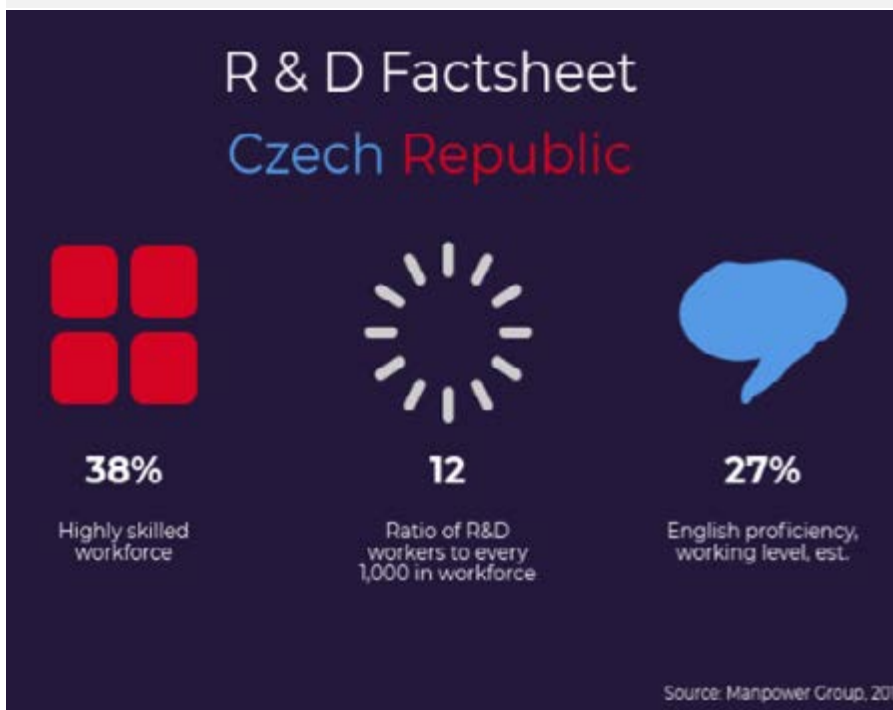


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EU COMPARISON R&D personnel

		2014	2015	2016
1	Germany	605 252	640 516	656 727
2	France	423 903	428 643	na
3	UK	396 281	413 860	419 898
4	Italy	249 467	259 167	258 585
5	Spain	200 233	200 866	205 980
6	Netherlands	174 066	179 060	133 714
7	Poland	104 359	109 249	111 835
8	Sweden	83 473	83 551	90 690
9	Belgium	68 701	77 520	79 766
10	Austria	68 101	71 396	73 643
11	Czech Rep	64 444	66 433	65 783
12	Denmark	58 361	59 532	60 290
13	Portugal	46 878	47 999	50 912
14	Finland	52 130	50 367	47 429

Source: Eurostat



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100 YEARS

AmCham members and Czech government officials convened at the US Residence to welcome US Ambassador Stephen B. King to the country and into the business community.

2018 marks one hundred years since the founding of Czechoslovakia, and the country now may be living at the highest point of prosperity and security in that century of struggle and triumph.

[GE: The Czech Republic will become even more strategic partner to the USA](#)



PRAGUE, INVESTMENT
DESTINATION

'In the past weeks, two Fortune 500 corporations have visited Prague to map how it could serve as a center of their global operations. They experienced what companies here already know: Prague has a unique combination of highly-educated, linguistically skilled people (which is increasingly international), excellent schools, one of the best airports in Europe, and a quality-of-life ranked among the best in the world.

The city is celebrating its 100th year of independence in 2018; make sure you are part of its next century of progress.'

STATISTICS AND RANKINGS

WEF 2018 Inclusive Development Index: Czech Republic ranks 15th, is among economies that have done well at making their growth processes more inclusive, sustainable

ISPV/Trexima/ČSÚ: Recent data on median & average wages, labor costs per employee

Eurostat: Czech Republic achieves 2020 goal for share of renewables in energy consumption

Eurostat: Czech households have one of the lowest shares of expenditure on clothing, footwear on total expenditure

CSU/Eurostat: Prague is the 6th most developed region in the EU

WJP Rule of Law Index 2017: Czech Republic lands in the group of countries with declining rule of law

INSEAD ranking of global talent competitiveness: Czech Republic down two places overall, Prague, Brno get high scores for environmental quality

OECD Revenue Statistics 2017: The Czech Republic ranked 18th out of 35 OECD countries in terms of the tax-to-GDP ratio in 2016, up one place

Manpower Group Total Workforce Index 2017: Czech Republic ranks 12th in EMEA region, 38.4% of workforce highly skilled

Deloitte: Foreigners bought 8 percent of new flats in the Czech capital Prague

Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Govt to facilitate **immigration** of more qualified workers from abroad to Czech Republic | planes.cz: Changes in **flights** from Prague, Brno | Legislation Update January 2018

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