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STATISTICS AND RANKINGS

Statistical Yearbook of the Czech Republic: 2016: Data in 29 thematic chapters in CZ, EN

ÚZIS: Economic results of Czech hospitals

World Bank 2017 Doing Business Report: Czech Republic makes starting a business easier, getting construction permit takes 8 months

ITU: Czech Republic ranks 32nd globally, 21st in Europe in ICT development

Eurostat: Enterprise death rate in Czech Rep up by 8% in 2014

Eurostat: More than half of Czech women with university education employed in science and technology work in services, more than third in manufacturing

3 November: EU Equal Pay Day: It will be 2086 before women are paid as men

EC 2016 Education and Training Monitor: Czech Rep: Educated population, but adults' participation in learning falls

Eurobarometer: 56% of Czech respondents think national media provide same diversity of views compared to 5 years ago

OECD: Health Care at a Glance Europe 2016: Czech Republic: Marked increase in child obesity since 2001, still Czech girls aged 15 currently among most physically active

OECD: As share of GDP, Czech Rep has 9th highest environmentally related tax revenue

PCB: Prague attracts 250,000+ MICE delegates in H1 2016

PIPELINE CZECH REPUBLIC, EU

Radio Praha: Czech govt seeks to ease residency for foreign investors | CNB: Real GDP growth at 2.8% in 2016, 2.9% in 2017, 2018 | Czech regions to be max 2 hrs of train travel away from each other | Govt passes eHealth Strategy for 2016-2020 | Analysis of Profit Outflows: Impact on the Czech Economy and Proposed Measures | planes.cz: Air connections with Czech Republic - update

Ecuador joins EU-Colombia/Peru trade agreement | Council agrees proposal that will require member states to enable access to information on beneficial ownership of companies | Q&A on (re-launched) package of corporate tax reforms & Commentary by Czech Chamber of Tax Advisors | ECs Banking reform | EP, Council pass Data Protection Umbrella Agreement in criminal law | EC proposes new VAT rules | Roaming update

SPOTLIGHT ISSUE

EMPLOYMENT

[AmCham Report: Czech workforce: Population and Employment Trends; Participation Rates by Gender and Age](#)

[HR experts on workforce shortage in the Czech Republic](#)

Despite the significant rise in the number of available jobs and hard to fill jobs, companies have not yet resorted to significant wage increases. This still mostly applies to specific positions, in which specific knowledge or experience is required, rather than to sectors in general. Companies are attempting to attract job applicants with new benefits, the option of using modern technologies and attractive work environments, says Ladislav Kučera, Managing Director of Hays Czech Republic.

The Added Value generated is too low, says Andrea Colantoni, Country Manager of Hudson. This must change as it is an indication that there is focus on cheap labor rather than knowledge intensive business. The companies operating in the Czech Republic must find a way to be more R&D-oriented, and also local manufacturers are far too dependent in being sub-suppliers to large companies.

ECONOMIC POLICY

OECD Global Economic Outlook: for Czech Rep projects stable growth in 2017,18

EC Autumn 2016 Economic Forecast: Czech Republic: Growth expected to gather speed but downside risks dominate

IMF: In some CESEE EU countries, current solid growth may be difficult to sustain

DIGITAL AGENDA

Joint industry letter: Future-proofing the EU Single Market by enabling the free flow of data

Data reform more complex than I thought, says EU Commissioner

AmCham EU: The Future of Single Market - real life stories to support Digital Single Market

GOOD GOVERNANCE

Council of Europe: Czech Rep should improve measures to prevent corruption among MPs, judges and prosecutors

Czech Legislation Update
November 2016

POLITICS

Trump: How did he do it?

AmCham EU statement on the US Elections | Euractiv.cz: Factsheet on EU-US relationships