



**THE CONFEDERATION OF INDUSTRY
OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

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CZECH REPUBLIC

Population:
10.6 milion

Exports to
GDP ratio:
80%

Share of industry in
gross value added:
32%

GDP per capita:
38,000 USD

INDUSTRY –
OUR TRADITION, OUR FUTURE



The Confederation of Industry of the Czech Republic celebrated 100 years since its founding recently. It is always important to remember our famous industrial tradition and the legacy of our predecessors. More importantly, I strongly believe in further strengthening of our country's industrial base through research, development and innovation.

JAROSLAV HANÁK

*President of the Confederation
of Industry of the Czech Republic*



WE UNITE

the leading companies and industry associations in the Czech Republic

WE ADVOCATE

the common interests of our members

WE INFLUENCE

the economic and social policies of the Czech government

WE LOBBY

policy makers to maintain positive business environment in the Czech Republic

WE PROMOTE

export and international trade

WE PROVIDE

professional services and consultation on employment and labour law,
economic policy and international relations

WE PRODUCE

economic forecasts and analyses



WE ARE

- › The largest and most influential independent organisation of employers and entrepreneurs in the Czech Republic.
- › The voice of the Czech Republic's leading businesses: eg. automotive, electrotechnical, chemical, mechanical engineering, metallurgy, glass and ceramics, paper, pharmaceutical, medical equipment, transportation, ICT.
- › A not-for-profit organisation, independent of the government, political parties and trade unions.
- › A respected social partner and a participant in the European social dialogue.

WE REPRESENT

- › **11,000** companies – our members employ over 1.3 million people.
- › **Over 30** industry federations and associations from key areas of the Czech economy.
- › **Over 140** significant individual member companies.

In 2018, the Confederation celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the founding of its predecessor organisation the Central Union of Czechoslovak Industrialists.

OUR PRIORITIES

- › Industry as the main pillar of the Czech economy
- › Research, development and innovation in industry
- › Digitalization and artificial intelligence
- › Education and skills including STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and life-long learning and re-skilling
- › International trade without barriers
- › Environmental protection, energy efficiency, circular economy
- › Flexible labour market





ADVOCATING BUSINESS INTERESTS AT NATIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS

- › We represent employers in the Council for Economic and Social Agreement and advocate their interests vis-à-vis the trade unions and the government.
- › We are an official consultative body for legislation related to business and we influence decision-making in policy.
- › We negotiate with top political representatives and members of the Parliament of the Czech Republic.
- › We maintain constant dialogue with local politicians through our regional offices.
- › We are members of a number of national councils, expert teams and committees.

ADVOCATING BUSINESS INTERESTS AT EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

- › We are a member of BusinessEurope, through which we influence negotiations about setting conditions for doing business in the EU.
- › We are a member of the Business and Industry Advisory Committee to the OECD (BIAC), in which we have the possibility to shape OECD policies.
- › We are actively involved in the EU legislative process, and we cooperate with the Czech government and Czech representatives in the Council of the EU and with members of the European Parliament.
- › We help to formulate the Czech Republic's negotiation positions on EU strategies, regulations and directives.
- › We participate in a number of advisory bodies of the European Commission, designing and implementing the European Social Partners' Work Programme.
- › We cooperate with the European Commission Representation in the Czech Republic as well as Czech parliamentary committees on European affairs.
- › We are among the founders of the Central and Eastern European Industry Federations Initiative (CEE Initiative).

We are part of the European industrial employers' lobby.

OUR POLICY GOALS WITHIN THE EU

- › We want to keep and strengthen the integrity of the internal market.
- › We support new EU industrial strategy and better regulation fostering the competitiveness of European industries.
- › We support free trade agreements with other countries.
- › We want to be part of the eurozone.



INTERNATIONAL TRADE PROMOTION

- › We organise international business and trade delegations.
- › We cooperate with partner confederations and business chambers worldwide.
- › We coordinate incoming business development and trade delegations.
- › We represent our members at international trade fairs.
- › We organise conferences, seminars and workshops promoting export.

Since our re-establishment in 1990 we have organised over 190 international business and trade delegations attended by several thousand representatives of Czech companies.

We have signed over 170 cooperation agreements with partner organisations and associations worldwide.





MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

- Agricultural and Forestry Machinery Association
 - APPLiA CZ – Association of European Manufacturers of Domestic Equipment
 - Association of Chemical Industry of the Czech Republic
 - Association of Consumer Electronics
 - Association of Engineering Technology
 - Association of E-commerce
 - Association of Foundries of the Czech Republic
 - Association of Mechanical Engineers
 - Association of Personnel Services Providers
 - Association of Research Organizations
 - Association of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises and Crafts of the Czech Republic
 - Association of the Glass and Ceramic Industry of the Czech Republic
 - Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry
 - Association of Voucher System Providers
 - Automotive Industry Association
 - Czech Association of Medical Devices Suppliers (CZECHMED)
 - Czech Cement Association
 - Czech Confederation of Commerce and Tourism
 - Czech Fintech Association
 - Czech Lime Association
 - Electrical and Electronic Association of the Czech Republic
 - ICT Union
 - Information Technology and Telecommunication Association
 - Security Club
 - Solar Association
 - Steel Union
 - The Association of Innovative Pharmaceutical Industry
 - The Czech Association of Energy Sector Employers
 - The Czech Gas Association
 - The Czech Waste Management Association
 - The Transport Union
 - Union of Czech Production Cooperatives
- (as of May 2019)

Our collective members represent the key industries of the Czech economy.

OUR REPRESENTATIVES ABROAD



The Confederation of Industry of the Czech Republic Office at BusinessEurope in Brussels



CEBRE - Czech Business Representation to the EU in Brussels

