



Regional Studies Association

COUNTRY REPORT CZECH REPUBLIC

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The main aim of this report is to provide brief information and summary of regional studies issues in the Czech Republic. This report on the Czech Republic case was elaborated with a close cooperation of academics and practitioners at the Prague University of Economics and Business and IREAS, Institute for Structural Policy (<http://www.ireas.cz/en/>).

The Country report of the Czech Republic consists of the following parts:

1. List of current journals on regional studies issues in the Czech Republic
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3. List of current associations on regional studies issues in the Czech Republic
4. Contact list of universities, institutions, departments, agencies specialised in regional policies

Report on regional studies in the Czech Republic

The Czech Republic is a democratic parliamentary republic in the heart of Europe. It was formed on 1 January 1993 following the split of Czechoslovakia into two separate countries. Since 2000, it has developed more efficient government at regional level, but retains a system of supreme national authorities headed by the president. The Czech Republic is a member of the UN (United Nations), the EU (European Union), NATO (North Atlantic Alliance), the OECD (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development), the Visegrad Group and numerous other important international organisations and groupings.

List of current journals on regional studies issues in the Czech Republic:

- **Česká geografická společnost** (*Czech Geographical Society*) – is also issuing the oldest scientific journal in Czechia published since 1895 - **Geografie**. All contributions are reviewed. Issued by Czech Geographic Society. Published four times a year, usually three issues in Czech language, one in English. At the most two issues per year are prepared as special issue. Website: <https://geografie.cz/>
- **Faculty of Management and Economics of Tomas Bata University in Zlín** offers results of basic and applied economic research of domestic and international authors in the English language - the scientific periodical **Journal of Competitiveness**
Website: <http://www.cjournal.cz>
- **Mendel University in Brno**
EUROPEAN COUNTRYSIDE - Reviewed International Scientific On-Line Journal in the field of rural research.
Publisher: VERSITA, o.p.s., ISSN: 1803-8417- The Journal is issued four times a year since March of 2009. The articles are published in English, the abstracts are in English and in the native languages of the respective authors.
Website: <http://www.european-countryside.eu/>
- **Technical University of Liberec** in cooperation with other universities in the Czech Republic and Slovakia – **E&M Economics and Management** is a scientific journal that publishes original scientific articles and scientific studies based on theoretical and empirical analyses. The journal is comprised of several sections: Economics, Business Administration, Finance, Management, Information Management, Marketing & Trade.
Website: <http://www.ekonomie-management.cz/en/journal/>
- **Evaluation Theory and Practice** is the only journal in the Czech Republic that is systematically focused on evaluations. The main mission of the journal is to create a space for professional discourse about evaluation issues in the Czech and Slovak Republics and thus help to expand the evaluation capabilities between commissioners, evaluators and other stakeholders. The aim of the journal is to disseminate adaptable evaluation practices and knowledge as well as to communicate the results of evaluation-oriented research activities.
Website: <https://en.evaltep.cz/>

List of regular seminars and conferences on regional or rural issues:

- **24th INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM ON REGIONAL SCIENCES, hotel Rakovec, Brno Reservoir, Czech Republic-** The Colloquium represents a platform for meeting of experts whose common interest is research of European region issues and above all, the Czech and Slovak ones. Region is perceived as a territorial unit between national state and municipalities, which implies the necessity of specific approaches to dealing with their matters.
Date: June 23-25, 2021
Website: <https://www.econ.muni.cz/en/colloquium-on-regional-sciences>
- **Social and economic development & regional policy (Multilevel Governance in Post-Industrial Societies).** 19th International Scientific Conference. Jan Evangelista Purkyně University. Ústí nad Labem, Czech Republic
Date: June 2021
Website: www.seder.ujep.cz
- International conference – "**Region in the Development of Society**". The 11th Annual International Scientific Conference on Region in the Development of Society. Mendel University in Brno, Faculty of Regional Development and International Studies. The conference is held with the support of the statutory city of Brno.
Date: 21-22 October 2021
Website: <http://www.respo.frrms.mendelu.cz/en/?lang=en>
- **Infproforum 2021** – Autumn (November) – date will be confirmed later.
The International Scientific Conference INPROFORUM is a traditional event held by the Faculty of Economics, University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice (USB). It is focused on the research achievements in the fields of Innovations, Enterprises, Regions and Organizations. International Conference offers the opportunity to discuss relevant Topics among Academic and practising Economists. Aim of the conference is to exchange and discuss scientific research results.
Website: <http://ocs.ef.jcu.cz/index.php/inproforum/index/schedConfs/archive>

List of current associations on regional studies and other relevant issues in the Czech Republic:

- **Czech Evaluation Society** is a voluntary, self-governed, non-profit, apolitical, independent association of professionals who engage in evaluations of public and private development programs and projects, and unites its members on the basis of a common interest.
Website: <http://www.czecheval.cz/eng.html>
- **Association for Urban and Regional Planning of the Czech Republic** (*Asociace pro urbanismus a plánování*)
Website: <http://www.urbanismus.cz/about-us>
- **CZECH RURAL website.** On it you will find information from social science sources focused on the study of rural society. You will find: an overview of relevant institutions,

organizations and experts, information about activities connected with research concerning the of countryside, information about publications, invitations to relevant conferences and other interesting and related events in the scientific world. The contents of this website will be of interest and may benefit all who are interested in rural society.

This website is guaranteed by the Department of Humanities at the Czech University of Life Sciences in Prague.

Website: <http://www.czechrural.cz/en/>

Contact list

of selected universities, institutions, departments, agencies specialised in regional policies:

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IREAS, Institute for Structural Policy	Assoc. Prof. Martin Pelucha	Website: www.ireas.cz
Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Science <i>Department of Social Geography and Regional Development</i>	Head of the Department: Assoc. Prof. Dagmar Džurová	Website: https://www.natur.cuni.cz/geography/department-of-social-geography-and-regional-development/contacts
Faculty of Economics of the University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice <i>Department of Regional Management and Law</i>	Head of the Department Assoc. Prof. Miloslav Lapka	Website: http://www.ef.jcu.cz/about-faculty/departments/department-of-regional-management
MENDELU, The Faculty of Regional Development and International Studies	Contact: https://frms.mendelu.cz/en/26170-contact	Website : https://frms.mendelu.cz/en/
Ministry for Regional Development	---	Website: http://www.mmr.cz/en/Homepage
European Structural and Investment Funds in the Czech Republic	---	Website: https://www.dotaceeu.cz/en/home-en
Center for Regional Development of the Czech Republic	---	Website: http://www.crr.cz/en/
CzechInvest agency	---	Website: https://www.czechinvest.org/en