Brief analytical comments

In the first half of 2016 ***financial intermediation sector*** *showed an increase in the average number of employees in actual persons by 1,4 %. The average monthly wage of actual persons increased by 4,0 % to CZK 52 018.*

The gross profit in the sector during the reference period increased by 144,7 %.

In January to June ***banking monetary institutions*** *(CZ-NACE 64.19 – banks without CNB, building societies) realized the total revenues amounting to CZK 110,4 billion, including financial revenues amounting to CZK 106,7 billion. The total costs stood at CZK 65,3 billion, including the total financial costs amounting to CZK 24,5 billion.*

Unlike the difference between total revenues and total expenses, the financial performance of the monetary banking institutions is higher by the profits (lower by the losses) made from certain financial and some other transactions (e.g. foreign currency, derivates and securities transactions). Since 2007, the financial performance of these institutions has been measured in terms of their results – i.e. as profits or losses from these financial and other transactions – and not in terms of revenues and expenses.

In the first half of 2016 the difference between the total revenues and total cost was CZK 45,1 billion and the net profit from financial and some other operations was CZK 7,0 billion. The banking monetary institutions made pre-tax net income amounting to CZK 52,1 billion, which means an increase by 18,1 % year-on-year.

During the first half of 2016 all 45 banks and building societies employed 40 021 actual persons on average, up by 2,1 % than in the same period of 2015. The average monthly wage of actual persons increased by 3,5 % and stood at CZK 57 335.

Interests receivable reached CZK 73,3 billion and interests payable reached the amount of CZK 18,6 billion in the first half of 2016. Interests receivable decreased by 1,3 % year-on-year. Interests payable decreased by 9,0 % year-on-year. The interest margin decreased from CZK 55,7 to 54,7 billion.

Non-banking monetary institutions (CZ-NACE 64.19, 64.2, 64.3, 64.9 a 66) *employed a total of 15 966 actual persons on average in the first half of 2016, which resulted in the 0,2% increase in comparison with the same period of 2015. The average monthly wage related to actual persons grew up by 4,3 % year-on-year and amounted to 43 825 CZK.*

Financial leasing companies *(CZ-NACE, code 64.91) reached a pre-tax profit of CZK 3,1 billion in the first half of 2016, an increase of 31,7 % compared to the corresponding period of the previous year. Received financial leasing instalments increased about 5,8 % and reached 15,1 billion CZK.*

In January to June ***insurance companies*** *(CZ-NACE 65.11 and 65.12)* ***and reinsurance companies*** *(CZ-NACE 65.20) made pre-tax profits amounting to CZK 5,2 billion, a decrease of 5,2 % compared to the corresponding period of the previous year.*

In the first half of 2016 gross premiums written stood at CZK 81,7 billion, accounting for 93,6 % of total revenues and down by 2,6 % year-on-year. Insurance claims paifd amounted to CZK 48,2 billion, making up 58,6 % of total expenses of the insurance companies. Costs of these insurance claims decreased by 11,7 % year-on-year.

In the period from the beginning of 2016 till the end of June all of the 55 insurance companies employed a total of 13 707 employees (actual persons) on average, i.e., by 0,3 % less than in the corresponding period of 2015. The average monthly wage (related to actual persons) was CZK 46 573, up by 4,7 % in comparison to the same period of 2015.

During the first half of 2016 there were concluded 4 988 374 *non-life insurance contracts, by* 5,4 *% less than in the same period of the previous year. The number of life insurance contracts during the observed period of 2016 was 408 959, a decrease of 19,9 %.*

In the first half of 2016 ***pension companies and funds*** *(CZ-NACE 66.30) made their pre-tax profits amounting to CZK 2,0 billion, a decrease by 7,7 % year-on-year.*

First half of 2016 saw total technical provisions of pension companies and funds growing by 9,6 % to CZK 370 billion. Contributions received from members and employers (excluding government contributions) stood at CZK 22,1 billion, an increase of 0,6 % from the same period a year earlier.

Government contributions decreased by 2,5 % in the observed period of 2016 and amounted to CZK 3,3 billion. Pension insurance benefits paid stood at CZK 11,2 billion, up by 15,3 % year-on-year.

There were 4 658 699 active pension insurance policy holders (members of pension schemes) in total on 30thJune 2016. The number decreased by 2,7 % in comparison with the end of the same period of 2015.

All of the pension companies and funds employed a total of 523 actual persons on average in the first half of 2016, which resulted in the 0,7 % decrease in comparison with the same period of 2015. The average monthly wage related to actual persons amounted to 38 119 CZK, an increase of 3,3 % year-on-year.