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Between the beginning of January and the end of December 2008 the planning and building control authorities granted a total of **122 242^{*)} building permits** on the territory of the Czech Republic, which is 4 858 permits up on the corresponding period of 2007.

There were 69 793 building permits granted for buildings in total (i.e. + 1 917 year-on-year) of which residential buildings accounted for 47 389 permits (+ 91) and non-residential buildings for 22 404 (+ 1 826).

The number of building permits granted for constructions for environmental protections was 19 199 which translates into an increase of 120.

The number of building permits granted for other constructions amounted to 33 250, which is by 2 821 more than in the corresponding period of 2007.

Of the total 122 242 building permits, 70 529 was granted for new construction (57.7 %) and 51 713 for renewals and enhancements (42.3 %).

Territorially, rather high investment activities are expected in the Středočeský Region (18.2 %), Jihomoravský Region (12.5 %), Moravskoslezský Region (9.6 %) and the capital city of Prague (7.6 %), which is in contrast to the lowest construction activities expected in the Karlovarský Region (2.6 %), the Liberecký Region (3.5 %), the Olomoucký Region and the Pardubický Region (4.7 %).

There were 47 389 building permits granted for residential buildings: 20 545 of them for new construction (43.4 %) and 26 844 for renewals and enhancements (56.6 %). Most of them were granted in the Středočeský Region (19.1 %), the Jihomoravský Region (12.2 %) and the Moravskoslezský Region (10.7 %). 5 743 building permits issued on the territory of the capital city of Prague make up 12.1 %, of which 2.2 % account for new construction.

The buildings, which were given a go-ahead for the start of construction from January till December 2008, are supposed to provide 70 551 dwellings throughout the Czech Republic. New construction should be provide 37 606 dwellings (53.3 %; 37 164 and 442 dwellings in residential and non-residential buildings, respectively). Renewals and enhancements resulting in dwellings should be provide 5 925 dwellings (8.4 %; 4 495 in residential buildings and 1 430 in non-residential buildings). Total 43 531 new dwellings. The other renewals and enhancements (i.e. those that do not produce new dwellings) should be result in 27 020 reconstructed dwellings (38.3 %).

Between the beginning of January and the end of December 2008 the planning and building control authorities permitted the construction of buildings with floor space 9 019.3 thousand m² (-0.6 %), of 4 962.2 thousand m² was in residential buildings (+ 0.9 %) and 4 057.1 thousand m² in non-residential buildings (- 2.4 %). A floor space of 8 506.2 thousand m² was obtained in new constructions and 513.1 thousand m² by renewals and enhancements.

The **approximate value** of the constructions, for the commencement of which the planning and building control authorities granted building permits by the end of December, amounts to **CZK 390 836 million** at current prices, which translates into an increase of CZK 33 128 million on the corresponding period of 2007.

A total of CZK 254 248 million (an increase of CZK 14 414 million year-on-year, i.e. + 6.0 %) should be spent on construction of buildings, of which CZK 121 822 million on residential buildings (by CZK 5 790 million more) and CZK 132 426 million on non-residential ones (+ CZK 8 624 million).

A total of CZK 33 025 million should be invested in constructions for environmental protection - i.e. by CZK 6 886 million more than in the corresponding period of 2007.

The approximate value for the other constructions amounts to CZK 103 563 million - an increase of CZK 11 828 million on the corresponding period of 2007.

*) New Act No. 183/2006 Sb., on territorial planning and the building code (the Building Act), is in force from 1 January 2007. This Act, especially in Sections 103 and 104, regulates newly the problem of "granting building permits". The new Act may have an impact on absolute values in the time series covering building permits and renewals and enhancements, particularly numbers of building permits and their approximate value for non-residential buildings, environmental and other constructions.