

CENTRAL BOHEMIA REGION IN THE HEART OF EUROPE

Making up 14% of the area of the country, the Central Bohemia Region is the largest region in the Czech Republic. It is home to a population of 1.3 million. The Central Bohemia Region is in a favourable location, encompassing the capital city of Prague, which is a natural economic, political and business centre of the country. Prague and the Central Bohemia Region are strongly interconnected and co-operate in the fields of business, industry and research. The Central Bohemia Region benefits from a highly skilled and educated workforce, a strong industrial tradition and good connection to main European transport networks. These factors significantly contribute to the growth of regional competitiveness.

The Central Bohemia Region's position in the heart of Europe is also strategically beneficial. The region lies in the centre of a member state of the European Union – the largest common market of developed

countries in the world, with a population of almost 450 million and a 23% share of world GDP. Thanks to solid transport infrastructure, the region is strongly integrated into the European area. Road freight transport is able to serve approximately 400 million customers in more than 20 EU countries within 24 hours. All European countries can be reached from Prague by plane within three hours. The region also hosts a number of multimodal hubs connected to the main river and railway corridors of Europe. The Central Bohemia Region is also a place where modern research activities are rapidly developing in a number of scientific fields. These range from biotechnology, optics, photonics and nuclear technology, through development of advanced materials, mechanical engineering and automotive industry, to research in humanities, such as psychiatry and mental health care.



1,4 million inhabitants



83% Percentage of GDP per capita to the EU-27 average



311 Research and development (R&D) sites



1,8% Share of R&D expenditure in the business sector relative to GDP



35th place of 246 EU regions and 2nd place of Czech regions in employment in knowledge-intensive activities

