

## Introduction

Regular CZSO publication titled Tendencies and Factors of Macroeconomic Development and Quality of Life in the Czech Republic in 2012 focuses in the breakdown of year 2012 on its results monitored in the medium- and long time horizon. Special attention is practically in all chapters devoted to the post-crisis period in the CR, i.e. the development after 2009. International comparisons are also performed where possible with regards to data accessibility.

Content of the analysis are chapters included regularly as well as themes new or included irregularly. To the areas analysed every year belong also in this elaborate areas related to the overall economic performance, price development and in the last two years also included results of the Czech Republic in real and nominal convergence and selected factors of competitiveness. Apart from these, the analysis focuses also on more detailed view of the demographic development in the CR and international comparison in all its important parameters including the ratio of economically active and economically inactive population, i.e. the index of economic dependency. This chapter contains among other also the international comparison of migration including illegal immigration.

Completely new is the chapter monitoring the business sector from the view of its profitability, indebtedness and investment rate related to the performance of the economy as a whole. A deeper analysis is here performed also for businesses in individual institutional sectors with a special focus on foreign controlled non-financial corporations. The question of real convergence of the CR to the average level of economic and currency union in Europe is in this work enriched by the view on a relative position of GDP per capita in the purchasing power parity (units of PPS) per regions of the Czech Republic, resp. size of GDP per capita in crowns in regions and its comparison in time. Assessed is also the position and changes in the economic advancement of regions (NUTS 2) in the CR compared to regions in the European countries.

Social statistics are in this analysis covered by newly included analysis of household incomes according to the changes in the size of their disposable income, even also according to the regions of the Czech Republic. Final picture is depicted by the help of results of the survey Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (SILC) regarding the development in the CR according to the households at risk of income poverty or social exclusion. The development of share of population endangered by material hardship is also stated as well as households with very low intensity of work.

CZSO by a gradual extension of this regular yearly publication - in preceding years of mostly economic character – pursues an effort for statistically detectable and appraisable data regarding the quality of life of people, by providing still wider and statistically precise picture of the development in the Czech Republic.