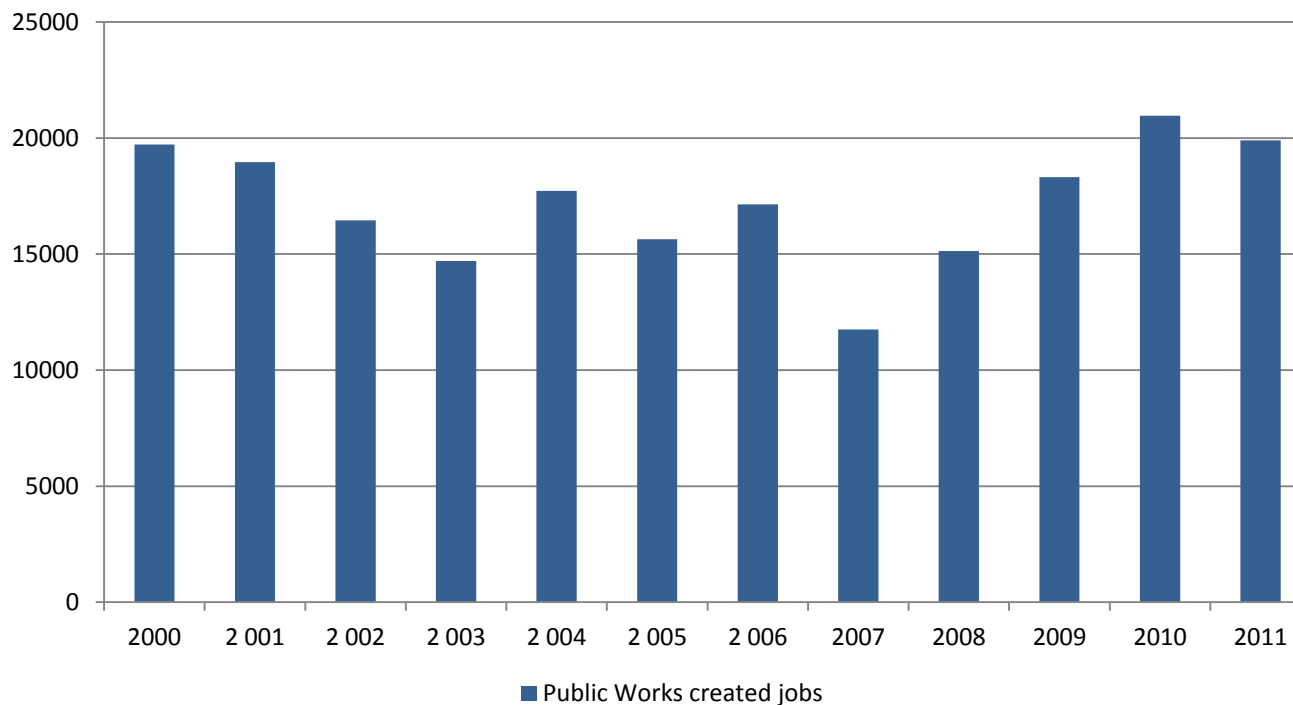
- **European Social Fund - National Individual Projects**
- **Active Labour Market Policy (ALMP)** financed by state budget

## Expenditures on ALMP and Public Works in the Czech Republic

- Public Works are the most used measure to reduce unemployment especially in times of economic stagnation
- The total amount spent on ALMP in 2011 was 152 million EUR
- Of which 41 million was spent on the Public Works



# Created new jobs within Public Works in the Czech Republic



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# Realizations of Public Works in Jablonec nad Nisou District

## Regional criteria for the contributions of ALMP

### The maximum contribution

- contribution up to the amount of the minimum wage plus social security contributions
- 480 EUR per months and person,
- 600 EUR for coordinator of voluntary public service

### The maximum time – 12 months

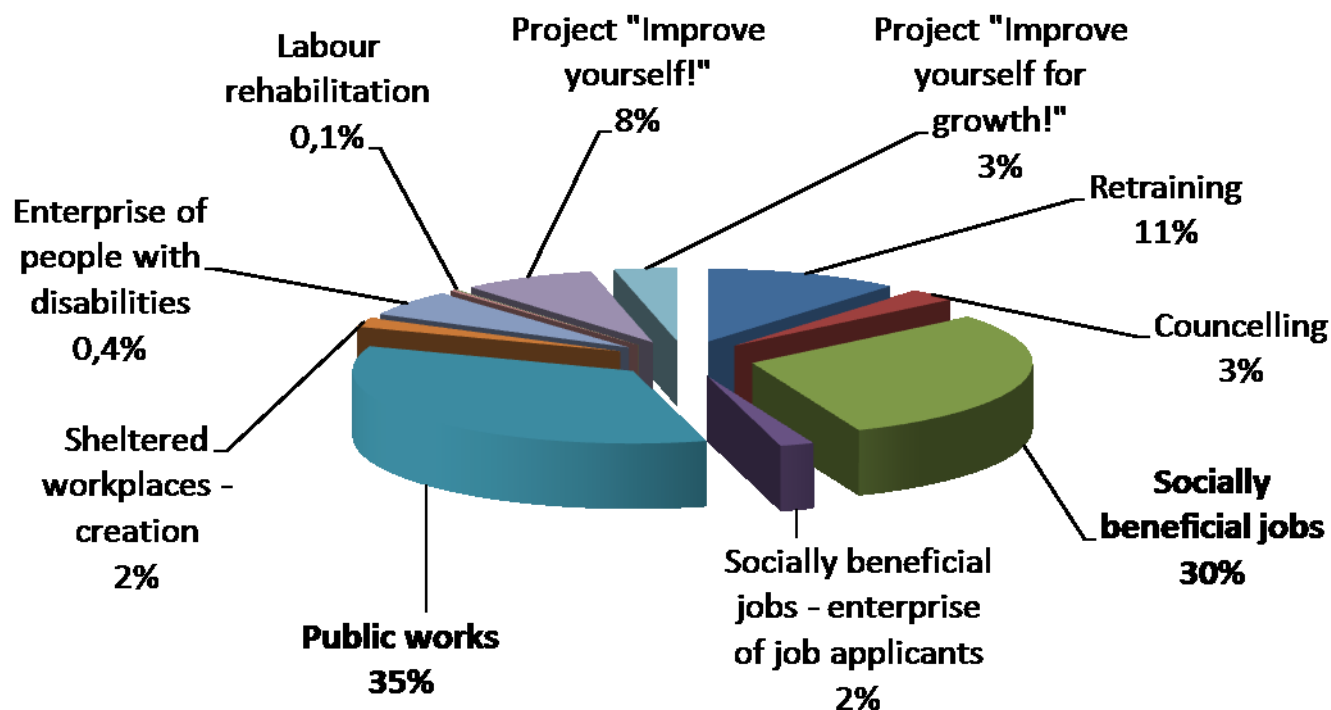


There are 34 municipalities in Jablonec nad Nisou District – about 20 of them use public works

Other cca 5 institutions support social services jobs

# Active employment policy - Expenditures for main measures

Proportion of measures financed by Contact place Jablonec nad Nisou in 2011



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# Active employment policy - Created new jobs and placed job seekers

New jobs supported by Contact place Jablonec nad Nisou

| Measure of ALMP                                 | year 2011    |                    | year 2012    |                    |
|---|--------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|
|   | Created jobs | Placed job seekers | Created jobs | Placed job seekers |
| <b>Socially beneficial jobs – national ALMP</b> | 93           | 95                 | 57           | 55                 |
| <b>Public works – national ALMP</b>             | 86           | 88                 | 89           | 86                 |
| <b>Sheltered places for handicaped people</b>   | 8            | 15                 | 0            | 0                  |
| <b>Socially beneficial jobs - ESF</b>           | 43           | 43                 | 73           | 55                 |
| <b>Public works - ESF</b>                       | 107          | 117                | 90           | 93                 |
| <b>Goal-directed programmes (RIP) - ESF</b>     | 26           | 25                 | 12           | 11                 |
| <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>364</b>   | <b>383</b>         | <b>338</b>   | <b>325</b>         |



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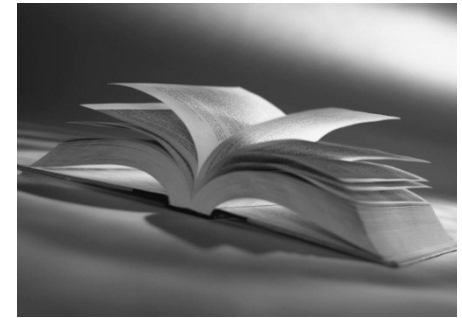
# Active Labour Market Policy

- The Czech Labour Office is providing the standard set of services and measures of active employment policy including, in addition to job counseling
- Retraining, investment incentives, socially beneficial jobs, a bridging contribution, public works
- The provision of active labor market programs is concentrated in high unemployment regions across the Czech Republic, programs are also targeted to the most disadvantaged job-seekers.
- Active labor market programs most commonly used are requalification and training, public works and socially beneficial jobs.

# Implementation of Active Labour Market Policy

- Focusing on comprehensive approach to ALMP measures and their interlinks and combinations.
- Strengthening of and active search for cooperation with all labour market actors.
- Promoting understanding of work as a social value and of the role of the Labour Office as a key partner in dealing with unemployment problems.
- Focusing cooperation of the Labour Office with the social partners and other actors on coordination of employment policy with social and family policies.
- Influencing pupils, students and their parents in the choice of occupation. Deepening and developing cooperation between elementary and secondary schools and employers.
- Supporting jobs that enable acquiring new vocational skills and competences.
- Supporting access of women to employment and reconciliation of work and family life.

Thank you for your attention.



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