
INTRODUCTION TO THE NATIONAL PROJECT OF HEALTH RESTORATION AND PROMOTION IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Concern for health improvement has highly risen since the 1970's. The process has been accelerated in view of recognizing the determinants of serious mass diseases that can be prevented. The resolution adopted by the 33rd World Health Assembly in 1977 formulated the main social goal to reach by the governments and by the World Health Organization in the decades up to the year 2000: all people all over the world should reach a level of health enabling them to have socially and economically productive lives. Enormous progress has been made since by the World Health Organization and a lot of developed democratic countries. The targets to reach improved health and to prevent diseases result from the international project Health for All by the Year 2000 and national projects consistent with it but based on their own specific problems and possibilities. The Czech Republic joined these developed countries in 1992 when its government adopted a Mid-term Strategy for Health Restoration and Promotion.

It was an important, though only the first, step to formulate a comprehensive National Health Project consistent with the goals of that of the World Health Organization.

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