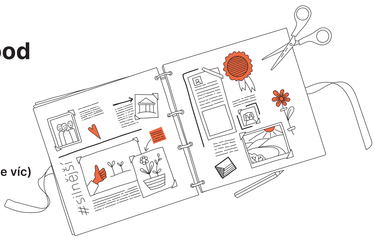
ČESKÁ spořitelna

Stronger neighborhood

Programs We Implement and Support at Česká spořitelna:



→ **The Day Spent Differently Program**
Every one of our employees can dedicate two days to volunteering and helping those in need.

→ **The We Can Do More Program (Dokážeme víc)**
Neighbourhood grant program implemented in collaboration with **the VIA Foundation.**

→ **The Stronger Changemakers Program**
Development program for local changemakers with an entrepreneurial spirit.

→ **Bibliotheca Inspirans (Library Award)**
Recognition of libraries that inspire others through their actions. Implemented in collaboration with **the OSF Foundation**.

→ **Journalistic Award**
Recognition of quality journalism awarded by **the OSF Foundation**. We are their partners in this initiative.

Who is a good neighbour?

Good neighbour

We have become accustomed to the global interconnectedness of the world. But the world is held together by relationships at the local level. That's why we're helping to create stronger neighbourhoods.

Even the founders of Savings and Credit Union recognized that the resilience of our society is affected by the level of our economic activity, the level of our culture, and the shape of our relationships.

Good neighbours know each other, meet regularly and take an interest in improving their shared environment.

Savings banks were created to help poorer and the middle class to gain greater economic independence; and have always acted as a good neighbour:

→ support local businesses, build art houses, theatres, apartment buildings and homes for the needy,

→ never afraid to lend money or even invest in a completely unknown entrepreneur or project,

→ because of the efforts, Křižík, Kolben, Bata and others succeeded.

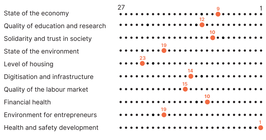
And how is Czech society today?

Czech Republic in 2025

The Czech Prosperity Index is a joint research project by the data portal Europe in Data and the analytical team of Česká spořitelna.

The index works with ten pillars, which contain a total of 116 data indicators for each country of the European Union.

THE CZECH REPUBLIC COMPARED TO EU COUNTRIES:

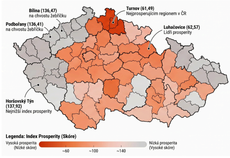


What is social capital?

Social capital is the set of resources a person can draw on through their relationships with others. It includes useful social connections, networks and community ties.

Regional Prosperity Index

The Regional Prosperity Index is an extension of the so-called large index (see left). It points out places where the quality of life is flourishing, as well as white spots across the Czech Republic. It compares the conditions of all 206 municipalities with extended powers.



While Turnov and Luhačovice share strong performance in terms of leisure opportunities, third-ranked Žamberk benefits primarily from one of the best living environments and a healthy economic situation. Among the regions, Prague, the Zlín Region, and the Vysočina Region lead the ranking. However, the Liberec Region recorded the most significant year-on-year improvement, climbing from 8th to 5th place.

Find out more at **www.silnejsiregiony.cz.**

Česká spořitelna wants to change that...

How does Česká spořitelna help?

We do what we can. The Good Neighbor Initiative is our contribution to improving the country's social capital.

We encourage you to be proactive, to approach freedom responsibly and with the knowledge that it is not free. There are a lot of people in Česká spořitelna who don't hesitate to help those in need – they donate their time, their knowledge and their finances.

There are ten thousand of us, and together we have the power to overcome indifference to the places around us.

The Day Spent Differently Program Program was used by
1 968 colleagues

during
2 208 days of volunteering in 2025.

The Day Spent Differently Program

Each of us can dedicate two working days a year to a good cause:

→ offer your strength to charitable organizations and know-how,
→ accompany elderly or disabled people for a walk or a doctor's appointment,
→ take part in the programs we introduced here, as well as the Alphabet of Money, the Foundation's Day for School, working with universities.

Are you interested in working with our colleagues? Contact us at **denjinak@csas.cz**

"Until now, I had used Den jinak primarily for hands-on volunteering. For the first time, I was able to contribute to a good cause by using the skills and expertise I rely on in my everyday work. It brought a new dimension to my sense of purpose and fulfillment, and through the project I met many truly inspiring people."

...to help others to help...

The We Can Do More Program (Dokážeme víc)

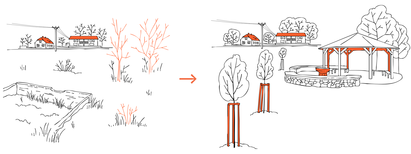
We support projects by active people who have ideas on ways to improve their neighbourhoods. They establish associations, restore benches, fountains or vanished paths, plant trees, build gazebos for neighborhood events and organize such events themselves.

In 2025 we supported
41 projects
nty and distributed nearly
3.4 million CZK.

Large grants

Throughout 2025, all four major grant recipients have been actively implementing their projects, which they will present in the coming year. So far, we have supported a total of ten major grants.

Planting an Orchard of Traditional Fruit Tree Varieties
"It was a place that was completely overgrown with tree shoots and there was also a considerable amount of waste. We received a grant to clean up this area and the first cleanup was undertaken by the Brontosaurs association as part of the summer camp. With them, we removed the raids and roughly cleaned the area. We invited prisoners from the local prison to the second cleanup."



Together with the Via Foundation and the organisation Díky, že můžem, we launched a round of microgrants through the We Can Do More programme to support voter engagement and encourage participation in elections.

We've split up
449 881 CZK

We supported
26 projects

Creating a Community Relaxation Area in Starý Jičín
"At the foot of Starý Jičín Hill, a place is taking shape that aims to bring generations together. Thanks to a grant from Česká spořitelna, a garden can grow here where two local seniors' dream of a bench with a view meets the ideas and aspirations of everyone who calls Starý Jičín home." Read the report from the first public discussion about transforming this space in Starý Jičín.

Encouraging Young People in Brno to Vote
At Brno's HaDivadlo theatre, the Czech Secondary School Union hosted a debate featuring young candidates running for the Chamber of Deputies. The event attracted nearly one hundred students and members of the public. The project helped strengthen young people's confidence in their ability to influence public affairs and civic life.

Do you know of an interesting project?
Apply for a grant at **www.dokazemevic.cz**

...help to direct it properly...

The Stronger Changemakers Program

The development program for local movers with an entrepreneurial spirit offers selected participants several months of intensive work on themselves and their own project. We always open in several regions.

The programme is built around continuous learning. On the way, the participants are accompanied by other changemakers, a mentor, a coach and other experts.

In 2025 successfully graduated a total of
30 changemakers.

Get inspired by **our podcast** series exploring community life and neighbourly relationships. **Over the Fence.**

Our Changemakers:
Be inspired by their stories

"Being a community coordinator is a real trial by fire." **Magdaléna Špitková**

You don't have to be rich or a powerful politician or an official to change the place where you live for the better. But you must be willing to talk over the fence with your neighbours, to take an interest in your neighborhood.