

21. Regions of the Czech Republic

The Czech Republic is divided into 14 regions (Higher Territorial Self-governing Units), which came into effect on 1st January 2000. The Basic Territorial Self-governing Unit is the municipality. In the Czech Republic there are three categories of municipalities. These categories differ in the range of selected competencies that have been transferred from the central government.

REGIONAL OFFICES OF CZECHINVEST

At the beginning of 2004, CzechInvest established a regional network of 13 offices in every regional capital. The reason for establishing this regional network was to provide CzechInvest's services directly from the regions where companies investment and development plans are focused. Employees from regional offices help foreign and domestic companies with their investment and development projects and provide them with information and counselling on Structural Funds programmes.

Regional offices:

- Provide information and counselling on services of CzechInvest
- Provide information on the given region's investment climate
- Act as partners to companies which intend to invest or expand in the given region
- Provide consultation on possibilities of business support through Structural Funds programmes
- Cooperate with state and regional authorities, schools and other regional institutions in seeking out opportunities for development of the region's business environment

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USTI NAD LABEM

- Advantageous geographical location between Prague and Germany
- Dense and high capacity transport network
- Large number of industrial zones
- Industrial tradition

LIBEREC REGION

- Strategic position with Germany and Poland
- Traditional engineering industry
- Quality environment
- Technical University in Liberec - Institute for Nanomaterials, Advanced Technology and Innovation

HRADEC KRALOVE

- Stable economic structure (manufacture of motor vehicles, electrical equipment and textile, agriculture and services)
- Significant potential for tourism (Giant Mountains)
- Quality of life and environment, healthcare and social aspects)

PARDUBICE REGION

- Skilled workforce, scientific workplaces and university
- Continuing industrial tradition (chemical industry, engineering industry, electrical engineering industry)
- International airport; main railway line crosses the region

OLOMOUC REGION

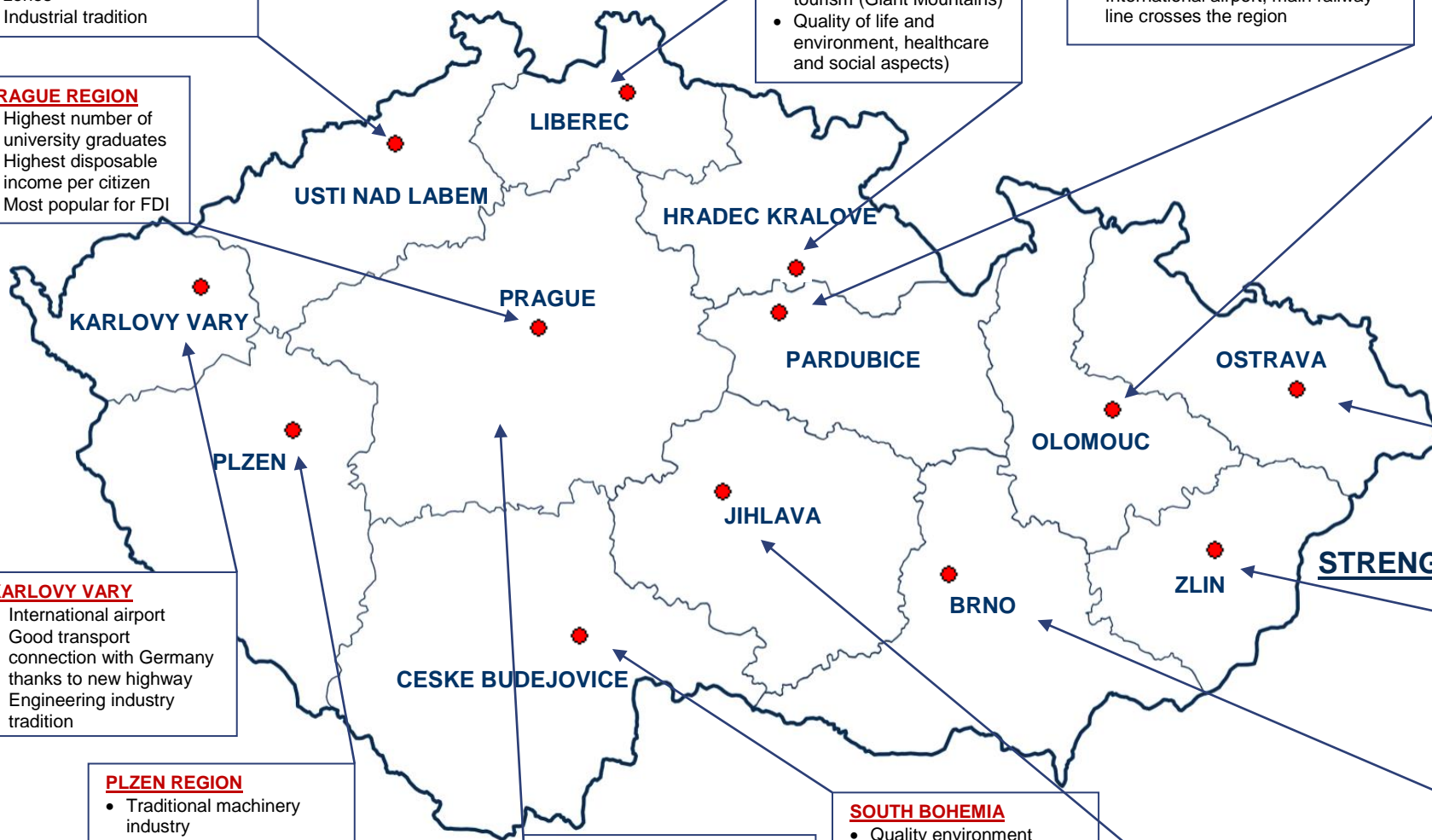
- Skilled workforce
- Very good transport infrastructure
- R & D centers of Advanced Technologies and Biomedicine
- Very good level of language skills
- High quality of life

PRAGUE REGION

- Highest number of university graduates
- Highest disposable income per citizen
- Most popular for FDI

MORAVIA-SILESIA

- Major industrial center
- Well connected to highway, railway network
- International airport
- Skilled and educated labour force
- Strong network of public and private secondary schools, 4 Universities and 1 International School
- Developing IT sector; R&D and innovation potential (supercomputing centre IT4Innovations)



STRENGTHS OF CZECH REGIONS

KARLOVY VARY

- International airport
- Good transport connection with Germany thanks to new highway
- Engineering industry tradition

ZLIN REGION

- Significant innovation potential of enterprises
- Long business tradition
- Fast increasing quality of life

SOUTH MORAVIA

- Geographically favourable location - border with Austria and Slovakia
- Highly developed transport infrastructure - international airport
- Industrial tradition - skilled workforce

PLZEN REGION

- Traditional machinery industry
- One of the most attractive region for investors
- High disposable income per citizen
- Good transport connection with Germany and Prague thanks to D5 highway
- University city

SOUTH BOHEMIA

- Quality environment
- Strategic location - proximity to markets in Germany and Austria
- Stability economic structure
- Good infrastructure for research in biological disciplines and R&D
- University region
- Well known tourist districts

VYSOCINA REGION

- Advantageous location in the CR and the EU and good transport infrastructure
- Strong tradition in machinery industry
- Quality environment with the lowest crime rate

CENTRAL BOHEMIA

- The favorable geographical location in the center of the country, the proximity of Prague and their advantages
- High density of roads, highways and railway tracks
- Diversified economy with the potential creation of skilled jobs

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