## *27. TERRITORIAL COMPARISONS*

*Based on the Constitutional Act No 347/1997 Sb, on the Establishment of Higher Territorial Self-Governing Units of 3 December 1997, the Czech Republic was divided into 14 regions on 1 January 2000. The Czech Statistical Office introduced the* **Classification of Territorial Statistical Units** *(CZ-NUTS) according to the Act and to the Resolution of the Government of the Czech Republic No 707/1998, and Section 19, paragraph 1 of the Act No 89/1995 Sb on the State Statistical Service, and following an agreement with the Statistical Office of the European Communities (Eurostat).*

*The NUTS classification (from the French version* Nomenclature des Unités Territoriales Statistiques*) is a fundamental systematic tool for the needs of statistics, analyses, and needs of providing of statistical information to the European Union. It is used for the statistical monitoring and analyses of social and economic conditions in regions, as well as for the preparation, implementation, and evaluation of regional policies. At the NUTS 2 level it is used mainly for drawing of funds from Structural Funds of the EU.*

*The Classification of Territorial Statistical Units (CZ-NUTS) was updated by the Communication of the CZSO No 201/2007 Sb effective from 1 January 2008. At present, the Classification has four NUTS levels, which are characterized by their population size and area. At lower levels, so-called local administrative units (LAUs) have been introduced. Prague is not divided into LAU levels. The LAU system, however, has not been introduced by legal instruments of the EU.*

*NUTS 0 ...refers to* **the state of the Czech Republic**
*NUTS 1 ...refers to* **the territory of the Czech Republic**
*NUTS 2 ...refers to* **cohesion regions***, i.e. to 8 groupings of regions*
*NUTS 3 ...refers to* **regions***, i.e. to 14 higher territorial self-governing units*

*LAU ........refers to* **municipalities***, i.e. to 6 258 municipalities (as at 1 January 2018)*

*Overview of NUTS 2 cohesion regions and NUTS 3 regions:*

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| **Praha** | – Hl. m. Praha *Region* |
| **Střední Čechy** | – Středočeský *Region* |
| **Jihozápad** | – Jihočeský *Region and* Plzeňský *Region* |
| **Severozápad** | – Karlovarský *Region and* Ústecký *Region* |
| **Severovýchod** | – Liberecký *Region,* Královéhradecký *Region, and* Pardubický *Region* |
| **Jihovýchod** | – Vysočina *Region and* Jihomoravský *Region* |
| **Střední Morava** | – Olomoucký *Region and* Zlínský *Region* |
| **Moravskoslezsko** | – Moravskoslezský *Region* |