

## Long-term and Cross-cutting Issues in European Governments and Parliaments

# Czech Republic

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## Preface

This country report is one part of a comprehensive report presenting the results of an inquiry concerning the institutions, methods and procedures used by governments and parliaments throughout Europe for dealing with long-term and cross-cutting issues. The study was conducted by the *EURES institute* on behalf of the *Office for Technology Assessment of the German Parliament (TAB)*.

Especially the concept of `Sustainable Development` requires a long-term and cross-cutting perspective. Therefore governments and parliaments in many countries are looking for new approaches to deal with these issues. In this context the project aimed at collecting a wide range of information about the institutions and the methods used by them for tackling long-term and cross-cutting issues.

Consequently, this report can also be used as a handbook. It should foster an international exchange of information and experiences concerning these questions. We are confident that the provided information is of practical use for organisations and experts involved in long-term and cross-cutting issues. Unfortunately some parts of the report exist only in a German version. A desirable complete English translation would require to find a source for additional funding

This country report contains:

- A compilation of detailed characterisations of long-term and cross-cutting institutions within the country (English)

More information both concerning the project and the other parts of the report is provided on <http://www.eures.de/r38>.

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## 16 Tschechische Republik

Fläche:	78.866 km <sup>2</sup>
Einwohner:	10.304.000
Bruttosozialprodukt je Einwohner (1997) in US\$:	5.240

Die im Rahmen dieser Studie zur Verfügung gestellten Informationen haben leider für eine ausführliche Analyse des politisch-institutionellen Kontextes sowie des spezifischen Umgangs mit Langzeit- und Querschnittsfragen in der Tschechischen Republik nicht ausgereicht.

Insofern sind an dieser Stelle lediglich die Ergebnisse der Umfrage zu finden.

## **16.1 Survey Results: Organisations and Experiences**

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### 2. Relation to government / parliament

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The head of the Council is one of government members. In this period (1998-2002) the chairman of the Council is Mr. Mertlik, vicepremier and minister of finance.

### 3. organisational structure

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<i>specification</i>	R&D Council is a permanent advisory body to the Czech government. The Council has 15 members. Members of the council are nominated for 3 years (max. two periods). They represent academic and private research institutions, state administration and personalities of science and technology sphere. The Council has been established and works according to Research and Technology Act (Nr. 300/1992). The budget of the Council includes salary costs, investment, overhead of the secretariate and the council.	
<i>main persons involved</i>	Pavel Mertlik, vicepremier, minister of finance, chairman of the Council; Prof. Martin Potucek, 1. vicechairman of the Council; Dr. Marek Blazka, Secretary of the Council.	
<i>annual budget</i>	8.269 Mill. CZK	
<i>permanent staff</i>	8 person	
<i>external consultants</i>	0	

### 4. Main activities

- Comment on legislative supporting documents relating to R&D, which are to be submitted to the Government
- Preparation of the draft state budget for the sphere of R&D, i.e. to compile the proposal for the allocation of targeted and institutional means from the state budget for R&D support
- Consideration of the draft budget of the Grant Agency and documents on the state of the research and development submitted by the central bodies, the Grant Agency and other entities prior to their discussion by the Government

- Consideration of the programs of the Grant Agency and R&D programs, which are proposed and publicised by individual central bodies of the state administration prior to their publication
- Evaluation of the research plans of organisations, on the basis of which it proposes the level of institutional support spent by the central bodies for the activities of R&D organisations established by them
- Submission of proposals for the appointment and revocation of the members of the Presidium of the Grant Agency of the Czech Republic
- Election and recall, in co-operation with the Presidium of the Grant Agency, the members of the Area Committees of the Grant Agency of the Czech Republic, - be responsible for the R&D information system

### 5. Issues treated

- Partial and aggregate budget proposals
- Legal documents on R&D
- Current general and specific issues on R&D

### 6. Working methods

<b>main emphasis</b>		<i>expert knowledge</i>	● ● ●
		<i>creativity</i>	● ● ● ●
		<i>interaction</i>	● ● ● ●
<b>selection</b>		<b>treatment of issues</b>	<b>output</b>
<i>customer</i>	●	<i>internal</i>	● ● ●
<i>own</i>	● ● ● ● ●	<i>experts</i>	● ● ● ● ●
<i>public</i>	● ● ● ●	<i>customer</i>	● ● ●
		<i>public</i>	●
			<i>customer</i>
			● ● ● ●
			<i>expert</i>
			● ● ● ● ●
			<i>public</i>
			● ● ● ● ●

### 7. Major Projects

#### National R&D Policy of the Czech Republic

According to the decision of the Government the Council in the co-operation with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports and other stakeholders prepares the National Policy. The document is valid for the next five years.

*The methodology corresponds to the characterisation in '6. working methods'*

#### State R&D Budget

Permanent every year activity of the Council. As the advisory body to the government the Council prepares a proposal of the research budget and after negotiation with ministries, respectively presents the proposal to the government.

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#### Preparation of a new R&D law and other legal documents

In the period 1999 - 2002 the Council has been participating in the preparation of new legal R&D documents set (two laws and some regulations) because the valid laws must be replaced. Other participants are the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports and the representatives of prestigious organisations.

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### 8. Particularly interesting and innovative aspects

Organisation of conferences on R&D. Visits of representatives of analogous organisations from abroad awarding journalists for popularisation of R&D. Public debate (state of art of the Czech R&D).

**9. Most interesting reports / publications**

National Research and Development Policy of the Czech Republic. 2000.

Analysis of Previous Trends and Existing State of Research and Development in the Czech Republic and Comparison with the Situation Abroad. 1999.

Research and Development Council of the Czech Republic. 1995, 1997, 2000.



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