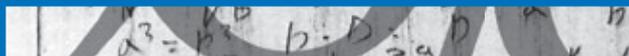
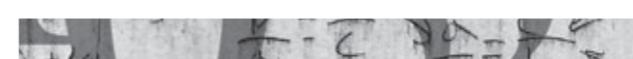
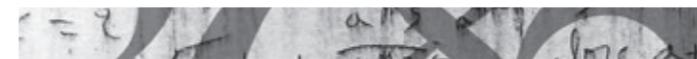
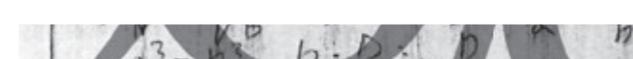


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FOREWORD



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President of the Czech Statistical Office

Dear Reader,

2013, the same as the previous year, was rather demanding for the Czech Statistical Office. It was a year, in which we had to deal with many expected as well as extraordinary tasks. However, the CZSO coped with most of them successfully.

In the area of enhancing efficiency of the State Statistical Service, the administrative burden of respondents was further reduced. To put it concretely: the Decree on the Programme of Statistical Surveys for 2014 contains 108 surveys of the CZSO and 73 surveys of ministries. Compared to 2012, it is by 10 surveys less and an estimate of the administrative burden decreased by 4.2 percentage points, year-on-year. The CZSO is ambitious as for its intentions with that area for the future; however, it is not just an internal issue of the CZSO. Several administrative data sources have been identified (within analyses and consultations with other administration authorities) utilization of which would significantly contribute to enhance efficiency of the State Statistical Service. Negotiations and steps to implement that vision will continue also in 2014.

As for other activities, we have to mention successful connection of statistical registers to basic registers of the public administration and gradual solution of the Redesign of the Statistical Information System project. Concrete outputs of the project will be gradually presented to the public during this year. Results of assessments of statistical activities by external methodological audits that were made in several areas – external trade statistics, wastes statistics, and household budget statistics – were also favourable for the CZSO. The audits showed that statistical surveys of the CZSO are of good quality and standard and at the same time they showed ways to further improve.

An important factor, which influenced operation of the CZSO, was two elections that were extraordinary by their character not only for the CZSO. In January it was the first direct election of the President of the CR and in October early election to the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the CR, for which it was necessary to get prepared in a very short time. In 2013, the 2011 Population and Housing Census project was completed

and strategic discussions started regarding the form of another population census around 2020.

Regarding financial performance of the CZSO, efficiency has been further enhanced last year. In relation to that, new public orders have been announced. Many contractual relationships were re-tendered. For example, it applies to cheaper purchase of data and voice services or administration and maintenance of buildings. What is also worth mentioning is optimization of information and reproduction technology. There is very positive experience with purchase of energies on the commodity exchange. Also rental areas at regional workplaces of the CZSO have been operated more efficiently.

External presentation of the CZSO was also successful. "Statistika & My" journal of the CZSO won the first prize in the "Fénix content marketing" contest in the category for Journals of state administration, public, and non-profit sector for 2013. Other titles published by the CZSO including standard statistical or analytical outputs as well as professional journals of "Statistika: Statistics and Economy Journal" and "Demografie, Review for Population Research" have also sustainable or enhancing quality. Both the last mentioned again got to the list of Czech reviewed non-impact periodicals of the Research and Development Council in 2013. The same as in 2012, historical yearbooks were published that are supplementary to standard outputs of the CZSO. The public appreciated also all of the 14 press conferences at which statistical outputs of activity of professional units of the CZSO were presented.

More detailed information on professional activity and financial performance of the CZSO in 2013 can be obtained on the following pages of the Annual Report of the CZSO.

In the end, I would like to thank to all employees, institutional partners, and our users who contributed to successful realization and presentation of outputs of individual tasks of the CZSO and thus also to overall development of the State Statistical Service of the Czech Republic.



MANAGEMENT OF THE CZSO



The Czech Statistical Office (CZSO) is a highly professional and modern institution with a rich tradition dating back to 1969. Responsibilities of the CZSO, its activities, rights, and duties are regulated by the Act No. 89/1995 Sb., on the State Statistical Service (the Statistical Act), as amended. The long-term framework of the CZSO activities is defined by the system of strategic objectives, which are gradually attained by means of priority tasks that the management of the CZSO sets every year.

Mission of the CZSO

Based on acquired data, the CZSO makes and provides a consistent and trustworthy picture of the condition and development of the society. In order to respect developing needs of all users of services of the state statistics in conditions of the changing environment it co-ordinates the State Statistical Service of the Czech Republic.

Vision of the CZSO

The Czech Statistical Office is a modern user-oriented institution, which:

- adheres to and respects basic ethical values such as professionalism, independence, impartiality, and openness;
- provides services of high quality to a wide range of users based on the principle of equal access to information; enjoys respect, trust, and recognition of the domestic and international public;
- is a pillar for the development of the national system of the State Statistical Service and its harmonisation at international level;
- continually reduces the administrative burden of respondents by enhancing of efficiency and implementation of innovations both in the area of internal processes and within coordination of the State Statistical Service;

- has highly motivated qualified experts for whom it creates appropriate working conditions;
- contributes to the development of statistics as a scientific discipline, namely by means of professional journals issued by the CZSO and by professionally adequate activity of its employees as lecturing and advising experts at universities, scientific institutions, and statistical workplaces both in the CR and abroad.

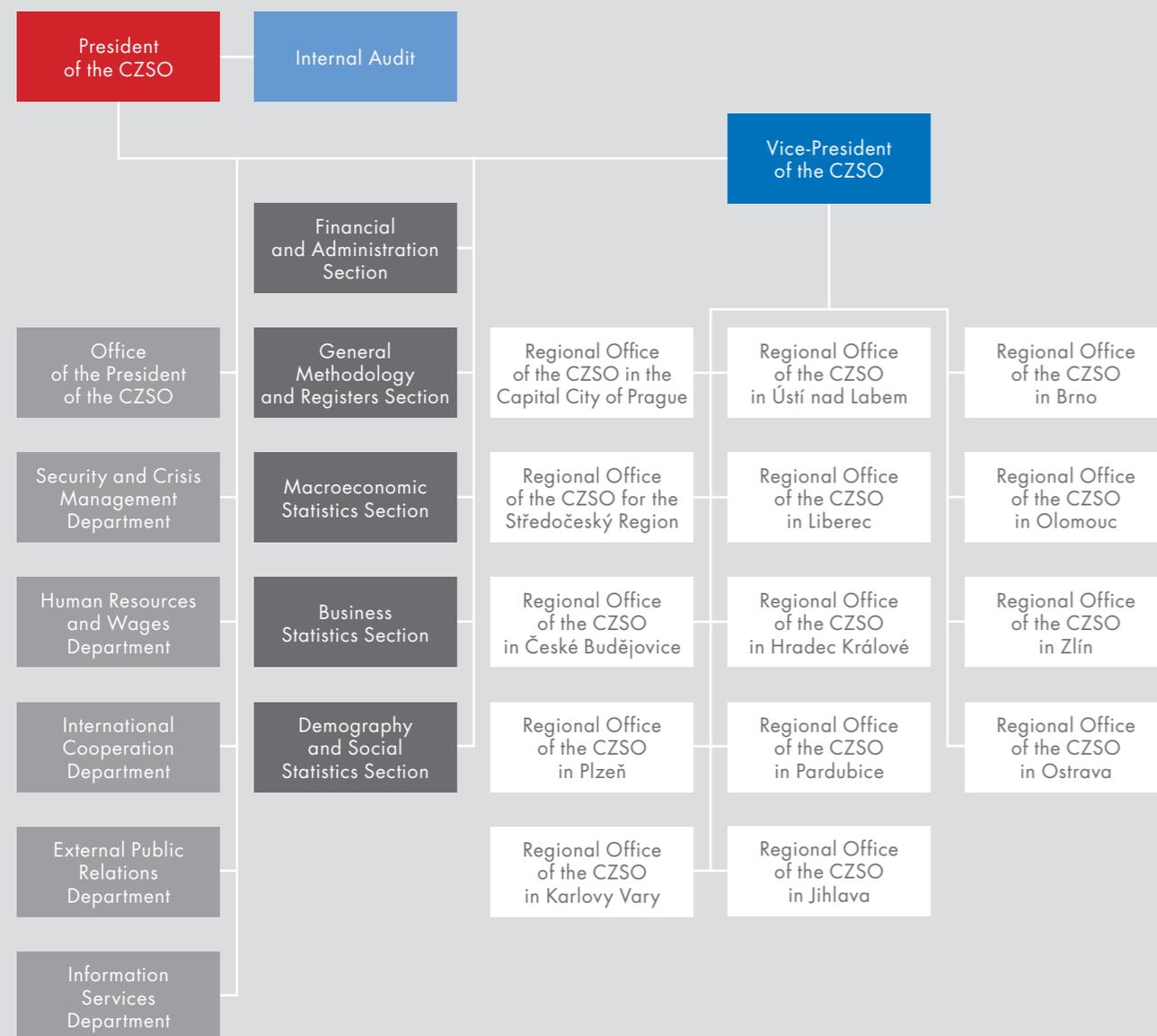
Strategy of the CZSO

- To maximise benefit and comfort for users.
- To enhance efficiency of processes and labour productivity, to innovate the statistical information system.
- To optimise the administrative burden of respondents while maintaining quality of outputs.
- To permanently motivate and professionally develop the CZSO staff.
- To boost prestige of the CZSO both at national and international levels.

Key priorities up to 2020

- To support the e-government and active implementation of administrative data sources to the statistical system.
- To transfer statistics from ministries to the CZSO.

ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE (as at 31 December 2013)



- To actively participate in the process of building of a system of registers of the Czech Republic.
- To unify technical and technological environment for collection, processing, storing, and publishing of statistical data and information.
- To prepare a strategy for preparation of the Census that will be carried out around 2020.
- To continually evaluate and direct the development of contents of statistical surveys having considered both national and international conditions.

President of the CZSO

Ms Iva Ritschelová is the President of the Czech Statistical Office. Upon the proposal of the government, she was appointed by the President of the Czech Republic in September 2010. Fundamental attributes of the position of the President of the CZSO are impartiality and apolitical approach, which guarantee maximum objectivity and trustworthiness of statistical data produced by the CZSO. This impartiality is ensured by the legislation of the Czech Republic. The President of the CZSO, 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 work.

Advisory Bodies to the President of the CZSO

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

- The Czech Statistical Council discusses mainly the Programme of Statistical Surveys. 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 of the CZSO 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 influence the activities, external relations, management, or structure of the CZSO.
- The Meeting of the top management of the CZSO is an organisational tool for the operating management of the Czech Statistical Office. It deals with draft decisions and concrete tasks, procedures, and coordination of activities resulting for respective sections, departments, and units of the CZSO from these decisions.
- The Election Steering Team prepares and implements processing of election results and their presentation to the public, discusses legislation, methodological, organisational, technical, personnel, and budgetary issues related to these activities.
- The Crisis Team is an organisational instrument of the CZSO crisis management; it deals with solutions of situations when state of emergency is announced, when there is a threat of crisis conditions, or other serious conditions relating to security and safety interests of the CZSO.

Organization Structure

At the end of 2013, the Organization Structure of the CZSO was represented by four tiers of line management. The President of the CZSO directly managed mainly methodical and statistical and technical and economic agenda. The Vice-President supervised so-called Regional Offices of the CZSO, the election-related agenda, and the project of 2011 Population and Housing Census, which was being finalised. ■



REGIONAL OFFICES OF THE CZSO

In 2013, i.e. in the second year of their existence, Regional Offices of the CZSO worked fully in a routine operation regime already. Results of 2012 and 2013 confirmed that it was a correct decision to organize regional workplaces of the CZSO as Regional Offices with clear organization and management structure. It was confirmed both by results of professional activities and handling with budget sources.

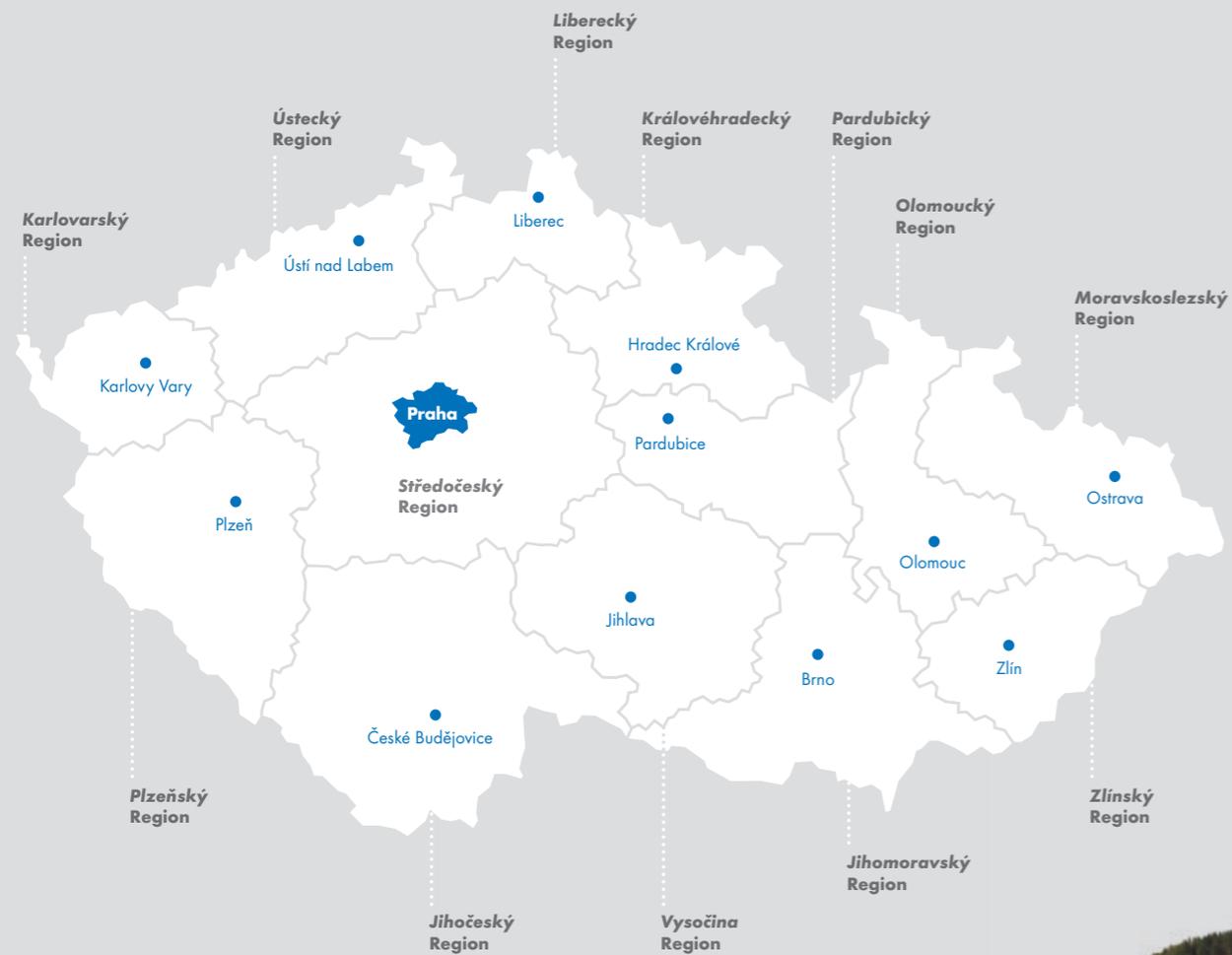
Regional Offices Activity

In their professional activity, Regional Offices provided for tasks of data collection and processing and creation of regional statistical information and its provision to users. Regional Offices of the CZSO successfully played their irreplaceable role in connection with primary data providers, so-called reporting units. Most of the reporting units in the area of economic and social statistics hand their data over namely to respective units of Regional Offices. It is a task, demanding factor of which lies also in a transition to utilization of electronic communication while keeping and developing also traditional ways of communication at the same time, i.e. by means of forms (reports) in a paper form. Some Regional Offices are getting more and more involved (in cooperation with professional units from the CZSO Headquarters) in utilization of administrative data sources. The task of Regional Offices lies mainly in comparison of data obtained from administrative sources to those from statistical surveys from previous years and in communication with those reporting units at which significant differences occur. The role of Regional Offices is absolutely irreplaceable at collection of data for households. Also in 2013, it applied mainly to obtaining of data for the European Union Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC), statistics of expenditure and consumption structure of households (so-called Household Budget Survey), employment and unemployment statistics (Labour Force Sample Survey, LFSS), collection of data on equipment

of households and usage of information and communication society instruments, and others. Sending of statistical forms, their collection, and data processing took place at respective Regional Offices in required quality and terms according to valid time schedules.

Regional Offices Statistical Outputs

In 2013, Regional Offices of the CZSO participated in a final part of presentation of data from the 2011 Population and Housing Census (2011 Census). In September they issued an analytical publication with a unified structure with the Census results for individual regions, districts, towns, and municipalities. Thus, activity related to processing and presentation of standard 2011 Census outputs was completed also on the level of regions. Besides that, Regional Offices of the CZSO elaborated and presented standard statistical publications such as quarterly bulletins, yearbooks, and other. These outputs issued both in printed and electronic forms are irreplaceable sources of statistical data in a detailed territorial breakdown. Regional Offices developed cooperation with regional media, self-administration bodies, regional universities, universities, secondary schools, and regional organizations of unions of employers. Regional Offices in Olomouc, Zlín, and most of all in Liberec continued to develop cross-border statistics in cooperation with relevant statistical and other bodies in the regions of neighbouring countries, i.e. Slovakia, Poland, and Germany (Saxony).



Regional Projects

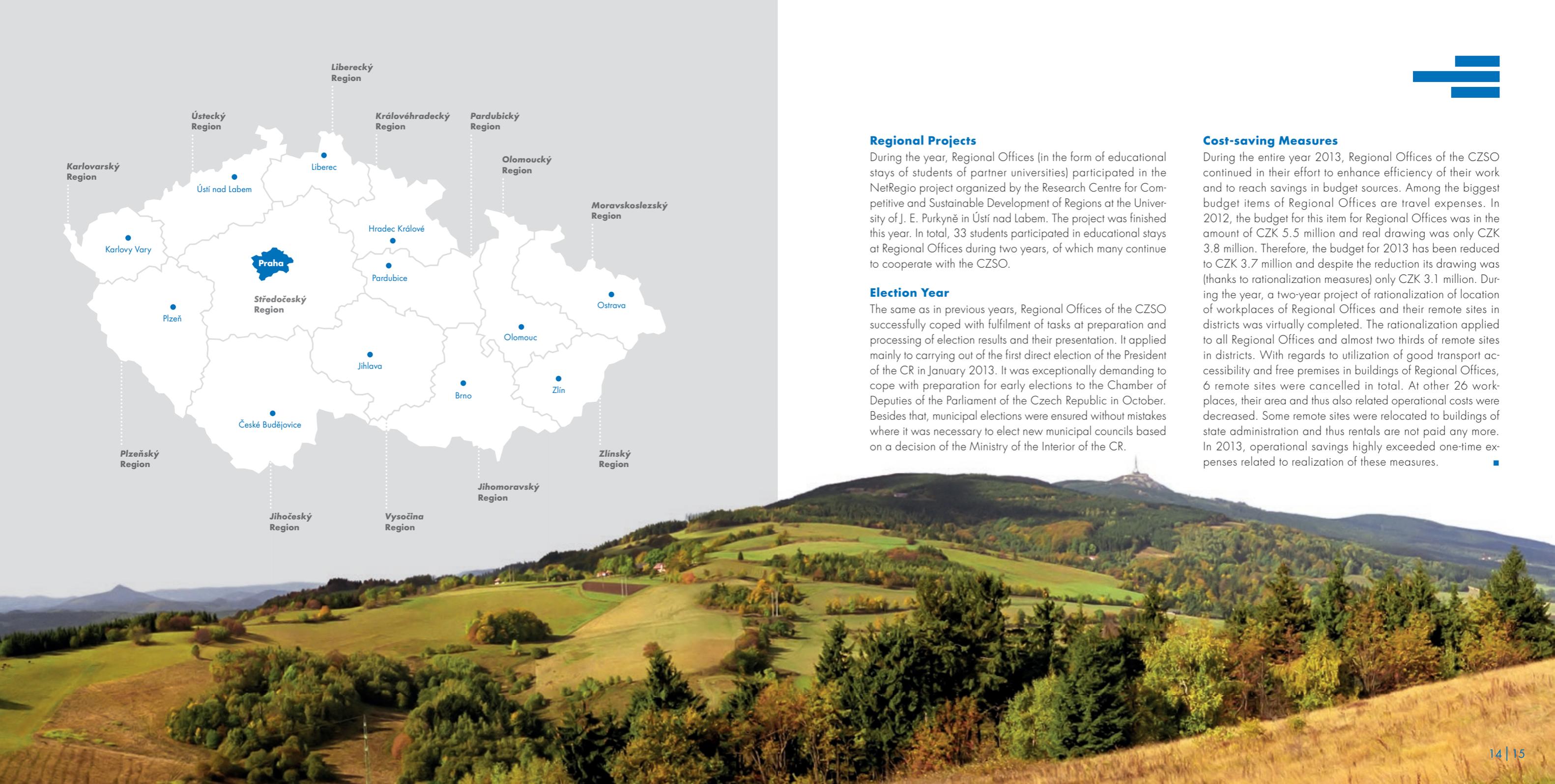
During the year, Regional Offices (in the form of educational stays of students of partner universities) participated in the NetRegio project organized by the Research Centre for Competitive and Sustainable Development of Regions at the University of J. E. Purkyně in Ústí nad Labem. The project was finished this year. In total, 33 students participated in educational stays at Regional Offices during two years, of which many continue to cooperate with the CZSO.

Election Year

The same as in previous years, Regional Offices of the CZSO successfully coped with fulfilment of tasks at preparation and processing of election results and their presentation. It applied mainly to carrying out of the first direct election of the President of the CR in January 2013. It was exceptionally demanding to cope with preparation for early elections to the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic in October. Besides that, municipal elections were ensured without mistakes based on a decision of the Ministry of the Interior of the CR.

Cost-saving Measures

During the entire year 2013, Regional Offices of the CZSO continued in their effort to enhance efficiency of their work and to reach savings in budget sources. Among the biggest budget items of Regional Offices are travel expenses. In 2012, the budget for this item for Regional Offices was in the amount of CZK 5.5 million and real drawing was only CZK 3.8 million. Therefore, the budget for 2013 has been reduced to CZK 3.7 million and despite the reduction its drawing was (thanks to rationalization measures) only CZK 3.1 million. During the year, a two-year project of rationalization of location of workplaces of Regional Offices and their remote sites in districts was virtually completed. The rationalization applied to all Regional Offices and almost two thirds of remote sites in districts. With regards to utilization of good transport accessibility and free premises in buildings of Regional Offices, 6 remote sites were cancelled in total. At other 26 workplaces, their area and thus also related operational costs were decreased. Some remote sites were relocated to buildings of state administration and thus rentals are not paid any more. In 2013, operational savings highly exceeded one-time expenses related to realization of these measures. ■





GENERAL METHODOLOGY AND REGISTERS



Activities in the area of general methodology and statistical registers were (the same as in previous years) influenced by gradual solving of development projects and priority tasks of the CZSO. It applies mainly to completion of the Administrative Business Register, continuing project of Redesign of the Statistical Information System (SIS), and creation of an interconnected system of statistical registers. By means of the projects, instruments used in statistical production process of the CZSO are modernized.

General Methodology and Classifications

In the area of general methodology and registers, Classification of Education (CZ-ISCED 2011) was introduced by the CZSO Communication No. 406/2013 Sb. (it corresponds to the International Standard Classification of Education, ISCED 2011); updated Classification of Occupations (CZ-ISCO) was announced by the CZSO Communication No. 184/2013 Sb., updated International Refined Diagnosis Related Groups (IR-DRG) by the CZSO Communication No. 370/2013 Sb. By Communication No. 97/2013 Sb., termination of obligatory use of the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) was announced. Statistical classifications are used for data collection and processing and for publishing of summary statistical information. All statistical classifications including the mentioned ones are available on the CZSO web pages.

Works on decreasing of scope of the reporting duty resulted in the Decree No. 317/2013 Sb. amending the Decree No. 343/2012 Sb., on the Programme of Statistical Surveys for 2013. The Decree cancelled six surveys carried out by ministries and changed one CZSO survey. The Decree for 2014 did not contain further 11 statistical surveys (of which the CZSO was responsible for three). By cancelling of statistical forms and further reduction of the scope of samples of respondents, the

administrative burden of respondents by CZSO statistical forms decreased by 3.4% compared to 2012. Estimation of overall administrative burden is CZK 215.9 million. Reduction of the scope of mentioned statistical surveys was enabled also by more intensive utilization of administrative data that are taken over by the CZSO mainly from the Ministry of Finance of the CR, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the CR, and the General Financial Directorate. In that area, also some procedures of statistical information processing and necessary instruments were modified.

The above mentioned reductions resulted from analyses made in relation to fulfilment of the Government resolution No. 634/2012 on the Intention to enhance effectiveness of the State Statistical Service from 29 August 2012 and the Government resolution No. 37/2013 on the Proposal of cost-saving measures in the area of simplification of agendas and elimination of duplicates in the state administration for 2014 of 16 January 2013. A frame for further years was set in the Government resolution No. 980/2013 on the Proposal of further steps in the enhancement of effectiveness of the State Statistical Service and revision in the area of reporting and record keeping of 18 December 2013. Activities are focused mainly on sharing of electronically available data from



income tax returns including annexes, from value added tax returns, earnings statements being considered and from their summaries. A target of these activities is to create conditions for further reduction of the scope of statistical surveys in the area of business statistics and labour market statistics. The intention results also from requirements of entrepreneurs for higher quality utilization of data obtained by individual entities of the state administration and for elimination of duplicates in providing of the same data.

Statistical Metainformation System

Statistical Metainformation System (SMS) was routinely used at metadata description of inputs and outputs of statistical surveys for 2014. Extensive trainings of all involved employees (especially from competent departments) took place and then existing descriptions were revised and new ones were made in the area of outputs. The following statistical areas were described: national accounts, prices, external trade, industry, construction, energy, tourism, business cycle surveys, agriculture, forestry, the environment, wastes, water management, demography, elections, surveys in households, education, health, culture, social security, research, development and information society, labour costs, labour force and job opportunities, cross-sectional indicators related to territory and financial indicators (budget structure), and data from the Statistical Business Register. At the same time, all necessary variables were filled in to ensure data presentation by means of the Public Database. Used nomenclatures are continually revised. Data sets are gradually published by means of the Public Database.

Statistical Information System (SIS)

All parts of the Redesign of the SIS project (which is co-financed from the EU Structural Funds) entered their implementation phase in 2013. It applies mainly to integration instruments, input and output subsystem, development of metainformation system, central processing, filing system of statistical processing, distribution of PDF forms that can be filled in, and the Public Database. This year, a renewal of a computer centre for the project needs was launched, too. Outputs of the project enabled further already mentioned reduction of statistical surveys, distribution of summary information on the reporting duty for the CZSO reporting units, and ongoing distribution of PDF forms that can be filled in (instead of paper forms) to data mailboxes of the reporting units. Instruments for these activities were optimized in 2013 and they are operated in a routine regime.

In 2013, a selection of all suppliers of key parts of the project solution was completed, namely in the area of integration instruments, input and output subsystem, and in the area of ensuring of technological infrastructure. Based on the completed selection, works were launched on the development of new applications within the Redesign of the SIS project. It applies to the development of application software enabling to process from metainformation descriptions a form (report) in a graphic form, to translate logical controls, create a PDF form versions that can be filled in, and enabling direct filling in on the Internet and own processing of a statistical task at the CZSO. New instruments react on current development in the area of information and communication technologies and at the same

time maintain advantages of the existing system of statistical information processing based on sharing of the same processes by various statistical tasks. Main advantages of applications being developed with a direct impact on respondents are: independence from an operating system and minimum requirements as for hardware and software of the respondent.

In 2013, regular filling of data warehouse with data of short-term and annual structural business statistics and selected tasks of business statistics continued. Aggregated and derived data created within the 2011 Population and Housing Census project were continually saved in the data warehouse. Also selected administrative data and statistical registers are saved in the data warehouse. Analytical works were launched based on which creation of data markets (as statistical presentation layers of data saved in the data warehouse) will be completed.

Administrative Business Register

In 2013, the Administrative Business Register (ROS) was routinely operated. In the routine operation, primarily requests to eliminate prospective errors in reference data are solved, enquiries are continuously evaluated together with reclamations for the ROS or its contents on which all editors of ROS are working. A legislative solution of the responsibility (editor) for municipal and semi-budgetary organizations was not finalized in 2013. Financing of the ROS operation up to 2015 is ensured by the Government resolution No. 661/2012 and it was included in the budget outlook in the form of resources set aside on purpose. For operational support, last year a contract

was concluded on providing of administration services and operational support to the Information System of the Administrative Business Register (IS ROS) as well as a frame contract for the IS ROS development.

Statistical Registers

During 2013, statistical registers – the Statistical Business Register (RES) and Register of Census Districts and Buildings – were gradually connected to basic registers of the public administration and the way of their updating was changed as well as data sources utilization. At the same time, a new version of making data available from RES on the CZSO web pages was presented as a reaction on interconnection with basic registers. In relation to that, structures of data provided to the public were modified.

Interconnection of statistical registers was made within the project focused on creation of a system of mutually interconnected statistical registers while taking into account relations and links to the basic registers of the public administration. The project uses funding from the EU Structural Funds within the Integrated Operational Programme. Within the project, data maintained as duplicates in respective registers and databases were eliminated and conditions for generation of new combined data were made. Works on the development of the contents of the Statistical Business Register for groups of enterprises in cooperation with Eurostat and a European project of the formation of multinational enterprise groups (EuroGroups Register, EGR) will be finalized in 2014. ■



STATISTICAL PROCESSING



In 2013, the area of statistical processing was provided for as for organization by Regional Offices of the CZSO and some of competent statistical departments of the CZSO. Regional Offices ensure mainly data collection in households (field surveys) and major part of processing of statistical surveys by activity for the whole CR, namely for selected businesses including government and non-profit organizations. Competent statistical departments make methodology for statistical surveys and process output information of these surveys, in some cases they also directly collect and process data from reporting units.

Data collection was carried out using electronic or paper forms. All reporting units, which have a data box, were newly sent an electronic statistical form in editable PDF format instead of paper one. In average, it was 63.9% forms sent to data boxes. The share of electronically sent forms (reports) from respondents in the total number of reports received increased (compared to 2012) to 70.5%. Reporting units are informed about their reporting duty by an Announcement about reporting duty, which is sent in the beginning of the year. After having included reports with multiple periodicity, the total of 616 thousand reports were processed (excluding reports for population statistics and reports for organizational statistics) and the average rate of return of statistical reports was 84.8%.

Pursuant to the Decree No. 317/2013 Sb., amending the Decree No. 343/2012 Sb., on the Programme of Statistical Surveys for 2013, the CZSO determined that in the processing year 2013 businesses doing their business in the CR will have reporting duty at 110 statistical surveys. Estimated administrative burden of the surveys is in the amount of CZK 215.9 million.

All pieces of information including those on updates made to statistical forms can be obtained by respondents at the www.vykazy.cz website, which is an integral part of the CZSO presentation



on the web. Respondents can find there methodological and technical information including contacts to respective processing workplaces and since 2013 also statistical forms in an editable PDF format. The electronic forms are also sent to data boxes instead of paper forms sent in the past. ■



BUSINESS STATISTICS



In 2013, works in the area of business statistics continued as well as works on a description of statistical variables within the statistical maintenance information system. Further, the Register of Accommodation Establishments was updated. In the area of business statistics, four unique publications were issued during 2013 and in the beginning of 2014: *Long-term Development of Housing Construction in the Czech Republic*, *Historical Yearbook of Energy Statistics, Food Consumption in 1948–2012*, and in cooperation with the Charles University *Green Growth in the Czech Republic Selected Indicators 2013*.

Cross-Sectional Business Statistics

In the area of business statistics, Eurostat continued in 2013 to prepare a regulation, which should (with the aim to improve coherence, comparability, and consistency) integrate as for legislation and methodology all business statistics that are now provided for by many regulations, which are often not interconnected within the legislation. An integrated regulation, so-called FRIBS (Framework Regulation Integrating Business Statistics) is being prepared with indirect participation of the CZSO, which comments in writing submitted drafts and its experts participate in working groups on individual areas of statistics.

The description of statistical variables within the statistical maintenance information system continued. In short-term statistics, scope of indicators provided to Eurostat databases was extended by employment indicators in trade and services.

In the area of structural statistics, works continued during 2013 on tuning, tests, and modification of a model for estimation of selected indicators for unincorporated private entrepreneurs (hereinafter referred to as model) by using administrative data, i.e. data available to the CZSO from other administrative authorities, primarily the General Financial Directorate and the Czech Social Security Administration. In relation to finalizing of

works on the model, major part of works on revisions of data for 2008 to 2010 was made in order to maintain comparability of time series of annual indicators. Works on the revision were completely finished during the first half-year of 2013.

For 2014, a repeated survey on the scope and structure of trading via the Internet and other forms of sale in enterprises principal activity of which is retail trade was prepared.

Industry, Construction, and Energy

In 2013, intensive works were related to implementation of instruments created within the Redesign of the Statistical Information System (SIS) project; among others, it was preparation of metadata descriptions and definition of statistical tasks in the new statistical information system. Further, experts participated in fulfilment of the priority task of Enhancing Effectiveness of the State Statistical Service, which lies in reduction of administrative burden on respondents and making administrative data better available for the State Statistical Service.

In the area of statistics on industry, the first processing of a modified statistical report (Prům 2-01 form) for 2012 was made and evaluated. Targets of the modification lying in simplification of the form and ensuring of new requirements of National Accounts



were met. In the end of 2013, an audit of the industrial production index started.

In the area of construction and housing construction statistics, processing of a simplified Stav 7-99 (Announcement on completion of a building or dwelling) statistical form was made; released data were taken over from the RUIAN (Register of Territorial Identification, Addresses, and Real Estate). During 2013, an extensive publication Long-term Development of Housing Construction in the Czech Republic was prepared; it was issued in January 2014.

For energy statistics, an extraordinary publication Historical Yearbook of Energy Statistics was finished and published; it contains basic statistical information on the state and development of the industry in time. Further, cooperation was developed among ministries in the area of electro-energy statistics and in the area of energy efficiency issues. In relation to an amendment of the regulation on energy statistics, preparatory works started on ensuring of update data on energy consumption in households, so-called ENERGO.

Hotels, Restaurants, and Tourism

During 2013, additional controls of results of 2012 census of accommodation establishments were made. Based on the data, the Register of Accommodation Establishments was updated so

that newly found collective accommodation establishments became a part of a regular statistical survey on accommodation capacities and accommodation outputs. Results of the census for individual accommodation establishments were (according to requirements of the Regulation (EU) No. 692/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning European statistics on tourism and repealing Council Directive 95/97/EC) reported to Eurostat. At the same time, sets of microdata from the regular survey on tourism among households as well as the quality report were sent.

The CZSO participated in methodological preparation of a survey of the so-called incentive tourism and a census of restaurants planned for 2014. A working group has been established for analyses of possibilities to replace a survey on inbound tourism from 2015. The CZSO also participated in preparation of the Global Forum on Tourism Statistics, which is to take place in May 2014 in Prague.

Agriculture and Forestry

In 2013, according to the Regulation (EC) No. 1166/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on farm structure surveys and the survey on agricultural production methods and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No. 571/88 a structural survey in agriculture (ZEM 2013) was carried out outputs of which serve to the EU classification of agricultural enterprises by production orientation and economic size, or rather to formation of European agricultural and environmental policy.

In the field of agricultural surveys on animal and crop output with annual and shorter periodicity, besides standard works also highly demanding works as for capacities took place within the Redesign of the SIS.

In compliance with fulfilment of tasks contained in the Government resolution No. 634/2012 on the Intention to enhance effectiveness of the State Statistical Service from 29 August 2012, contents of a statistical form on areas under selected winter crops of the Ministry of Agriculture of the CR (Ozim(Mze) 9-01) was integrated in the CZSO statistical form (Zem 6-01) on final harvest.

Negotiations continued with the State Phytosanitary Administration (SPA) on ensuring of data on application of pesticides in agriculture according to the Regulation (EC) No. 1185/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning statistics on pesticides. For 2013, the SPA will newly provide data on treated area in compliance with the Article 1 of the Commission Regulation (EU) No 656/2011 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1185/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning statistics on pesticides, as regards definitions and list of active substances, i.e. independently from the number of treatments.

Results of analytical and synthetic disciplines, i.e. economic accounts for agriculture (EAA) and food consumption were presented on press conferences. In the case of the EAA, it was a conference organized by the Ministry of Agriculture of the CR on the floor of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the CR; for presentation of food consumption also the publication Food Consumption in 1948–2012 of long-term time series was prepared along with update results.

Works continued within forestry statistics; some changes were made in the area of economic accounts for forestry and logging, in which accuracy improvements were made in relation to the changing methodology of Eurostat and in connection with national accounts.

In the field of water statistics, methodology of data acquisition was elaborated in the breakdown by area of individual river catchments. This breakdown is required by the European Commission.

In 2013, data according to the Regulation (EU) No. 691/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council on European environmental economic accounts were transmitted to Eurostat for the first time. It applied to the air emission account, which is compiled in cooperation with the Czech Hydrometeorological Institute, the environmentally related taxes, and the material flow account. With the participation of representatives from the CZSO, negotiations in the European Parliament continued on formulation of three new modules, which will be integrated in the new regulation (the energy account, goods and services account, and environmental protection expenditure account). Eurostat approved a grant for making of a method for acquisition of data for compilation of the environmental subsidies account.

The environment statistics cooperated with the Environment Center of the Charles University in Prague on elaboration of the publication Green Growth in the Czech Republic Selected Indicators 2013. Further, it coordinated works on creation of indicators for the Progress Report on the Czech Republic Sustainable Development, in which other units of the CZSO participated significantly.

Financial and Insurance Activities

Based on an analysis of all institutions kept in the Statistical Business Register (under sector 12) from the point of view of their current principal economic activity and correct classification to institutional sectors according to the new ESA 2010 standards, backward calculations of time series were made from processing of statistical reports of financial institutions. Further, preparatory works were launched for implementation of the ESA 2010 standards in processing of statistical surveys (starting from 2014). At the same time, lists of data sets taken over from the Czech National Bank were modified. ■





MACROECONOMIC STATISTICS

National accounts statistics focused mainly on inclusion of methodological changes resulting from the ESA 2010 in routine statistics. Quarterly national accounts statistics succeeded in shortening of terms for publication of indicators of GDP formation and use; in the area of government accounts works continued on the project of integration of all data available for the government sector. In price statistics, real estate price index revision was made and in tourism statistics, a data audit was carried out.

National Accounts Statistics

In the area of international cooperation, on the European level the process of preparation of the system of national accounts revision continued, in which experts of the CZSO were also included. As for legislation, the process culminated by adoption of the Regulation (EU) No 549/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European system of national and regional accounts in the first half-year of 2013. Simultaneously, preparations for the incorporation of changes to methodology into routine statistics have been made, where they will be reflected in 2014. Besides changes due to transition to the European System of Accounts (ESA) 2010 and a new Balance of Payments Manual, the national accounts revision will eliminate also discrepancies of some calculations with the already existing methodology and in some areas it will extend the current national accounts system in the CR in reaction to user requests. The need to coordinate work of a large team of professionals included in the occasional revision that consists of about 50 employees of the CZSO and the Czech National Bank (CNB) entailed the necessity to organize the whole action as a project, which is managed by heads of national accounts of the CZSO and statistics section of the CNB. With regards to its importance, the project was repeatedly included in the Priority Tasks of the CZSO. Experts of national accounts departments also continued to be included in international projects of assistance to less developed countries in the form of expert missions and study visits.

In the area of quarterly accounts, works focused on shortening of the term of publication of indicators of formation and use of the gross domestic product. The term was shortened from the 70th to 60th calendar day after the reference quarter. At the same time, a third term for estimation of quarterly indicators was included in the plan of news releases, namely 90 days after the reference quarter. It was possible to use for that term already all available data sources and at the same time to reach full consistency of all outputs of quarterly accounts.

In the area of government accounts, works continued on the project of integration of all available statistical and administrative data for the general government sector and enhancement of quality of source data for calculation of the Maastricht deficit and debt. In cooperation with the Ministry of Finance of the CR, experts from the CZSO participated in implementation of the Auxiliary Analytical Overview as a supplementary data source to the Integrated Information System of the State Treasury. Implementation of the system will enable already in 2014 to substantially decrease burden of reporting units included in the general government sector by statistical reporting.

Price Statistics

In price statistics, a revision of real estate price index was made in 2013 with transition to a new base year of 2010. Permanent



production of internationally comparable Housing Price Index was introduced in that year, too (for the time being as a pilot for Eurostat). In consumer price statistics, a preparation for update of new weights was made (to be used in 2014). Gradually, coverage of the area of prices of services was extended. The roundwood price index methodology was improved; a new price index of woodworkers started to be produced experimentally to better meet requirements of users in the future. In the area of international statistical cooperation, to fulfil requirements of the Purchasing Power Parities project was a key task. Resulting statistics were improved there, mainly thanks to a new survey on volumes and prices of medical procedures.

External Trade

In external trade statistics, after organizational changes taking place at the General Directorate of Customs, cooperation on data controls markedly intensified in the system of Intrastat and Extrastat. During utilization of administrative data from tax returns their quality further improved. A priority task for 2013 was to make an audit, which stated that regulations and recommendations of Eurostat are met in the internationally used methodology and that the model methodology of the national concept guaranteed by national accounts is harmonized with requirements of balance of payments and national accounts methodology. Within a grant of Eurostat, works continued to decrease mutual asymmetries in trade in goods among EU member states. The CZSO External Trade Statistics Department is involved also in the Europe-wide SIMSTAT project, which explores possibilities to simplify Intrastat by utilization of microdata exchange among member states. A visit of the Director-General of Eurostat focusing on the issue of external trade in goods was an extraordinary event. In the area of export and import of services statistics, activities focused on preparation of data revision in 2014 according to a new methodology, including setting of output sets. A special attention was paid to the capture of inward processing or processing in data of external trade. ■



DEMOGRAPHY AND SOCIAL STATISTICS

In 2013, estimation of population of the CR up to the year 2100 was elaborated in three versions. A major part of works related to the Sample Survey of Persons with Disabilities for 2013 was also done and European Health Interview Survey (EHIS) was prepared. Further, the health account (SHA) and culture account were compiled and already the 9th Living Conditions survey was carried out. Within the Labour Force Sample Survey (LFSS), a News Release was introduced on rates of employment, unemployment, and economic activity.

In demographic statistics, Regulation (EU) No. 1260/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on European demographic statistics became effective in the end of 2013. The regulation sets the duty to provide demographic data for usually residing population. Year 2013 is the first reference year for which data will be provided according to the Regulation.

Besides standard outputs that are made every year, demographic statistics elaborated and published in the middle of the year an estimation of population of the Czech Republic up to the year 2100 (in three versions). The estimation projected the future development of the total number of inhabitants based on formulated expectations of further development of fertility, mortality rate, and foreign migration; it showed the process, intensity, and timing of very marked changes in the age structure. A nationwide estimation was followed by preparation of estimations of population of individual regions of the CR.

In the area of social statistics, a major part of works related to the Sample Survey of Persons with Disabilities was done in 2013 by the CZSO in cooperation with the Institute of Health Information and Statistics of the CR (IHIS) in compliance with the

relevant resolution of the Government of the CR. In cooperation with the mentioned institute, also European Health Interview Survey (EHIS) was being prepared.

Last year, a final phase of the Eurostat grant related to the Adult Education Survey (AES) took place. Final evaluation reports were prepared and a large publication with the survey results was issued; the results (together with the results of the Continuing Vocational Training Survey of employed persons in enterprises) were presented on several occasions (University of Economics, CZSO workshop, interdepartmental group on statistics on further education).

The following tasks were also important: compilation of the annual System of Health Accounts (SHA) according to the joint methodology of Eurostat and OECD and compilation of the culture account in cooperation with institutions of the Ministry of Culture of the CR (the National Information and Consulting Centre for Culture and the Art and Theatre Institute) according to the relevant Government resolution. As for international cooperation, long-term participation of the CZSO in the UNICEF international project of MONEE has to be mentioned; it focuses on obtaining of data and processing of analyses related to child population for UNICEF.





In the area of social surveys among households, in 2013 already the ninth Living Conditions survey was carried out as a national version of the Europe-wide EU-SILC survey. It comprised a brand new module focusing on well-being. Within regularly made audits, an audit of household budget statistics was made; conclusions and recommendations thereof are an important impulse to further improvement of the agenda, especially from the point of view of satisfying user needs.

In the area of labour market statistics, standard publication of median values and regional indicators started in 2013 within a quarterly News Release on wages.

Within the LFSS, a monthly News Release on rates of employment, unemployment, and economic activity was introduced. An ad hoc module Transition from Work into Retirement was finished; the results were published separately and sent to Eurostat. In the field, in 2013, a survey of an ad hoc module on Accidents at work and work-related health problems was carried out. Further, survey of an ad hoc module of the LFSS for 2014 was prepared on the topic: Migrants and their direct descendants. Background materials for a revision of European legislation for labour force statistics were prepared.

The international project European Statistical System network (ESSnet) to develop the European Socio-economic Classification

continued. The CZSO within a consortium of national statistical institutes and in cooperation with the Institute of Sociology of the Academy of Sciences of the CR prepared three prototypes of the new classification and tested them on selected databases; the project will be finished in 2014.

Statistics on science, research, and innovations were (as every year) focused mainly on presentation of vast information sources these statistics have within the CZSO and on making them available to users including international comparison. The CZSO, for example, participated a lot in the publication of the Research, Development and Innovation Council: Analysis of the existing state of research, development, and innovation in the Czech Republic and a comparison with the situation abroad in 2013 that is submitted every year to the Government of the CR.

In 2013, a revision of the Annual survey on research and development was made in order to ensure necessary data for capitalization of research and development according to the new European System of Accounts (ESA 2010) and new requirements arising from the first results of the ongoing revision of the Frascati Manual. In the same year, a large survey on innovation activities of enterprises TI2012 was carried out, which is obligatory in all EU countries biyearly, since 2012 according to the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 995/2012

laying down detailed 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.

In 2013, further marked development of statistics in the area of measurement of information and communication technologies took place, especially in the area of information economy. The target was to ensure necessary indicators on the electronic communications state policy (Digital Czech Republic v. 2.0: Way to digital economy). The development was based exclusively on better utilization of existing statistical or administrative data sources. The result was, among others, also elaboration of a summary publication: Information Economy in Figures that comprises basic economic indicators in the area of ICT in the Czech Republic and abroad.

In 2013, the CZSO also markedly contributed (within the international Partnership for Measuring ICT for Development) to updating of a list of basic ICT indicators determined for measuring of information society and economy on a worldwide level, which were approved on the meeting of the UN Statistical Commission in New York in 2007. ■



ELECTION STATISTICS

In 2013, there were two key tasks of the election statistics. Firstly, a planned task to realize historically the first direct election of the President of the Czech Republic. The presidential election had been prepared already since autumn 2012. It had two rounds in January 2013. Secondly, an unplanned task that arose during the year, to process results of early elections to the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic.

Elections to the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic were carried out in October 2013 as a result of dissolution of the Chamber of Deputies of the CR, which took place in autumn 2013. The elections had to take place within 60 days of the dissolution; therefore, the preparation was made in shortened terms stipulated by law. Preparation of nationwide elections in such a short time took place for the first time and all electoral bodies including the CZSO coped with it successfully.

At both the aforementioned elections, voting took place not only in the CR, but also at more than 100 representative offices abroad. During elections to the Chamber of Deputies of the CR, results of voting from abroad were added to the results from the Středočeský Region. No problems occurred at results processing – the results were processed at full quality and in due time handed over to the State Electoral Committee.

Besides the mentioned nationwide elections, the CZSO ensured also processing of results of extraordinary municipal elections. It applied mainly to new elections in municipalities, in which municipal council ceased to exist. Those elections took place at four different terms during the year.

During 2013, the CZSO participated in formation of election legislation and preparation of new procedures for execution



of elections. Among the most important legislative issues were: participation in formation and comments on amendments to election acts and respective implementing regulations. ■



POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS

In the end of 2013, the 2011 Population and Housing Census project was successfully completed. Standard processing outputs were published on the web pages, data publications were issued for all basic areas together with three basic publications, and special outputs were continually processed according to user requirements. In the end of the year, works started on anonymization of Census forms.

Pursuant to the Act No. 296/2009 Sb., on 2011 Population and Housing Census, the Census project was successfully completed in the end of 2013. The main task in 2013 was to finalize results processing and to present the results, which was successfully fulfilled.

All outputs from standard processing were presented on the CZSO web pages. Data publications were issued for all basic 2011 Census areas: Population; Dwellings; Households; Female Fertility; Commuting to Work; a summary data publication covering most of the areas was also published (Population, Houses, Dwellings, and Households).

Besides that, also three basic Census publications were issued. Statistical lexicon of Municipalities, issued in cooperation with the Ministry of the Interior of the CR, comprises basic data from the Census down to the level of municipal parts and basic settlement units recalculated to territorial breakdown as at 1 January 2013. 2011 Census – Source Work is a summary publication containing both history of censuses and, especially, detailed data from the 2011 Census as well as brief thematic analyses of basic areas. 2011 Census Atlas is a graphical publication that contains texts of analytical and methodological character with graphs and tables for selected characteristics



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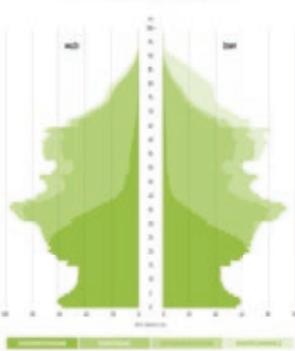
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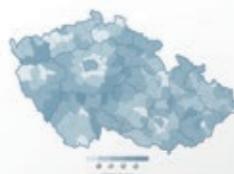
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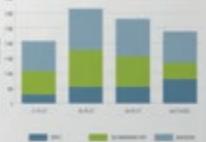
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of population, households, houses and dwelling stock. It is supplemented by thematic maps for the selected characteristics down to the level of municipalities.

Besides standard data outputs published officially, also special outputs according to user requirements were continuously processed from the Census data. Clients ordering the data that cannot be provided by any other source but a population census are: international institutions (e.g. the World Bank), public administration bodies (e.g. the Government Council for Older Persons and Population Ageing, the Ministry of the Interior of the CR, Ministry of Industry and Trade of the CR, Ministry of Health of the CR), regional institutions (City Hall of Prague, Regional Authority of the Jihomoravský Region), scientific and research institutions (the Institute of Sociology of the Academy of Sciences of the CR, the Research Institute for Labour and Social Affairs, various workplaces at universities, and the like), state-owned enterprises (Povodí s.p.; Česká pošta, s.p.), and many business entities.

Special outputs were also prepared in relation to the Commission Regulation (EU) 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 programme consists of 60 so-called hyper-cubes that are

defined separately. They have unified definition and technical parameters for making data available; they are binding for all Member States and thus ensure reliability of comparison of EU-wide overviews. Those outputs were fully prepared in the end of 2013; in the beginning of 2014, only technical part of making them available is to be solved.

In the end of the year, works on anonymization of census forms started, because according to the Act No. 296/2009 Sb., on 2011 Population and Housing Census, census forms are to be transferred to an electric form at processing and electronic forms filled in by liable persons shall be handed over in an anonymized form to the National Archives for permanent deposit until 25 March 2014 at the latest.

For 2013, the Ministry of Finance of the CR did not open the State Budget for the Population and Housing Census item and informed the CZSO that it can draw unspent financial resources from previous periods. The total amount of the resources was CZK 30 998 thousand. It was reached by economising that even in 2013 the amount was not fully drawn. In the end it meant that during 2008–2013 almost a 10% saving was reached at the Population and Housing Census (over CZK 246 million) in comparison to the approved budget in the intended subject matter of the law.



PRODUCTS AND SERVICES



A complex change of the CZSO web presentation, which occurred in the end of 2011, was very successful – users are finding information more easily themselves. It results from a significant decrease in the number of enquiries by the public. The CZSO is on the top among national institutions as for “opening of data of the public administration”.

CZSO web pages

Official web pages of the CZSO are one of the main instruments of communication with the public and users of statistical information. Regular analysis of the website visiting rate contributes to the effort to continually improve design and structure of web pages and make modifications according to needs of users. Compared to 2012, the CZSO website visiting rate slightly increased. In 2013, the CZSO website (www.czso.cz) was visited by 1 265.3 thousand unique visitors and the main page recorded over 11 million displays. During 2013, the visiting rate reflected also big interest of users in results of the presidential election (11 and 12 January 2013) and the parliamentary election (25 and 26 October 2013).

In 2013, the CZSO web presentation newly offered to users selected data from elections and the 2011 Population and Housing Census in open formats, i.e. formats that are easy to work with and have no limitations as for further processing. Also some electronic versions of published products underwent a major change of their design – for example, the Statistika & My journal. A wide-ranging and continually updated page on International Year of Statistics was newly published. Also majority of publications with the 2011 Population and Housing Census results were made accessible on the Internet to users.





Public Database

The Public Database (VDB) contained 60 million data in the end of 2013; during 2013 the number increased by 7 million. In the new VDB2 under preparation, which offers results of the 2011 Census, already 380 million pieces of data are prepared. Visiting rate of the VDB web pages in 2013 increased, the number of displayed pages reached 762 thousand, i.e. by 11% more than in 2012. Users were most interested in tables with selection of indicators on municipalities; high visiting rate belongs also to tables for regional accounts, unemployment, wages, and also historical comparison of results of population and housing censuses since 1869.

Publication Activities

The Catalogue of Products for 2013 comprised 291 products when it was approved (by 3 more than in 2012), of which

32 were analyses, 57 time series, 167 data sets, 19 news releases, etc. During the year, it was added by 17 printed titles; 93 titles were issued in a printed form. From the total number of printed publications, 23 comprised results of the 2011 Population and Housing Census. Also in 2013, the following were among the most popular: the Statistical Yearbook of the Czech Republic 2012, regional yearbooks, Small Lexicon of Municipalities, Demographic Yearbook of the CR, and Consumer Price Indices.

Central Statistical Library

There were 56 new readers, who registered in the Central Statistical Library; in the end of 2013 it had 1 960 registered users. During the year, 1 839 users visited the CZSO library, who borrowed 12 346 publications (mainly for use in the library).

Services Provided

In 2013, the total of 19 101 enquiries and requests were received, of which about 53% were directed to the CZSO Headquarters, the rest to regional workplaces. About 88% of enquiries were handled until the next day after delivery. The total number of enquiries and requests was by almost a fifth lower than in the previous year. A long-term decrease in demand for services of the CZSO takes place mainly due to all the time increasing volume of information published on the web pages. Data are (after substantial change of both structure and graphics of the presentation on the web in 2011) user-friendly in such extent that the number of requests related to the support of services decreased. A marked drop was recorded at the Statistical Business Register (SBR) – in relation to implementation of the system of basic registers the CZSO no longer provides extracts from the SBR.

Sales for services provided reached in 2013 the amount of CZK 3.8 million, which is by CZK 0.3 million less than in the previous year. However, the budget of income, which was set for CZK 2.5 million, was achieved with considerable reserve. After years, in which the biggest share in income belonged to orders connected with the Statistical Business Register, in 2013 the highest (53%) share came from non-standard orders. Income from subscription of publications is all the time lower and in 2013 it made about a twelfth of income from 2008.

The CZSO is already for the tenth year part of the network of national contact centres – European Statistical Data Support (ESDS). Within inclusion in this project of international cooperation, the CZSO answered 336 requests in 2013. ■



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

International cooperation has (with regards to statistical data utilization for international comparisons as well as membership of the Czech Republic in the European Union and other international organizations) a key impact on activity of the CZSO. Many experts of the CZSO participate in it directly or indirectly.



European Union

Preparation and implementation of legal regulations of the EU required also in 2013 ongoing communication and cooperation with Eurostat, part of which is also participation in meetings of working structures of the European Statistical System (ESS). These issues were subject of negotiations mainly of working groups on individual statistics, Task Forces established to solve specific issues, meetings of directors on broader statistical areas, and meetings of committees of the European Commission called on by Eurostat. A key role was played further by the European Statistical System Committee the mission of which is professional leading of European statistics. From that point of view, participation of the CZSO President in its meetings was important as well as the President's involvement in the Partnership Group consisting of selected highest representatives of statistical institutes of the EU Member States and Eurostat. Key topics negotiated in 2013 were: cooperation of the European Statistical System with the European System of Central Banks, which culminated by establishment and the first meeting of the European Statistical Forum in November 2013 with participation of representatives of both the systems.

A discussion on the future of the ESS at a regular annual Conference of the Directors General of the National Statistical Institutes (DGINS) in The Hague was followed by a meeting of heads of statistical institutes in Prague in December

2013, which was focused on preparation of the ESS further development strategy. Discussed intentions are closely connected to the already launched activities, which are related to negotiated changes in external trade statistics (the SIM-STAT project) or business statistics. Also a visit of the Director General of Eurostat, Mr. Walter Radermacher, in Prague in May 2013 was devoted to external trade statistics and some other topical issues.

Activities to ensure a wide spectrum of statistical data for the needs of the EU continued including preparation for implementation of a revised system of national and regional accounts (ESA 2010) according to the regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council adopted in June 2013.

The focus on quality of provided statistical data was reflected, among others, also in preparation of evaluation of implementation of the European Statistics Code of Practice, which will take a form of external evaluations (peer reviews) of statistical systems of individual EU Member States and Eurostat in 2014–2015.

Within the Council of the European Union, on the meeting of a working group on statistics, representatives of the CZSO expressed about draft legal regulations being negotiated that are submitted by the European Commission to the European



Parliament and the Council. It applied mainly to the revision of the regulation on European statistics, changes of several other legal regulations (on statistics of agriculture and fishery, on the Labour Force Sample Survey, on European environmental accounts, on the European Statistical Programme for 2013–2017, on providing and quality of statistics for the so-called Excessive Imbalance Procedure, on statistical surveys on the structure of agricultural enterprises, and agricultural production methods as for the 2014–2018 financial frame), and on the new regulation on demographic statistics.

For co-financing of selected newly introduced statistics, procedures, and methods grants provided by the European Commission were used, especially in the areas of external trade statistics, national accounts, information technologies, labour and labour force, agriculture, prices, and processing of data obtained within the Population and Housing Census. Experts from the CZSO participated in educational activities within the European Statistical Training Programme (ESTP) both in the role of participants as well as part of groups of lecturers (metadata). The possibility to gain knowledge from realized ESS development projects (so-called ESS-nets) for utilization by other ESS members in the form of professional seminars was used in the area of administrative data, work with microdata or elimination of inconsistencies in definitions of key variables.

Other International Organizations

Involvement in activities of other international organizations continued, especially in the United Nations Organization (UNO) and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

The UN Statistical Commission, in which the CR is represented by the CZSO President and is now one of its 24 members, dealt on one of its regular meetings with a wide scope of issues including national accounts statistics, statistics of agriculture, sustainable development, crime statistics, and also cross-sectional statistics – e.g. implementation of Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics. The UN Statistical Commission



approved an updated Framework for the Development of Environment Statistics (FDES) and a programme to support its implementation prepared by the working group headed by the CZSO President.

Also a meeting of the Conference of European Statisticians of the UNECE, in which the CZSO President participates for the CR, was devoted to the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) and sustainable development measurement in relation to Rio+20 conference in the previous year. Enabling of access to microdata for scientific purposes was another key topic. Within disposable financial resources, CZSO experts participated in some other meetings within this international institution, namely on the issue of national accounts, population censuses, and demographic forecasts.

The OECD Statistical Committee in 2013 dealt with both – statistical topics (among others the issue of measurement of

productivity and competition, measurement of social capital, economic sources of households, environmental accounts or measurement of trade with value added) as well as institutional issues (mainly change of the mandate of the OECD Statistical Committee, strategy of its global relationships, coordination with other OECD committees). These issues were also dealt with by the bureau of the OECD Statistical Committee the CZSO President is also a member of. With regards to financial possibilities also other representatives of the CZSO participated in work of professional statistical bodies of the OECD – mainly in the area of statistics of globalization, foreign investments, energy, tourism, science and technology, information society, access to microdata, national accounts, financial statistics, and business cycle surveys.

In 2013, the 59th World Statistical Congress took place in Hong Kong; it was organized by the International Statistical Institute and over 2 000 representatives of international and

national statistical institutes and organizations and representatives of scientific and educational institutions from all over the world participated in it. The CZSO President organized and headed a section focusing on the issue of quality of official statistics, in which also the former President of the CZSO, Mr. Edvard Outrata, presented his contribution.

Technical Assistance

Providing of technical assistance abroad by experts of the CZSO (financed from EU funds or the World Bank) in order to strengthen statistical infrastructure and deepen harmonization of statistics in transforming countries continued also in 2013. Sharing of professional knowledge and experience partially followed the preceding cooperation (for example within a twinning project focusing on issues of national accounts for statistical office of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia). The CZSO also launched its activities in the project financed by the World Bank in Kazakhstan under leadership of the statistical office of Germany, namely in the areas of metadata and classifications. Further activities of the CZSO were directed to Turkey in the area of regional accounts of households.

Bilateral and Multilateral Cooperation

Within traditional bilateral cooperation with the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic, a meeting of delegations led by

presidents of both statistical offices took place on topical activities of the offices, issued historical yearbook of national accounts, and building of statistical information systems. Further working meetings took place e.g. in the areas of national accounts, external trade, and social statistics. Exchange of experience takes place also within non-formal consultations at working meetings abroad or in usual work relationships.

Based on a request of the General Statistical Office of Viet Nam, the CZSO hosted a visit by a delegation led by its Vice-President, in which also representatives of other Vietnamese national institutions were represented. Within the meeting, CZSO representatives shared their experience related to legal aspects of functioning of official statistics in the CR, activities of the Statistical Council, coordination of statistical service, and data dissemination. Meetings with statistical experts of other countries were devoted mainly to external trade (Poland, Germany, Romania), regional cooperation (Austria, Poland, Germany), price statistics (Russia), and national accounts (Azerbaijan, Latvia).

In 2013, the CZSO hosted 25 visits from abroad and the meetings were attended by 111 foreign experts.

The total number of business trips abroad was 272 in 2013 and delegated representatives participated in 223 actions. ■

HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

In the area of personnel management, year 2013 was a year of stabilization of quantity and development of quality of human potential of the CZSO. Increasing and improvement of qualification of the staff, continual development of their professional knowledge and skills is a necessary prerequisite for successful generation change on the posts of key experts of the CZSO.

The Ministry of Finance of the CR set the binding limit number of employees at 1 499 persons for the CZSO for the year 2013. The actual annual FTE number was 1 365 employees in total, of which 20 were for the 2011 Population and Housing Census. As at 31 December 2013, the CZSO employed 1 388 persons (headcount), of which 9 were hired for the Census.

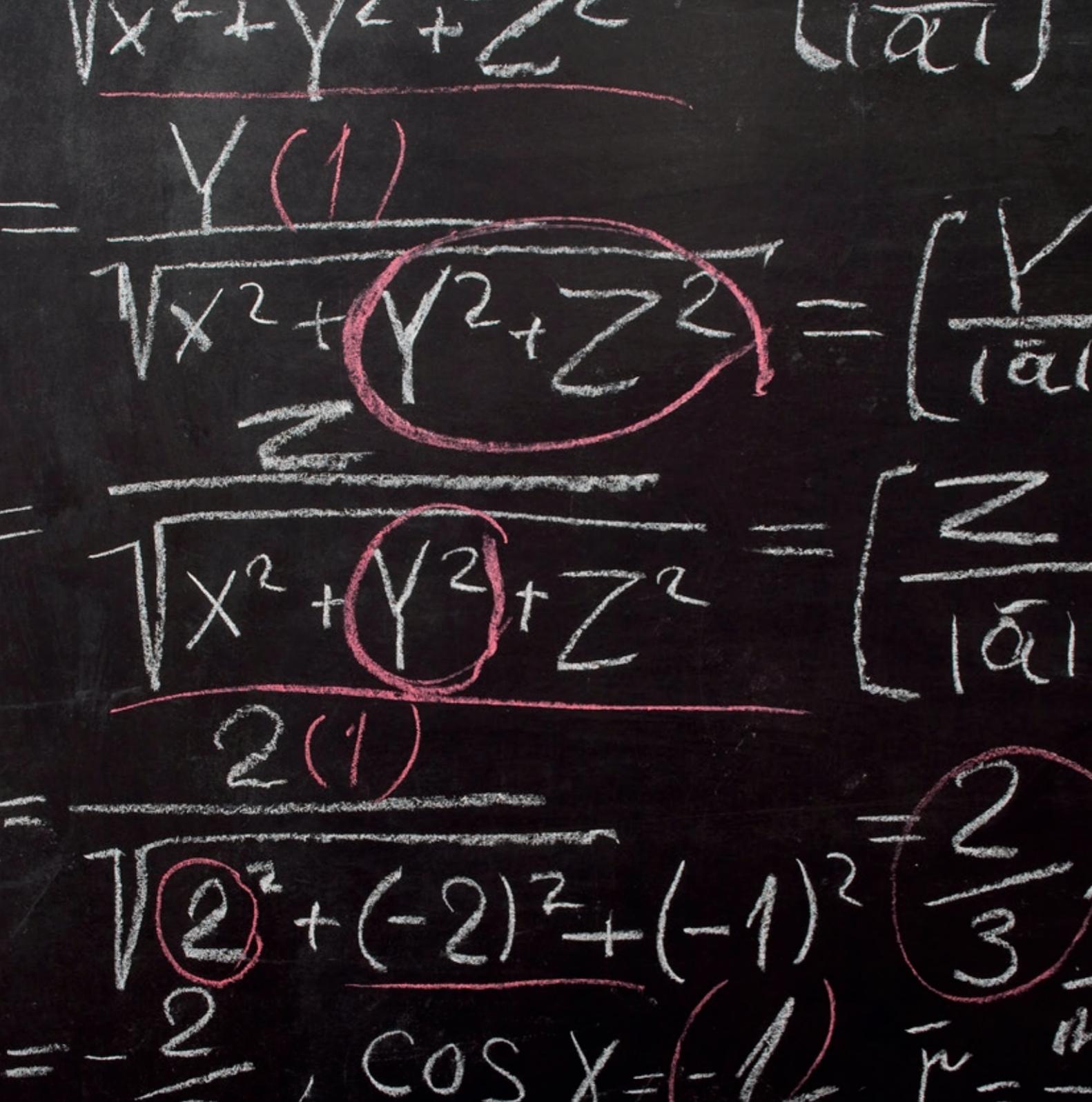
During 2013, employment was terminated for 106 employees including 21 employees for the Census. Fluctuation rate thus was 7.6%. The amount of the rate was influenced by termination of employments of employees for the Census. After adjustment for this influence, the fluctuation rate was 6.2% and thus it was historically lowest since 2005, when the fluctuation rate started to be measured at the CZSO.

Higher educational attainment was achieved by 50.2% of the CZSO employees; the percentage of employees with secondary education (i.e. secondary schools with A-level examination and higher professional schools) amounted to 47.3% of the total number of the CZSO employees. The increasing share of persons with higher education is a result of continuing change of the qualification structure in relation to the increasing demand factor of performed activities.

The average age of the CZSO employees remained on the level of the previous year. Compared to 2012, the share of the 31–40

Employees in 2011–2013 (as at 31 December)

	2011	2012	2013
Number of employees	1 472	1 433	1 388
of which for the Census	94	60	9
Share of females (%)	75.5	75.2	76.2
Staff with higher education (%)	47.6	49.7	50.2
Average age (years)	47.3	47.8	47.8
Age group (years)			
up to 30	122	102	98
31–40	298	276	282
41–50	403	406	389
51–60	530	517	490
61+	119	132	129



years age group, which is perspective for the staff stabilization, increased by 1 percentage point. On the contrary, a drop of the share was recorded at the 51–60 years age group.

Training courses and education

Lifelong learning of employees is one of priorities in the area of human resources management; it takes place in the form of increase and improvement of their professionalism. Care for professional development of employees and their education is a necessary prerequisite for quality fulfilment of work tasks. Therefore, the CZSO management puts great emphasis on this area.

The education plan was compiled based on requests of the management, which were incorporated in the 2013 Catalogue of Courses of the CZSO. Educational courses were delivered by lecturers from among the CZSO employees as well as external lecturers and were organized also in the CZSO regional workplaces as necessary. Besides that, individuals were sent also to professional courses out of the office.

In 2013, 188 short-term courses were organized in the CZSO premises; 2 720 CZSO employees and 231 external participants (mainly students) participated in them. In courses abroad, 9 persons participated.

Within cooperation in the European Statistical Training Programme (ESTP), the CZSO organized the Metadata Advanced

international course. An employee of the CZSO was the main lecturer of the course; other lecturers were an expert from the Netherlands and a Czech expert, another employee of the CZSO. The course was attended by foreign employees, especially of European national statistical institutes. Two CZSO employees were also allowed to participate.

In 2013, the CZSO drew financial resources in the total amount of CZK 3 251 thousand for education of employees. Expenditure on education per employee was about CZK 2 380. Each CZSO employee attended in average 2.5 courses, approximately.

Type of course	Number of participants ¹⁾
Short-term professional courses ²⁾	3 147
Long-term courses	20
Language courses	206
Total	3 373

¹⁾ Excluding external.
²⁾ Courses shorter than 5 days including conferences.



FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

From data on financial performance and fulfilment of material tasks it results that state statistical service tasks were successfully fulfilled. Financial sources were spent on realization of planned tasks and on financing of new and extraordinary tasks with maximum purposefulness and efficiency while keeping of determined binding indicators and regulations.



Data on Income and Expenditure Budget

On 19 December 2012, the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic approved by its resolution No. 1445 the Act No. 504/2012 Sb., on the State Budget of the Czech Republic for 2013.

By the aforementioned act, the income budget was approved in the amount of CZK 112 398 000 and expenditure budget in the amount of CZK 1 012 920 000 for the Budget Chapter 345 – the Czech Statistical Office.

During the year, the Ministry of Finance of the CR allowed an overall adjustment of the budget of the Chapter:

- a) an increase of expenditure determined for elections, further for semi-annual and annual processing of administrative data sources from the Czech Social Security Administration for 2013 based on the Agreement on ensuring and processing of data for statistics on temporary incapacity for work due to disease or injury (Nem-Úr 1-02 report), for covering of costs of update of the Concept of Integration of Foreigners – Living Together in 2013, for publication Foreigners in the Czech Republic, and Sample Survey of Persons with Disabilities for 2013;
- b) the expenditure budget was reduced by CZK 4 905 050 by finances transferred to the Ministry of the Interior of the CR to cover operation of the Administrative Business Register and by finances transferred to the Ministry of Finance of the CR

based on the Delimitation Report to ensure activities related to the issue of the Auxiliary Analytical Overview. After these adjustments, the approved income budget remained unchanged; adjusted expenditure budget was CZK 1 160 266 950.

According to classification of expenditure by type, the highest share in the total expenditure went to wages, other personnel expenses, insurance, and allocations to the Fund of Cultural and Social Needs, with the sum of CZK 738 742.45 thousand (63.67%), material costs amounted to CZK 329 832.50 thousand (28.43%), and capital costs were CZK 91 692.00 thousand (7.90%) of the adjusted budget. Of the capital costs, CZK 58 443 thousand were related to the Integrated Operational Programme (IOP) projects. The Census project costs were not included in the budget as the project was financed in 2013 from claims from unused expenditure.

Real Income and Drawing of Expenditure

1. Income

Budgeted income in the amount of CZK 112 398 thousand were fulfilled in the amount of 26 865.52 thousand, i.e. 23.9%. It reached 15.70% of the amount of income generated in 2012; in the total, it is a decrease by CZK 144 265.01 thousand. Non-fulfilment of the income budget in 2013 occurred because financial sources for requests for payment for IOP projects, which were



approved by the Structural Funds Department of the Ministry of the Interior of the CR in the amount of CZK 77 906 thousand, were not written on the income account of the CZSO by the end 2013 by the National Fund. Also extension of the period of realization of IOP projects entailed time shift in expected income.

A permanent source of the CZSO income is income from own activity, which amounted to CZK 3 966.83 thousand in total. Despite its fulfilment is at 153.63% of the adjusted budget, it is by CZK 473.53 thousand less than in 2012. In relation to an increasing offer of data on the web pages, the income is decreasing in the long-term and the trend will continue also in the future. Most of outputs of the CZSO are published for free on the CZSO web pages; however, interest in tailor-made outputs for users is increasing as well as interest in outputs issued in the form of publications.

Other sources of income in 2013 were: received sanction payments, income from sale of property, and mainly received transfers, which amounted to CZK 15 534.80 thousand and fulfilment of which reached only 14.20%. The annual income budget was not fulfilled by CZK 93 863.20 thousand.

2. Expenditure

Final expenditure budget of the CZSO as at 31 December 2013 was CZK 1 412 989.32 thousand, the drawing was

CZK 1 050 878.47 thousand, i.e. for 74.37%. From the mentioned amount of drawing, 94.97% was current expenditure and 5.03% capital expenditure. Adjusted expenditure budget of CZK 1 160 266.95 thousand was drawn in the amount of CZK 925 765.34 thousand, i.e. 79.78%. Further expenditure was covered by claims from unused expenditure, the reserve fund, and finances credited to the income account for technical assistance and the Community Statistical Programme projects.

To ensure financing of preparation and processing of election results (Sections 6114, 6115, 6118) in 2013, the total of CZK 151 107 thousand was transferred to the Chapter of the CZSO from the Chapter of General Treasury Management, which was drawn in the amount of CZK 121 141.91 (80.17%).

For processing and publishing of the Census results (Section 6149) required financial sources from the Chapter 398 – General Treasury Management were not transferred; however, the entire balance of claims of current expenditure from previous years was released in the amount of CZK 30 998.49 thousand. The drawing was in the amount of CZK 30 830.29 thousand, i.e. for 99.46%.

In Section 6223, CZK 28.76 thousand were spent on contributions to international institutions.

Sources for expenditure in Section 6146 – the Czech Statistical Office are sources, from which expenditure is covered that is related to operation and activities of own workplaces of the CZSO. After adjustments, the budget in 2013 amounted to CZK 1 009 121.95 thousand and the final budget after inclusion of claims from unused expenditure, the reserve fund, and sources of the income account reached CZK 1 230 845.83 thousand. Own expenditure in Section 6146 of the CZSO amounted to CZK 898 877.52 thousand (73.03%). Compared to 2012, total drawing is lower by CZK 155 018.30 thousand, of which in capital expenditure the decrease was by CZK 95 189.62 thousand. The main reason for the decrease in expenditure drawing in 2013 compared to 2012 is completion of realization of the IOP project of the Administrative Business Register in 2012.

In 2013, realization of projects co-financed from the IOP continued: “Redesign of the Statistical Information System in relation to implementation of eGovernment in the CR” and “Modifications to the existing system of statistical registers in relation to creation of basic registers of public administration”. For the projects, the total of CZK 71 185.30 thousand were drawn, of which 71 141.94 thousand from claims from unused expenditure.

Besides IOP projects, the CZSO financed in 2013 from its budget sources the Community Statistical Programme with

20 projects co-financed from the EU funds. Further, the CZSO financed 10 projects of the Community Statistical Programme from claims from unused expenditure. From extra-budgetary funds (i.e. from sources provided to income account from abroad and from the reserve fund) 2 Community Statistical Programme projects, 17 missions of Twinning out, Metadata and TAIEX projects were financed. In total, CZK 21 358.92 thousand were drawn for the projects (including allowed exceeding of the budget).

From sources from abroad (non-EU), the MONEE project of UNICEF in the amount of 59.40 thousand and technical assistance to Kazakhstan in the amount of CZK 294.82 thousand were financed.

It results from an analysis of the expenditure drawing broken down by type that personnel costs (wages, other personnel expenses, severance pay, mandatory insurance, allocations to the Fund of Cultural and Social Needs) in the total amount of CZK 737 129.10 thousand made 70.14% of the total expenditure. Material expenses in the amount of CZK 260 928.28 thousand made up 24.82% of the total budget drawing (purchase of materials, energies, and services). Their drawing in the amount of 66.35% of the final budget is caused primarily by expenditure savings as a result of tenders made and thanks to purchase of energies on energy exchange.



Capital expenditure of the CZSO in 2013 was realized within programme financing of renewal of property of the CZSO kept in the Information System of Programme Financing (EDS/SMVS) in the Programme 145 010 – Development and Renewal of the Material and Technology Basis of the Czech Statistical Office.

Adjusted capital expenditure budget amounted to CZK 91 692 thousand and it was drawn in the amount of 52 821.10 thousand, i.e. for 57.6%. From the mentioned amount, 42 915.78 thousand were drawn for IOP projects, CZK 2 231.92 thousand for renewal and operation of ICT, and 7 673.40 thousand for acquisition and renewal of property administered by the CZSO.

Low drawing of capital expenditure is mainly due to non-drawing of the budget at projects financed from the IOP, which was caused by changes in the phasing of these projects and by shift of realization of the action of Supply of Renewal of Central Technologies to 2014.

Balance of claims from unused expenditure as at 1 January 2014 totalled CZK 552 886.96 thousand, of which CZK 451 415.37 thousand consist of profiling expenditure. They include the amount for funding of the EU projects (CZK 320 440.43 thousand), of events registered in the Information System of Programme Financing (EDS/SMVS) outside the EU (CZK 100 791.65 thousand), finances dedicated to settle with the State Budget for the elections and the Census in the amount of CZK 30 183.29 thousand. Non-profiling expenditure in the amount of CZK 101 471.59 thousand was transferred to 2014.

Financial resources available to the CZSO in 2013 were drawn in accordance with fulfilment of tasks of the CZSO in compliance with budget regulations and with stressing their economical and purposeful spending. ■



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