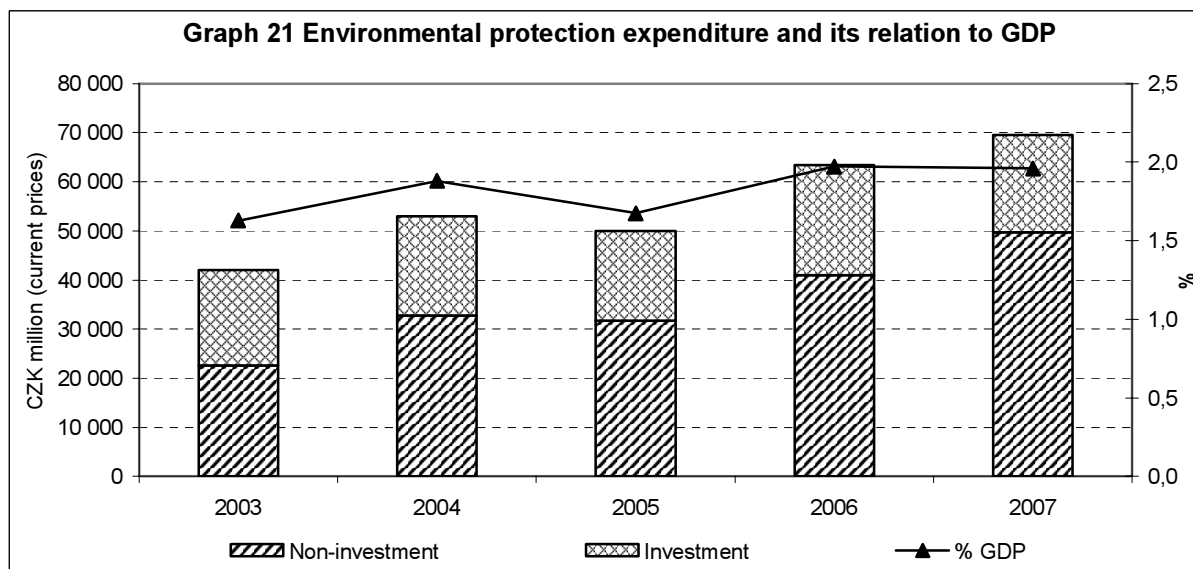


Environmental protection expenditure

As aforementioned, environmental protection expenditure is the sum of investment and non-investment expenditure and its relation to GDP is a widely used indicator for comparisons between EU countries to monitor the impacts of economic policy measures.



Environmental protection expenditure in the Czech Republic had an increasing tendency in 2003–2007 (current prices), especially due to growing non-investment environmental expenditure, partly as a consequence of the methodological change in the respondent sample (see the part Non-investment environmental expenditure). The share of environmental protection expenditure (current prices) in GDP (current prices) increased very slowly or stagnated in 2003–2007, ranging between 1.6% and nearly 2%.

Graph 22 shows the shares of environmental domains in total environmental protection expenditure. During the years the share of waste treatment expenditure grew to 53% of the total environmental protection expenditure, and 91% of that made up non-investment expenditure.

