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Eurostat: Manufacture of vehicles, transport dominates industrial production growth in the Czech Republic. CEE comparison

EC DESI: Czech Rep progresses in Digital Public Services and remains stable in Human Capital

London Economics/AmCham EU: Czech Republic 3rd in Single Market integration index in 2015 (updated)

EHCI 2016: Czech Rep ranks 13th, offers good value for money | Grayling insight into issues of the Czech healthcare sector

OECD Reform Agenda for 2017: Czech Republic: Convergence of income and productivity levels have recently resumed

OECD: Czech regulatory restrictiveness towards FDI is low | Cesko v datech: Czech Rep has 11,000+ brownfields

AmCham EU/Center for Transatlantic Relations: The Transatlantic Economy 2017: US FDI in Czech Rep decline, affiliate employment grows

Czech Republic experienced drop in FDI in 2014-15 | JLL Investment Intensity Index: Prague attracts investment into construction

Czech Statistical Office: Prague, Central Bohemia, South Moravia have 50 percent of new flats | CBRE: Office building's market in Brno expanding thanks to IT companies

Czech Statistical Office: No. of working persons with higher educational attainments substantially up in all regions

QS World Universities Ranking by Subject: Two Czech universities among top 100

QS Top 10 Student Cities - According to Students: Prague, Brno in the top 10

Czech Statistical Office: Population grows mainly thanks to positive net migration in 2016 | Infographics

PCB on MICE tourism: Prague welcomed the largest number of events over the past decade

SPOTLIGHT ISSUE

[AmCham CZ: Since the government does not set performance objectives beyond total expenditure for public procurement, it is difficult to assess whether or not the spending has made the country more competitive](#)

After two wrenching reforms, does the public procurement process do a better job of delivering better government services at a higher value?

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„We have a systemic problem that has more to do with our political and commercial culture than it does with the public procurement law.“ *In EN/CZ*

J. Kračún, EC DG GROW: „There is nothing wrong with setting lowest price as the criterion, but doing so shifts responsibility for the level of quality from the bidder to the tenderer. In such a case, bidders compete to deliver price, not quality.“

J.Skuhrovec, EconLab: „80% of public contracts financed from the Czech (not EU) funds is awarded to the lowest-priced bid.“

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A.Vojtěch, Secretary to the Minister of Finance: „If our GDP growth slowed down to 1.5% p.a., health care providers would run a deficit of around CZK 20 billion.“

J.Michálek, Ministry of Health Care: „We will push for voluntary centralized procurement and experience sharing.“

P.Vepřek, Health Care 2.0: „Expected deficit of health insurance companies next year is 3bn CZK.“

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