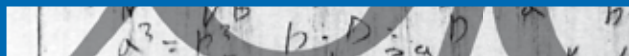
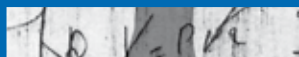
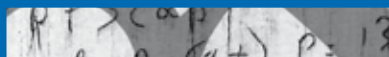
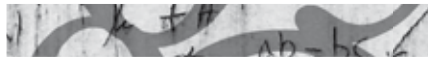
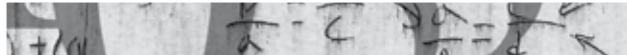
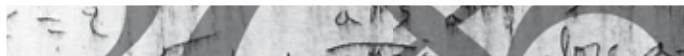
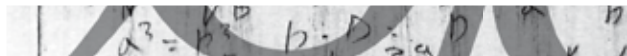
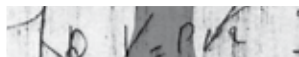
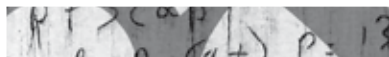


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FOREWORD



Iva Ritschelová

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President CZSO

Dear Readers:

The year of 2014 was among those of highly demanding in terms of work in the CZSO history, concerning both solutions of priority tasks and implementation of demanding elections, on one hand, and changes to organisation and legislation affecting the Office, on the other one.

The revision of national accounts statistics according to the standard ESA 2010 was successfully completed within the priority tasks. Thanks to several years of hard work and efforts of the Office employees the Czech Republic became the only country of the Member States of the European Union that accepted the new standard with no exception. The CZSO provided the users with comparable time series of sector accounts and the main macroeconomic aggregates of the Czech Republic revised in accordance with the new methodology within the deadline required.

The demanding and comprehensive project of Redesign of the Statistical Information System, which will be recorded as a significant transformation milestone in the CZSO history, was completed. In connection with the reduction of the administrative burden on respondents and increased quality and availability of statistical information, numerous new tools were developed, enabling complete electronic processing and integration of processes of the survey preparation, initial and central processing, and subsequent dissemination of statistical outputs. Troubles emerged in the course of the entire implementation of the project yet they were solved with a relative satisfaction. However, the works has not stopped by doing so. At present the Office faces another important task: to ensure the necessary sustainability of the project and incorporating tools into routine statistical processes.

The CZSO continued in the process of improving effectiveness of the State Statistical Service performance and revision in the fields of reporting and registers on the basis of a relevant decision of the Government of the Czech Republic. Eight of the statistical surveys carried out by ministries were cancelled without a replacement and one survey was integrated into the CZSO Statistical System following the analyses of statistical surveys of ministries.

Five surveys were incorporated into legal regulations of relevant ministries. At present, legislative processes are ongoing to

include further nine surveys into legislation of respective ministries. Concerning the second important part of activities in the development of availability of administrative data for statistical purposes, a number of negotiations was held at all levels. However, not all of them concluded as we wished from the Office standpoint as well as from the respondent view. Therefore activities in this area will have to continue. Nevertheless, it is impossible to attain any expected results without a more active approach of ministries.

External audits of methodology were carried out as traditionally. This time it was the audit of the industrial production index and, at the same time, the audit of the preliminary estimate of the gross domestic product was commenced. These activities are to a decisive degree conceived as an important feedback and support to improved quality of statisticians' work in the future.


Two "great" elections were organised in the course of the year; the first into the European Parliament and then municipal elections. The second mentioned were among the most arduous in the Czech election history, first of all due to the number of parties, movements, and candidates. It is my great pleasure I can state that their implementation was carried out with the traditional high degree of professionalism of the CZSO employees.

In the end of the year the CZSO saw relatively extensive changes in managerial positions. The timing related to the adoption of the State Service Act and with hiring tenders, respectively, which will be obliged to be carried out for all managerial positions across public administration in the next two years, and also with the entirely objective need to provide for conditions of substitution of generations at the CZSO.

More detailed information on professional activities and economy of the Office in 2014 can be found on the following pages of the Annual Report 2015 of the CZSO. Concluding I would like to express my thanks to all our employees, institutional partners, and also to users, who have contributed their shares to the successful implementation of the CZSO plans and this way also to the overall development of the State Statistical Service of 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.

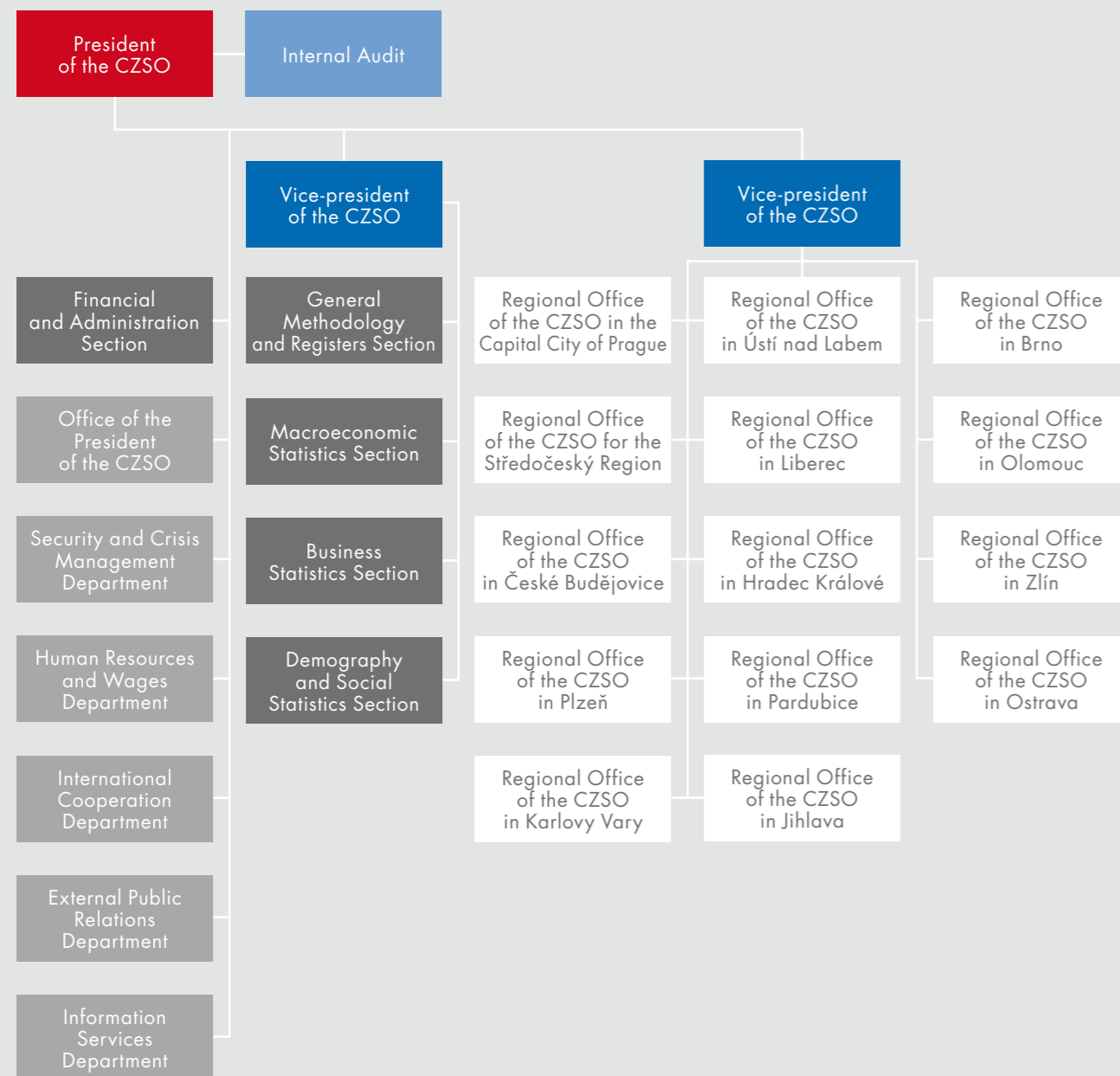
Strategic Objectives of the Czech Statistical Office

- 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 to the Office.
- Participating in an active manner in the process of building a system of registers in the Czech Republic.
- Unifying technical and technological environment for the collecting, processing, storage, and publication of statistical data and information.

ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE (as at 31 December 2014)



- Preparing a strategy of the procedure for the census, which is to be implemented around 2020.
- 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 Rišchelová, 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 uses 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 organisational 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 from these decisions.
- The Election Steering Team prepares and implements the processing of election results and their presentation to the public, discusses legislation, 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 when conditions are announced as emergency, 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 2014 the organisational structure of the CSZO 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 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 communications. There are the CSZO 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



Activities in the field of general methodology and statistical registers were affected by finishing of the development of applications and methodological procedures connected to the project of Redesign of the Statistical Information System (SIS) and the continued CZSO priority task of– enhanced effectiveness of the State Statistical Service. Moreover, selected statistical classifications and nomenclatures were updated and the Decree on the Programme of Statistical Surveys for 2015 was published in the Collection of Acts of the Czech Republic (Sb.).

General Methodology and Classifications

In 2014 the following items were updated: Classification of Occupations (CZ-ISCO) by the CZSO Communication No. 172/2014 Sb., International Refined Diagnosis Related Groups (IR-DRG) by the CZSO Communication No. 247/2014 Sb., and the Classification of Products by Activity (CZ-CPA) by the CZSO Communication No. 323/2014 Sb. The Nomenclature of Countries (CZEM) was updated twice, namely by the CZSO Communication No. 114/2014 Sb. and by the CZSO Communication No. 322/2014 Sb. The Nomenclature of Institutional Sectors and Subsectors (ČISS) was also cancelled by the CZSO Communication No. 67/2014 Sb. The latest nomenclature was replaced by the Classification of Institutional Sectors and Subsectors. All statistical classifications and nomenclatures are available on the CZSO website.

As every year the Decree on the Programme of Statistical Surveys was prepared and approved by the commissions of the Government Legislative Council. The Programme for 2015 includes 110 statistical surveys of the CZSO and 74 surveys of ministries. Compared to 2014 the statistical survey of innovations, with a multiyear periodicity, has been cancelled. A new survey shall be conducted on the purchase prices of roundwood. The Programme also newly includes a survey on technical education, which is to be conducted every five

years and follows from the EU legal regulations. The survey on the production and utilisation of milk in agricultural holdings shall be conducted for the first time in 2015 in accordance with the Decree, in connection with the termination of operation of the information system of milk quotas at the Ministry of Agriculture.

The majority of statistical surveys included in the Programme of Statistical Surveys for 2015 is based on requirements of legal regulations of the EU. Because new surveys were involved, the estimated administrative burden on respondents will slightly increase. In 2014 the CZSO addressed approx. 121 thousand entities of the total number of active economic entities, i.e. 8.2% of reporting units. The CZSO continues to increase the proportion of administrative data in the production of statistical information.

Further works proceeded on the basis of the aforementioned strategy and the Government Resolution No. 980 of 18 December “On the proposal of the further procedure of improving the effectiveness of performance of the State Statistical Service and a revision in the field of recording and registers”. Activities were focused primarily on sharing the available data from the appendices of income tax declarations. The objective is to utilise this data and thus create conditions for a further reduction of statistical surveys of corporate statistics. This plan



is based also on requirements of businesses for the utilisation of data which the public administration has had already available. Other activities related to surveys of ministries. At the end of 2014 the Government of the Czech Republic was presented with summary information on 1 surveys performed by ministries, of which nine shall be gradually transferred into the legislation of ministries in the course of 2015.

Statistical Metainformation System

The Statistical Metainformation System (SMS) was not only routinely utilised in the metadata description of the inputs and outputs of statistical surveys for 2015, but was also developed to a significant degree and verified in a pilot operation within the Project of Redesign of the SIS. Specifically this concerned new functional blocks enabling the creation and monitoring of a schedule, actual implementation and recording of processing, automated production according to metadata for outputs, and tools for creating reports on quality of statistical survey outputs for 2014.

There was extensive training of employees carried out, especially those of the subject-matter departments. Then, a review of the current descriptions and the creation of new ones from the field of outputs were done. The following statistical areas were described: national accounts, prices, external trade, industry, construction, energy, tourism, business cycle survey, agriculture, forestry, environment, waste, water management, demography, elections, surveys in households, education, health, culture and social security, research, development and information society, labour costs, labour force and job opportunities, cross-sectional indicators related to territory and financial indicators (budget composition), and data from the Statistical Business Register. At the same time all the variables necessary for the presentation of data by means of a Public Database (PDB) were entered. A review of the used nomenclatures is performed continuously. Data sets have been gradually published by means of the PDB.

Statistical Information System

The Project of the Redesign of the SIS, which is co-financed by the EU structural funds, entered in its final development and optimisation phase in 2014 and the creation of the statistical information to be processed in 2015 was prepared for implementation. These are, first of all, integration tools, input and output subsystems, development of the metainformation system, central processing, recording system of statistical processing, distribution of fillable PDF forms, tools enabling direct filing-up by respondents on the Internet, and the creation of data markets, time series, and output sets designed both for the analytical work of statisticians and for the public. The aforementioned tools shall be implemented in the course of next years and should increase the effectiveness and quality of the administration and control of the statistical information production.

An extensive renewal of the computer centre at Headquarters was carried out in 2014 for the needs of the CZSO. The project outputs enabled a further reduction of statistical surveys, sending of summary information on the reporting duty, and continuous sending of fillable PDF forms to reporting units into their data boxes instead of using paper forms.

Due to the Project of the Redesign of the SIS was completed by the end of 2014 tools were created which respond to the current development of information and communication technologies. At the same time they maintain the advantages of the previous system of the statistical information processing based on sharing of identical processes by various statistical tasks. The primary advantage of the developed applications with a direct impact on respondents is they are independent on the operating system and have minimum demands on the hardware and software of the respondents.

In 2014 the data warehouse was regularly filled with data of short-term and structural annual economic statistics and

from selected tasks of economic statistics. Aggregated and derived data created within the 2011 Population and Housing Census project were continuously filed in the data warehouse. Selected administrative data and statistical registers are also stored in the data warehouse. Analytical works on the creation of data markets as statistical presentation layers of data were carried out on a large scale and completed, not only for the data stored in the data warehouse.

Administrative Business Register


The Administrative Business Register was in routine operation in 2014. The operation support was secured by means of a contract on the provision of administration service and operation support for the IS ROS and a framework agreement on the IS ROS development. Resources that were designated to the purpose were utilised for financing. Requirements for the rectification of sporadic errors in the reference data were continuously solved; user inquiries and reclaims were evaluated and requests for change were implemented in cooperation with the National Register Authority. Works continued on the amendment to the Act on Basic Register with the aim to fix deficiencies and faults found during the operation of the basic registers, and in particular to finally solve conditions for the registration of all municipal- and state-funded organisations in the Administrative Business Register.

Statistical Registers

At the beginning of 2014 a project of building of a system of statistical registers with the aim to interconnect respective statistical registers and remove duplicities was completed. The project was financed by European funds. The Statistical Business Register and the Register of Census Districts and Buildings have been entirely connected to the basic registers of public administration since 2013. Works continued on groups of businesses in accordance with the European project for the creation of international groups of enterprises (EuroGroups Register). ■



STATISTICAL PROCESSING



Statistical processing was ensured in terms of organisation by the Regional Offices and by some of the subject-matter departments of the CZSO in 2014. The Regional Offices, first of all, provide for the data collection from households (field surveys), and the predominant majority of processing of statistical surveys by economic activity across the entire Czech Republic, especially for selected economic entities, including government and non-profit institutions. The subject-matter departments develop methodologies of statistical surveys and process output information. In some cases they also collect data directly from reporting units and then process them.

In 2014 the data collection was carried out under exceptional conditions. After 18 years new applications, which resulted from the project of Redesign of the Statistical Information System (SIS), were put into operation. The collection was partially performed using old tools (Dataman, Projektman, Blaise), the use of electronic PDF forms was more and more deployed, and, in the case of the group of production statistics tasks, the aforementioned new applications Dante and DanteWeb of the project of Redesign of the SIS were used for the first time. The sending of information on reporting duty was standardised by means of a system of data boxes (approx. one quarter of respondents without a data box were sent information by post in the classic paper form), with subsequent distribution of the PDF forms for the relevant tasks. The proportion of electronically sent questionnaires remained at approximately the same level as in the previous year. Because of the introduction of new modules and the phasing out of the formerly used electronic system of data collection (EPV) the distribution changed; in the group of electronically returned forms the proportion of PDF forms increased to 80%, the DanteWeb application was used by approx. 20% of respondents returning questionnaires electronically.


Respondents have been able to obtain all the information on a concrete statistical survey and form, including current updates



thereto, on the website www.vykazy.cz. Respondents have access to an application for the online data acquisition at the address danteweb.czso.cz. This website makes an integral part of the CSZO Internet presentation. Here, respondents can find, inter alia, information on methodology and technology, as well as contacts to respective processing workplaces. ■



PRODUCTION STATISTICS



In 2014, in addition to securing standard outputs, experts of the Business Statistics Section continued in their intensive works on implementing the tools created within the framework of the Redesign of the Statistical Information System project. Amongst other factors, this included the transfer of further surveys to the new system, and at the end of the year also works in connection with the transfer of the project into line management. The section also contributed to the continuing priority task of enhancement of effectiveness of the State Statistical Service, and within the framework of the European Statistical System also the preparation of FRIBS – Framework Regulation Integrating Business Statistics.

Cross-Sectional Business Statistics

In 2014, the Business Statistics Section was involved in two grants organised by Eurostat in connection with the preparation for the adoption of the integrating regulation FRIBS:

- 1) Steps towards the revised definition of statistical units for business statistics: Delineation of statistical units and testing profiling,
- 2) Improvement of national business registers and testing of European profiling.

The aim of the first grant is to enumerate the impacts of the proposed adjustments in the definition of the statistical unit on the results of the structural business statistics. As to this grant, the Business Statistics Section is at the same time responsible for the methodology. The aim of the second grant, within which representatives of the section take part as members of a team, is to test the methodology of profiling significant groups of enterprises.

A study visit of Eurostat on business statistics also took place in connection with the integrating regulation FRIBS.

A metadata description of the indicators surveyed in short-term statistics in all activities in accordance with the Council Regulation (EC) No. 1165/98, as amended, has been prepared and transmitted in connection with the requirements of Eurostat.

During the course of 2014, works were carried out within the framework of P 3-04 task on the refinement of an estimate of selected indicators for the non-surveyed part of the population. In the case of P 5-01 task, in addition to the preparation of data for the reference year 2013, a statistical report (questionnaire) for the processing year 2015 was modified and made more comprehensible. Works in the area of business cycle surveys were focused on the preparation for the methodological audit planned for the fourth quarter of 2014. A range of internal analyses was elaborated within this framework.

The Business Statistics Section also took part in the activities of the CZSO within the area of access to administrative data sources.

Industry, Construction, and Energy

Within the area of statistics of industry, an audit of the industrial production index was completed, and in connection therewith



the specific recommendations of the auditing group were implemented. This especially concerned adjustments to the publicly accessible detailed description of the creation of the index, an analysis of the impact of certain methodological aspects and adjustments in the area of the published outputs. In the case of production statistics (PRODCOM), the transfer of data to Eurostat in a new data structure was commenced with the help of an application created by the Industrial Statistics Unit.

Within the framework of construction statistics, works continued on the development of housing construction statistics. This especially concerned optimising the transfer of administrative data from the Register of Territorial Identification, Addresses and Real Estate, and its interconnection with data from the statistical survey and a mutual comparison thereof.

In the area of energy statistics, intensive works continued on the preparation of the ENERGO survey, focusing on obtaining data about end consumption of energy in households. The survey will be carried out in 2015. The International Energy Agency announced a preparedness training session for states of oil emergency. This training also included exceptional data collection from the area of oil and oil products statistics,

to which the CZSO contributed together with the Administration of State Material Reserves.

Trade, Transport, Services, and Tourism

Within the framework of the monthly survey on trade and services, a repeated extraordinary survey was conducted on the scope of various forms of sale of retail goods and the assortment structure of goods sold via the Internet. The survey took place not only within the framework of specialised Internet shops, but also in businesses operating mainly classic retail in physical outlets which have an Internet shop as a supplementary form. The results were published in a separate analysis.

Following a thorough check, the results of the census of accommodation establishments conducted by the Ministry for Regional Development (MRD) in 2013 were used for updating the Register of Accommodation Establishments. They also served for converting the time series of accommodation statistics in 2012 and 2013. Activity continued on the part of the working group dealing with the preparation of tools for a survey of inbound tourism from 2015, when the MRD "Incoming Tourism" project is to end. The CZSO contributed intensively to the preparation and implementation of the Global Forum on Tourism Statistics,

which was held in Prague in May 2014. Within the framework of international technical assistance, a week-long consultation was held in Kazakhstan, relating to the issue of tourism. On the basis of the requirements of the main users, the group of countries for which data on arrivals and overnight stays in large accommodation establishments are collected was extended.

The ESA 2010 standards were as from 2014 fully implemented in the financial and insurance activities statistics, especially the new Classification of institutional sectors and subsectors. On the basis of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 446/2014, in connection with the preparation of the integrating regulation for business statistics FRIBS, the data series for credit and insurance institutions and pension funds that are transmitted to Eurostat have been modified. As a consequence of the changes in reporting of the Czech National Bank, within the framework of the project for data sharing between the CZSO and the CNB, data files were updated with new data fields, and an analysis of duplications between statistical reports and data files of the CNB was commenced in order to attain a potential reduction of annual statistical surveys in financial and insurance activities.

Agriculture and Forestry

In 2014 a statistical survey was completed on the structure and methods of agricultural production. The first results, supplemented by the inclusion of agricultural holdings according to the typology for agricultural holdings were published and presented at the Bread Basket fair in České Budějovice. Preparations took place for securing the planned specialised survey on viticulture, and at the end of the year an agreement was signed with the Central Institute for Supervising and Testing in Agriculture in Brno on the presentation of complete administrative data to the CZSO.

During the course of the year, economic and business results for agriculture were processed and presented at Techagro fair in Brno at the meeting of the Economic Commission of the Agrarian Chamber of the Czech Republic, as well as within the framework of the Year of the Family Farming (Association

of Private Farmers) event. Cooperation continued with the State Phytosanitary Administration (SPA) in order to safeguard data on the application of pesticides in agriculture according to the Regulation (EC) of the European Parliament and of the Council No. 1185/2009 concerning statistics on pesticides. For the year 2014 the SPA provided new data on the treated area in accordance with article 1 of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 656/2011 implementing Regulation (EC) of the European Parliament and of the Council No. 1185/2009 concerning statistics on pesticides, as regards definitions and list of active substances, i.e. independently of the number of treatments.

Works also continued within the framework of forestry statistics, and certain changes took place within the area of Economic Accounts for Forestry and Logging, where refinements were made in connection with the changing Eurostat methodology and in connection with national accounts. In the area of water statistics, works continued on classification of data by area of sub-basins. This structuring is required by the European Commission.


In 2014 data reporting to Eurostat continued in accordance with the Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council No. 691/2011, on European environmental economic accounts. This concerned the Air Emissions Account, which is compiled in cooperation with the Czech Hydrometeorological Institute, the Environmentally Related Taxes and Fees Account and the Material Flow Account. Negotiations continued in the European Parliament with the participation of representatives of the CZSO on the formation of three new modules which are to be incorporated into this regulation (Energy Account, Goods and Services Account, and Environmental Protection Expenditure Account).

Experts from environmental statistics cooperated with the Environment Center, Charles University in Prague, on the development of methodologies within the fields of environmental accountancy. They also coordinated works on the creation of sustainable development indicators. ■





MACROECONOMIC STATISTICS



In 2014 experts at the National Accounts Department focused primarily on processing of methodological changes ensuing from the implementation of the new ESA 2010 standard. They succeeded in bringing forward the date for publication of the quarterly estimates of the indicators of GDP resources and uses and works continued within the area of general government accounts on the project of integrating all the available data for the general government sector. Experts in the Prices Statistics Department reviewed the real estate price index, and the “national conception” was fully implemented in the area of external trade statistics.

National Accounts Statistics

In the area of national accounts, the process of implementing the updated ESA 2010 European standard of national accounts continued. In addition, attention was focused on improving the quality, completeness, and the material and temporal linkage of outputs. Activities continued in methodological changes to indicators ensuing from the increasing requirements of the innovated European System of Accounts (ESA 2010), which is effective in the form of the regulation from September 2014. Within the national accounts revision, methodological changes were incorporated in the whole time series. Time series of annual and quarterly accounts were revised and published, including regional accounts. In the area of quarterly accounts, experts focused on bringing forward the publication date of GDP resources and uses. They succeeded in bringing the date forward from the 65th to the 60th calendar day after the end of the reference quarter.

In the area of government accounts statistics, works continued on the project for the integration of all available statistical and administrative data for the general government sector and on improving the quality of source data for the calculation of the Maastricht deficit and debt. The Auxiliary Analytical Overview (AAO) was implemented as a supplementary source to

the integrated information system of the state treasury for the compilation of national accounts indicators. At the same time, increased effectiveness in the area of data sources was manifested in a reduction of statistical surveys as well as burden on respondents. Intensive activities simultaneously took place within the area of definition of the general government sector, with an attendant improvement of the effectiveness of configuration and safeguarding of source data.

Price Statistics

In the area of price statistics, in 2014 further adjustments and quality improvements were made to the internationally comparable Housing Price Index. Data on the price index of imputed rent, based on acquisition approach, were transferred to Eurostat. In the consumer price statistics a transfer to the current weights was made in 2014 and the selection of surveyed items was updated. The coverage of the area of prices of services was further progressively extended. The roundwood price index methodology was improved and the production of an experimental price index of wood processors continued, in which preparations for an extension of the respondent base took place. In other areas of price statistics, selections of surveyed price items and respondents were progressively updated as necessary. The Prices Statistics Department cooperated



on making new instruments for price statistics data surveys. In the area of international statistical cooperation, a key task was to meet the requirements of the Purchasing Power Parities 2013-2014 project, which was funded by a Eurostat grant. Last year, a newly introduced survey on the volumes and prices of healthcare procedures was conducted as a routine already.

External Trade

In the external trade statistics, close cooperation with the General Customs Directorate (GCD) contributed to an improvement of data quality in the Intrastat system, especially through the building of new logical controls on data collection, the organisational strengthening of GCD units, and more sophisticated utilisation of administrative data from tax returns. In Extrastat the existing sentence was extended by new items and the method of mutual data exchange concerning the control of such items was modernised. On the basis of conclusions of an audit, news releases are published in a new format, with a preference for outputs processed according to the methodology of the national conception over information prepared on the basis of the cross-border conception of external trade, including preparation of time series. Within the framework of a Eurostat grant, works took place on reducing the mutual asymmetries of trade in goods between EU Member States. Engagement also continued within the Europe-wide SIMSTAT project, which explores the possibilities for simplifying Intrastat with the use of a common exchange of microdata amongst Member States. Within the area of export and import of services, activities were focused on resolving tasks in connection with the implementation of the requirements of new international manuals in cooperation with the National Accounts Department of the CZSO and the Balance of Payments Division of the Czech National Bank. According to this methodology, a demanding revision of data for the period 2008 to 2013 was implemented.

New tools were also introduced for processing statistical tasks within the framework of the Redesign of the Statistical Information System project. ■



DEMOGRAPHY AND SOCIAL STATISTICS

In 2014 the CZSO published a projection of the population of the Czech Republic by region up to the year 2050, successfully completed the Sample Survey on Persons with Disabilities (SSPD 2013), and provided for implementation of the European Health Interview Survey (EHIS wave 2). Other works were the compilation of the System of Health Accounts (SHA) and satellite accounts for culture. The 10th annual survey of the statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC) was performed, the international ESSnet project was successfully completed in the labour market statistics, and ad hoc module on accidents at work and other work-related health problems in the Labour Force Sample Survey the was completed. In 2014 the CZSO launched the project of the Optimisation of the Data Collection to Evaluate the Fulfilment of the Equality Principles of Men and Women in the gender statistics.

In the demographic statistics the year 2014 was the first year in which Eurostat was provided with data according to the Regulation (EU) No. 1260/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 November 2013 on European demographic statistics and the following 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 break-downs of data, deadlines and data revisions. The reference year was 2013 and all the data were transmitted by the required deadlines. A contract on grant was concluded for the meeting of another article of the regulation in terms of the development of a feasibility study on the use of the definition of the "place of usual residence" for the purposes of data on the population and events in the population change.

Data was on the deceased by cause of mortality were published according to a new schedule. The data collection for the CZSO was changed in 2013 and impacts of this modification on the statistics were evaluated. In addition to the standard annual outputs, in January 2014 a projection of the population by region up to the year 2050 was published and followed to the median variant of the Czech Republic population projection processed in the previous year. The CZSO held a press conference dedicated to the theme of the current demographic conditions in the regions of the Czech Republic.

In the social statistics final works relating to the sample survey of persons with disabilities (SSPD 2013) were implemented, in 2014 in cooperation with the Institute of Health Information and Statistics of the Czech Republic (IHIS) in accordance with the relevant Government resolution. The main output of the SSPD was a publication released both in printed and electronic





form. A press conference was held on this theme, and the basic outputs of the survey were published as the core story of the journal of *Statistika & My*, issue 4. The European health interview survey (EHIS) was also conducted in cooperation with the IHIS. The main activities carried out in connection with this survey in 2014 were data collection and all related activities.

Besides the aforementioned surveys regular annual activities were conducted in 2014 in the area of the social statistics related to the collection, processing, and presentation of data from education, health, culture, social security, and crime. Significant projects included the System of Health Accounts (SHA) according to the joint methodology of Eurostat and the OECD and the compiling of a satellite account for culture in cooperation with institutions of the Ministry of Culture (National Information and Consulting Centre for Culture and the Arts and Theatre Institute) according to the relevant Government resolution. A methodical procedure for the compiling of the lifelong education account was also prepared. Concerning international cooperation, it is necessary to mention the long-term participation of the CZSO in the MONEE Project, which is focused on the data collection and processing of analyses related to the child population for the UNICEF.

In social surveys in households in 2014 the regular annual Household Budget Survey (HBS) was carried out focusing on household expenditures. Moreover, the tenth pan-European EU-SILC sample survey on EU statistics on income and living conditions was implemented with its national version entitled *Living Conditions 2014*. This survey contained an independent module focusing on material and social conditions of children living in selected households.

In the labour market statistics in 2014 the international project for the creation of a European socio-economic classification (ESSnet) was successfully completed, in which the CZSO cooperated within a consortium of national statistical offices and with the Sociological Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic. Eurostat accepted the prepared prototype of the new analytical classification. The CZSO commenced preparations on the creation of the Czech version, and the first analyses were conducted in selected statistical databases and the results were published in the journal of *Statistika&My*.

Within the Labour Force Sample Survey (LFSS) an ad hoc module on accidents at work and other work-related health problems was completed. The results were published separately on 5 May 2014 and sent to Eurostat for the preparation of a pan-European report. In 2014 another ad hoc module of the LFSS was carried out as a field survey on migrants and their immediate descendants, which was performed in spring 2015.

In the gender statistics a project of the Optimisation of Data Collection for an evaluation of the fulfilment of the principles of equality of men and women, which also includes an update of the Gender Statistics Concept, has been undergoing within the framework of the Government Strategy for equality of men and women in the Czech Republic for 2014–2020.

In 2014 numerous planned surveys were carried out in science, research, and innovations. In addition to the extensive annual research and development survey and the annual survey on licences and patent statistics, preparatory measures were taken to repeat the survey on innovation activities of enterprises

TI 2014. The survey performed on the basis of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 995/2012, laying down the rules for the implementation of Decision No. 1608/2003/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the production and development of Community statistics on science and technology. The continuous efforts to improve and update respective statistics in 2014 were projected especially into the task on state budget expenditures and subsidies to research and development in line with social and economic targets and in the organisation of a series of seminars for selected respondents of the Annual Questionnaire on Research and Development.

In the information society statistics works in 2014 followed the regular surveys from previous years. A next wave of international surveys was successfully implemented, focusing on the utilisation of information and communication technologies in households and businesses. Both the surveys included an extraordinary module on internet storage facilities and were successfully presented at press conferences. In cooperation with statistics of respective ministries the CZSO also monitored information on the use of information technologies in other sectors of the society as public administration, health, and education.

In 2014 the statistics on digital economy was further developed, concerning both the processing of data on investments, production, and external trade in information technologies, and the qualified human resources necessary for progress in this sphere of the economy. The aforementioned statistics were processed using data from administrative or other already existing data sources. ■



REGIONAL OFFICES OF THE CZSO

In 2014, Regional Offices of the CZSO primarily fulfilled tasks in the area of data collection and processing, and the provision of information services in 61 workplaces with 711 employees.

Field Surveys

Regular integrated surveys in households were conducted at the Regional Offices of the CZSO. The interviewers (CZSO employees) conducted the Labour Force Sample Survey (LFSS) all year round. Regular surveys of ad hoc modules, which are conducted as a component of the LFSS, continued also in 2014. This time it was entitled: The Labour Market Situation of Migrants and Their Immediate Descendants. A Sample Survey on the ICT Utilisation in Households and by Individuals was conducted on one fifth of the sample. Employees of the CZSO also conducted a regular Tourism Sample Survey (TSS) and the EU-SILC sample survey on income and living conditions. In addition to employees of the Regional Offices of the CZSO, external interviewers were also employed on this survey, which was conducted in a national version entitled Living Conditions 2014.

Experts on household budget statistics recruited new households in accordance with the stipulated parameters. Employees of the CZSO field survey in the regions also ensured the year-round survey of price statistics. In the area of agricultural statistics, data were obtained primarily by sampling. Selected reporting units were contacted by means of questionnaires sent by post or directly by a field survey employee, who completed the relevant forms together with the respondents. Employees from the Regional Offices of the CZSO also conducted the extraordinary European Health Interview Survey (EHIS) on health status of the population.

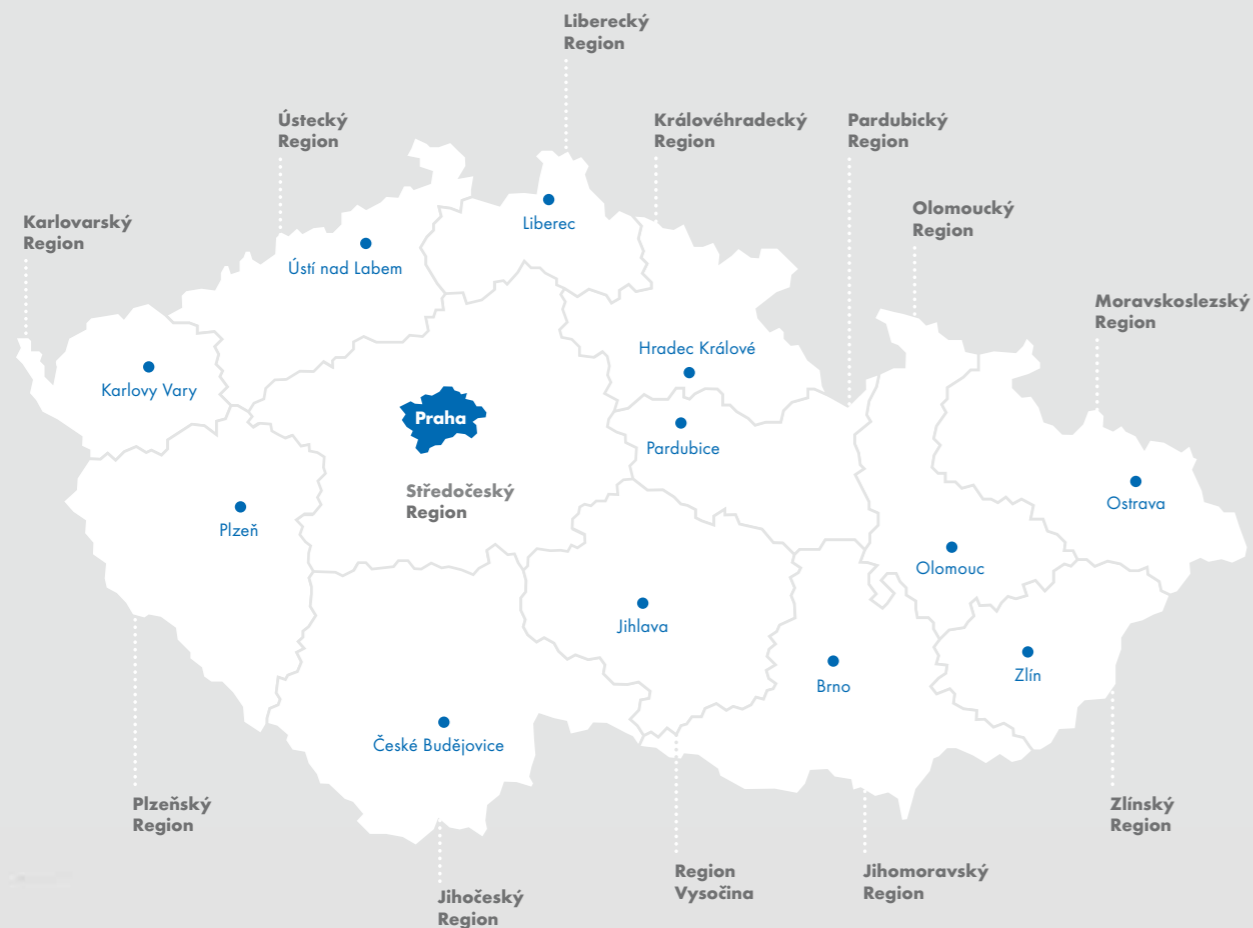
Statistical Processing

In 2014 a key task for the processing units of the Regional Offices of the CZSO was the implementation of the Redesign

of the Statistical Information System (SIS) project and the application of its products Dante and Dante/Web into practice. The demanding nature of the transition to the new system of data processing requires a high work rate on the part of employees of the processing units of the Regional Offices of the CZSO, who ensure cooperation with the providers of the primary data. The first statistical task which was made routinely accessible within the new system was the CR1-12 task. A schedule was compiled for dates for the launch of the individual tasks into operation, and on the basis of an evaluation of the functionality of the individual tasks it was possible to decide on the opening of access thereto.

The status of data processing (forms) in the Regional Offices of the CZSO was continuously monitored and evaluated. During the course of the year, 21 "situational reports" were elaborated relating to the state of statistical forms processing at the Regional Offices of the CZSO. This represented an important tool for managing the Redesign of the SIS project and its transfer into regular operation, i.e. into a sustainable state of the project within the environment of the CZSO. The implementation of the Dante and Dante/Web applications shall continue in 2015 for those statistical forms which were not yet included into the newly built system in 2014.

In 2014 maximum use was made of data boxes of respondents for the sending of statistical forms. With regard to the fact that the use of electronic communication is not yet possible for all CZSO forms due to the technical equipment of the respondents, the traditional method of communication with reporting units has been preserved, i.e. the form of questionnaires



in paper form. Cooperation with reporting units upon supplementary data collection was also realised to an increased extent in electronic form. In addition, cooperation continued between certain Regional Offices of the CZSO and the subject matter departments in the utilisation of administrative data sources.

Information Services

Information and presentation activity focusing on cooperation with a wide spectrum of domestic and foreign users from the ranks of both the professional and lay public, with regional news media, the state administration and local government was continually ensured in all the Regional Offices of the CZSO. Regional websites were continuously updated with the aim of providing access to a maximum of regional information. Highly intensive cooperation also continued with schools of all types.

The regional statistical yearbooks have traditionally been published and presented in electronic and printed form in all regions. Each quarter, an electronic regional Quarterly Statistical Bulletin was also made available to users. Within the framework of analytical work at the Information Services Units

of the Regional Offices of the CZSO, material was published on the fundamental developmental tendency of the region in 2013, the conclusions of which were presented to the public in some regions in the form of press conferences and professional seminars. Many Regional Offices of the CZSO also issued further analytical materials and publications, e.g. from regional statistics, demography, and elections, in cooperation with regional and foreign institutions. All Information Services Units of the Regional Offices of the CZSO cooperated on tasks of the Redesign of the SIS project in connection with the provision of information services and the preparation of the new information system.

Cross-Border Cooperation

In 2014 also, cooperation continued between offices of the CZSO from the regions of South Moravia, South Bohemia, and the Vysočina Region on the "Centroe Border Region" of demographic statistics including population projection, utilisation of land, data on employment and unemployment, statistics on education, tourism or migration. In 2014 discussions focussed especially on the issue of the utilisation of comparable final results of the 2011 Census and data from the area of healthcare.





Within the framework of participation in the EUREX working group, the Regional Office of the CZSO in Liberec was engaged in a project entitled “Lexicon of Basic Terms in Polish, Czech, and German Statistics – Methodological Explanations”, the main objective of which is to make a publication containing definitions of indicators describing socio-economic phenomena monitored by Polish, Czech, and German statistics. The Regional Offices of the CZSO in Ústí nad Labem and Hradec Králové also cooperated on the preparation of the publication.

Within the framework of cooperation with the Euroregion Neisse-Nisa-Nysa, the Regional Office of the CZSO in Liberec prepared presentation of activities of the CZSO for the 16th congress of the Euroregion Council on the theme of “The Euroregion from the Perspective of EUREX Statistics”. At the meeting of representatives of the Euroregions operating within the Czech Republic, it subsequently provided information on forms of cooperation between the Regional Office of the CZSO in Liberec and Emerging Researchers National (ERN), or on activity within the expert group EUREX Statistics – data collection, creation of joint outputs, content of publications etc.

On the basis of cooperation of the Regional Office of the CZSO in Plzeň with the Regional Authority of the Plzeň Region, representatives of regional offices actively participated

in a range of workshops dedicated to the theme of “How to ensure a sufficient number of qualified employees for the Horní Falcko and Plzeňský Regions”.

The Regional Office of the CZSO in Zlín, in cooperation with the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic, contributed to a joint publication based on the results of the 2011 Census. This represents a further output prepared within the framework of cooperation with the Euroregion Bílé – Biele Karpaty. The Regional Office also contributed to the creation of an analysis for the “Cross-Border Cooperation Programme Document for the Euroregion Bílé - Biele Karpaty in 2014–2020” in the form of provision of data and consultations.

In 2014, the Regional Office of the CZSO in Hradec Králové established cooperation with the journal “Innovation in the Czech-Polish border region”. This concerned especially the provision of statistical data for the regions on the Czech-Polish border, about which the journal presents news and inspiration for entrepreneurs and other entities. The journal is published within the framework of the European project in a Czech-Polish version.

Financial Performance of Regional Offices of the CZSO


In 2014, the Regional Offices of the CZSO continued in the realisation of the rationalisation measures commenced

in the years 2012 and 2013, with impacts on reducing budgetary expenditure. The most significant savings on material expenditure were attained especially through a reduction in the size of the premises used for the workplaces of the Regional Offices of the CZSO, or through their relocation to buildings of the state administration. This process was practically concluded in 2014 – optimisation of the size of office and other non-residential premises was implemented in a further seven dislocated workplaces.

The effective financial performance of the Regional Offices of the CZSO is attested to also by savings attained on items of other personnel expenses and domestic travel expenses. In terms of items of other personnel expenses, savings were made both on agreements concluded in order to strengthen personnel capacities of field surveys and statistical processing, and also on agreements in order to secure the operation of the Regional Offices of the CZSO. A year-on-year reduction of 6.9% was attained in other personnel expenses. Systematic attention was devoted to the planning and implementation of business trips and a reduction of travel expenses. In 2014, the rational approach of the Regional Offices of the CZSO led to a year-on-year reduction of domestic travel expenses by 7.5%. The saving on expenditure of Regional Offices of the CZSO was attained whilst respecting the demands for the high quality of the collected data. ■

A black and white photograph of a hand dropping a ballot into a ballot box. The hand is positioned at the top right, with fingers slightly curled as it releases the ballot. The ballot box is a simple, rectangular structure with a slot at the top. The background is a plain, light color. On the left side of the page, there is a vertical column of horizontal bars of varying lengths, some of which are dark grey and others are blue. The blue bars are positioned at the top and bottom of the column, and one is positioned below the 'ELECTION STATISTICS' header. The text 'ELECTION STATISTICS' is written in white, uppercase letters on a blue background.

ELECTION STATISTICS

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As regards election statistics, 2014 was a highly demanding year. Regular and extraordinary elections took place. The regular, expected elections were those to the European Parliament, to local councils and one third of the Senate of the Czech Republic. Extraordinary elections, in addition to the new local council elections, included additional elections to the Senate electoral districts number 80 based in Zlín and number 22 based in Prague 10.

Regular elections to the European Parliament were held in May 2014. The preparation for the results processing was substantially complicated by the delay to the amendment to the Elections Act, since for a long time it was not clear as to whether the results processing would commence on 11 p.m. on Sunday 25 May, or on 2 p.m. on Saturday 24 May, i.e. immediately after the end of voting. The amendment to the Elections Act did not become valid until 7 April, less than seven weeks before the elections and almost two months after they had been announced. The new legal arrangement enabled the ward election commissions to process the results of voting immediately after the closure of the polling stations. This change was beneficial both for the commissions and for the CZSO employees, because demanding work in the night from Sunday to Monday in the previous elections was cancelled. On the other hand, the CZSO employees had an extra obligation of ensuring the confidentiality of the election results from their receipt until the closure of the last polling station on the European Union territory. The complete voting results from all electoral districts were archived and safely stored and the processing was suspended. The vote counting and conversion of votes to mandates was then performed in the evening hours of Sunday 25 May and the CZSO published the election results at 11 p.m. on the same day.

Elections to the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic and to the local councils took place on 10-11 October 2014. The preparation for both elections was managed successfully, although it was necessary to process an extremely large volume of data for the registries of candidates and lists of candidates

for the local council elections in a short time.. The overall results of the 1st round of elections to the Senate were processed in the early hours of Sunday 12 October, and the results of the far more demanding local council elections shortly afterwards on the same day. The 2nd round of the Elections to the Senate was held one week later. The results of the 2nd round were available after 4 p.m. on Saturday 18 October.

Additional elections to the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic took place in January in the electoral district of Zlín, and in September in electoral district No. 22 in Prague 10. The actual processing of the results was problem-free, and also very quick due to the low electoral turnout.

The last of the extraordinary elections were the new local council elections, which were held in seven municipalities on 15 March 2014. Because regular elections had been planned for October 2014, no further date was set for the holding of new elections.

Besides election results processing, the CZSO cooperated with the Ministry of the Interior on election legislation. It contributed to an amendment to electoral decrees and to an amendment to the Act on Elections to the Parliament of the Czech Republic, update of Senate electoral districts. Within the proposals for election legislation, the CZSO commented on the proposal of the distance voting, applied comments on the proposal of the constitutional law on referendum and submitted initiatives to the Ministry of the Interior for a technical amendment to election acts. ■



2011 POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS

After the processing of the 2011 Population and Housing Census and the publication of all standard outputs had been completed, in 2014 an analytical evaluation of the data took place. The Census Hub application was launched into operation in cooperation with Eurostat, with the results of the Census for all EU Member States. The preparation of the next Census, which shall take place in 2021, was commenced.

In March 2014 the anonymised census forms, converted into electronic form, were presented to the National Archives. The submission of these forms took place in accordance with Act No. 499/2004 Sb., on archives and records service, and in accordance with the Act No. 296/2009 Sb., on the 2011 Population and Housing Census.

Within the framework of the analytical evaluation of data, a total of 16 monothematic or cross-sectional analyses were conducted during the course of the year. In their content they covered both basic demographic characteristics (age, education, economic activity, female fertility) and other population characteristics (nationality, religion, place of birth). Selected types of households, commuting to work, residence of persons and households were evaluated separately. Two analyses were processed using internationally comparable data, one comparing the fundamental characteristics of the Visegrad Four countries and the second comparing the Czech and Slovak Republics from the perspective of the Czech or Slovak minority. An electronic extended version of the Census Atlas 2011 was created.

In connection with the processing of data sources according to the Commission Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council No. 519/2010, adopting the programme of the statistical data and of the metadata for population and housing censuses provided for by Regulation (EC) No. 763/2008 of the European Parliament and of the



Council, the CensusHub application was launched into operation in cooperation with Eurostat, with comparable data from the 2011 Census from all EU countries. In April trial operation was commenced, and the data were analysed in a complex manner for all EU countries. In December 2014 routine operation was launched. The application for formulating inquiries is on the Eurostat website, source data are stored in the respective states, where user defined outputs are created. The application also includes metadata with a uniform structure and a file of quality indicators.

During the course of 2014, preparation was commenced for the 2021 census. The government of the Czech Republic was submitted material which provided information on the basic observations from the last 2011 Census. On the basis of these observations and with the use of international experience, the government was presented with the concept for the next Census, which shall be implemented around the year 2020 and shall be based on the maximum utilisation of existing or newly created administrative data sources. Government resolution No. 734 of 10 September 2014 imposed the obligation upon the President of the CZSO to establish an inter-departmental working group including representatives of selected ministries. The inter-departmental working group has the task of mapping administrative sources, proposing a plan for legislative works for the purpose of implementing the Census, quantifying the relevant financial demands, and defining a framework schedule for the further procedure of works. ■

PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

The project of the Redesign of the Statistical Information System significantly influenced activities of the statistical data provision. New IT tools were created for all areas of the data dissemination, whether it is information provision of the CZSO own website or by means of the Public Database, or the ensuring of activities closely connected to the data provision as, for instance, distribution of products, recording of inquiries, invoicing, or contracts. The data migration from the old to new systems brought a considerable burden on the CZSO employees.

CZSO Website

The main source of statistical information for users is the website www.czso.cz. In previous years the official presentation of the CZSO has undergone considerable changes in its structure and appearance. Compared to these years the year 2014 was characterised by the creation of a new technological tool for the administration and update of the Office website.

The visiting rate of the Czech Statistical Office website recorded a slight decrease in comparison with that in 2013. A total of 1245.3 thousand unique visitors visited the home page of the web presentation, and the home page recorded 10.8 million displays. The average user viewed four pages per visit, which lasted four minutes on average.

The most frequently visited pages included Forms, Population Statistics, Wages, Consumer Prices, and Regional Statistics. The most frequently visited News Releases were Average Wages, Population Change, Consumer Price Indexes, Employment and Unemployment according to the results of the LFSS, and the Preliminary Estimate of GDP. The dominant publications in 2014 were the Statistical Yearbook of the Czech Republic, Czech Republic since 1989, Czech Republic in Figures, and Population of Municipalities.



In 2014 the offer of open data on the website www.czso.cz was extended. Besides the very highly visited election results, an offer of further data from the 2011 Population and Housing Census was added. In the poll of internet users of Crystal Magnifying Glass the CZSO offer won the third place in the category of public administration websites. The CZSO open data are used by businesses and students, who create their own applications. These include also the Map Atlas of the Czech Republic, which was rated amongst the ten best applications using open data.



Public Database

In 2014 the preparation of a new version of the public database (VDB2) was completed. It contains results of the Population and Housing Censuses, elections, and also basic statistical data of other statistics transferred from the previous version. Users can view the results of the Census on a special web page, where they can browse a file of selected data for each municipality, district, or region, or they can select from a wide range of tables with data on population, buildings, households, or unique information on commuting to jobs or schools. The constant interest of users is confirmed by 74 000 visits to this website in the course of the year. Data of other statistics were offered by the presentation application of the older version of the public database, where the number of visits exceeded 282 000. In the course of the year 14 million new data items were added and the number of stored data

items reached 67 million at the end of the year. Users traditionally showed the greatest interest in tables with a selection of indicators for municipalities. Regional accounts, demographic statistics, and unemployment also attracted a great deal of attention.

Publication Activities

An overview of all CZSO products planned for 2014 can be found in the Catalogue of Products, which is available on the Office website for users. By the end of 2014 it contained, among others, 79 printed titles, 21 types of News Releases, numerous data sets, analyses, and time series. In 2014 users had again an extended form of the Catalogue available, with the option of various views of the CZSO products (by thematic group and date of publication, overviews by type of outputs, e.g. News releases, analyses, data sets, time series, overview of

outputs issued by Regional Offices, and an overview of printed outputs). As priority pieces of information are published on the website, where all products are available free of charge, of course. The scope of the Catalogue of Products was slightly reduced compared to that for 2013, when numerous results of the 2011 Census were published. The most widely sought printed outputs included the Statistical Yearbook of the Czech Republic, Regional Statistical Yearbooks, Statistical Lexicon of Municipalities, Demographic Yearbook of the Czech Republic, and Classification of Products by Activity 2008 (CZ-CPA 2008).

The Central Statistical Library registered 45 new readers and thus the Library had 2 005 registered readers as at the end of 2014. In the course of the year 1 779 users visited the Library in the CZSO and borrowed in total 10 776 publications, predominantly for the in-library use.

Services Provided

The information services workplaces dealt with almost 18 thousand inquiries in 2014. Revenues from products and services reached CZK 3.3 million, which is 13% less than in the previous year. The largest income items come from the sale of RES (44%) and from the provision of non-standard services to made-to-order (36%). The falling revenues and the declining number of inquiries and visits are influenced over the long term by the fact that an ever greater number of the Office products is published free of charge on the Office website.

For the eleventh year now the CZSO forms a part of the European network of national contact centres of the European Statistical Data Support (ESDS). In 2014 the CZSO responded to 298 requests within this project framework. This represents a drop of 11% in comparison with the previous year. ■



EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

In 2014 the CZSO communicated with users via a wide spectrum of communication tools. In addition to information published on the Office website, the CZSO arranged press conferences, issued press releases and journals, and continued in the presentation of outputs of statistical surveys in the form of data visualisation, mobile applications, exhibitions and numerous other methods.

Media Relations

In 2014 the CZSO held 18 press conferences and three briefings. All press conferences were handouts of press releases issued and the presentations were published on the CZSO website. The most successful media event was the press conference on "Wages of Employees". The meeting with journalists on "Revision of National Accounts" and the press conference "Living Conditions of the Czech Households" also enjoyed high media interest.

News from press conferences often appeared on the title pages of the national periodicals (in total 11 times, most frequently in the newspaper Právo), were regularly broadcast on the television channel ČT24, and also featured on the main news broadcasts of television channels. Specifically on ČT1 information from press conferences was broadcast 13 times in the prime time news, as well as four times on TV Barrandov and once on TV Nova. In the form of press releases the CZSO informs not only on press conferences but also on selected products or activities of the Office. In total the CZSO issued 58 press releases in 2014.

Since 2014 the CZSO has been circulating a weekly Newsletter, which informs users on products issued in the given week and on data or activities prepared for the next week. Originally, the Newsletter, with the subtitle "An Overview of the World of Statistics", was designated primarily for journalists, in order to provide them with information on the current CZSO outputs of , but in the course of the year it has

found readers also from outside the journalist community. A significant part of media relations comprised responses to inquiries from journalists. In 2014 there were 917 inquiries responded, of which 675 by e-mail and 242 by telephone. The majority of inquiries were dealt with immediately, within 24 hours as maximum. Responses took longer only in exceptional cases within 48 hours, as maximum, if an inquiry required cooperation with the subject-matter departments.

CZSO Journals

The media frequently taken over information from the CZSO journal *Statistika&My*, in which statistical information in popularised form is brought to the wider public. The journal presented numerous visualisations of data, and in 2014 triumphed in the first annual competition of Fénix Content Marketing in the category of Journals of the State Administration, Public and Non-Profit Sector. The professional jury agreed that the content and graphic presentation of the magazine are so interesting and attractive to be of use for practically everyone. *Statistika & My* was successful also in the traditional competition of the PR Club Zlatý středník (Golden Semi-Colon), where it was awarded the ranking "Top Rated" in the category of best B2C corporate magazines.

In 2014 a new electronic version of the journal was created for easier access and use thereof at the separate domain www.statistikaamy.cz. Respective articles in this version are linked by theme, and refer also to the content of information

PUBLICITY

The CZSO was mentioned 9 431 times in all types of media, including the press, television and radio broadcast as well as on the Internet, i.e. approximately 26 news a day. The majority of the publicity was characterised by a neutral tone, because the news predominantly informing on CZSO data or presenting the Office as a source of information. Only less than 1% (exactly 0.75%) of contributions were articles or news influencing the CZSO image in media. These opinionated contributions numbered 71 in total, of which those with a positive tone (33 contributions) predominated over those with a negative tone (16 contributions). The remaining 22 mentions of the Office were ambivalent.

With regard to the “super election” year in 2014 the CZSO profiled as a source of information on the elections (1176 news). Other themes in connection of which the CZSO was most frequently cited included information on price fluctuations and inflation (850), news on demographic themes (865) and on GDP and government debt (753 news).

The title pages of national daily newspapers most often featured articles dedicated to elections and demography (both identically 78 articles), followed by tourism. The television prime time news were dominated by news focusing on price fluctuations and inflation and, in May and October, reportages on elections (in both groups the CZSO was mentioned 19 times). Television broadcasts focused to a lesser extent on unemployment (18 times).

Concerning the respective types of media the CZSO was most frequently mentioned in the Internet environment, where there were 5 036 contributions published in 2014. Approximately 14 new mentions of the Office appeared on the Internet every day. There were 3 601 articles printed in the press, of which more than one third appeared in the regional press. In the regional press the CZSO also featured on the title page 2.5 times more frequently than in the national press, in total 251 times. In the national daily newspapers the CZSO was mentioned 1 506 times, of which 98 times on the title page. It was most often mentioned in articles in the newspaper Mladá Fronta DNES, in total 415 times, of which more than a half of the articles were in the regional supplement and 11 times on the title page.

Quotations of concrete CZSO employees are regularly recorded in all types of media. In the course of 2014 there were 1 137 direct quotes recorded, meaning that at least three names of the CZSO employees appear daily in the media environment. From the total number of quotes, almost one third pertain to the Regional Offices of the CZSO, of which the most active in media presentation is the Regional Office in Brno, which is responsible for almost one third of all regional quotes. Then, at a large distance, there are the Regional Office in Hradec Králové and the Regional Office in Ostrava.

published on the CZSO website. In 2014 a version of the journal Statistika & My was also created for tablets and mobile devices, both for iOS platforms and for Android. Readers are informed on the publication of the current issue via a regular newsletter.

The magazine *Demografie*, a review for research of population trends, published by the CZSO since 1959, which is the only Czech professional journal on demography, also enjoyed success last year. At the end of 2014 it received a recommendation to be repeatedly enlisted on the list of scientific periodicals registered in Scopus, the international citation database.

In 2014 the reviewed scientific journal Statistika, the *Statistics and Economy Journal* was also regularly published. This journal, which has been published by the CZSO as early as since 1964, is enlisted on in the List of Reviewed Scientific Non-Impacted Periodicals in the Czech Republic.

Social Networks

In 2014 the CZSO was also active on social networks, primarily on Twitter. The Office official account @statistickyurad was followed by over 5 000 users, who were regularly informed not only on the latest information from CZSO, but from the world. The CSZO Twitter account was proposed among the ten finalists in the poll of Tweet of the Year in the category of Best Public Sector Account.

The Slideshare network is also used, where especially presentations from press conferences are recorded on. On the Czech version of Wikipedia information on the CZSO, basic terms from statistics, and statistical indicators are regularly updated count altogether more than 50 entries.

Extraordinary Publications

In addition to the Catalogue of Products, in 2014 “The Story of Statistics”, a pictorial publication which brings a popular

way the development of international and Czech statistics, from the beginnings of humanity up to the present days. Users can download the story in both Czech and English languages from the CZSO website.

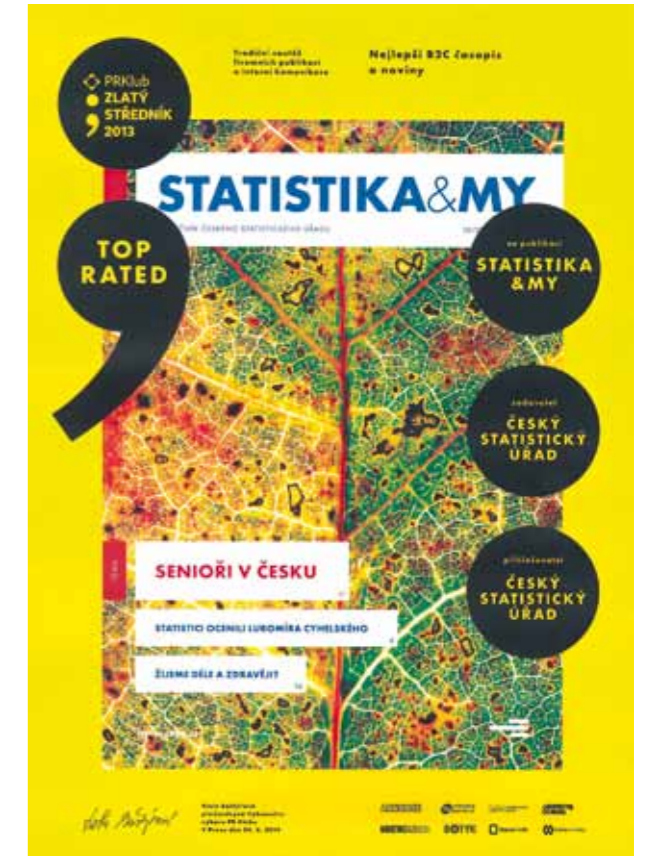
A significant action in 2014 was the issue of another extraordinary publication of “Transformations of the North West”. This publication, accompanied by numerous photographs, maps the remediation of the consequences of brown coal strip mining and the creation of a new cultural landscape.

Direct Presentation of Outputs

In 2014 there were seven exhibitions held in the CZSO premises accessible to the public in Prague, of which the exhibition of “The Story of Statistics”, the photographic exhibition of “Return Home or the Journey of the Legionnaire Václav Balcar”, and the exhibition of maps from the Atlas of the Population and Housing Census were the most popular and successful.

The exhibition “Fashion Food or Food as Artistic Expression” arranged in cooperation with the Regional Office in Jihlava was a bit special. The photographs were accompanied with three-dimensional physical exhibits. Respective Regional Offices of the CZSO borrow posters from the exhibitions and use them in order to present the Office on the locality of the Regional Office.

At the end of May and beginning of June the CZSO was a co-organiser of the exhibition “People in Transformations of Time” held by the Department of Demography and Geodemography at the Faculty of Science of Charles University in Prague, Population Europe: the European Population Partnership, and the Czech Demographic Society. The exhibition was held in the Carolinum, Prague, and the CZSO presented a separate exposition on the story and history of statistics and Census.



The CZSO representatives met with users of statistical outputs also at the international book fair and literary festival Book World Prague 2014, where they presented printed and electronic products and services of the CZSO. In four days at the exhibition, the Office independent exposition was visited by more than 1 300 visitors. Most of them were surprised by the quantity of data which the CZSO produces, as well as by the diversity and a wide spectrum of offered services. ■



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

International cooperation is of great significance for the activity of the CZSO, primarily with regard to the considerable scope of international standards for ensuring the comparability of statistical data, as well as with regard to the Czech Republic's membership of the European Union and its incorporation into international organisations. It covers a wide spectrum of material issues and therefore a whole range of CZSO experts are engaged in it.

European Union in 2014

Within the framework of the Council of the EU, representatives of the CZSO have made statements on behalf of the Czech Republic at meetings of the working group on statistics, concerning proposals discussed for legislation submitted by the European Commission to the European Parliament and the Council. This primarily concerned a revision of the regulation on European statistics, the proposal for a regulation on the provision and quality of statistics for the macroeconomic imbalances procedure, proposals for amendments to the regulation on organisation of the labour force survey within the Community and amendments to the regulation on external trade statistics – Intrastat and Extrastat.

The fulfilment of obligations ensuing from EU membership in 2014 also required the participation of experts in regular meetings, especially within the framework of the European Commission (EC). These primarily concerned sessions convened by the EC/Eurostat, i.e. EC committees, meetings of directors relating to broader statistical areas, working groups on individual statistics, temporary Task Forces for the resolution of specific issues etc. On the meetings, the preparation and state of implementation of legislation were discussed as well as the experience of individual countries, proposals for joint projects, and further activities within the framework of the European Statistical System responding to current requirements in securing statistical data.

Amongst the EC committees, a key role was played by the European Statistical System Committee (ESSC), composed of the Presidents of the statistical offices. Its mission is the professional management of European statistics. This committee discussed draft EC regulations in accordance with the Article 291 of the Lisbon Treaty (implementing acts, comitology), strategic objectives e.g. in the area of modernisation of social statistics, the preparation of a new concept of business statistics, the preparation of the annual programme for 2015, proposals for key projects of the European Statistical System, implementation of the new system of national accounts ESA 2010, the preparation and course of peer reviews for evaluating the implementation of the European Statistics Code of Practice and other themes.

On the level of presidents of the statistical offices, within the framework of expert meetings Eurostat consulted draft EC regulations according to the Article 290 of the Lisbon Treaty (delegated acts). Cooperation of the European Statistical System with the European System of Central Banks was the subject of negotiations not only for the ESS Committee, but especially for the European Statistical Forum, associating representatives of both systems. The meeting of the European Statistical Forum was held in Bratislava in September 2014.

The main strategic document of the year, not only within the framework of the ESS Committee but also for the annual Conference of the Directors General of the National Statistical





Institutes (DGINS), which in 2014 took place in Riga, and other follow-up meetings, was the ESS Vision 2020. This defines the main directions of further development of the European Statistical System, with the objective to enhance quality of statistical data and the efficiency of their production. The procedure upon implementation of the Vision was also discussed, which shall be realised especially in the form of projects and will follow the previously discussed long-term plans relating to the changes under discussion, among others in business statistics and external trade statistics.

Throughout the entire period, an emphasis was placed on securing a broad scope of statistical data for EU requirements, including the first extensive transfer of data according to the transmission programme within the framework of implementing the system of national and regional accounts (ESA 2010). In November 2014 the regular inspection mission of EU institutions concerning the quality of data on the government deficit and debt was conducted in the Czech Republic.

In connection with the conclusions of the ESS Committee, preparations took place for a peer review of the compliance with the European Statistics Code of Practice. In the peer review, the current state of implementation of the Code of Practice is assessed in the individual countries by a team of peer reviewers from the European Statistical System and recommendations are formulated for improvement.

Engagement in developmental activities continued, including projects financially supported by EU grants. Grants provided by the European Commission were used for the co-financing



of selected newly introduced statistics, procedures, and methods, especially in the areas of national accounts, external trade statistics, information technologies, labour and labour forces, statistical units, registers and profiling etc.

The participation of experts in educational courses, especially within the framework of the “European Statistical Training Programme” was motivated primarily by the need to ensure the use of harmonised procedures and methods. The integration of the CZSO into groups of lecturers continued.

Other International Organisations

Involvement in the statistical activities of other international organisations related in particular to statistical bodies of the United Nations Organization (UNO) and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

The UN Statistical Commission (UNSC), in which the Czech Republic is represented by the President of the CZSO and within this election period is now one of its 24 members, at its annual congress dealt with documents concerning the current state of relevant statistics. Proposals were also raised in the programme for the further procedure, e.g. in the area of statistics of national accounts, the environment, information technologies, Big Data, demographic statistics, and gender statistics. The theme of this session, and also the theme of the traditional forum which preceded the session of the UNSC, was the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics, in particular with regard to the 20th anniversary of their approval. At the same time, an emphasis was placed on the key success of the UNSC in promoting the Principles as a tool of global significance. At the end of January 2014, the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics were

approved by the UN General Assembly. The Czech Republic was one of the patrons of the resolution passed. Of other activities, for example, the President of the CZSO attended the first meeting of the expert group of the UN for the implementation of the approved framework for the development of environmental statistics.

The session of the Conference of European Statisticians of the UNECE, at which the President of the CZSO regularly participates, dealt in particular with the issue of the significance of official statistics. On the agenda were also e.g. migration statistics, modernisation of statistical production, and Big Data. Within the framework of disposable financial resources, CZSO experts engaged in some other activities of this international institution, e.g. in the area of national accounts statistics.

The agenda for the OECD Committee on Statistics and Statistical Policy (CSSP) meeting included the working programme and budget for 2015–2016, initiatives in the field of new approaches to economic challenges, measurement of well-being and progress, the issue of measuring trust in public institutions, measurement of trade with value added, access to microdata, transport infrastructure statistics or the response of national statistical bodies to increasing political demands in connection with budgetary pressures etc. The meeting of the bureau of the Committee, in which the President of the CZSO is also active, was devoted to these themes. With regard to financial possibilities, further representatives of the CZSO also contributed to the work of OECD statistical bodies, e.g. in the area of energy statistics, science and technology, information society, national accounts, and financial statistics. Representatives of the CZSO were also involved in the preparation of

the Global Forum on Tourism Statistics (co-organised by the OECD and Eurostat) in Prague, which was linked to participation in November’s forum and seminar of the UNWTO in Japan.

Technical Assistance

The CZSO continued to provide technical support abroad with the aim of contributing to the further harmonisation of statistics in countries within a process of transformation of their economy and society, including a strengthening of the statistical infrastructure. Experts from the CZSO, under the leadership of the statistical office of Germany, thus took part especially in the twinning project of the World Bank in Kazakhstan, relating primarily to metadata and classifications, national accounts, and tourism statistics. Experts from the CZSO presented there and shared their experience, and provided consultations on current issues relating to Kazakh statistics.

2014 saw the completion of the implementation of the two-year international twinning project financed by the EU for the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, to which CZSO statisticians contributed intensively and with a very good reception, primarily in the area of national accounts (e.g. sector accounts, supply and use tables, seasonal adjustment, transition to the new NACE Rev. 2 classification). In this respect they linked back to their assistance to Macedonia in previous years (2006–2008, 2010–2011).

Further activities were also financed from EU resources – e.g. one mission and four study visits of statisticians from Turkey (national accounts, regional accounts of households, price statistics), or a study visit from the statistical office of

Croatia (price statistics). The CZSO also received a joint visit of statistical experts from countries of the Western Balkans in relation to the issue of the economic accounts for agriculture and agricultural price statistics.

Bilateral and Multilateral Cooperation

Within the framework of traditional bilateral cooperation with the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic, a meeting of delegations led by the Presidents of both statistical offices took place on current activities, on the results of projects focusing on the building of statistical information systems and on experience with the implementation of the revised system of national accounts. Very close cooperation at a top and working level is confirmed also by further working meetings, e.g. in the area of national accounts, environmental accounts, tourism statistics, external trade or social statistics and information services.

Upon the invitation of the President of the Central Statistical Office of Poland, a delegation headed by the President of the CZSO attended a joint meeting of the representatives of both offices in Warsaw, relating in particular to the issue of implementation of ESA 2010 and the building of statistical information systems. Meetings with statistical experts of other countries focused especially on external trade (Russia, Germany, Austria) and regional cooperation (Austria, Poland, Germany).

The total number of business trips abroad in 2014 was 264, of which CZSO employees took part in 207 events. In 2014 a total of 23 foreign visits and meetings were held in the CZSO, attended by 179 foreign experts. ■

HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

The human resources policy in 2014 was oriented on the stabilisation of the Office human resources and on increasing their professional and personal competences. Two processes were of decisive importance as follows: the selection and appointment of new managers in over one quarter of managerial positions, and education and personal development. Education and personal development are a permanent and integral component of knowledge management supporting the capabilities and work performance of the Office employees.

The Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic determined the binding limit for the number of the CZSO employees at 1 499 persons in 2014. The actual annual average was 1 341 full-time equivalent (FTE) employees. The CZSO employed 1 378 persons (headcount), of whom 1 043 were women, as at 31 December 2014.

The CZSO employees with higher education accounted for 51.6% and the share of employees with secondary education (i.e. graduates from secondary schools with A-level examination and higher professional schools) was 46% of the total number of the CZSO employees. The constantly increasing share of employees with higher education is a result of the managed transformation of the Office qualification structure with regard to increasing demands of the agenda performed.

Ageing of the population, including the raised retirement age limit, also reflects in the age structure of the CZSO employees. The average age of the CZSO employees is 47.9 years. A rising tendency can be observed in the proportion of employees of the age group 31-40 years and in the age group 60+ years.

In the course of 2014 in total 82 new employees joined the CZSO, of whom 19 were graduates. The contract of employment was terminated of 102 employees, mostly due to retirement. The fluctuation rate was 7.4%.

Employees in the period of 2012–2014 (status as at 31 December of a given year)

	2012	2013	2014
Number of employees	1 433	1 388	1 378
Of whom for the Population and Housing Census	60	9	0
Share of women (%)	75,2	76,2	75,7
Share of those with higher education (%)	49,7	50,2	51,6
Average age (years)	47,8	47,8	47,9
Age group			
under 30 years	102	98	93
31–40 years	276	282	282
41–50 years	406	389	374
51–60 years	517	490	484
61+ years	132	129	145



Training Courses and Education

Lifelong education and enhancement of qualifications is an integral component of the professional life of every CZSO employee. Besides their regular work in 2014 the Office employees dealt with other several extraordinary and demanding tasks as finalising works on the Project of the Redesign of the SIS, for instance. This fact was manifested in the area of education in two ways as follows. On one hand, it was necessary to cover the extensive requirements for education beyond the framework of the plan contained in the Catalogue of Courses for 2014, and, on the other hand, it was very hard to find suitable dates for training sessions due to an extreme workload of employees.

In 2014 there were 168 short-term courses implemented on the CZSO premises, which were attended by 2 314 employees and 249 external participants. Moreover, 11 persons attended courses abroad. The course lecturers come both from the CZSO employees and from external lecturers, and the courses took place both at the Office Headquarters and at the regional office of the CZSO. Employees were also sent for special professional training to training companies out of the Office.

Besides the training sessions planned in the Catalogue of Courses for 2014, trainings demanding for organisation in connection with the solution of the Project of the Redesign of the SIS were held both at the CZSO and out of the Office.

Type of course	Number of participants ¹⁾
Short-term professional courses ²⁾	2 542
Long-term courses	10
Language courses	185
Total	2 737

¹⁾ CZSO employees

²⁾ Courses shorter than 5 days, including conferences

These were special professional ICT trainings, which were attended by 93 employees. Within the framework of international cooperation the Department of Education and the Fund of Cultural and Social Needs organised the ESTP Metadata Advanced course with the main lecturer of an Office employee. Foreign trainees very appreciated the course.

The CZSO spent CZK 3 329 thousand on the employee education, of while each employee attended approximately two courses on average. Expenditures on education of one employee reached approximately CZK 2 482. ■

The CZSO budget, the generation of income, and drawing of budget expenditure in 2014 were influenced primarily by the completion of the implementation of the Redesign of the Statistical Information System project in connection with the introduction of eGovernment in the Czech Republic, and the project for Adjustment of the Existing System of Statistical Registers in connection with the creation of public administration registers and the search for further reserves in the utilisation of budgetary resources for the fulfilment of state statistical service tasks, in order to ensure that these resources were drawn in a maximally purposeful, economical, and effective manner.

Data on Income and Expenditure Budget

On 19 December 2013, the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, via its resolution No. 70 passed the Act No. 475/2013 Sb., on the state budget of the Czech Republic for 2014.

The above act approved an income budget for chapter 345 – Czech Statistical Office in the amount of CZK 18 669.68 thousand and an expenditure budget in the amount of CZK 932 107.78 thousand.

During the course of 2014, the Ministry of Finance permitted an overall adjustment of the budget of the chapter as follows:

- a) total increase of expenditure by CZK 184 666.22 thousand designated for elections, also for the implementation of the European Health Interview Survey in 2014 (EHIS 2014), for the processing of administrative data sources on the basis of the Agreement on Securing and Processing Data for statistics on temporary incapacity for work due to disease or injury (Task Nem-Úr 2014), for the coverage of expenditure for the implementation of an updated Concept of Integration of Foreigners – Living Together in 2014 and the increase in wages and accessories for the 11th and 12th month

of 2014 in accordance with the government resolution No. 779/2014.

- b) the expenditure budget was reduced by CZK 2 956.16 thousand by means of a transfer of resources from the Ministry of the Interior in order to cover operation of the Administrative Business Register.

After these adjustments, the approved income budget remained unchanged in the amount of CZK 18 669.68 thousand, whilst the expenditure budget stood at CZK 1 113 817.84 thousand. This expenditure budget was raised by extra-budgetary resources in the total amount of CZK 282 833.14 thousand (this represented 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 1 396 650.98 thousand.

According to the breakdown by type, the final expenditure budget, wages, other personnel expenses (OPE), insurance, and allocations to the Fund of Cultural and Social Needs constituted a total of CZK 791 941.48 thousand (56.70%), material expenditure came to CZK 364 840.40 thousand (26.12%), transfers to the reserve fund CZK 374.84 thousand (0.03%)

and capital expenditure CZK 239 494.26 thousand (17.15%); of the capital expenditure CZK 129 799.01 thousand was in connection with the implementation of two Integrated Operational Programme (IOP) projects.

Actually Attained Income and Drawing of Expenditure

Income

Budgeted income in the amount of CZK 18 669.68 thousand were fulfilled in the amount of CZK 146 068.24 thousand. In comparison with 2013, this represents an increase of CZK 119 202.72 thousand. This difference is due to the coverage of requests for payment of IOP projects in the amount of CZK 123 190.78 thousand, which were budgeted in previous years, and it is also influenced by extraordinary income from penalties in the amount of CZK 2 941.53 thousand. There was a decrease in revenue from the sale of assets, which came to CZK 9.21 thousand (in 2013 the revenue constituted CZK 6 194.65 thousand). Revenue from the sale of assets is not a permanent source of income. A permanent source of the CZSO income is revenue from own activity, which came to a total of CZK 3 308.51 thousand. Although their budget was fulfilled to 139.01%, in comparison with 2013 this represents a decrease of CZK 658.32 thousand. A decrease in the revenue can be expected also in the future, since the majority of Office outputs is published on the CZSO website for free. A further source of income was returns of excess payments and other non-taxable income (CZK 1 222.98 thousand), transfers received from abroad (CZK 14 386.31 thousand), and transfers from own funds (CZK 1 008.92 thousand).

Expenditure

The final expenditure budget of the CZSO as at 31 December 2014 was CZK 1 396 650.98 thousand, drawing of expenditure was in the amount of CZK 1 156 710.30 thousand, i.e. for 82.82%.

Of the total amount of drawing of expenditure, current expenditure came to CZK 971 380.97 thousand (83.98%) and capital

expenditure CZK 185 329.33 thousand (16.02%). In comparison with 2013, total drawing of expenditure increased by CZK 105 831.82 thousand, primarily due to capital expenditure, which in 2013 came to CZK 52 821.10 thousand and in 2014 reached CZK 185 329.33 thousand, i.e. an increase of CZK 132 508.23 thousand caused primarily by the conclusion of the implementation of the IOP Redesign of the SIS project, for which capital expenditure was drawn in the amount of CZK 118 843.06 thousand. There was a decrease in drawing of current expenditure in 2014 by CZK 26 676.41 thousand.

Elections

With regard to the purpose of resources spent on ensuring the financing of the preparation and processing of election results (Section 6114 Elections to the Parliament of the Czech Republic, Section 6115 Elections to Municipal Authorities, Section 6117 Elections to European Parliament), in 2014 the amount of CZK 147 367.01 thousand was drawn, CZK 1 009 312.59 thousand was drawn for the fulfilment of other CZSO tasks (Section 6146), and CZK 30.70 thousand was transferred for contributions to international institutions (Section 6223).

Operation and Activity 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 came to CZK 1 212 135.98 thousand. Own expenditure of the CZSO in Section 6146 came to CZK 1 009 312.59 thousand (i.e. a drawing of 83.26% of the final budget), of which current expenditure constituted CZK 828 392.82 thousand and capital expenditure 80 919.77 thousand CZK. In comparison with 2013, the drawing of current expenditure is CZK 18 510.60 thousand lower. This development was influenced by the course of implementation of IOP projects, for which CZK 28 269.52 thousand was drawn in 2013 and CZK 18 862 thousand of

current expenditure in 2014. The lower drawing of current expenditure was also influenced by the significant savings as a result of the economical expenditure of financial resources. In capital expenditure there was an increase of CZK 128 945.67 thousand in comparison with 2013. The main reason for this increase was the conclusion of the implementation of the Redesign of the Statistical Information System project, for which CZK 118 843.06 thousand was drawn in 2014, in comparison with CZK 8 257.68 thousand in 2013, and the completion of the project for the Adjustment of the Existing System of Statistical Registers in connection with the creation of registers of public administration, for which CZK 10 955.95 thousand of capital expenditure was drawn in 2014, i.e. CZK 23 702.15 thousand less than in 2013. In particular, the event Supply of Renewal of Central Technologies in the amount of CZK 47 728.57 thousand was reflected in other capital expenditure.

In addition to IOP projects, in 2014 the Czech Statistical Office financed the Community Statistical Programme from its budgetary resources – a statistical programme of the EC with 21 projects co-financed from EU resources. The CZSO also financed 9 projects of the Community Statistical Programme from claims from unused expenditure.

Extra-budgetary Resources

Extra-budgetary resources (i.e. resources provided to the income account from abroad and from the reserve fund) were used to finance 4 projects of the Community Statistical Programme, 18 events of Twinning out (including 8 missions and 10 study visits) and the Metadata project. In total CZK 16 717.02 thousand was drawn for grants/projects of the Community Statistical Programme in 2014, of which CZK 11 759.32 thousand was from EU resources, a total of CZK 2 260.18 thousand was paid out for technical assistance, and a total of CZK 192.41 thousand was paid for the Metadata advanced course with international attendance, which was organised by the CZSO. The UNICEF MONEE project was also financed from non-EU resources from abroad in the amount of CZK 59.40 thousand.

It ensues from the analysis of drawing of expenditure in all the sections, broken down by type, that personnel expenses in the total amount of CZK 738 153.21 thousand comprised 63.82% of total expenditure. Material expenditure in the amount of CZK 232 852.92 thousand constituted 20.13% of total budget drawing (purchase of materials, energy, and services). Transfers to the reserve fund came to CZK 374.84 thousand, i.e. 0.03% of total drawing. Capital expenditure of the CZSO in 2014 were realised 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 145 010 – Development and Renewal of Material-Technical Basis of the CZSO, and actual drawing of expenditure constituted CZK 185 329.33 thousand, i.e. 16.02% of total expenditure. Upon a comparison with the proportion of expenditure with 2013, there was an increase in capital expenditure, which in 2013 comprised 5.04% of total expenditure.

The status of claims from unused expenditure as at 1 January 2015 stands at a total of CZK 452 052.41 thousand, of which CZK 251 555.06 thousand consists of profiling expenditure. These cover the amount of CZK 145 816.86 thousand for the financing of EU projects, also the amount of CZK 67 639.10 thousand for events recorded in the information system EDS/SMVS outside of the EU and resources designated for settlement of the state budget for elections in the amount of CZK 38 099.10 thousand. Non-profiling expenditure was carried over to 2015 in the amount of CZK 200 497.35 thousand.

The balance of the reserve fund as at 31 December 2014, in the amount of CZK 3 145.15 thousand, represents resources designated for the financing of projects/grants of the Community Statistical Programme and technical assistance.

The financial resources which the CZSO had available in 2014 were drawn in accordance with the fulfilment of tasks of the Office, in compliance with the budgetary rules and with an emphasis on their economical and purposeful expenditure. ■

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