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STATISTICS AND RANKINGS

Czech Statistical Office: Average year-on-year inflation rate in 2016: 0.7 %

Eurostat: Trade in services: Czech strongest sectors are travel, transport, consulting services

Transparency International Corruption Perceptions Index 2016: Fight against corruption in Europe, including Czech Rep, stagnates

OECD New Health Technologies report: Electronic Health Record: Data governance readiness & technical, operational readiness in Czech Republic are low

Eurostat on technical resources in hospitals: Czech Republic: Availability of operating theatres in hospitals relative to population size decreases

INSEAD Global Talent Competitiveness Index: Czech Rep ranks 23rd, consistently ranks high in vocational and technical skills

Czech Statistical Office: 46% of foreign workers in Czech Rep come from Slovakia, most foreigners work in manufacturing

Eurostat: Gross monthly earnings by economic activity in the EU | Deloitte European Salary Survey

SPiR: Czech Internet Economy 2016: Czech internet economy reaches 4.3% of GDP

Prague among cheapest cities to move in

POLICY PIPELINE CZECH REP.

Government analysis of strengths, weaknesses of Czech R&D system | [Brno signs hyperloop memorandum - Video](#) | Transport Ministers set to connect Czech D11 highway and Polish S3 motorway | Discussion over incentives for [high value added investments](#) and [health care](#) | Reuters: Investors may get burnt on crown bets - interview

POLICY PIPELINE EU

EC: European Data Economy, incl. ePrivacy: Q&A | EC: A services economy: Q&A | MEPs adopt report stating that workers in new type of jobs should be covered by labour laws | EP report calls on Commission to draft proposal: Who should be liable when someone gets hurt due to robots? | GDPR: Working Party 29 Action Plan for 2017

SPOTLIGHT ISSUE

EMPLOYMENT

Compared to other European countries, net income of employees with higher salaries is relatively high in the Czech Republic, namely as a result of the flat income tax rate. However, employer costs also rank among the highest, namely for the lower salaries. ([Deloitte CZ](#)).

[Employment and median wage by occupation in the South Moravian \(Jihomoravsky\) region for the period 2011-2015](#)

55% of employment in the South Moravian region is of managers (5%), professionals (20%), and technicians (30%). The number of managers dropped by 5,600 positions (-26%) - mainly in the private sector. The difference in median wage of clerical workers and plant / machine operators, assemblers is marginal in both sectors.

DATA PROTECTION

[Experts discuss practical issues related to GDPR](#)

'This form of consultations is very beneficial for the Office. The effective information exchange and looking for common solutions, that would help meet the requirements set by the regulation, is important for smooth transition to the new European legislation on personal data protection,' says Ivana Janů, President of the Office for the Protection of Personal Data (ÚOOÚ).

GOOD GOVERNANCE

EconLab on UOHS: Despite improvement review procedures still take too long

G20/OECD Principles of Corporate Governance available in Czech

[Czech Legislation Update 2017](#)

DIGITAL AGENDA

[GDPR: UOOÚ Data Protection Authority publishes WP29 materials in Czech](#)

AmCham EU's recommendations on the implementation of GDPR

Euractiv.com: Jourová seeks data protection talks with Trump's people 'as soon as possible'

POLITICS

AmCham Policy Report: US Trade Policy: Upping the ante for high-stakes poker / Obchodní politika USA: Sázky v pokerové hře rostou

U.S. Chamber President: Economic Growth Must Be Nation's Top Priority

ECONOMIC POLICY

IMF Outlook January 2017: Growth projections upward for Germany, Japan, Spain, UK

ILO In Europe long-term unemployment continues to climb despite receding unemployment rates