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Where and in what sectors are firms investing most?

The most money, nearly CZK 15.5 billion, was invested in vehicle manufacturing last year. The third-largest investment of 2011, that of **Robert Bosch GmbH** in the value of CZK 1.4 billion, contributed substantially to this amount. However, the most significant project of last year was the investment of the pharmaceutical producer **Teva Czech Industries s.r.o.** in the amount of CZK 2.1 billion, which advanced the chemical and pharmaceutical industry to second place in terms of investment volume. The other member of the trio of last year's biggest investors is the well-known toy manufacturer **Lego Group**, which invested CZK 1.6 billion in its expansion of production in Kladno.

Investments undertaken in 2011 will eventually lead to the creation of 12,617 jobs, which is roughly 25% more than in 2010. The largest number of jobs, precisely 3,157, will be created in the South Moravia region. More than one thousand new jobs should also gradually be created by investors in the Ústí, Central Bohemia and Moravia-Silesia regions.

A large majority of investment projects originate in the Czech Republic or are initiated by subsidiaries of multinational firms operating in the Czech Republic.

CzechInvest attracted 28 projects from abroad. As in 2010, the largest number of investors were from Germany (8 projects), the United States (5 projects) and the United Kingdom (4 projects). Foreign investors undertook to invest CZK 13.5 billion, with domestic firms and subsidiaries of multinational companies accounting for the remaining CZK 20.17 billion.

The Czech Republic has ideal conditions for the area of IT and software development. The largest number of companies, 97 out of the total of 233, invested in this sector in 2011.

The South Moravia region attracted the most investors, whereas the Ústí region received the largest volume of investments. Firms most frequently selected the South Moravia, Moravia-Silesia and Central Bohemia regions for their investments. However, the Ústí region took the largest slice of the investment pie in terms of volume, as it received investments in the total value of 6.21 billion. Czech and foreign companies invested more than CZK 5 billion in the Hradec Králové region and more than CZK 4 billion in Moravia-Silesia.

2011

Type of activity	Number of firms	Investment amount (CZK mil.)	Investment amount (USD mil.)	Jobs created
Manufacturing	56	27,986.65	1,578.88	7,717
Services	112	269.81	15.23	3,421
Research and development	65	5,409.37	300.96	1,479
TOTAL	233	33,665.83	1,895.07	12,617

1993 – 2011

Type of activity	Number of firms	Investment amount (CZK mil.)	Investment amount (USD mil.)	Jobs created
Manufacturing	972	669,044.11	25,745.25	183,990
Services	442	24,713.17	1,006.96	34,824
Research and development	384	21,436.59	1,051.62	9,566
TOTAL	1,798	715,193.87	27,803.83	228,380

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