

**.SPOTLIGHT ISSUE**

**July 2017**

**Is pay raise or different job the key to increasing prosperity?**

For the past four years, AmCham has had one message to officials and businesses interested in a more effective economic policy: if you want to have an effect, it is good to decide what that effect should be, and to measure it. That is why we took one step back from advocating specific policies, and urged political parties to set an economic goal, and then build a strategy and action....

**ECONOMIC POLICY**

.Natixis: The world is getting older – policy needs to be wiser | Czech Government document on pension reform says Czech pension system is sustainable

**GOOD GOVERNANCE**

.OECD: The Czech Republic must take significant steps to enforce its foreign bribery laws, but demonstrates commitment to improve  
  
.Legislation Update July

**COMPETITIVENESS**

.Czech Permanent Mission to the UN: The Czech Republic Presents Its National Voluntary Review on Sustainable Development  
  
.USC Center on Public Diplomacy/Portland issue Soft Power 30 Index 2017: Czech Republic up 2 places, outperforms Hungary, Brazil

**DIGITAL AGENDA**

.Bird & Bird on Smart Cars & Personal Data:  
"When comparing the progress in autonomous driving technology with the development of the legislation governing such technology, it is apparent that the (Czech) legislation will soon have to adopt many changes."

**STATISTICS & RANKINGS**

European Cities Marketing Benchmarking Report 2017: Prague ranks 7th in overnight stays, domestic visitors' stays go up

IESE Cities in Motion Index 2016: Prague still tops the Eastern Europe group

EC Cultural and Creative Cities Monitor: Prague excels on 'Cultural Vibrancy', Brno follows

CSU: Real estate prices accelerate

**WTO Global Value Chain Development Report 2017: Between 2000 and 2015 a significant shift occurred between the medium–low and the medium–high technology inputs exchanged by Czech Rep. and Poland**

**OECD Government at a Glance: Czech Republic country factsheet**

**OECD Green Growth Indicators 2017: Productivity of use of abstracted freshwater more than tripled in the Czech Republic since 1995**

**OECD Skills for job: Qualification mismatch in the Czech Republic reaches 16%**

German Commissioner for Data Protection publishes **recommendations for automated and connected cars** | AmCham EU Op-ed: US engagement critical to **global trade** | planes.cz: New **flight** connections with Prague | Euractiv.cz: **Recommendations for Ustecky region**