

## COMMENTARY

### Trend in December 2013

#### Month-on-month comparison:

- **Exports:** export prices grew 2.2% in December (+4.0% in November). The change of the total m-o-m export price index was driven mainly by a 2.3% price growth in 'machinery and transport equipment'. Among important sections biggest price growth occurred in 'chemicals and related products' (+2.7%), 'manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' (+2.0%) and 'miscellaneous manufactured articles' (+1.8%). Prices did not fall in any of the observed groups.
- **Imports:** import prices increased by 1.7% (+3.6% in November). The change of the total m-o-m import price index was driven mainly by a 1.6% price growth in 'machinery and transport equipment'. Another price growth was registered in prices of 'food and live animals' (+4.1%), 'mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials' (+2.4%), 'manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' (+1.5%) and 'chemicals and related products' (+1.3%). Prices did not fall in any of the observed groups.
- The **terms of trade** figures increased to 100.5% (100.4% in November). Positive values among important sections reached prices of 'machinery and transport equipment' (100.7%), 'miscellaneous manufactured articles' (100.6%) and 'manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' (100.5%). Negative values of the terms of trade figures reached only 'food and live animals' (97.7%).

#### Year-on-year comparison:

- **Exports:** export prices increased by 6.0% (+2.9% in November), this growth was supported by weakening of koruna against Euro and dollar. The change of the total y-o-y export price index was driven mainly by a 6.6% price growth in 'machinery and transport equipment'. Prices in 'miscellaneous manufactured articles' and 'manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' grew 7.1% and 5.5%, respectively. Only price fall was registered in 'animal and vegetable oils' (-2.7%).
- **Imports:** import prices rose 3.8%, along with export prices influenced by weakening koruna (+1.0% in November). Change of the total y-o-y import price index came mainly from a 5.3% price growth in 'machinery and transport equipment'. Prices of 'food and live animals', 'miscellaneous manufactured articles' and 'manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' increased by 7.7%, 4.9% and 4.1%, respectively. Only price drop was registered in 'animal and vegetable oils' (-12.8%).
- The **terms of trade** figures increased to 102.1% (101.9% in November) staying in positive values for twelfth month. Among important sections, highest positive values of the terms of trade figures were registered in 'mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials' (104.4%), 'miscellaneous manufactured articles' (102.1%), 'manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' (101.3%) and 'machinery and transport equipment' (101.2%). Negative values of the terms of trade figures reached only 'food and live animals' (94.8%).

## Trend in 2013

For the whole year 2013, export prices increased by 1.2% (+2.9% in 2012), import prices decreased by 0.2% (+4.2% in 2012).

- **Exports:** prices among important sections grew in 'miscellaneous manufactured articles' (+2.5%), 'food and live animals' (+2.4%), 'machinery and transport equipment' (+2.0%) and 'chemicals and related products' (+0.4%). Prices in 'mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials' and 'crude materials, inedible, except fuels' dropped 3.6% and 1.7%, respectively.
- **Imports:** prices significantly fell in 'mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials' (-6.0%, +15.7% growth in 2012), 'crude materials, inedible, except fuels' (-5.8%) and 'chemicals and related products' (-0.7%). Prices of 'food and live animals', 'miscellaneous manufactured articles' and 'machinery and transport equipment' increased by 5.7%, 1.9% and 1.0%, respectively.
- **The terms of trade** figures in total reached 101.4% in 2013 (98.8% in 2012) and switched to positive values after three years.