The EU Cohesion Policy´s effect on the civil society organisations in the Czech Republic

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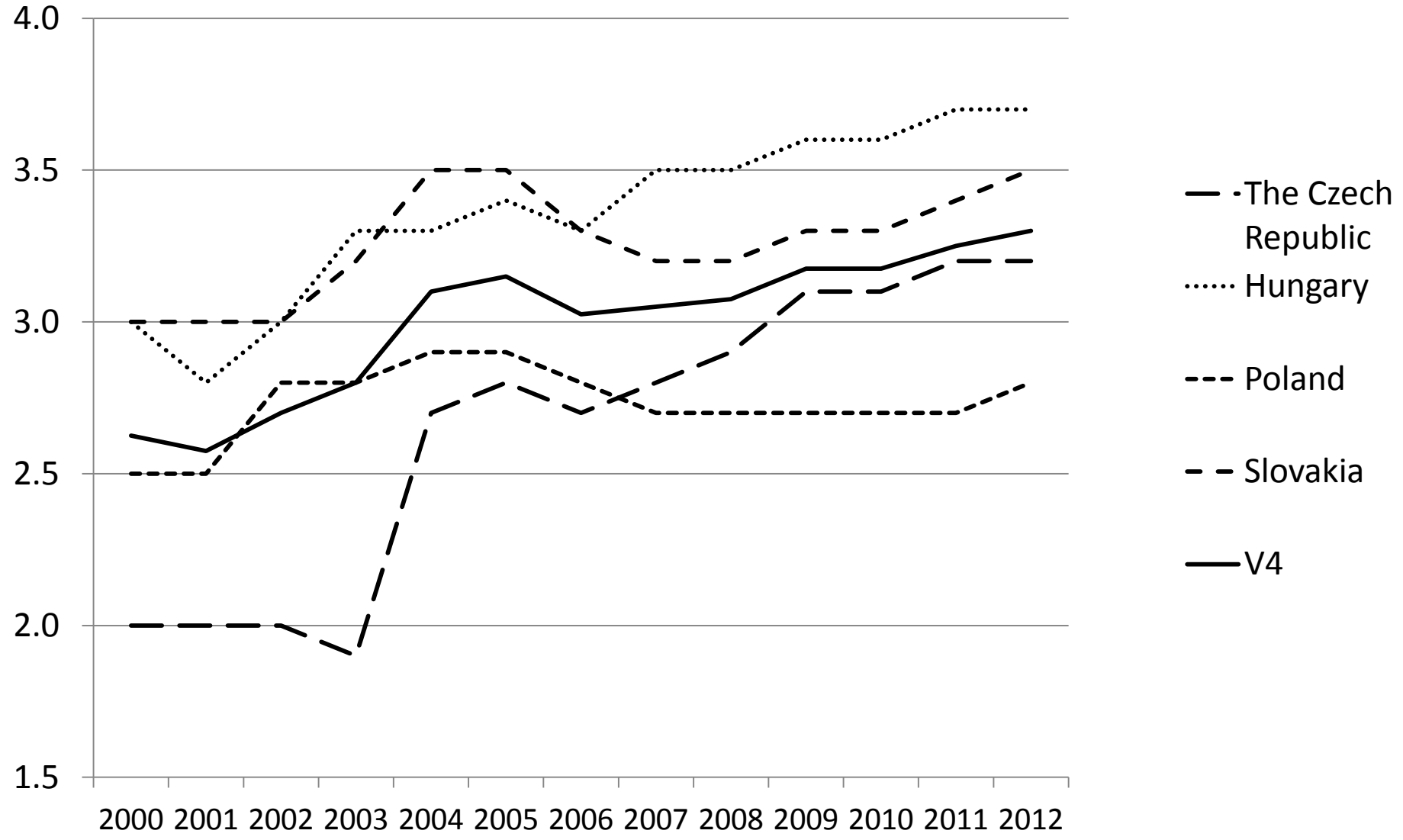
Structural Funds: Is it a new hope?

- Huge funding for countries accessing EU in 2004
- Part of it is accessible also for CSOs
- High expectations – then „Illusion of inclusion“
- Many problems in implementation of ESF/ERDF projects

Financial viability of CSOs in V4



Source: USAID; 1 = the best; 7 = the worst

What experience do have CSOs?

- Co-financing
- Cash-flow (loans, mortgages, delayed payments, etc.)
- Downturn during economic crisis – less donors

- Multi-source funding
- Voluntary work

What happened in CSOs?

Our research is based on data of 272 Czech CSOs

- Application of Difference – in – difference methods with matching on:

  - Revenues

  - Personnel costs

  - Profit

- Data from CEDR III, Monit7+, Albertina. Comparison of SF CSOs-beneficiaries with other CSOs

CSOs revenues in the CR (means)

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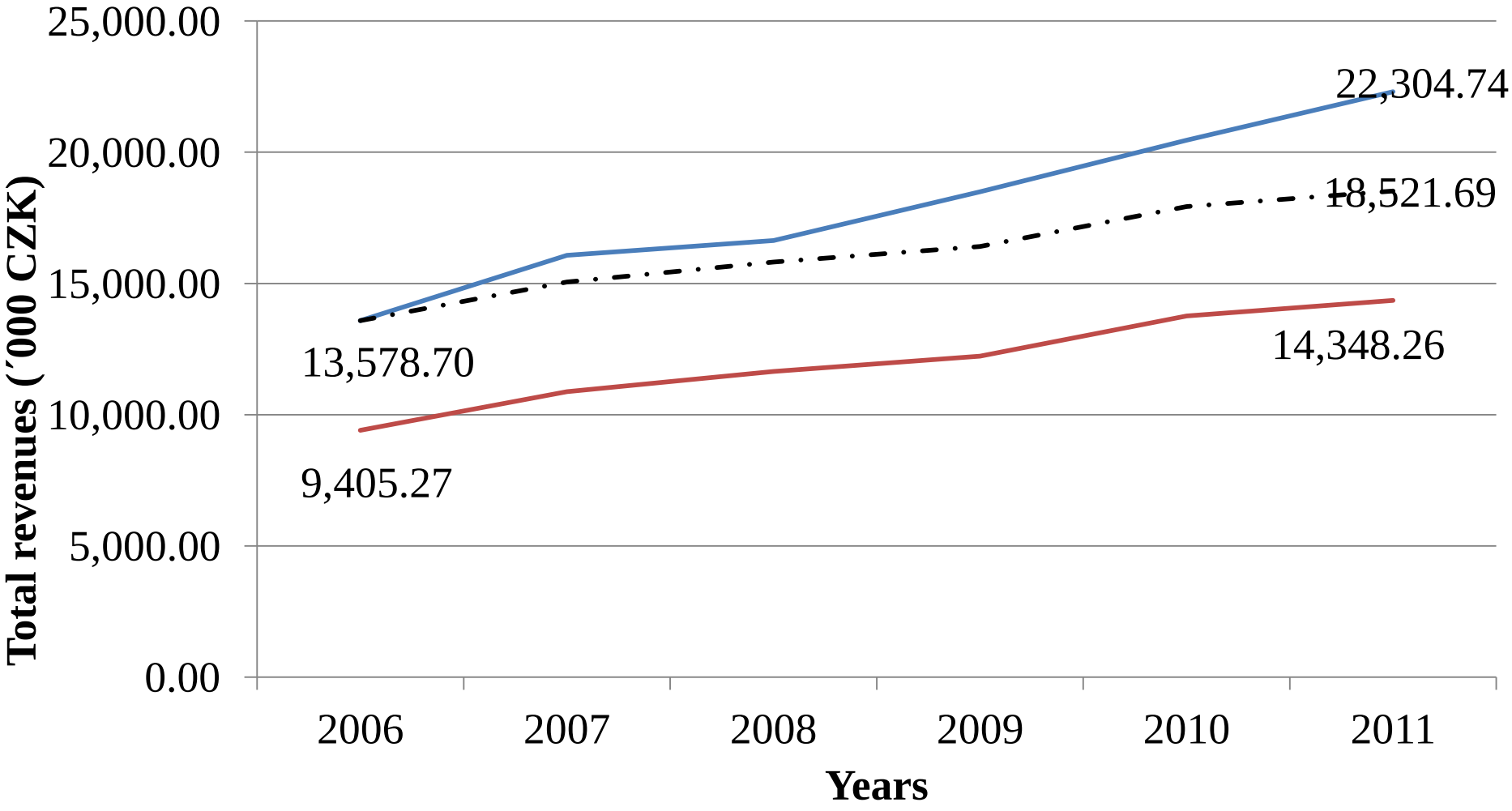

CSOs revenues in the CR (median)

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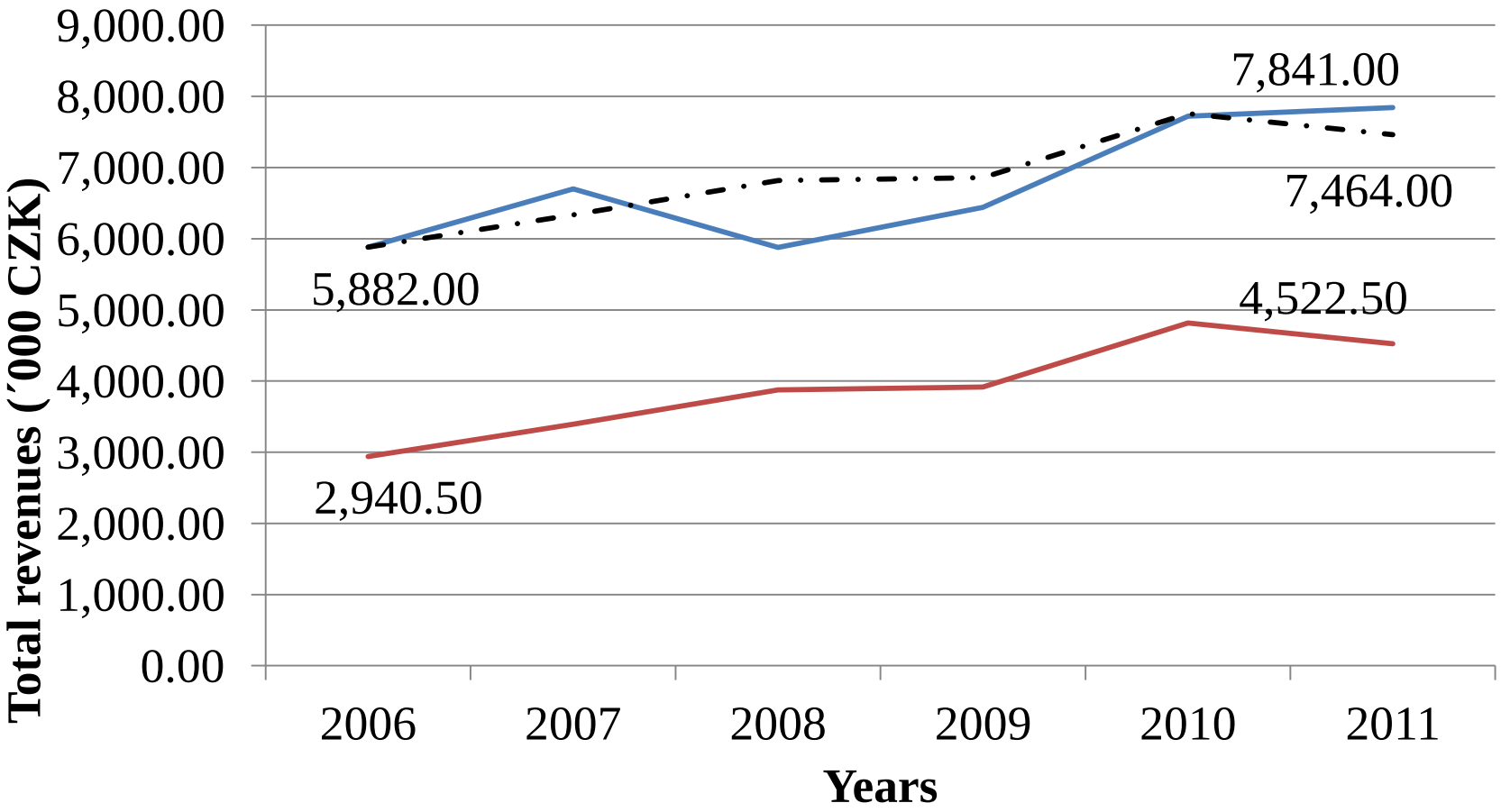

Conclusions

What does it mean?

- Some CSOs main income depends on the Structural Funds

How to continue?

- To find data for other CSOs (more cases)
- There are outliers – to analyse them (and apply the test without them)

Thank you for your attention

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