
Development Strategies

Charles University has 17 faculties (fourteen in Prague, two in Hradec Králové and one in Plzeň), four university institutes, five other departments for educational, scientific, research and development or other creative activities or for the provision of information services, three university-wide special-purpose facilities and the Rectorate as the executive management unit of the University.

In accordance with its historical dislocation, Charles University strives for its further development mainly in the form of the construction of so-called mini-campuses. The key intention is to concentrate capacities, provide modern instrumentation of university departments and better exploit synergies of disciplines cultivated at the university.

Over the last ten years, Charles University has invested a total of CZK 4 billion, of which more than CZK 600 million from its own resources (FRM). The reconstruction, modernisation and renovation of existing buildings was in many cases also a contribution to the protection of the historical cultural heritage of the Czech Republic.

The basis for investment and development activities is the documentation of the University-wide programme Development and renewal of the material and technical base of Charles University, which is prepared and continuously updated by the Department of Construction of the Rectorate.

The University's strategic development goals mean that it must be well prepared not only to respond to developments in Czech tertiary education, but also to play a proactive role in influencing these developments. Moreover, the ongoing development of the University itself makes it essential to achieve a carefully judged balance between two parallel requirements: on the one hand the growing number of courses and the widening range of activities pursued at the University's various faculties and centres, and on the other hand the need to strengthen the cohesion of the University as a unified entity.

Achieving these goals requires detailed analysis of current trends and impacts, including the use of benchmarking methods. One of the foundation stones of the University's development strategy is its focus on development projects – including projects financed from EU Structural Funds.