

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 is a fourth report on the Czech Republic case which was elaborated with a close cooperation of academics and practitioners at the University of Economics in Prague 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 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: <http://geography.cz/sbornik/about-proceedings/about-this-journal/>
- **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:

- **21st INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM ON REGIONAL SCIENCES** - 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 13 – 15, 2018
Website: <https://www.econ.muni.cz/en/colloquium-on-regional-sciences>
- **Social and economic development & regional policy – 18th INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE – Jan Evangelista Purkyně University** - The aim of the conference is to disseminate research results among young and senior researchers in the international academic environment of the Central European region, to share experience between researchers about the specific regional problems of the post-industrial society and about its adaptation to global changes, and to search ways as how to increase the competitive power of post-industrial society in the European environment.
The conference is supported by the Regional Studies Association (RSA).
Date: June 27 – 28, 2018
Website: www.seder.ujep.cz
- **6th Moravian Conference on Rural Research EURORURAL '18** Under auspices Governor of the South-Moravian Region and Rector of the Mendel University in Brno
EUROPEAN COUNTRYSIDE AND ITS PERCEPTION
Venue: Brno, Czech Republic, Mendel University in Brno
Date: September 3 - 7, 2018
Website: <http://www.eurorural.eu/eurorural18.html>
- Autumn 2018 – date will be confirmed later – Ministry of Regional Development organizes a regular conference on **evaluation of ESIF** in the Czech Republic, usually with speakers from abroad. Therefore, this conference is suitable for an international auditorium. Websites of the conference 2017: [http://www.strukturalni-fondy.cz/en/Jak-na-projekt/Vyzvy-a-akce-\(1\)/NOK/Evaluace-ESI-fondu-v-CR-od-poznani-k-rozhodovani-Evaluating-ESI-fun](http://www.strukturalni-fondy.cz/en/Jak-na-projekt/Vyzvy-a-akce-(1)/NOK/Evaluace-ESI-fondu-v-CR-od-poznani-k-rozhodovani-Evaluating-ESI-fun)
- **Infproforum 2018** – 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/INP2017>

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

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IREAS, Institute for Structural Policy	Dr. Oto Potluka	Website : https://www.ceps.unibas.ch/en/about-us/cv-oto-potluka/
Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Science Department of Social Geography and Regional Development	Head of the Department: Assoc. Prof. Dagmar Dzúrová	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 Department of Regional Management	Head of the Department Prof. Eva Cudlinova	Website: http://www.ef.jcu.cz/about-faculty/departments/department-of-regional-management
Technical University of Ostrava, Faculty of Economics Department of Regional and Environmental Economics	Head of the Department Assoc. Prof. Jan Suchacek	Website: https://www.ekf.vsb.cz/k118/en/index.html

Ministry for Regional Development	---	Website: http://www.mmr.cz/en/Homepage
European Structural and Investment Funds in the Czech Republic	---	Website: http://www.strukturalni-fondy.cz/en/Homepage
Center for Regional Development of the Czech Republic	---	Website: http://www.crr.cz/en/
CzechInvest agency	---	Website: https://www.czechinvest.org/en