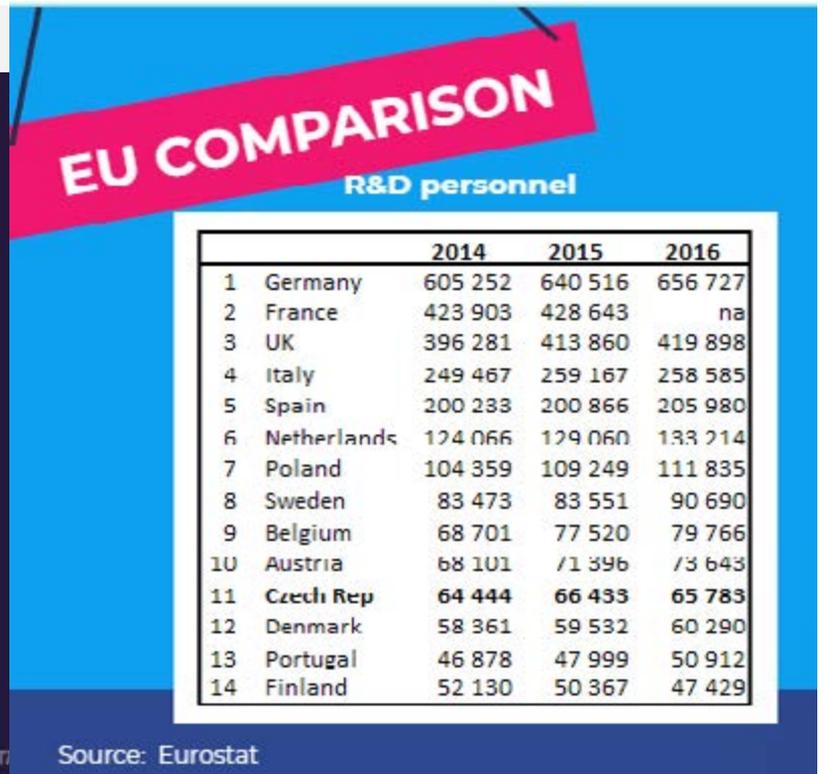
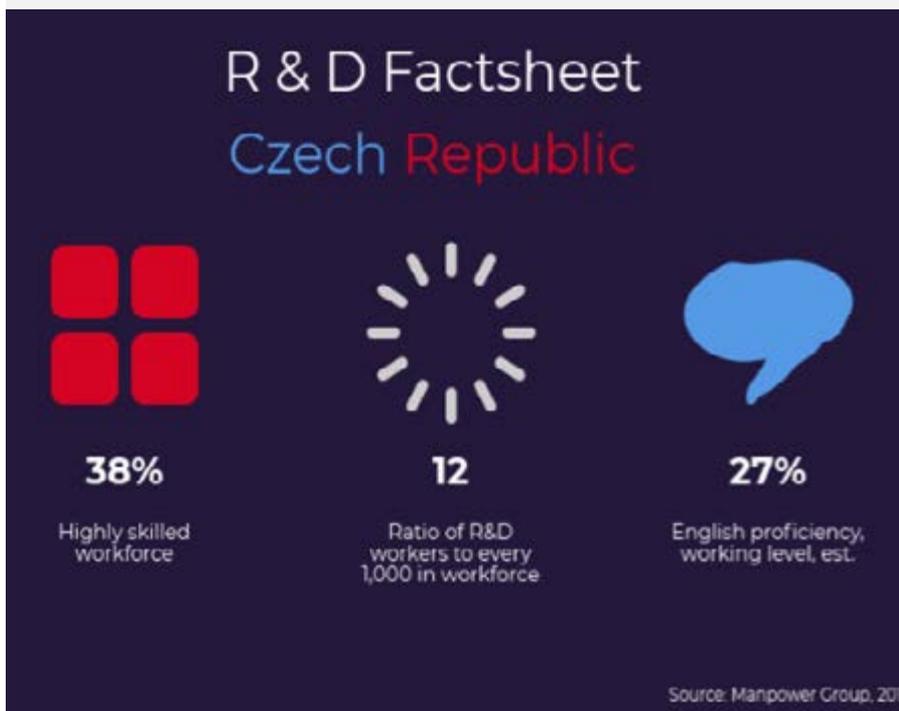


SPOTLIGHT ISSUE



NOW FOR THE NEXT 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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