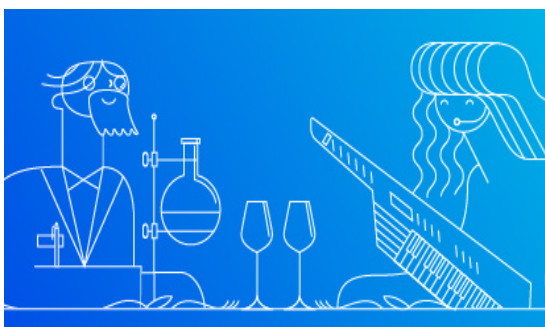


SPOTLIGHT ISSUE



Leading in the Age of Digitalization

„Helping people upskill and adapt to a fast-changing world of work will be the defining challenge of our time,” Jonas Prising, President and CEO of ManpowerGroup Inc. and a frequent speaker of the World Economic Forum in Davos, told a group of leading managers on May 10th in the Four Seasons Hotel. „We need aggressive workforce development to address the widening gap between the Haves and the Have Nots. Now is the time for leaders to be responsive and responsible. [Read more.](#)



3M study >> Science is Underappreciated

Science needs a champion. This is the conclusion 3M has come to following analysis from its first annual State of Science Index (SOSI), a global study exposing the general population's attitudes towards science. At first glance, results from the study suggest sentiment towards science is overwhelmingly positive: half of respondents believe flying cars will become a reality within their lifetime and 87 percent characterize science as fascinating, not boring.

However, upon further inspection, the survey reveals many people are unaware of the impact science has on their lives: almost 40 percent believe everyday life would not be much different if science did not exist (38 percent). A pattern of skepticism around science also prevails. The study found that almost one-third (32 percent) of the global population is skeptical of science, and 20 percent distrust scientists.

Did you go to Brno [Science Party](#) on May 11?

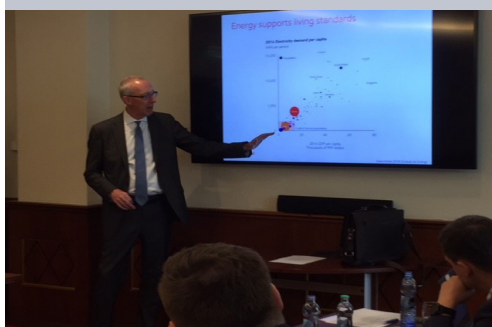
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AmCham CZ: Prague Workforce report 2018

- > **White collar jobs** constituted 70% of total employment in Prague in 2017.
- > **Professionals** have been the occupational category with the largest increase in absolute numbers in the past years.
- > In relative numbers, the largest employment increase in 2017 was recorded in **plant, machine operators and assemblers**. The growth in the category of technicians slowed down in 2017 and employment in the private sector grew in all six occupational categories except for managers.
- > The pay gap between the private and public sector managers has been narrowing in the past years and in 2017, **public sector managers for the first time earned higher median wage than their private sector counterparts**. Public sector clerical workers along with public sector technicians continued to earn a greater median wage than their private sector counterparts.
- > In all occupational categories both in the public and private sector, growth of **median wages accelerated** in 2017 compared with the previous year, except for private sector plant, machine operators and assemblers.



AmCham CZ Future of Energy debate

Electricity demand will rise modestly in OECD countries, but increase by about 60% at the global level. Oil demand in the EU will likely fall by 20% while natural demand remains relatively flat. Strong growth is expected in wind and solar energy sources.

The share of hybrid and electric vehicles will likely reach about 35% of the EU fleet by 2040, according to ExxonMobil's Energy Outlook. As a hypothetical sensitivity, if all cars on the road worldwide are to be electric vehicles by 2040, then beginning around 2025, all new cars put into circulation would likely need to be electric.

In that scenario, global energy-related CO2 emissions in 2040 could be about 5% lower than the base case, while total liquid fuels demand worldwide in 2040 could be similar to levels seen in 2013. These findings were presented by Todd Onderdonk, ExxonMobil Senior Energy Advisor.

STATISTICS AND RANKINGS

Eurostat: Investment-to-GDP ratio highest in Czech Rep, commented by Ceska sporitelna

Eurostat: Czech energy dependency rate was 32.8% in 2016, 6th best result in EU

IMF: World Economic Outlook, April 2018: Cyclical Upswing, Structural Change

EY Global Fraud Survey 2018: 56% of Czech business respondents believe that corruption in the country is widespread

Deloitte: The Constitutional Court's ruling on electronic sales records is the Act of the Year

ABSL: Business services sector reports 19% growth and the number of employees reached 89,000

Prague Joined the TOP 10 Meetings Destinations of the World

TravelBird: Green Cities Index: Prague ranks 6th among 50 cities

2018 World Press Freedom ranking: Czech Republic drops 11 places

QS Best Student Cities: Prague ranks 4th, Brno 9th for student experience

3 Czech universities among top 10 in Times Higher Education ranking of the best research-intensive universities in "New Europe"

New flights to Prague

Legislation Update April/May 2018