

# Country Fact Sheet Czech Republic



| General country information           |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Form of government                    | Parliamentary Democracy.  |
| Administrative organisation           | Executive power is represented by Prime minister and Government, legislative power is represented by Parliament (House of Deputies and Senate). Judicial power is represented by the court system and Constitutional Court. |
| Area (in km²)                         | 78 867  |
| Population                            | 10'532'770 (till 31.12.2010)  |
| Official language                     | Czech   |
| Capital                               | Prague  |
| Number of inhabitants in capital city | 1'257'158 (as per 31. December 2010)  |



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# **Legal Forms**

| Legal Form in English           | Legal Form in local language          | Description   | Trade<br>registered | Participants                             | Remarks                               |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| sole proprietor                 | fyzická osoba,<br>soukromý podnikatel | Sole proprietor runs a business under his name and surname, guarantees the obligation by all the possession   | NO                  | -  | sole proprietor                       |
| association of sole proprietors | sdružení podnikatelů                  | Association of two or more sole proprietors based on the contract. This association is not registered and hasn't own legal identity. Each of the partners is representing him in relation to authorities; the liabilities towards the third persons are guaranteed jointly and severally.                                     | NO                  | co-proprietors                           | association of<br>sole<br>proprietors |
| general partnership             | veřejná obchodní<br>společnost        | Minimally 2 persons, who guarantee the obligations jointly and severally, by all their possession   | YES                 | unlimited<br>partner                     | general<br>partnership                |
| limited partnership             | komanditní společnost                 | Two kinds of partners exist here - 1) unlimited partner who is statutory and guarantees the obligations by all the possession, 2) limited partner who give the share into the company and guarantee only till the amount of unpaid share. The company has to be established minimally by 2 people (both 2 kinds of partners). | YES                 | limited partner,<br>unlimited<br>partner | limited<br>partnership                |
| limited liability company       | společnost s ručením<br>omezením      | The company can be established by 1-50 partners, minimum share capital is 200000 CZK. The company guarantees the obligation by all its possession, the partners guarantee only till the amount of unpaid share  | YES                 | partner,<br>managing<br>director         | limited liability<br>company          |

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| Legal Form in English | Legal Form in local language | Description   | Trade<br>registered | Participants  | Remarks                |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|---|---------------------|---|------------------------|
| joint stock company   | akciová společnost           | The company can be established minimally by 1 legal person or 2 individuals. The company guarantees the obligation by all its possession, the shareholders don't guarantee the obligation. Minimum share capital is 2000000CZK, alternatively 20000000 for tender offer of shares | YES                 | shareholder,<br>members of<br>executive<br>board,<br>members of<br>supervisory<br>board | joint stock<br>company |
| societas europea      | evropská společnost          | The company abides by the legal rules of European Union   | YES                 | shareholder,<br>members of<br>executive<br>board,<br>members of<br>supervisory<br>board | societas<br>europea    |
| cooperative           | družstvo                     | The company can be established minimally by 2 legal person or 5 individuals, the limit for member is not given. The obligation are guaranteed by the company, not by the members. Minimum share capital is 50000 CZK.   | YES                 | members of executive board  | cooperative            |
| state owned company   | státní podnik                | The company is owned by state.  | YES                 | founder,<br>director  | state owned company    |

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### Number of companies

| Main Legal Form  | Total number of companies | Thereof active companies | Remarks |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| sole proprietors   | 1'839'233                 | 45.31%                   |         |
| from that sole proprietors written in the Trade Register | 17'078                    | 50.68%                   |         |
| companies  | 329'100                   | 70.26%                   |         |
| from that joint stock companies                          | 23'312                    | 72.11%                   |         |
| cooperative  | 15'636                    | 67.43%                   |         |
| state owned companies                                    | 420                       | 71.79%                   |         |
| sole proprietors   | 1'839'233                 | 45.31%                   |         |
| All la mal farmer  | 21570//44                 | 40.000/                  |         |
| All legal forms  | 2'570'611                 | 48.89%                   |         |

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### **Trade Register**

| Company Register  | Companies Register Bulletin   | Unique Identifiers  | Access                             |
|---|---|---|------------------------------------|
| 8 Registration Courts exist in the Czech Republic - Praha, Brno, Ostrava, Ceske Budejovice, Hradek Kralove, Plzen, Usti nad Labem. The companies belong to one of these Courts based on the registered place of business. | The information about the registered companies are available online. The companies publish registration data such as name, address, activities, managing directors and owner and annual report. | 1) Identification number 2) every company written in the Business Register has its own file number, e.g. C 1234 | on the web page:<br>www.justice.cz |

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### **Land Register**

| Land Register                      | Information Available                             | Unique Identifiers    | Access                   |
|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| The data from the Land Register ar | e available online on the web address: www.cuzk.c | Precise address of re | quested building or land |

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# **Registration Office (B2C)**

| Registration Office for Individuals                    | Information Available            | Unique Identifiers    | Access                |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Trades Register lead by Ministry of Industry and Trade | information are available online | Identification number | web page : www.rzp.cz |

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# **Other Registration Offices**

| Name of the Registration Office | Information Available | Unique<br>I dentifiers | Access                           |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| register of VAT payers          | available online      | VAT number             | web page: http://adisreg.mfcr.cz |

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#### **Annual Accounts**

| Criteria for the disclosure  | Deadline                | Measure of non-disclosure                                   | Company Size   | Access                                 |
|--|-------------------------|---|--|--|
| all the companies written in<br>the Business Register are<br>obliged to publish financial<br>data and annual reports | not integrated deadline | yes, the company can be penalized by 3% of the total assets | some of companies are obliged to be audited - criterion: 1) total assets more than 40 mCZK, 2) turnover more than 80mCZK, 3)number of employees higher than 50 | online on the web page: www.justice.cz |
|  |                         |   | the companies are obliged to<br>be audited if they meet 2 of<br>these criterion (joint stock<br>company only 1 of these<br>criterion)                          |  |

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### **Solvency Data**

| Public Available Solvency Data | Explanation and Relevance   | Access   | Remarks |
|--------------------------------|---|--|---------|
| Insolvency Register            | information about status of insolvency and related documents enclosed | online on web page :<br>https://isir.justice.cz/isir/common/index.do |         |

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