

**Practical case of study – cooperation of local authorities on different levels
being member of national and EU association**

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**2 674 municipalities =
8,3 mil. citizens of CZ**

**Agreement on co-operation
between national government,
ministries and SMO ČR**

**More than 20 thematic expert
and working groups**

**Projects of SMO ČR: Centre of
shared services,
Intermunicipal cooperation,
Smart councillor, Accountable
councillor**



Four main pillars of SMO ČR work

Influencing policies and legislation at national and EU level to enhance local democracy, economic autonomy of czech municipalities and promote positive conditions for their development and strengthen their competences



**Providing a forum for debate and
cooperation** for our members



Educating representatives and
employees of municipal authorities
(seminars, projects, workshops)



Legal consulting for members

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Becoming a member of national association - SMO ČR

1. Active member of the association itself: member of The Assembly (supreme body) – voting for The Council (101 members, control and supervision), The Council selects The Executive Board (13 members, operative activity)

2. Professional committees under The Executive Board: finance, legislative, social, public safety, housing, energy, transport, environment, information society, education, regional development, international relations

3. Representing the association on regional and national level: member of RSK, member of working groups under each Ministry, members of working groups under each OP etc.

bottom up approach,
cooperation on
different
levels,
bringing up the issues
from local
to national level,
sharing and consulting,
good and bad practice
experience,
political will

- 60 national associations of 41 countries
- 150 000 local and regional governments
- 1 global association – UCLG (www.uclg.org)

Two main pillars of CEMR work

Influencing European policy and legislation in all areas having an impact on local and regional governments;

Providing a forum for debate and cooperation for elected representatives and experts from our 60 member associations.

CEMR's work focuses on five thematic areas, which affect all aspects of the lives of European citizens as well as the local and regional governments that represent them:

Governance, democracy and citizenship

Environment, climate and energy

International engagement cooperation

Economic, social and territorial cohesion

Local and regional public services management

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SMO ČR – being a member of Council of european municipalities and regions
(CEMR)



1. Expert groups, focus groups and thematic platforms: territorial cohesion, diversity and integration, waste, resource efficiency and the environment, town twinning, governance, democracy and citizenship, equality,



2. Representing the national association and its positions on EU level: public hearings, conferences, seminars in the European Parliament, the European Commission and the European Committee of Regions – commissions

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**SMO ČR is nominating delegates for the European Committee of Regions of
the European Parliament**

**SMO ČR is nominating delegates for the Congress of Local and Regional
Authorities of the Council of Europe**

**SMO ČR is nominating one delegate for the Global Network of Cities, Local and
Regional Governments – **UCLG** (United Cities and Local Governments)**

CONCLUSION:

**Municipal cooperation is a vital contribution to the construction of a peaceful
and sustainably developed world. (UCLG)**