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### The Ústí region received the largest volume of investments last year

The Ústí region was the chosen destination for nearly one-fifth of the total volume of investments mediated by CzechInvest in 2011. Foreign and domestic investors undertook to expend CZK 6.21 billion within 14 investment projects in the region. Thanks to these projects, a total of 1,333 new jobs will be created in the region.

*“The Ústí region is traditionally popular especially among investors from the manufacturing sector,”* says Minister of Industry and Trade Martin Kuba. *“Investors’ interest in this region is pleasing particularly due to the high unemployment rate which the Ústí region is facing,”* Minister Kuba adds.

*“The Ústí region’s appeal for investors is due largely to its proximity to Germany and good transport connections to that country as well as to neighbouring Poland. The Triangle Strategic Industrial Zone, in which nine business entities are currently operating, is also an important contributing factor,”* says Miroslav Křížek, CEO of CzechInvest.

The most significant investor in the Ústí region in 2011 is one of the firms in the Triangle zone. The company Gestamp is investing more than CZK 1 billion in a new manufacturing plant in the strategic industrial zone, thus creating job opportunities for 300 people.

Since 1993, CzechInvest has mediated investments by 199 foreign and domestic investors in the total value of CZK 123 billion in the in Ústí region.

These projects have progressively created jobs for 30,744 people. The Hradec Králové region received the second-largest volume of investments (CZK 5.37 billion) in 2011, followed by the Moravia-Silesia region with CZK 3.75 billion.

### Investments in 2011 by region

Region	Number of projects*	Investment amount (CZK mil.)	Investment amount (USD mil.)	Jobs created
Ústí	14.00	6,213.75	348.86	1,333
Hradec Králové	15.00	5,372.84	306.47	924
Moravia-Silesia	38.83	3,748.83	208.11	1,164
Vysočina	12.00	3,669.64	202.95	446
Zlín	15.33	2,751.93	152.63	459
Central Bohemia	27.50	2,681.19	153.09	1,328
Olomouc	14.00	2,006.85	114.81	840
Plzeň	16.00	2,006.10	112.42	939
South Bohemia	10.50	1,905.83	109.24	637
Liberec	6.83	1,771.67	98.90	557
South Moravia	54.50	815.43	46.32	3,157
Pardubice	6.00	562.98	32.23	796
Karlovy Vary	1.50	146.35	8.36	27
Prague	1.00	12.46	0.69	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>233.00</b>	<b>33,665.83</b>	<b>1,895.08</b>	<b>12,617</b>

\* Decimal places shown in the number of projects indicate that an investment project was implemented in more than one region.

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