



**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
2. List of regular seminars and conferences on regional or rural issues
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 situated in the heart of Europe. It was formed on 1 January 1993 following the break-up of Czechoslovakia into two separate countries. Since 2000 it has developed more effective 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 Treaty Organisation), the OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development), the Visegrad Group and many 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/>
- **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/>
- **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>
- **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: <https://www.ekonomie-management.cz/home/>
- **University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice, Faculty of Economics, Czech Republic** in cooperation with other central European universities – **DETUROPE (The Central European Journal of Regional Development and Tourism)** is an international online peer-reviewed open-access journal that exists since 2009. It offers a possibility for the international community of professionals working in the fields of regional and rural development or tourism to exchange their ideas and research results or practical achievements as it publishes results of both theoretical and applied research in these fields. The journal is published by consortium of three academic establishments: University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice, Faculty of Economics, Czech Republic; Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Georgikon Campus Keszthely, Hungary and Regional Science Association of Subotica, Serbia.  
Website: <https://www.deturope.eu/>

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

- **The Evaluation Conference, which is organized by the Evaluation Unit of the Ministry of Regional Development CZ** – the National Coordination Authority, is the largest annual meeting of experts devoted to the topic of evaluations in the field of European funds. The Evaluation Conference annually attracts almost two hundred professionals not only from the Czech Republic, but also from other countries of the European Union. Date: October or November every year  
Website: <https://www.dotaceu.cz/en/microsites/evaluacni-konference/obecne-informace>
- **Infproforum** (every year – Autumn, November)  
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: <https://inproforum.ef.jcu.cz/artkey/inf-990000-4500>About-the-Conference.php>

### 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/>

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