

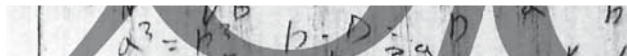


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FOREWORD



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Dear Readers,

On the following pages you can find a summary description of the most important activities of the Czech Statistical Office (CZSO) in 2016. Either they are activities in the professional fields of the Czech Statistical Office departments and units, or activities related to the Office operations, namely economic activities, human resources management, or international cooperation, all of them are subject of this Annual Report.

In 2016 the Office continued in implementing of the Act on Civil Service, which was, as expected, a very demanding process. The implementation negative effects were manifested, for instance, in recruitment for vacant jobs in the Office, especially in the case of positions requiring a high level of professional skills and expertise. Yet it also got reflected in rules for employees' remuneration. Despite a different approach of legislators to the increasing of tariffs, the Czech Statistical Office management managed to maintain an equal approach to remuneration of civil servants and employees, who are subject to the Labour Code. The management also pushed the approach through in negotiations with trade unions on other advantages in the collective agreement and contract.

In 2016 defence of the Czech Statistical Office independence in applied methodology and data processing within the European statistics on waste also consumed a great amount of energy. In this context there were very intensive negotiations held over the last year at national as well international levels. A joint arrangement of the Czech Statistical Office, Ministry of the Environment, and Office of the Government of the Czech Republic of August 2016, which set a framework of future activities in solving the issues, was a partial milestone in.

Concerning other important activities in the field of statistical processes preparations of further development of tools within the project of the Redesign of the Statistical Information System (RSIS), results of the autumn elections to regional bodies and the

Senate of the Czech Republic, and a proposal of the factual draft of the bill on the population and housing census were under development. The continuing reform of the Household Budgeted Statistics or implementation of respective recommendations that were raised within the peer review carried out in 2015 were substantially demanding. An active participation of the Office in data support to the sustainable development concept of 2030 Agenda adopted at the end of September 2015 required significant work capacities of the CZSO.

Here I would like to accentuate the main thing, which is the everyday work of the Czech Statistical Office employees, who not just in the course of the last year provided for publishing of millions of statistical data in the extent and quality necessary. Although these activities may be taken by granted it is an assignment which consumes the largest portion of the professional work and which is of the highest priority. The data publishing is directly tied to the visitor rate of the Office website, which recorded over nine million clicks over the year. The Czech Statistical Office also received a great response in media publishing almost 29 thousand articles and reportages containing data from the Office. I perceive these results as a positive reflection of the work of all employees. The Czech Statistical Office has been among the most trustworthy institutions in the Czech Republic. According to the latest survey of Public Opinion Research Center the Office enjoys a high public trust rate of 60%. It has been confirmed by results of polls the Office carried out itself among the users and journalists in 2016.

Concluding the foreword I would like to express my thanks to all respondents who cooperated with our Office and provided the necessary data in the last year. Our thanks for cooperation shall also go to many institutional partners of our Office who help us, within the framework of our joint activities, in creating and developing of high quality, objective, and independent official statistics in the Czech Republic. ■



MANAGEMENT OF THE CZECH STATISTICAL OFFICE

The Czech Statistical Office is a highly professional and modern institution with rich traditions and heritage. The CZSO scope of authority, its activities, rights, and duties are laid down by the State Statistical Service Act. The long-term framework of activities is defined by the system of strategic objectives, the progressive attainment of which is directed by means of priority tasks set by the Office management every year.



Mission of the Czech Statistical Office

“On the basis of data obtained to create and provide a trustworthy and consistent image of the state and development of the society in relation to the developing needs of all users of the State Statistical Service under conditions of changing environment. For this purpose the Office coordinates the State Statistical Service of the Czech Republic.”

Vision of the Czech Statistical Office

The CZSO is an up-to-date, user-oriented institution, which:

- adheres to and respects fundamental ethical values such as professional approach, independence, impartiality, and openness;
- provides high quality services to a wide spectrum of users on the principle of equal access to information, and enjoys the respect, trust, and recognition of the domestic and international public;
- makes a fundamental pillar for the development of the national system of the State Statistical Service and its harmonisation at the international level;
- constantly reduces the administrative burden on respondents by improving performance and implementing innovations both in the field of internal processes and within the framework of the coordination of the State Statistical Service;
- leans on highly motivated and qualified experts, for whom it creates appropriate working conditions;

- contributes to the development of statistics as a scientific discipline by means of professional journals published by the Office and by lecturing and consultancy activities of its employees with appropriate professional scope at universities, scientific institutions, and statistical workplaces both in the Czech Republic and abroad.

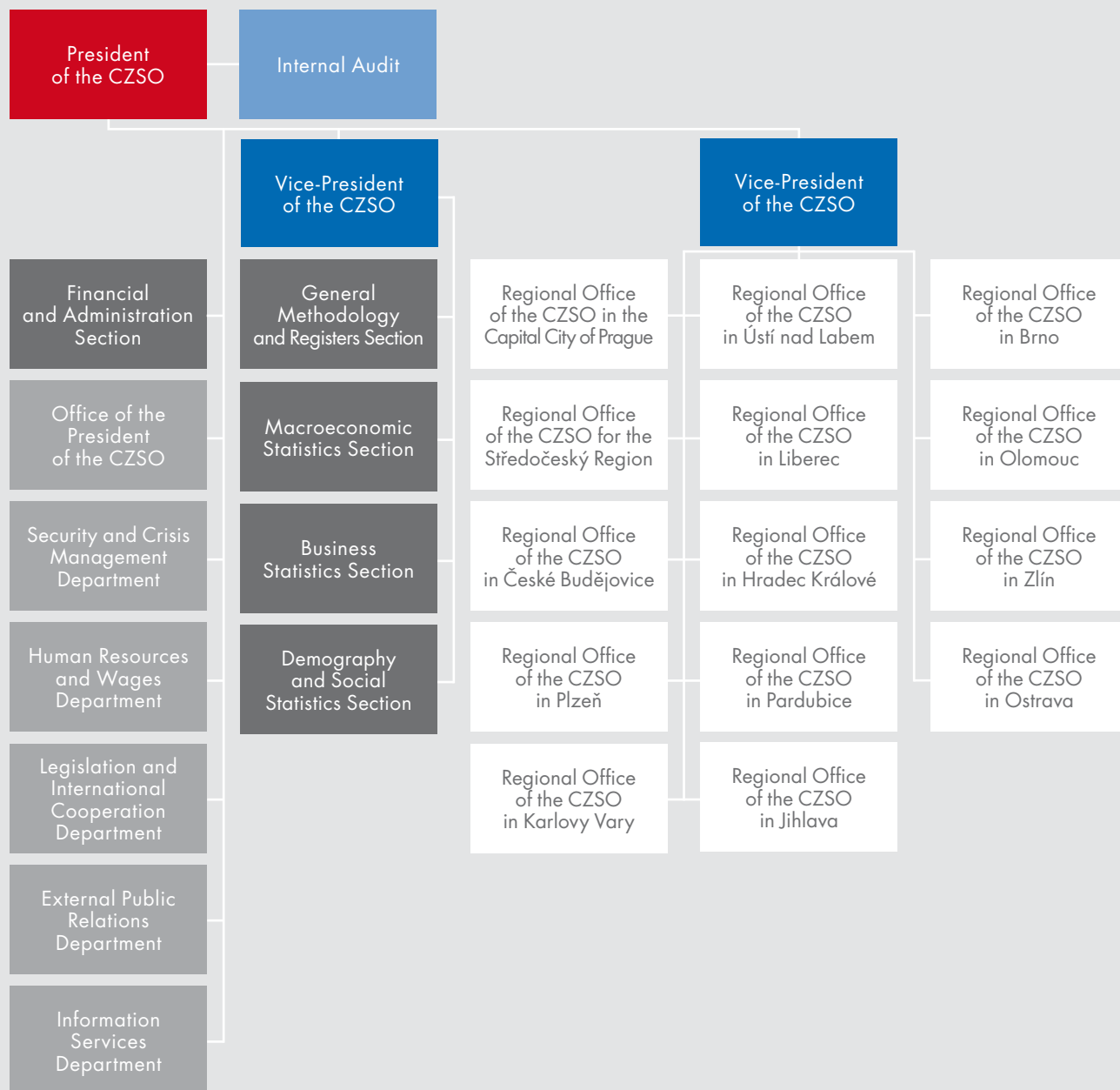
Strategic Objectives of the Czech Statistical Office

- Maximising benefits and comfort of users.
- Enhancing effectiveness of processes and labour productivity; innovating the Statistical Information System.
- Optimising the administrative burden on respondents while maintaining quality of outputs.
- Motivating the Office employees and developing their professional skills permanently.
- Increasing the Czech Statistical Office prestige at the national and international level.

Crucial Priorities to 2020

- Supporting e-government and implementing administrative data sources into the statistical system in an active manner.
- Transferring statistics of respective ministries under the CZSO administration.
- Participating in an active manner in the process of building a system of registers in the Czech Republic.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE (as at 31 December 2016)





- Unifying technical and technological environment for the collecting, processing, storage, and publication of statistical data and information.
- Preparing a strategy of the procedure for the 2021 Population and Housing Census.
- Evaluating and guiding permanently the development of the statistical surveys' content keeping in mind both national and international conditions.

President of the Czech Statistical Office

The position of President of the Czech Statistical Office has been held by Ms Iva Ritschelová, who was appointed by the President of the Czech Republic in September 2010 upon the proposal of the Government of the Czech Republic. The fundamental prerequisite for the title of the President of the Czech Statistical Office is the impartial and apolitical approach, guaranteeing maximum objectivity and trustworthiness of the statistical data produced by the Office. Guarantees of this impartiality are provided by the legal code of the Czech Republic. The President of the Office, while performing the State Statistical Service, adheres to acts and to other legal regulations, applies professional aspects, requirements for practical usage, and professional ethic, and provides for the use of strictly scientific methods of statistical works.

Advisory Bodies of the President of the Czech Statistical Office

Permanent advisory bodies of the President of the CZSO are the Czech Statistical Council, Collegium, Meeting of the CZSO Management, Election Steering Team, and Crisis Team.

- The **Czech Statistical Council** primarily discusses the programme of statistical surveys; strategic plans of the Office, results of audits of professional statistics, etc. Its further tasks and methods of work are regulated by its Statutes issued by the President of the CZSO. Members of the Council are appointed from among experts of the statistical theory and practice.
 - The **Collegium of the President** is an instrument of the strategic management of the Czech Statistical Office. It discusses mainly conceptual materials on the State Statistical Service and also drafts of decisions, which are to substantially affect the activities, external relations, management, or structure of the CZSO.
- The **Meeting of the CZSO Management** is an organizational tool for the operations management of the Czech Statistical Office. It deals with drafts of decisions, concrete tasks, procedures, and co-ordination of activities resulting for respective sections, departments, and units of the CZSO from these decisions.
 - The **Election Steering Team** prepares and implements the processing of election results and their presentation to the public, discusses legal, methodological, organisational, technical, personnel, and budgetary matters related to these activities.
 - The **Crisis Team** is an organisational instrument of the CZSO crisis management; it deals with solutions of conditions as emergency announcement, a threat of crisis conditions, or other serious conditions, which are connected to security and safety interests of the CZSO.

Organisational Structure

At the end of 2015 the organisational structure of the CZSO had four tiers of line management. The Office Headquarters in Prague concentrates, first of all, departments and units ensuring the statistical methodologies, and technology and economic agenda. Respective sections provide for crucial statistical processes, beginning with the development of methodology, via function and methodology management of the data collecting and processing, up to the dissemination of statistical information. The Headquarters also houses departments and units that provide a range of supporting processes, including international cooperation, human resources, financial management, ICT, public orders, security, and external communication. There are the CZSO Regional Offices in each of the fourteen regions. These can be subdivided into two types by size to large and small ones. Both types have an identical internal structure, which consists of field survey units and information services units. Moreover, the large Regional Offices have statistical processing units. ■



GENERAL METHODOLOGY AND REGISTERS

In 2016 the CZSO continued in fulfilling of the Resolution of the Government of the Czech Republic on making the State Statistical Service performance more effective by, for instance, implementing other data from administrative data sources into the system of statistical information processing. Besides, the Office produced to the Government of the Czech Republic a principal document on implementation of integrated collection of selected data for public administration.



The Czech Statistical Office further developed the process of control of the collection and entry processing of data using metadata stored in the Statistical Metainformation System. The Office got involved in preparations of new European legal regulations, namely on business registers. As a routine operation, one of the basic registers of public administration, the Administrative Business Register (ROS) was in routine operation and further developed. Information on legal and natural persons kept in the Statistical Business Register (RES) was regularly updated on the basis of data in the ROS. In the course of the year several statistical classifications and nomenclatures were updated and published in the Collection of Laws of the Czech Republic. The Decree on the Programme of Statistical Surveys for 2017 was published on 4 November 2016.

General Methodology

In 2016 classifications and nomenclatures were updated as follows: Nomenclature of Currencies and Funds (ČMF) by the CZSO Communications No 206/2016 Sb and No 419/2016 Sb, Classification of Occupations (CZ-ISCO) by the CZSO Communication No 270/2016 Sb, International Refined Diagnosis Related Groups (IR-DRG) by the CZSO Communication No 313/2016 Sb, and Nomenclature of Countries (CZEM) by the CZSO Communication No 420/2016 Sb. Furthermore, the List of Selected Goods and Additional Statistical Features was introduced by the CZSO Communication No 247/2016 Sb,

and then updated by the CZSO Communication No 405/2016 Sb. Statistical classifications and nomenclatures are used for statistical data collections and processing and for publishing of summary statistical information. The utilisation of the classifications forms the fundamental instrument of methodology to compare statistical information at the national as well as international level.

In accord with the Act No 89/1995 Sb on the State Statistical Service as amended the Decree on the Programme of Statistical Surveys for 2017 was prepared. The Programme includes 89 statistical surveys carried out by the Czech Statistical Office and 67 surveys carried out by ministries and their subordinated organisations, which was by 8 surveys less compared to their number in 2016. Majority of the surveys is based on requirements of over 50 legal regulations of the European Union. The Decree determines the duty for respondents of statistical surveys to send in the data to the Czech Statistical Office or to the ministry, which the Decree gives as the body carrying out the statistical survey concerned. Statistical surveys are not the only source of data for the creation of statistical information. Administrative data form another important group.

At the end of 2016 the Czech Statistical Office produced to the Government of the Czech Republic a principal document on the implementation of an integrated collection of selected





data for public administration. The document was also initiated by important changes to European legislation in the use of administrative data sources for statistical purposes. On 14 December 2016 the Government unanimously adopted the intention by its Resolution No 1135, which assigns ministries to cooperate with the Czech Statistical Office as early as in the phase of the primary proposal and then in changes or in case of a requirement to cancel an administrative data source. At the same time it assigns to implement a free-of-charge and quick access to administrative data sources, which can be used for statistical processing.

Statistical Metainformation system and Data Warehouse

Metadata necessary to define inputs and outputs of statistical surveys for 2016 and 2017 were uploaded into the Statistical Metainformation System. In the course of the year application which provide for entry data collection and processing were further developed. Other activities concentrated on the central processing and implementing of new applications to create analyses and outcome sets. Major benefits from the activities are more effective administration and control of statistical information creation.

In 2016 the data loading into the data warehouse and data markets continued by uploading of relevant data of short-term and long-term economic statistics and data aggregates and derived data. The data markets were uploaded also with selected administrative data and data from statistical registers. All these activities were implemented within sustainability of the RSIS project and in accord with the plan of Public Database development, which enables to present statistical outcomes, including metadata, to the public.

Statistical Registers

The Statistical Business Register and the Register of Census Districts and Buildings (RSO), used for preparations of statistical surveys, have been fully connected to basic registers of public administration since 2013. Once the statistical registers were made more effective works continued on the creation of groups of businesses in accordance with the European project of the creation of international groups of businesses (so-called EuroGroups Register). Profiling of the groups of businesses continued with the objective to test the proposed European methodology in the conditions of the Czech Republic, make data on the structure of groups more precise, and verify conditions for acquisition of consolidated data on groups of businesses. The Czech Statistical Office was also involved in preparations of new European regulations on business registers, which shall become a part of the EU framework regulation on business statistics integration (FRIBS) and the regulation on providing data for regional demography of businesses. In 2016 there was an internal audit of methodology of the Statistical Business Register carried out and found no mistakes in its administration and management.

Administrative Business Register

In 2016 the basic Administrative Business Register was operated in a routine regime for already the fourth year. In cooperation with the National Registers Authority new requirements focused especially on adjustment to data copies from the ROS by means of the CzechPoint were implemented. Furthermore, works were commenced on implementation of changes to the content of the Register brought by the Act No 192/2016 Sb amending the Act No 111/2009 Sb on basic registers as amended, and certain other acts. Conditions for the use of operation data were changed for selected bodies of public power. ■



STATISTICAL PROCESSING

Based on the implemented project of the Redesign of the Statistical Information System, all parts of the statistical process, including the entry data collection and processing, have been changed in recent years. In 2016 all tasks were processed in new applications developed for the tasks. Therefore respondents were able to fill in data into intelligent PDF questionnaires, or in the Internet application of Dante Web in 2016. Out of the total number of 1.4 million of active entities recorded in the Statistical Business Register there were 137 thousand addressed. These are, for instance, businesspersons and government or non-profit organisations.

The Programme of Statistical Surveys for 2016, which defines the reporting duty of respondents, included 92 statistical surveys carried out by the Czech Statistical Office. Regularly surveys of a longer period are also implemented. The Programme of Statistical Surveys for 2016 included the Farm Structure Survey and Questionnaire on Innovations. Compared to the previous year, the Programme did not involve the Vineyard Survey and Questionnaire on Professional Education. Detailed information on every survey, for instance, answers to frequently asked questions, or an overview of changes to the previous year were placed on the website www.vykazy.cz. At the link one can find the application of Questionnaires by ID Number, using which the respondents could verify their reporting duty to concrete statistical questionnaires and download intelligent PDF questionnaires.

Respondents were informed on their reporting duty by means of the summary Communication on Reporting Duty to the Czech Statistical Office for 2016 (hereinafter as the Communication). At the beginning of the year the Czech Statistical Office sent out the electronic version of the Communication to data boxes. The respondents, who do not have a data box, were notified by sending in a paper-based letter. The Communication cited not

solely pieces of information on the duty to produce the data yet also important information on the method of data transmission in the electronic form, deadlines for returning of questionnaires, and contact persons in case of inquiries.

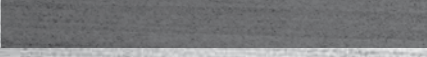
The Internet application of Dante Web is the recommend way of data providing, because it offers plentiful advantages. It, for instance, contains numerous checks to verify correct data filling or messages on mistakes and errors and suggesting a potential way of their correction. The questionnaire may be simultaneously filled in by multiple authorised employees, either of the own business or an external company. The application of Dante Web is designed as a so-called thin client (an application working by means of web browsers) and may be used in computers no matter of their operating system and with no need to be installed. The data are permanently stored in the application and are available to an authorised user from anywhere and anytime. Moreover, the Czech Statistical Office does not require the electronic signature, just to click on "Send" is enough.

Based on the aforementioned main advantages of the Internet application of Dante Web the number of respondents who were using the application gradually grew. For example, in order to fill in the quarterly questionnaire marked P 6-04 there were 34% of respondent who chose the application in some of the quarters. If 62% respondents, who sent in data in the intelligent PDF questionnaires, are added, then the total number of returned electronic questionnaires of this survey accounted for 96%. Nevertheless, in 2017 the promotion of electronic questionnaires of the Czech Statistical Office will be intensified and will be built on explaining of their advantages.



An aerial photograph of a tractor plowing a large field, creating deep furrows in the soil. The tractor is moving from the top center towards the bottom right. The field is divided into several distinct sections by the plowing lines. On the left side of the image, there is a vertical bar chart with 13 bars of varying lengths. The text 'PRODUCTION STATISTICS' is overlaid on the chart area.

PRODUCTION STATISTICS



Besides ensuring of standard outputs, main activities of the Business Statistics Section in 2016 comprised also development activities within the ESS, namely preparation and implementation of the Framework Regulation Integrating Business Statistics (FRIBS). It included, among others, consulting activities on the working level of Eurostat as well as completion of a grant focused on testing of delineation of statistical units and work on a continuing grant in the area of profiling of important statistical units. Gained experience was used also for a draft reporting within structural business statistics.

During the year, the section also participated in realization of the priority task of enhancement of effectiveness of the State Statistical Service focused, inter alia, on a more intensive use of available administrative data with the aim to enhance quality of statistical outputs while minimizing administrative burden on respondents. Within that, we have successfully obtained other available data sources from the General Financial Directorate and also time limits for data transmission were reduced including checking of their usability in the production process.

Industry, Construction, and Energy

Among the most important development activities of the statistics on **industry** was a reflection of the Classification of Products by Activity (CZ-CPA) revision in statistics of industrial goods and services or rather CZ-PRODCOM list of industrial goods and services (Czech version of the European classification PRODCOM) for the 2016 reference year. In relation to the FRIBS regulation under preparation, in the area of production statistics a preparation for testing of an extension of estimation methods of output indicators was launched. In PRODCOM statistics, a regular meta-data reporting was also launched, currently on a voluntary basis. Within short-term statistics of industry, works

on an extended quality survey belonged to the main development activities.

Within statistics on **construction and housing construction**, transmission and processing of data from the Register of Territorial Identification, Addresses and Real Estate (RÚIAN) has been successfully optimised; the share of grossed up data has significantly decreased. In relation to the implementation of the FRIBS regulation under preparation, a seasonal adjustment of data from statistics on construction permits was tested and then put into a routine operation. Construction statistics results were successfully presented at several press conferences.

In **energy statistics**, processing of results from a sample survey on energy consumption in households (ENERGO 2015) was completed. Obtained knowledge was incorporated in a set of international energy questionnaires and transmitted to Eurostat. Concurrently, publication outputs were prepared to be published in the second half of February 2017.

Trade, Transport, Services, and Tourism

In the area of **statistics on trade, transport, and services**, a methodological audit of retail trade was completed. Based on results of the audit, a modification of News Releases on Retail Trade and Services was prepared for 2017 (an extension of contents of provided information). Within pilot testing of quality indicators in the SP 1-12 task, basic quality indicators were calculated. Filling of data to the Public Database continued as well as preparation of the wholesale trade price deflator. In the area of seasonal adjustment, J Demetra+ programme started to be used.



The scope of information from annual structural surveys was extended by selected groups of economic activities (3-digit codes of the CZ-NACE classification).

In the area of **tourism statistics**, works continued as to filling of the Public Database, in which all data of accommodation establishment statistics required by users are already published. In cooperation with associations of branches and information centres, the Register of Accommodation Establishments has been continuously updated. 2017 Tourism Sample Survey questionnaire was modified pursuant to Eurostat requirements. Intensive cooperation with the Ministry for Regional Development and the CzechTourism agency continued; it was focused mainly on searching for possibilities to ensure information on the inbound tourism. Within international activities, the following took place: technical assistances in Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, and Armenia, consultancies with ROSSTAT and a specific attention was paid also to presentation activities (seminars, conferences, cooperation with the COT business journal).

In the **financial and insurance activities** statistics, preparation of the new Pen 5-01 statistical report (questionnaire) was completed; it will replace 3 separate (*Pen 5a-01*, *Pen 5b-01*, and *Poj 5b-01*) statistical reports. Contents of annual reports was modified to eliminate duplicities between data surveyed by a statistical survey and data sets provided by the CNB. In relation to inclusion of financial activities in cross-sectional requirements of the FRIBS regulation under preparation, methodological consultations took place on definitions of indicators for that area. A big amount of meta-information was added also to the UKAZ application.



Cross-Sectional Business Statistics

Within **structural business statistics**, in relation to the amendment of the Act on Accountancy and subsequent regulation an adjustment was made to the *P 5-01* statistical report (questionnaire) for the 2017 processing year. Preparation of analytical data markets continued. Metadata and methodological descriptions of transit tasks inputs were further refined in order to enhance user friendliness of capture programmes and surveyed data quality.

In the area of **business cycle statistics**, time series available in an electronic form were extended. An analysis of samples started and an analysis of predictive abilities of the composite confidence indicator (economic sentiment indicator) was launched.

Agriculture, Forestry, and the Environment

In **statistics on agriculture**, a structural survey in agriculture was carried out based on the Regulation (EC) No 1166/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council, outputs of which serve to the EU classification of agricultural holdings by type of farming and economic size. Preparations were also made to carry out a specialised census 2017 Orchards pursuant to the Regulation (EU) No 1337/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council. Data will be ensured from a combination of a statistical survey and an administrative data source. Among other extraordinary activities were, besides others: a press conference on consumption of food and ensuring of a study visit of experts from the National Statistical Service of the Republic of Armenia and from the Ministry of Agriculture of Armenia, within which the system of agricultural statistics in the Czech Republic was presented including

creation and use of the agricultural register. A detailed description of methodology of compilation, calculations, and source data of the Economic Accounts for Agriculture and Agricultural Labour Input (so-called Inventories) were delivered to Eurostat.

Within **statistics on the environment**, in 2016, reporting of data to Eurostat continued pursuant to the Regulation (EU) No 691/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council, namely the air emissions account, which is compiled in cooperation with the Czech Hydrometeorological Institute, environmentally related taxes and fees account, and material flow account. For the very first time, on a voluntary basis, also data on the environmental protection expenditure account, environmental goods and services sector account, and physical energy flow accounts (reporting of which will be obligatory since 2017) were sent. In the framework of the priority task of Coordination and fulfilment of sustainable development indicators within both the Agenda 2030 and a national version called Czech Republic 2030, experts from the department significantly contributed to work of a newly established Committee on Sustainable Development Indicators of the Government Council for Sustainable Development of the Czech Republic. In cooperation with the Department of Sustainable Development of the Office of the Government of the CR a strategic framework Czech Republic 2030 including a set of indicators was sent to the inter-departmental commentary procedure in the end of 2016. The priority task will continue also in 2017; it will focus on preparation of a monitoring frame for the Agenda 2030 and the Czech Republic 2030 including inter-departmental coordination. ■



MACROECONOMIC STATISTICS



Macroeconomic statistics was undergoing in 2016 a dynamic development worldwide, which was reflected in the CZSO activities. It regards mainly the continuing discussion on data quality in the national accounts, definition of the general government sector, data sources for price statistics, and preparation of the FRIBS regulation, which influences external trade statistics. In all individual parts of macroeconomic statistics, the CZSO was very active in the area of international cooperation, especially as for activities related to institutions of the European Union, but also activities focusing on bilateral international cooperation and development of methodology with partnership NSIs, especially Slovakia.

National accounts statistics

In the area of national accounts statistics, besides compilation of usual sets, also activities focusing on the time series revision continued in relation to the new definition of the general government sector. Works on a new description of calculation of the gross national income (so-called GNI Inventory for the year 2012) also took place; a new description of quarterly national accounts compilation was prepared, too. Besides that, another round of the GNI Inventory calculation audits was launched, namely in the form of enquiries about concrete procedures used in the CR. It will be followed by direct checks of individual methods in 2017. Developmental works were focused mainly on seasonal adjustment of the quarterly GDP, households sector, and partial improvements in some procedures.

Government and financial account

Besides the standard publication of sets of the general government accounts and enumeration of the debt and deficit pursuant to the so-called Excessive Deficit Procedure, in the area of financial accounts an intensive effort to harmonize financial statistics of the CZSO and the Czech National Bank (CNB) continued. One of the most important events in the

area of the general government accounts was a mission of the European Commission on the EDP statistics, which took place at the CZSO in November 2016. Discussions continued mainly regarding determination of the population of units in the general government sector. In relation to the Maastricht (convergence) criteria, the CZSO published a methodological description of the calculation of both indicators including their relationship to other fiscal indicators. In the area of financial accounts as well as the general government accounts, works continued on rationalization of statistical data collection and on satisfaction of demand for data from users, especially international institutions. Methodology of the public sector satellite account (which is published by the end of the calendar year as a supplement to sector accounts) was also enhanced.

Price statistics

The most important task of the price statistics in 2016 was to make a revision of the calculation of the industrial producer price index and a preparation for further revisions (raw wood price statistics, price statistics of external trade, services, and agriculture). ECOICOP classification has been fully implemented for the harmonized index of consumer prices.






At the same time, works were launched on start of a new system for data collection for the consumer price index and takeover of administrative so-called scanner data from business chains; negotiations started with future suppliers of these data. In other domains of price statistics, samples of surveyed price representatives and respondents were continuously updated as necessary. Representatives of the price statistics of the CZSO also actively cooperated on a preparation of the Household Budget Survey reform. In the area of international statistical cooperation, a key task was to meet requirements of the purchasing power parities project, which took place within a grant of Eurostat: Purchasing Power Parities 2015–2016.

External trade statistics

In the area of the external trade statistics, in 2016, involvement in European modernization projects was fully in place. It applied mainly to preparations of the FRIBS framework regulation in the area of SIMSTAT and statistics of trade in services. These projects are focused mainly on the reduction of the statistical burden of respondents. The CZSO in this area also contributed to an implementation of the modernised Union Customs Code. The Order of the Government of the CR implementing certain provisions of the Customs Act in statistics anchored the duty to collect Intrastat data under the new legislative conditions in the CR. Data controls of Intrastat and Extrastat were systematically extended by other data sources, which leads to permanent enhancement of data quality, especially in the so-called national concept of external trade. In the area of exports and imports of services statistics, especially activities related to the implementation of new instruments for processing of a statistical task within the RSIS project continued. Furthermore, in cooperation with the national accounts departments and the balance of payments department of the CNB, implementation of requirements in the context of further development of statistics of external trade in services has been worked on. ■



DEMOGRAPHY AND SOCIAL STATISTICS



In 2016 the CZSO processed and published all the planned outcomes of the demographic statistics in time. Further, the Office compiled the System of Health Accounts (SHA) and Satellite Accounts for Culture of the Czech Republic. The 12th annual survey of the statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC) was performed, data were collected for European surveys of the Adult Education Survey (AES) and the Continuing Vocational Training Survey 5 (CVTS 5) and the new model of the Household Budget Statistics was verified by means of a pilot survey. The ad hoc module of Young People on the Labour Market was successfully completed within the Labour Force Sample Survey (LFSS). In the field of statistics on aliens in 2016 the CZSO prepared an updated web presentation of Foreigners, which brings the most sought outcomes and time series in a clear overview to the users.

In 2016 in the field of **demography** all standard data and analytical outcomes (for instance, Demographic Yearbooks, Demographic Handbook, Population Development, Age Distribution of the Population, Life Tables, Population of Municipalities, Population and its Growth – Quarterly, Deaths by Cause, Time Series) were published. Besides, a number of non-standard outcomes were prepared on the basis of user requirements. One of the Czech Statistical Office press conferences was held on Deaths by Cause. All requirements of Eurostat for data providing of which is imposed by the Regulation (EU) No 1260/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 November 2013 on European demographic statistics and the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 205/2014 of 4 March 2014 laying down uniformed conditions for the implementation of Regulation (EU) No 1260/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council on European demographic statistics, as regards breakdowns of data, deadlines and data

revisions were complied with. Conditions for the statistics of deaths by cause as follows from Commission Regulation (EU) No 328/2011 of 5 April 2011 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1338/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics on public health and health and safety at work, as regards statistics on causes of death were also met.

For the second year a feasibility study on the use of the usual residence for the demographic statistics for the population and natural change, development of which is also required by the regulation on European demographic statistics, was under implementation. The study was finished in December 2016 by sending the final report to Eurostat. The report contained an analysis of options of the statistical estimation of the population, its age structure and given structures of live births and deaths broken down by region of the usual residence based on available demographic and administrative data. The report also involved introduction of chosen models, their results for 2014, and evaluation of quality and sustainability of the models. In the course of 2016 representatives of CZSO participated in an active manner in three negotiations of the working group for population projections of Eurostat, which was assigned to propose and agree the methodology for formulating assumptions of fertility, mortality, and migration for a new set of population projections of the Member States published by Eurostat (Europop2015, planned to be published in February 2017), and, furthermore, in regular meetings of the working group on the population statistics.

Social Statistics

In the **social statistics** in 2016 there were regular every-year activities related to acquisition, processing, and presentation of data for **education, health, culture, social security, and criminality** carried out. Important activities were the compilation of the Satellite Account for Culture of the Czech Republic in cooperation with the National Information and Consulting Centre for Culture and the compilation the System of Health Accounts (SHA) according to the joint methodology of Eurostat and the OECD. In 2016 there was, following thorough



methodological preparations, the crucial phase of European surveys of the Adult Education Survey 2016 and Continuing Vocational Training Survey 5, that means data collection. In education there was, besides regular outcomes, an analysis with detail data on education financing in the Czech Republic and on international comparison thereof.

Furthermore, the Office newly compiled a summary publication containing basic information both from selected areas of **social security** in the Czech Republic and from the European system of unified statistics of social protection (ESSPROS). The long-term participation of the Office in the international project of TransMonEE, which is focused on data acquisitions and development of analyses on the child population for the international organisation of the UNICEF, continued.

In **household statistics** there was the regular annual survey on living conditions, the national version of the pan-European survey of the EU-SILC, carried out. In 2016 the survey also encompassed an international module with questions on household availability of services of child care, care of the disabled and the elderly, education, and health care. In 2016 there was a pilot verification of the new model of the survey on the Household Budget Statistics based on probability sampling of reporting households and on integration with in terms of theme similar survey of Living Conditions and the survey model for 2017 set. Simultaneously the survey of the Household Budget Statistics was carried out with the current model yet in a reduced sample of respondents. Once data of both the social surveys in households for 2015 were processed the results were published in regularly issued publications and the public was introduced to the results at press conferences.

Labour Market

In the **labour and equal opportunity statistics** the year of 2016 was dedicated, first of all, to the continued transition to more advanced technology tools and using advantages of upgraded statistical meta-information system. Preparations of the VDB English version were completed. Further works are being performed



on linking of data sets of all labour statistics indicators to the VDB. In structural statistics on earnings there was a database for 2014 prepared in accord with the Council Regulation (EC) No 530/1999 of 9 March 1999 concerning structural statistics on earnings and on labour costs and sent to Eurostat for the purposes of pan-European comparison, including a quality report.

Within the Labour Force Sample Survey data for the ad hoc module of Young Persons on the Labour Market were collected and preparations of a new ad hoc module Self-employed for 2017 were performed. A close cooperation with the Headquarters of the Alien Police of the Czech Republic led to a quicker availability of outcomes on foreigners in the Czech Republic both for the web presentation of the Czech Statistical Office and according to special requirements of the users.

In the **gender statistics** the CZSO prepared electronic as well printed versions of the publication of a yearbook nature called Focus on Women and Men.

Science, Research and Innovations, ICT

In a similar way as in the previous years, detailed data on state and trends in **science, research and innovations** in the Czech Republic were collected by means of the Office own surveys (censuses and sample surveys), or from administrative data sources, and processed. Beyond the regular summary publications with detailed results of respective surveys, there were regular and extraordinary outcomes (tables, reports, etc.) also prepared for the needs of data users from individuals, national as well as international organisations. As the main the annual Research and Development Survey (VTR 5-01) was carried out and results of it were disclosed at a press conference. Besides this survey, statistics of research a development financing, qualified human resources, patents, and licences.

Last but not least, the survey of Technology Innovations 2014 was finalised and its results were compiled into a final summary publication and data were sent to Eurostat. Its major findings were presented at a joint seminary arranged in cooperation

with the Technology Centre of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic along with results of the VTR 5-01 survey. Findings from the Annual Survey on Research and Development were presented at a thematically focused conference Research and Development in the Czech Republic. The CZSO, jointly with the Technology Centre of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, organised the sixth workshop on analyses of science, research, and innovations concentrated on support to business funded research and its collaboration with the public sector. The seventh seminary was dedicated to innovations, business research and development, and financing of private research and development in the Czech Republic.

In the statistics of **information and communication technologies** (ICT) it shall be mentioned two annual sample surveys focused on the ICT use by the population and businesses in the Czech Republic were repeated. The surveys were carried out in accordance with the Regulation (EC) No 808/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 concerning Community statistics on the information society. As in the previous years the thematic composition of questionnaires was harmonised with the needs and requirements of the European Commission as they are embedded in templates of Eurostat questionnaires. The main findings from the survey on the ICT use in households and by individuals were presented at the CZSO press conference called Czechs and the Internet in the Czech households. Data from both the surveys were continuously used for monitoring how respective objectives of the Digital Agenda for Europe and for public administration had been achieved in the field of information society and digital economy development.

Besides the aforementioned surveys a wide spectrum of statistics serving for the complete monitoring of the use and importance of ICT from the point of digital (information) economy reinforcement in the Czech Republic were carried out. Results of these activities were developed into cross-thematic and overview publications of Information Society in Figures and Information Economy in Figures. ■



REGIONAL OFFICES OF THE CZSO

As in previous years, 14 Regional Offices of the CZSO ensured via their field surveys units, units for processing, and information services units mainly collection and processing of data from respondents and provided information services to those interested from among the public, institutions, enterprises, etc. Regional Offices also significantly contributed to the processing of election results. It is also clear from the number of employees of Regional Offices that the Regional Offices contribute in a significant way to the CZSO activities. The CZSO has the total number of 1390 systemised positions, of which 703.5 were in Regional Offices in 2016.

Field Surveys

During the entire year 2016, as in previous years, an integrated survey among households was carried out, which consisted of the following: the Labour Force Sample Survey (LFSS), providing information about employment and unemployment of the population and about other related phenomena, a Sample Survey on the ICT Utilisation in Households and by Individuals, which surveys information on the equipment by, an access to, and the way of utilization of information and communication technologies by households, the Tourism Sample Survey (TSS), and the 2016 ad hoc module "Young people on the labour market".

For over a decade, the Living Conditions (EU-SILC) survey has been carried out in the first half-year, which surveys data on income distribution of individual types of households, data on the way, quality, and financial demand factor of housing, equipment of households and on labour, material, and health conditions of adults living in households. In 2016, its variable module contained questions focused on an access to selected services (child care, education, health services, and home care). In this survey external interviewers were also employed.

In 2016, within household budget statistics, due to a transition from the quota sampling to random sampling, only data for half the sample of households were surveyed compared to previous years. In 2016, a pilot survey was carried out, which tested in practice the possibility to reform the household budget statistics (HBS). All Regional Offices participated in the pilot survey with 550 households as the test sample from the SILC survey and 93 interviewers of the HBS, and members of a cognitive laboratory team. With regards to the results of the pilot survey, it was decided that a HBS survey will be implemented in households, which were selected as a random sample for the SILC survey.

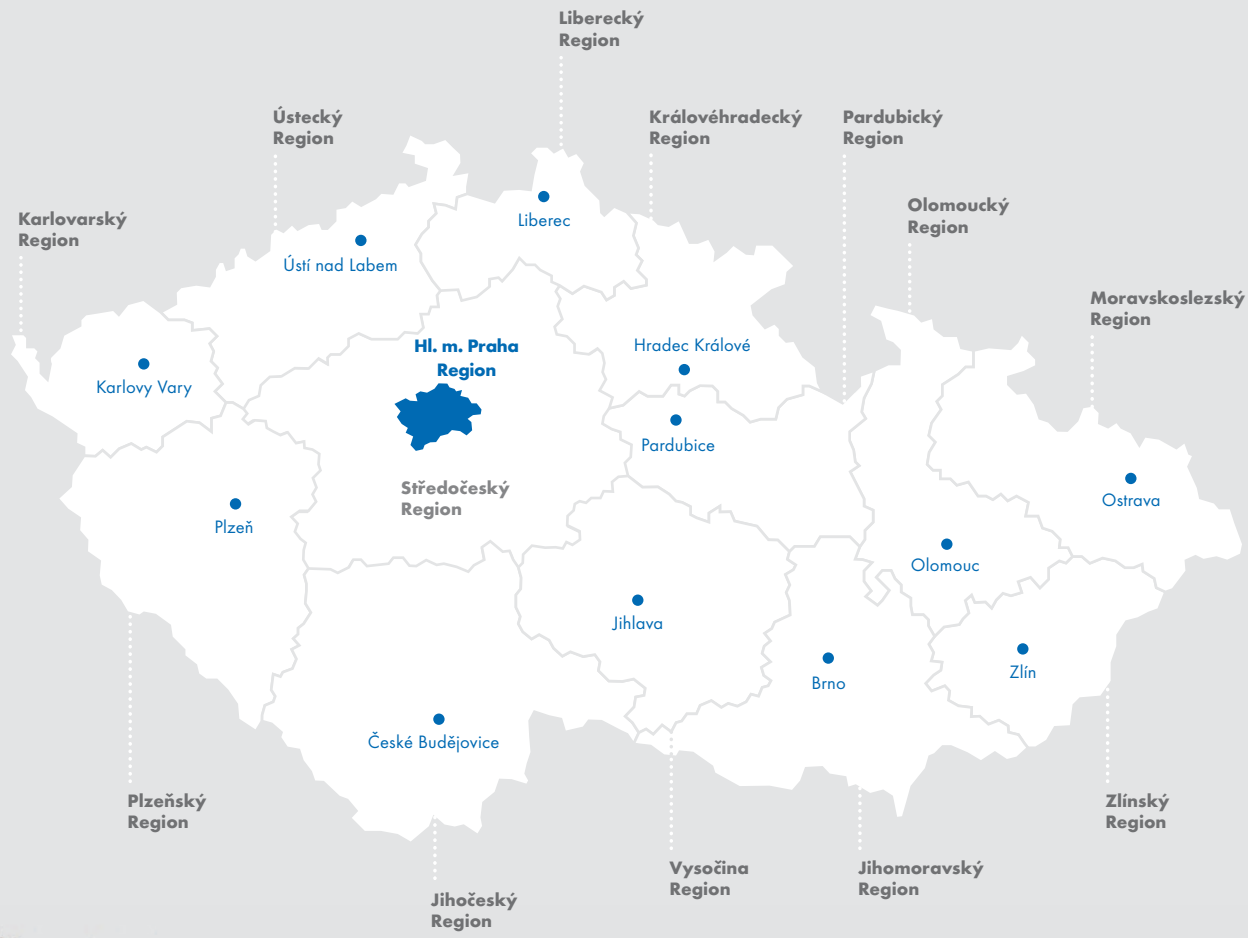
Along with surveys among households, also in 2016 Field Surveys Units of Regional Offices of the CZSO ensured the year-round survey of consumer prices and agricultural statistics data, in which a transition of all agricultural tasks to data processing in the DANTE application was completed in the first half-year.

Besides these regular surveys, also extraordinary field surveys were carried out – the Adult Education Survey (AES 2016 - see chapter Demography and social statistics) and the 2016 Farm Structure Survey.

The AES 2016 is a sample survey among households surveying an access of adult population to further education; as for its contents, it follows the AES 2007 (a pilot survey) and AES 2011. The data collection took place in the second half of 2016 in accordance with an optimum workload for the net of CZSO interviewers with a connection to an integrated survey in households. The survey sample was 10 000 persons. In the second half of 2016, in relation to the HBS reform, a partial restructuring of the net of interviewers started (especially enhancement of universal use of interviewers).

Statistical Processing

In 2016, according to a schedule of processing of statistical tasks, 123 466 Announcements about the reporting duty were distributed.





2016 was the second year of using electronic tools of the new Statistical Information System. Respondents used electronic tools to maximum extent to send statistical reports (questionnaires) either via a data box or an e-mail in the case of filling in of PDF forms, or in the online DANTE WEB module. Sending of a standard paper form has been continually decreasing year after year. Since the newly introduced Statistical Information System is already stable, it provides a wide range of electronic services for respondents and it is regularly used, it started to be intensively promoted via various distribution channels, which will continue also in 2017.

During 2016, a large structure survey in agriculture (*ZEM 2016*) was carried out. It was to obtain data on the structure and activities of agricultural holdings within structural surveys organized in all EU Member States. Processing of this task changed a lot as for capture and collection of reports; electronic tools of a new generation of the Statistical Information System were used, similarly as at other statistical tasks. Reports were captured in the DANTE subsystem. The following were involved in this large exhaustive survey: Unit for Processing of Agricultural and Forestry Indicators in Kind of the Regional Office of the CZSO

in České Budějovice and Field Surveys Units of other Regional Offices of the CZSO. About 12 thousand reporting units were selected for the sample.

An extraordinary attention was paid in 2016 to compilation of the Questionnaire about continuing vocational training (for the calendar year 2015), which is processed once in five years and therefore it was processed for the first time in the DANTE application. Evaluation of received questionnaires (statistical reports) from almost 10 thousand reporting units took place without major problems at the Regional Office of the CZSO in Ústí nad Labem.

The newly introduced mobile technology (tablets with specific software for field surveys of consumer prices) enabled since January 2016 to collect and then verify data for calculation of consumer price indices. Following processing of collected data took place according to the determined time schedule on a monthly basis without major problems.

Information Services

Information Services Departments of Regional Offices continued with their activities in the information area from





the previous year. They continued to intensively cooperate with regional institutions e.g. by mutual exchange of information, providing of up-to-date outputs, or in the form of consultancy activities at processing of various programming documents.

On top of that, attention was focused also on presentation activities. Experts from Regional Offices prepared 49 presentations informing about activities of the CZSO, possibilities to provide statistical data, and especially about results of statistical surveys and analyses.

Besides using standard communication tools, such as websites of Regional Offices and the regional media, partnerships were also further developed with regional educational institutions in the form of lectures, visits to statistical workplaces, or directly via student educational stays at Regional Offices.

Regional Offices in their publication activities worked, first of all, on outputs included in the Catalogue of Products of the CZSO for the year 2016. In the end of the year, regional statistical yearbooks were released. On a quarterly basis, statistical bulletins were published regularly at websites of Regional Offices. Besides that, an analytical publication was elaborated by all Regional Offices called Basic tendencies of demographic, social, and economic development of the region. Along with common titles, some Regional Offices published their own data publications, e.g. First Hand Figures Prague (both in Czech and English version), Population of the *Plzeňský* Region (Czech only), Age Distribution and Population Growth in the *Jihočeský* Region - 2015 (Czech only), Age Distribution and Population Growth in the *Jihomoravský* Region - 2015 (Czech only), Age Distribution and Population Growth in the *Zlínský* Region - 2015 (Czech only), Municipalities of the *Královéhradecký* Region, Selected data on municipalities of the *Pardubický* Region (Czech only), Statistical Guide to Municipalities of the *Jihočeský* Region – 2016 (Czech only), Nomenclature of space units – *Jihočeský* Region – at 1st January 2016 (Czech only), Regional Differences in Demographic, Social and Economic Development of the *Liberecký*



Region – 2010–2015 (Czech only), Atlas of elections to the Assembly of the Pardubický Region – 2000–2016 (Czech only), and Local Council Elections – Liberecký Region – 2016 (Czech only). Besides the aforementioned activities, Regional Offices issued many short analytical texts in the form of news at their websites. To make results of statistical surveys available to the professional and lay public, several information leaflets were issued during the year.

Cross-Border Activities of Regional Offices of the CZSO

Representatives of the Regional Office of the CZSO in Liberec are for many years active members of the *EUREX Statistika* working group (at the Euroregion Neisse-Nisa-Nysa). During 2016, two joint meetings took place. Their activity resulted in a publication of a traditional material Prices and Income in the Neisse-Nisa-Nysa Euroregion and of a data set Women and Men in the Neisse-Nisa-Nysa Euroregion. In the end of the year, a promotion material of the Euroregion Neisse-Nisa-Nysa – Statistical data 2015 was elaborated.

A representative of the Regional Office of the CZSO in Ústí nad Labem participated in a meeting of a working group for regional development of the Euroregion Elbe/Labe, which deals in its activity with projects focusing on the Czech-Saxon borderland.

During the year, a long-term cooperation continued as well as mutual working meetings of representatives of Regional Offices of the CZSO in *Olomouc* and in *Ostrava* with colleagues from the Statistical Office in *Opole* (Poland). In the end of the year, another joint publication in three languages was published: Socio-economic situation in the Czech-Polish borderlands, which compares a large amount of statistical data of the near-to-border regions, districts, and municipalities.

Regional Offices in *České Budějovice*, in *Jihlava*, and in *Brno* continued to cooperate with Austrian, Slovak, and Hungarian

statisticians in the project of the Cross-border Centrope Region. Experts from Regional Offices and from the Information Services Department of the CZSO participated especially in a yearly update of data for the *CentropeSTATISTICS* database and preparation of newsletters.

The Regional Office of the CZSO in Plzeň organised a seminar with representatives of the Chinese regional statistical office from the Zhèjiāng province, during which mutual exchange of experience took place. The delegation from abroad was informed about the mission of the CZSO, its organisational structure, focus of Regional Offices, statistical data on the *Plzeňský* Region, as well as about the labour market, macroeconomy, individual domains of social statistics, external trade, and tourism.

Financial Performance of Regional Offices of the CZSO

In 2016, Regional Offices of the CZSO have been existing for five years. All changes that have been made (and still are being made) in Regional Offices (in field surveys, statistical processing, information services, and administration of registers) are reflected in their financial performance and demand more or less funds from the respective budget items. In 2016, in relation to the launch of the reform of the net of interviewers, for example, demands for employing of external interviewers of the CZSO decreased and hence demands of Regional Offices for other personnel expenses dropped to some extent. Material expenditure savings, if any, are of temporary character. Further budgetary savings in the area of material expenditure cannot be expected without major methodological changes. For example, in the item of domestic business trips, expenditure of which make up a big part of the budget of Regional Offices for the area of field surveys, some drop in drawing of sources occurred in 2016 compared to 2015; however, an increase in mandatory expenditure (increasing rates of per diems and fare prices) will not allow higher savings in the future. While fulfilling their tasks, Regional Offices treat the allocated budget funds in a rational and economic manner. ■



ELECTION STATISTICS

In 2016, the CZSO ensured elections to regional councils and elections to one third of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic. Besides these regular elections, also extraordinary elections were held, namely new elections to local councils, in four different terms. Local councils in 33 municipalities and in 1 city part were thus elected. In the first half-year, the Supreme Audit Office (hereinafter SAO) completed an audit of elections financing.



Already for the fifth time in the history, technical, methodological, and organizational preparations of the CZSO were aimed at ensuring of elections to regional councils and one third of the Senate of the Parliament of the CR taking place concurrently. The elections were announced by the President of the CR to be held on 7 and 8 October 2016 followed by the second round of the elections to the Senate a week later, i.e. on 14 and 15 October 2016. A task of the CZSO was to take over voting results at over 460 points of handover (collection points) from almost 14 000 electoral wards. It was performed within several hours after the polling stations were closed; during the entire period the CZSO provided (via its website www.volby.cz) all users with an overview of the current progress of processing and ongoing results of voting down to the level of individual electoral wards. 13 regional councils and 27 senators were elected in the elections.

Besides the aforementioned nationwide elections, the CZSO ensured also processing of results of extraordinary elections to local councils. These elections were announced to be held in four different terms: on 16 January 2016 in 10 municipalities, on 16 April in 5 municipalities, on 16 July in 12 municipalities, and on 5 November in 6 municipalities and one city part. Results of all extraordinary elections, which were held, were processed by the CZSO flawlessly and handed over to the State Electoral Committee.

The CZSO also participated in making of election legislation. One of the most important tasks in the area of legislation was its participation in making of and providing comments to a technical amendment to election acts and respective regulations to apply the law. Representatives of the CZSO also contributed to activities of a working group established at the Ministry of the Interior, which dealt with possible modifications of the election system regarding elections to local councils.

In 2016, the SAO completed its audit action No 15/36 – Financial sources spent in relation to preparation and carrying out of elections. The audit was to check whether the state budget financial sources were spent in an economic way on holding of elections and to examine how the legislation on elections financing was maintained. No correctional measures resulted from the audit conclusions for the CZSO. Despite that, it was possible to react on some partial recommendations and, for example, already in the autumn elections to enhance keeping of records of defects of leased computer technology and the way the defects are eliminated. Based on recommendations from the audit conclusions of the SAO, the CZSO will continue to cooperate on a legislative regulation of the number and location of points of handover (collection points). ■



POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS

In 2016, within the 2021 Population and Housing Census preparation, samples were taken from administrative data sources and analysed. A draft subject-matter of a bill on 2021 Population and Housing Census was also elaborated.



In the area of the population census, the 2021 Population and Housing Census (or 2021 Census) preparatory works continued. By the Government resolution No 5 from 13 January 2016, a proposal to carry out a census based on maximum use of existing administrative data sources supplemented by a content-reduced exhaustive field survey was adopted (i.e. only data about the dwelling stock and selected pieces of data on persons will be surveyed among households). Pursuant to the resolution, activities of the inter-departmental working group on the 2021 Census preparation focused on transfer of samples of administrative data to the CZSO. Most of the samples were provided during the first half-year of 2016. Based on an analysis of the samples and further background studies, it was followed by elaboration of the draft subject-matter of the bill on 2021 Census. The draft bill was negotiated by the inter-departmental working group by the end of November.

The draft subject-matter of the bill envisages besides drawing of data from administrative sources also maximum possible utilisation of information technology (IT) development. IT enables (compared to the previous 2011 Census) to offer markedly more convenient conditions to the population during their participation in the Census and to enhance data quality at the same time. An online survey, which should become a primary channel for data collection, is a key principle for the coming population census. However, such a survey will not be obligatory. Should people not participate in an online survey due to some reason, they would have the possibility to use a traditional way during supplementary field



survey as in previous censuses. Distribution of census forms to households, which would not have completed their forms in an online phase of the Census, would be ensured by enumerators. The following have been proposed to be standard channels for supplementary field survey data collection: submission of a completed paper version of the form to an enumerator or completion of an electronic form (a possibility to complete the form with an assistance of an enumerator is also being considered).

During the entire year, works were concurrently carried out within the grant agreement of the European ESS.VIP ADMIN project focusing on use of administrative data in the population census. The grant project was finished at the end of 2016 and conclusions from it are used for the 2021 Census preparation. ■

PRODUCTS AND SERVICES



All applications developed within the Project of the Redesign of the Statistical Information System proved well in routine operation. In 2016 they were further developed the way to respond to up-to-date requirements of their administrators and end users.



CZSO Website

The main source of statistical information for the users is the CZSO internet presentation at www.czso.cz. The year 2016 was marked by the verifying of implemented functionalities and identifying of new needs of internal as well as external users of the editorial system. A great effort was dedicated to proper setting of filters in the Catalogue of Products, which were expanded by new types of products of "Open data" and "Ministries". An option of the selection of a precise interval of the date of publishing of given products was added. These changes were implemented based on user wish. Further, to users important benefit was a new application to verify interviewers. It is a tool by means of which the households participating in the CZSO surveys verify if the interviewer carrying out the given survey is authorised to do so. The application consists in entering the ID code of the interviewer's badge and subsequent finding if the person is actually an authorised interviewer of the CZSO.

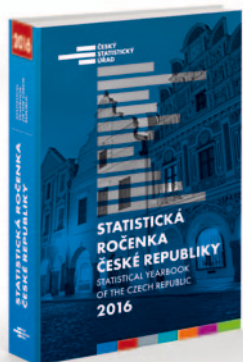
The bounce rate of the CZSO website recorded a slight increase in 2016 compared to that in 2015. From the home page, which was viewed 9.32 million times, 1 246 thousand visitors (users) proceeded to other pages and recorded 2 576 visits. An average visitor browsed through four pages (the same number as in the previous period) per visit and their visit lasted for three and a half minutes.

The pages of highest bounce rate were Data Collection; Population; Elections; Prices, Inflation; Classifications; Statistics,

Administrative Business Register; Statistical surveys of the CZSO; Wages and Labour; and Catalogue of Products. The highest daily bounce rate recorded for www.czso.cz related to the elections when on 8 October 2016 (day on which results of elections to regional assemblies and to the Senate of the CR were processed) reached almost 50 thousand visits and over 90 thousand views. In order to access the website of www.czso.cz the users utilise most often the PC (92% users), then the mobile phone (6.5% users), and 1.5% of users viewed the website on the tablet. It also worth mentioning, that besides visitors coming from the Czech Republic, the CZSO website is relatively often browsed by people from India (54 thousand users), United states of America (42 thousand users) and from Slovakia (29 thousand users.).

Public Database

The new version of the Public Database (VDB) worked without outages and played its role of the crucial source of statistical data from every field of statistics. The search was optimised and the offer of meta-information on every data was expanded. In the middle of the year there was an audit of the VDB in which external experts participated. The audit team appreciated the VDB development concept which is targeted to objectives laid down by the CZSO as the unified system containing and presenting aggregated statistical data, including appropriate metadata, for external users. The audit team evaluated as positive the option of creating of users selections, including the option



for registered users to store them. The audit team, however, also found a certain room for improvements and proposed concrete measures for further development of functionalities, inter alia in relation to presented statistical data in open formats.

The number of visits on the VDB for the whole 2016 attained 284 thousand and thus remained at the same level as in 2015. There were 131 thousand users interested in the VDB. The users on average browsed through 9.7 pages per visit a thus the number of viewed pages reached 2.8 million. Majority of the users utilised the advantage of the offer of 1 500 predefined data output tables. One fifth of the users utilised some of the territory profile offered, and roughly 5% of the users compiled their own tables from the data offered. As usual the users showed the highest interest in demographic data, as age structure of the population, then in wages, price statistics, unemployment, and tourism. In the course of 2016 there were 8.5 million new data stored in the database for external users and thus it stored 483 million data at the end of the year.

Publication Activities

The overview of all the CZSO products planned for 2016 can be found in the Catalogue of Products, which is available to the users on the Office website. The Catalogue of Products offers wide varieties of searching; the users may filter products depending on the most varied criteria as, for instance, territorial structure, type of publication, group of statistics, date of publication, etc. It is natural that information is preferentially published on the website, where all the products are available for free. At the end of 2016 the Catalogue of Products included in total 433 items as, inter alia, 79 printed publications, 23 types of news releases, numerous datasets, analyses, and time series. There were 1 355 outcomes, most on price statistics (250), organisation statistics (122), and regional ones (80), published in 2016. The Statistical Yearbook of the Czech Republic and Small Lexicon of Municipalities were the most sought outcomes again.

There were 29 new readers registered in the Central Statistical Library. At the end of 2016 the Library had 2 080 registered



readers. In the course of the year the Library was attended by 1 045 persons who borrowed 5 549 publications, mostly for in-house studies.

Services Provided

The information services workplaces received and dealt with almost 14 thousand queries in 2016. Revenues from products and services reached CZK 3.4 million. The largest item in income was the sales of the Statistical Business Register (40.9%) and then developing outputs for requirements of non-standard outcomes, that is data provided for scientific purposes (25.6%), outputs from the Register of Census Districts and Buildings (15.8%), and providing of non-standard tailor-made services (14.1%). The declining number of queries has been over a long term affected by the fact that ever more and more CZSO products have been published for free on the CZSO website and that familiarity with the website has been getting ever better. The CZSO had been a part

of the international network of national contact centres of the European Statistical Data Support (ESDS) for already the thirteenth year. Within participation in this project the CZSO employees answered 181 requests for European data in 2015. The number of queries in this area has been continuously declining as well.

ISLP Poster Competition

The Czech Statistical Office has been implementing activities aimed on increased population awareness on statistics for over a long term. In 2016 there was already 4th ISLP Poster Competition, which is organised by the Czech Statistical Office in cooperation with the University of Economy, Prague. The contest has its website at www.czso.cz/stat_gramotnost giving references to past contests. The national round of this contest was in February 2017 and winners of the international round will be announced at the 61st World Congress of the International Statistical Institute in Marrakech, Morocco. ■



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In 2016 the Czech Statistical Office in an active manner continued in providing the public with statistical information and raising statistical awareness. The Office applied widely varied communication tools for this purpose. Pieces of information were published on the website, or at press conferences held, in issued press releases and journals, and in continued presentations of statistical outcomes delivered in the form of the data visualisation, through mobile applications, as exhibitions, and by other means.

Media Relations

The Office held in total 24 press conferences, which were all accompanied with press releases and the whole presentations thereof were published on the CZSO website and on the social network of SlideShare. The Office issued 86 press releases and dealt with over 1 240 direct queries from media. The monitoring of Newton Media indicates that in the period from 1 January to 31 December 2016 there were 28 919 outcomes in media, by 7 950 more than in 2015. Articles and reportages came from 770 sources, by 114 more, year-on-year, and from 4 652 authors, by 669 more, year-on-year. This way the Czech Statistical Office managed to address a wider range of media than in 2015.

In 2016 the majority of communicates (60.26%) was published on the Internet, 32.17% were issued in printed press, 3.89% were broadcast by TV channels, and 3.68% were broadcast by radio stations. The results may, however, be affected by the manner of monitoring by Newton Media, which in the overview for the Czech Statistical Office, generate neither outcomes from the stream broadcast of the public Czech Radio, Czech Television etc., nor outcomes from press agencies or social networks.

In 2016 there were 2 481 citations of 115 CZSO employees registered in the media monitored. The most often cited person was Prof Ing Iva Ritschelová, CSC, President of the Czech

Statistical Office with 581 citations, which is by 263 more than in the previous year. The daily overview of media outcomes was distributed to the CZSO employees by means of the intranet address press@czso.cz.

In 2016 the Czech Statistical Office continued in its active presence on social networks. In 2016 the CZSO official account on Twitter – @statistickyurad – published 442 contributions, excluding retweets, which were followed by over 8 820 users, by about 2 000 more than in the previous year. Presentations from press conferences held were uploaded on Slideshare. On the Czech version of Wikipedia the CZSO regularly updated information on the institute, basic terms of statistics, statistical indicators etc.

In 2016 the Czech Statistical Office addressed by means of an opinion poll 100 journalists from all types of media, which in the last year turned to the Office most frequently, were most active in participation in press conferences, or published the most communicates containing statistical information according to the media monitoring. The poll objective was to acquire a feedback from media representatives on quality and quantity of the Office communications with media. The most often applied communication channel, meaning the most frequently used, most preferred, and best evaluated one, is press releases, according to the poll results.

Journals of the Czech Statistical Office

In 2016 there were 10 volumes of the journal of Statistika&My and 4 volumes of the professional quarterly journals of Statistika: Statistics and Economy Journal and of Demografie issued.

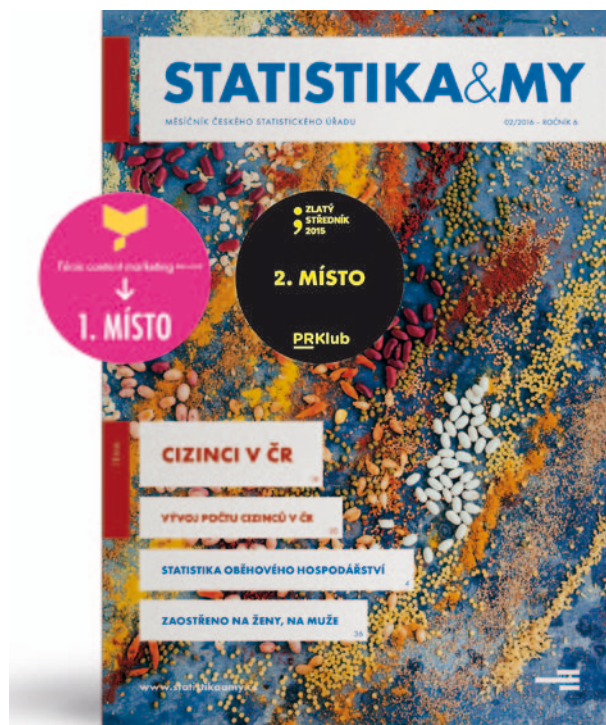
The Czech Statistical Office 2016 continued in the dissemination of the content of the journal of Statistika&My to a higher

number of readers. The bounce rate of the journal website increased by 56% compared to that in 2015. Statistika&My grew over the limits of a common professional corporate periodical and became one of important communication tools of the Czech Statistical Office marketing and communication strategy. The journal belongs to most important sources for the dissemination of the Office official outcomes and helps to meet one of the Office main missions – statistical awareness.

In May 2016, the journal of Statistika&My won the third year of the competition of Fénix Content Marketing in the category of Journals of Public Administration, Public and Non-Profit Sector. The competition evaluates the best actions of companies from the standpoint of contents, good work, and expressed creativity in the field of printed media and on-line communication. The professional jury appreciated the high professionalism and expertise and a wide spectrum of themes, validity of statistical information, graphic layout, and quality infographics.

In April 2016 the journal of Statistika&My won the second rank in the category of Best Journal and Newspaper of Public Administration in 14th professional contest of Golden Semicolon, which is to evaluate corporate periodicals as well as non-periodicals dedicated to presentation of corporation, products and services to customers, trade partners and employees. The journal still maintains a high level following its last year winning in the contest organised by the PR Klub.

The journal of **Demografie**, review for research on the population development, which has been published by the CZSO as long as since 1959, is enlisted in the List of Reviewed Scientific



Non-Impacted Periodicals in the Czech Republic and in the list of scientific periodicals registered in Scopus, the international citation database. The journal maintained its content structure last year and brought numerous interesting papers, commemorated important life jubilees of personalities not only of the Czech demography, and informed readers on hot news, conferences, etc.



In 2016 the reviewed professional journal of **Statistika: Statistics and Economy Journal**, which has been published since 1964 (since 2011 in the English version only) was issued regularly as a quarterly as an open access source – with open access to scientific information. The journal is indexed in the international citation database of reviewed professional literature Scopus (since 2015) and since 2016 also in the Emerging Sources Citation Index Web of Science (ESCI Thomson Reuters).

Increasing of Statistical Literacy

On 20 October 2016 the Czech Statistical Office became involved in celebrations of the European Statistics Day in an active manner. The Office arranged a press conference where most popular names of children born in January 2016 were revealed. The CZSO also developed an overview of unusual names which Czech parents gave their descendants and the most frequent names of children in selected countries of Europe. A pelmanism in the form of an application for smartphones and tablets was developed for children. The application contains interesting statistical data and helps children to acquire basic statistical skills by means of a game. The electronic pelmanism forms a part of the library of the Czech Statistical Office CZStat and can be downloaded for free from Google Play and iTunes. The adults could fill in a statistical quiz at www.czso.cz compiled of more difficult questions on concrete statistical data from the CZSO website.

There was an Open Day in the Central Statistical Library. The most interesting items of the library collections were on display. The exhibition of Minicensus in Pictures was installed in the CZSO Headquarters, Skalka, Prague. The

exhibition in an absorbing way reflects results of the of last education project of Minicensus which 29 628 pupils and students from across the whole Czech Republic participated in. The CZSO posted on the largest video sharing server of www.youtube.com two short video-polls with important personalities of statistics who responded to questions as follows: “Which way, in your opinion, do the high quality statistical data contribute to better life?” and “What is the main importance of statistics in your opinion?”. Correspondence sent out from the Office in the course of September to 20 October 2016 was marked with a special stamp referring to the European Statistics Day.

In cooperation with the University of Economics, Prague, the CZSO prepared 4th year of the competition of Best Statistical Poster. This time the posters theme was History of My Country. The Czech Statistical Office modified informative texts on the competition website and published a video tutorial “How to Make a Statistical Poster”. The competition is for pupils and students of primary and secondary schools and is opened within the ISLP/IASE International Statistical Literacy Project. Its objective is to assist students with improving their skills in statistics.

Direct Presentation of Outcomes

In 2016 there were 5 exhibitions arranged in the public accessible rooms of the CZSO in Prague. A great success received the exhibition of the winners of the photographic contest My&Statistika, then the exhibition of photographs from Egypt of Martin Frouz, the exhibition of Scientists and Inventions borrowed from the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, or Minicensus in Pictures. ■



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Activities of the CZSO in the area of international cooperation (in relation to the membership in the European Union) were related mainly to the European Statistical System (ESS). The CZSO, however, cooperated also with international organisations (especially the UN, OECD) and national statistical institutes of other countries in the form of bilateral actions or a technical assistance.



European Union

Main targets of business trips of the CZSO representatives to abroad were to participate in meetings of the EU bodies. At meetings of the Working Party on Statistics of the Council of the EU, the CZSO representatives made statements on behalf of the Czech Republic concerning draft legal regulations discussed in the area of price statistics (regulations on end-user prices of natural gas and electricity), European social statistics and functioning of the ESS in the period to come (regulation on extending of the 2013–2017 European statistical programme to 2018–2020). Besides that, the CZSO was involved e.g. in work of the Sub-Committee on Statistics of the Economic and Financial Committee of the Council of the EU, the Coordination Group for oil and petroleum products (DG Energy), and the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE). At regular meetings convened by the European Commission / Eurostat on various levels (from the top level to expert one), preparation and state of implementation of legislation, proposals for joint projects, experience of individual countries and other activities within the ESS were discussed. The European Statistical System Committee (ESSC, hereinafter the Committee), composed of Presidents of statistical institutes, discussed strategic objectives of functioning and further ESS development, prepared new framework regulations (especially in the domain of social, agricultural, and business statistics), and adopted draft implementing acts (comitology). On the Committee level, a consultation on draft regulation pursuant to the Article 290

of the Lisbon Treaty (delegated acts) took place. Cooperation of the ESS with the European System of Central Banks continued; the CZSO representatives got involved in common working bodies. Representatives of the CZSO participated also in temporary Task Forces for the resolution of specific professional issues.

In relation to evaluation of compliance with the European Statistics Code of Practice in the form of a peer review by a group of experts from the ESS (it took place in the CR in 2015), recommendations have been gradually applied that were contained in the Final Report from the peer review. Within meeting of provisions of the amendment of the regulation on European statistics, in 2016, attention was focused mainly on administration sources use for compilation of European statistics.

Also in 2016, implementation of the Vision 2020 initiative, which aims at enhancement of quality of statistical data and the efficiency of their production in a rather long-term horizon, was an important topic. The regular annual Conference of the Directors General of the National Statistical Institutes (DGINS), which took place in Vienna, focused on the issue of functioning of a modern statistical institute in the 21st century and on the topic of measurement of income, consumption, and wealth.

Involvement of the CZSO in development activities continued, including projects financially supported by the EU grants (e.g. in the area of demography, agriculture, price statistics, national



accounts, labour, ICT use, business registers, business cycle survey statistics, etc.) and participation of the CZSO experts in training courses especially within the European Statistical Training Programme. In June 2016, representatives of the CZSO participated with their contributions in the European Conference on Quality in Official Statistics (Q2016) in Madrid. In autumn, the CZSO got involved in activities related to the European Statistics Day, which was announced by Eurostat for the first time to take place on 20 October.

Other international cooperation

Within membership in international organizations (UN, OECD), representatives of the CZSO participated in meetings of their top statistical bodies and work of expert groups. The UN Statistical Commission (UNSC) on its annual session (in which the CZSO President participated) negotiated documents dealing with the current state of sector statistics and proposals for further steps. The main topic was the agenda of sustainable development and indicators related to it, other discussed topics were: national accounts, environmental accounts, migration statistics, statistics of climate changes, and the like. The CZSO President participated also in the meeting of the UN Expert Group on Environment Statistics (EGES).

A plenary session of the Conference of European Statisticians of the UN Economic Commission for Europe, at which the President of the CZSO participates on behalf of the CR, dealt with partnership of statistical institutes with other parties involved in the “information industry” under conditions of an increasing demand for data, a response of official statistics on sustainable development goals, the topic of geo-spatial



information, measurement of human capital, migration statistics, and the population ageing.

The agenda for the OECD Committee on Statistics and Statistical Policy meeting included (similarly as at the UN) current topics of sustainable development goals or rather measurement of their fulfilment, further it was measurement of the economy under conditions of expanding digitalisation, the task of statistical institutes in the area of information on land, measurement of trust of the population, OECD activities in the area of migration, indicators of the “green growth”, and science and innovation statistics.

With regard to financial possibilities, representatives of the CZSO participated within the UN and the OECD also in work of selected expert bodies and in other activities (e.g. in the area of statistics of science, technology, and innovation and national and financial accounts).

Technical assistance

Also in 2016, the CZSO provided technical assistance (TA) abroad with the aim of contributing to the further harmonisation of statistics in countries within a process of transformation of their economy and the society, including strengthening their statistical infrastructure. Experts from the CZSO continued in their involvement in a project financed by the World Bank in Kazakhstan under the leadership of the Federal Statistical Office of Germany (DESTATIS) (namely in the area of national accounts and, to a lesser extent, also in tourism statistics). Results achieved in the sub-component of national accounts were then presented on the final conference in Astana in November

2016. Experts from the CZSO, upon a request from DESTATIS, involved in 2016 also in implementation of a project financed from the EU funds in Azerbaijan, namely in the area of tourism statistics. Of no lesser importance was also implementation of the so-called sector review in the area of tourism statistics for Armenia (financed, again, from the funds of the EU).

Bilateral and multilateral cooperation

Within the framework of the long-term bilateral cooperation with the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic, many consultations took place on both the top and working levels. Meetings focused on the issues of macroeconomic statistics (national accounts, GDP estimates), ICT security during elections, financing of elections, household budget statistics, development of a statistical system in science and technology, and energy statistics. Among other important bilateral meetings were: e.g. visit of the President of the National Statistical Institute of Bulgaria and visit of the President of the National Statistical Service of the Republic of Armenia accompanied by a deputy minister of agriculture of Armenia. Topical issues resulting from the membership in the EU were on the agenda of a meeting with statisticians from Hungary and Finland.

Cross-border cooperation continued with colleagues from Austria, Germany, and Poland that focused mainly on common presentation of statistical data on the respective regions.

The total number of business trips abroad in 2016 was 226, at which the CZSO employees participated in 180 events. In 2016, a total of 13 foreign visits and meetings were held in the CZSO, attended by 54 foreign experts. ■



HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

In 2016 human resources management concentrated on the continuing implementation of the Civil Service Act. The decisive elements of the process were civil servant examinations, tenders for civil service positions, and the first service evaluation of the civil servants. Emphasis was also put on improving and broadening of employees' qualifications and skills and on permanent development of their professional knowledge and abilities.



For 2016 the Ministry of Finance determined for the Czech Statistical Office the binding limit number of employees of 1 390 persons. The actual annual average full-time equivalent number was 1 302 employees. As at 31 December the CZSO was employing in total 1 321 persons (headcount) of which 1 010 were females.

In the course of 2016 72 new employees joined the Czech Statistical Office, of which 43 joined the positions pursuant to the civil service contract, 23 to the employment contract for civil service positions, and 6 for employment contract under the Labour Code. There were 87 employees who left the CZSO mainly due to old-age retirement (32 persons). The attained fluctuation rate of 6.6 per cent, the second lowest for the last decade, can be called the healthy fluctuation and dropped by 4.2 percentage point compared to the last year.

In the last year 179 employees of the CZSO passed successfully the civil servant examination and this way complied with a legal prerequisite for remaining the civil servant. In the course of the year conditions in tenders pursuant to the Civil Service Act became to improve slightly and the number of applicants was growing gradually. However, certain positions are hard to get suitable persons for over a long term, namely in the IT field.

The share of the CZSO employees with higher education reached 56.0%, the share of employees with secondary education

Employees from 2014 to 20165 (as at 31 December)			
	2014	2015	2016
Number of employees	1 378	1 345	1 321
Number of civil servants	0	1 091	1 102
Percentage of females	75.7	76.4	76.5
Percentage of higher education graduates	51.6	53.9	56.0
Average age (years)	47.9	47.8	47.5
Age group			
Up to 30 years	93	92	101
31–40 years	282	276	257
41–50 years	374	365	355
51–60 years	484	479	485
61+ years	145	133	123



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(i.e. secondary education with A-level examination and higher professional school graduates) was 42.5% of the total number of employees. The permanently growing share of employees with higher education is a result of controlled transformation of the Office qualification structure. The share has increased by over 15 percentage points in the last decade.

Ageing of the population has also been reflected in the age structure of the Office employees. The average age of the CZSO employees is 47.5 years. The age structure has remained virtually unchanged over the recent years. The employees aged 51–60 years form the largest share thereof.

Courses and Education

Lifelong education and reinforcing qualifications form an important part of the professional life of every employee of the CZSO. In 2016 in the CZSO there were numerous education activities as trainings for field employees, other applications related to the RSIS project, training following to the Act on Civil Service implementation, professional courses in statistics, short-term professional courses, etc. All courses of training performed were focused on improved education in areas important for fulfilling of work or service duties. Besides the planned training courses included in the Catalogue of Courses 2015, there were, during the year, courses initiated by up-to-date requirements of managers and superiors provided operatively.

In 2016 there were ca 200 short-term courses and other educational events implemented in-house in the CZSO. These courses were attended by 3 836 employees, including external participants. The courses were lectured both by the CZSO employees and by external lecturers and were organized

in the Headquarters as well as in regional workplaces of the CZSO. Employees were sent out of the Office to training companies for special professional trainings. Nine persons participated in courses abroad. One CZSO employee was a lecturer at a course of the European Statistical Training Programme abroad.

It was necessary to provide employees with education in the field of civil service in relation to the Civil Service Act implementation. Since February 2016 civil servant examinations were organised in the CZSO for services No 69 (State Statistical Service). There were in total 12 civil servant examinations arranged. There were 5 preparatory trainings for the civil servant examination held in the CZSO last year.

The CZSO drew resources for employee education at the amount of CZK 3 893 thousand, while each employees participated in approx. 3.25 courses, on average. Expenditure on education was approx. 2 990 CZK per employee. ■

Course type	Number of participants ¹⁾
Short-term professional courses ²⁾	4 018
Long-term courses	16
Language courses	199
Total	4 233

¹⁾ Excludes external participants.

²⁾ Courses shorter than 5 days, incl. conferences.



FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

In 2016, the CZSO budget was influenced by continuation of ensuring of sustainability of the Integrated Operational Programme (IOP) projects. Resources for the fulfilment of the State Statistical Service tasks were drawn in a maximally purposeful, economical, and effective manner.



Data on Income and Expenditure Budget

On 9 December 2015, the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, by its Resolution No 998 passed the Act No 400/2015 Sb, on the State Budget of the Czech Republic for 2016.

The aforementioned act approved an income budget for the Chapter 345 – Czech Statistical Office in the amount of CZK 17 468.57 thousand and an expenditure budget in the amount of CZK 947 239.61 thousand.

During the course of 2016, the Ministry of Finance permitted an overall adjustment of the budget of the chapter as follows:

- a) The determined allocation of expenditure was increased by the amount of CZK 91 933.45 thousand for ensuring of new and regular elections to local councils, regular elections to regional councils, regular elections to the Senate of the Parliament of the CR, for the coverage of expenditure for the implementation of an updated Concept of Integration of Foreigners – In Mutual Respect in 2016, for expenditure related to processing of administrative data of the Czech Social Security Administration for the year 2016 (*Nem-Úr 1-02* statistical report/questionnaire), and the increase in wages and accessories for the 11th and 12th month of 2016 pursuant to the Government Resolution No 831/2016 and resources to cover expenditure related to repair, maintenance, and equipment of regional offices of the CZSO in *Ústí nad Labem, Plzeň, Hradec Králové, Ostrava, and Brno*.
- b) The determined expenditure budget was reduced by CZK 2 744.12 thousand due to a transfer of resources for

the Ministry of the Interior in order to cover operation of the Information System of the Administrative Business Register.

After these adjustments, the income budget remained unchanged in the amount of CZK 17 468.57 thousand and the expenditure budget after changes amounted to CZK 1 036 428.94 thousand. This expenditure budget was raised by extra-budgetary resources in the total amount of CZK 92 212.36 thousand, i.e. by claims from unused expenditure, the reserve fund, and resources credited to the income account during the course of the year. The final expenditure budget was CZK 1 128 641.30 thousand.

The final expenditure budget broken down by type: wages, other personnel expenses (OPE), insurance, and allocations to the Fund of Cultural and Social Needs constituted a total of CZK 828 781.48 thousand (73.43%), material expenditure was in the amount of CZK 240 830.20 thousand (21.34%), transfers to the reserve fund CZK 1 065.91 thousand (0.09%), and capital expenditure CZK 57 963.71 thousand (5.14%).

Actually Attained Income and Drawing of Expenditure

Income

Budgeted income in the amount of CZK 17 468.57 thousand were fulfilled in the amount of CZK 20 226.53 thousand, i.e. for 115.79%. Total income in 2016 reached 15% of the amount of income generated in the year 2015. Compared to 2015, the decrease of CZK 117 192.16 thousand in 2016 was influenced mainly by income from IOP projects in the total amount of CZK 115 374.46 thousand in 2015. Revenue from own activity, which amounted to CZK 3 330.64 thousand (which

is by CZK 149.18 thousand more than in 2015) is a permanent source of income of the CZSO. More than a half of the revenue comes from non-standard orders (e.g. selections from databases, compilation of special tailor-made outputs, sale of data for scientific and research purposes). Revenue from lease of property amounted to CZK 95.98 thousand, which is by CZK 22.74 thousand less than in 2015. Sanction payments (contractual penalties and late payment interests) were received in the amount of CZK 309.16 thousand, which is by CZK 192.01 thousand more than in 2015. Within tax-free income, other tax-free income was CZK 737.85 thousand. Compared to 2015, the reported status is by CZK 66.63 thousand higher. The higher fulfilment was influenced mainly by an increase in the volume of insurance payments and compensations for damage from natural persons. In 2016, compensations for passing of civil service examination became a new type of income. Another part of total income consisted of transfers received, which were achieved in the amount of CZK 15 664.70 thousand. Compared to 2015, when transfers received were reported in the amount of CZK 133 330.14 thousand, the fulfilment was by CZK 117 665.44 thousand lower. There was no capital revenue in the reported period.

Expenditure

The final expenditure budget of the CZSO as at 31 December 2016 was CZK 1 128 641.30 thousand, drawing of expenditure was in the amount of CZK 947 924.30 thousand, i.e. for 83.99%.

Of the total amount of drawing of expenditure, current expenditure was CZK 932 035.92 thousand (98.33%) and capital expenditure CZK 15 888.38 thousand (1.67%). In comparison with 2015, total drawing of expenditure was higher by CZK 33 615.44 thousand, primarily due to current expenditure, which was in 2016 compared to 2015 higher by CZK 35 791.65 thousand, of which expenditure on elections with regards to the extent of elections was higher by CZK 49 478.53 thousand. Current expenditure on operation and activities of the CZSO in 2016 compared to 2015 was by CZK 13 686.88

thousand lower. Drawing of capital expenditure in 2016 was by CZK 2 176.21 thousand lower than in 2015.

Elections

In 2016, new and regular elections were held in five terms. They were new elections to local councils, regular elections to regional councils, and regular elections to one third of the Senate of the Parliament of the CR.

From provided resources in the amount of CZK 70 593.92 thousand to ensure current expenditure of elections, CZK 62 751.91 thousand was drawn to ensure financing of the preparation and processing of election results (i.e. 88.89%), of which in the Section 6114 Elections to the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic CZK 16 073.24 thousand was drawn, in the Section 6115 Elections to local councils and elections to regional councils CZK 46 678.67 thousand was drawn from current expenditure. To pay capital expenditure, CZK 245.63 thousand was drawn from the claims from unused expenditure for elections to the Senate of the Parliament of the CR and CZK 493.68 thousand for elections to regional councils.

Operation and Activities of the CZSO

Resources for expenditure in Section 6146 – the Czech Statistical Office represent resources from which expenditure is covered in connection with the operation and activities of the CZSO's own workplaces. The final budget after the incorporation of claims from unused expenditure, the reserve fund, and resources from the income account reached the volume of CZK 1 056 174.38 thousand. Drawing in Section 6146 – the Czech Statistical Office was in the amount of CZK 884 401.04 thousand (i.e. a drawing of 83.74% of the final budget), of which current expenditure constituted CZK 869 251.97 thousand and capital expenditure CZK 15 149.07 thousand. In comparison with 2015, the drawing of current expenditure was by CZK 13 686.34 thousand lower. The decrease was influenced by lower drawing of material expenditure by CZK 24 270.10 thousand, namely owing to a saving in purchase of material of CZK 15 078.94 thousand compared to 2015. Drawing of personnel costs was (compared



to 2015) higher by CZK 12 270.80 thousand; it was caused by an increase in wages by 3% since November 2015 and by 5% since November 2016, including accessories.

In 2016, capital expenditure was in Section 6146 drawn in the amount of CZK 15 149.07 thousand. Compared to 2015, it was an increase by CZK 7 261.67 thousand. The increase of expenditure was caused mainly by different financial demands for individual investment events.

Programmes Co-financed from Abroad

In 2016, the total of CZK 15 944.15 thousand of budgetary and extra-budgetary resources (i.e. from claims from unused expenditure, resources provided to the income account from abroad as allowed exceeding of the budget, and from the reserve fund) were drawn for programmes co-financed by the EU. In 2016, the Czech Statistical Office implemented grants/projects of the Community Statistical Programme – with 15 projects financed from the budget resources; it further financed 11 projects from claims from unused expenditure and 1 project from the reserve fund. In total CZK 15 331.33 thousand was drawn for grants/projects of the Community Statistical Programme in 2016, of which CZK 10 541.70 thousand was from EU sources. From extra-budgetary resources, 3 missions of Twinning out were financed in the amount of CZK 46790 thousand (technical assistance to Croatia and Azerbaijan). Also lecturing of the Lot 9 international ESTP course was financed from the EU resources in the amount of CZK 80.72 thousand and an additional payment for the 2014 Metadata course in the amount of CZK 64.20 thousand was transferred to the reserve fund.

From non-EU resources from abroad, 12 missions of the TA project in Kazakhstan were financed in the total amount of CZK 3 469.01 thousand (including a 1-day meeting of the consortium and a final conference). The TransMonEE UNICEF project was also financed from non-EU resources from abroad in the amount of CZK 74.03 thousand.

It ensues from the analysis of drawing of expenditure in all the sections, broken down by type, that personnel expenses

(wages, other personnel expenses, severance pay, mandatory insurance, contributions to the Fund of Cultural and Social Needs) in the total amount of CZK 746 416.26 thousand comprised 78.74% of total expenditure. Material expenditure in the amount of CZK 184 553.75 thousand made 19.47% of total budget drawing (purchase of materials, energy, and services). Transfers to the reserve fund amounted to CZK 1 065.91 thousand, i.e. 0.11% of total drawing. Capital expenditure of the CZSO in 2016 was made within the framework of the programme for the financing of reproduction of CZSO assets managed within the Programme Financing Information System EDS/SMVS within Programme 145 01 – Development and Renewal of Material-Technical Basis of the CZSO, and actual drawing of expenditure was CZK 15 888.38 thousand, i.e. 1.68% of total expenditure.

The status of claims from unused expenditure as at 1 January 2017 is CZK 414 526.79 thousand in total, of which CZK 214 809.26 thousand consist of profiling expenditure. These cover the amount of CZK 96 951.52 thousand for wages of state employees, wages of employees employed pursuant to the Labour Code, and other payments for work done, resources to finance EU projects excluding wages and OPE in the amount of CZK 6 010.82 thousand, the amount of CZK 89 481.07 thousand for events recorded in the EDS/SMVS information system outside of the EU, and resources designated for settlement with the state budget for elections and other labelled expenditure in the amount of CZK 22 365.85 thousand. Non-profiling expenditure as at 1 January 2017 were CZK 199 717.53 thousand. The balance of the reserve fund as at 31 December 2016, in the amount of CZK 2 592.24 thousand, represents resources designated for the financing of projects/grants of the Community Statistical Programme and technical assistance and other activities abroad.

The financial resources which the CZSO had available in 2016 were drawn in accordance with the fulfilment of tasks of the CZSO, in compliance with the budgetary rules and with an emphasis on their economical and purposeful expenditure. ■



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