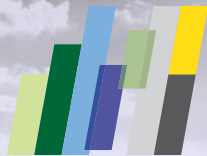


Environmental
Performance
Reviews



Czech Republic 2017-18

REVIEW PROCESS



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BETTER POLICIES FOR BETTER LIVES



About the OECD

OUR MISSION

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) provides its 34 Member countries with a forum to work together, share experiences and seek solutions to common problems.

We work with governments to understand what drives economic, social and environmental change. We analyse and compare data to predict future trends. We set international standards on a wide range of subjects, from agriculture and tax to chemicals safety.

The common thread of our work is a shared commitment to market economies backed by democratic institutions and focused on the well-being of all citizens.

PEER REVIEWS

With the support of the OECD Secretariat, countries examine and assess one another's performance in order to improve their policies. The reviews provide an independent, fact-based assessment and targeted recommendations to encourage further reforms from a whole-of-government perspective. Reviews are conducted to:

- Help countries measure their progress in terms of domestic and international commitments,
- Promote dialogue between countries and peer learning,
- Enhance countries' accountability to the public and to one another.

The Czech Republic and the OECD

The Czech Republic joined the OECD in 1995. Its Permanent Representation and national experts are actively involved in the OECD's thematic groups.

The OECD recently published several reports on the Czech Republic's policies. Member countries have reviewed and approved the recommendations, on an equal basis.



Presentation of the *Economic Survey of the Czech Republic 2016* on 6 June, with Prime Minister Bohuslav Sobotka and OECD Secretary-General Ángel Gurría



The OECD publishes an *Economic Survey of the Czech Republic* every two years, and policy reviews on a regular basis. The *Better Life Index* compares the quality of life in the Czech Republic with that in other member countries.



Environmental Performance Reviews

Since 1992, the OECD has conducted over 80 Environmental Performance Reviews of its Member countries and selected partner countries.

WHAT'S IN THE REVIEWS?

- **The Assessment and Recommendations** summarise the main findings of the review and present policy recommendations to help the country improve its environmental performance.
- **Key environmental trends** describe the country's progress in using energy and natural resources efficiently; reducing the carbon intensity of its economy; managing its natural asset base; improving the environmental quality of life.
- **Environmental governance and management** reviews the country's environmental governance system and legislation framework, and how the country ensures compliance with environmental regulations.
- **Towards green growth** presents the country's efforts to mainstream environment into the country's economic policy and to promote the greening of the economy, for example through the use of taxes and other pricing instruments.

Each country also chooses two topics for in-depth analysis. The Czech Republic selected:

- **Waste and materials management**
- **Sustainable urban development.**



« The OECD is holding a mirror up to our faces, not only showing us what we are currently doing right, but also what is open to improvement: for example, with respect to the quality of our water, soil, and air. »

Sharon Dijksma, Minister for the Environment of the Netherlands

« The report gives us an external viewpoint on the problems we are discussing, and it helps us put them in the right perspective. It will also help us in practice, as a roadmap to improve our environmental policies. »

Ezio Costa, Executive director of the Chilean NGO FIMA.

RECENTLY PUBLISHED



TO BE PUBLISHED IN 2017: Estonia, Korea, New Zealand, Canada, Switzerland.

IN 2018: Czech Republic, Hungary.



The previous *Environmental Performance Review* of the Czech Republic dates back to 2005.

It looked at environmental management (air, water, waste, nature and biodiversity), the integration of environmental issues into economic and social policies, and international co-operation. The new *Environmental Performance Review* of the Czech Republic will take stock of the progress made since 2005.

Key steps of the review

REVIEW PREPARATION AND INFORMATION COLLECTION

May 16
to Jan. 17

- **Selection of in-depth chapters** and agreement on the timetable.
- **Questionnaire replies**, in co-operation with relevant ministries and agencies (by end January 2017).
- **Data and documentation compilation.**
- **Preparation of the review mission**, involving a team of analysts and specialists, including experts from two reviewing countries.

REVIEW MISSION

June
2017

- **Meetings with environmental policy stakeholders:** representatives of the Ministry of the Environment, other ministries, government agencies, as well as independent experts, representatives of NGOs, industry, trade unions and sub-national governments.
- **Field visit** on a chosen in-depth theme.



POLICY MEETING

Nov.
2017

- **High-level discussion** of the main findings and recommendations of the EPR.

DRAFT REPORT

Dec.
2017

- **The draft report is made available** to the government of the Czech Republic and representatives of the OECD Working Party on Environmental Performance.

PEER REVIEW

Jan-Feb
2018

- **Presentation of the report to the Working Party** with a high-level delegation from the Czech Republic.
- **Delegates discuss** and ask questions about the subjects covered in the review.
- **Approval of the review's Assessment and Recommendations**, which reflect the collective views of OECD Member countries.



Every OECD member country and the European Commission are represented in the Working Party on Environmental Performance (WPEP).

The review's Assessment and Recommendations are endorsed by the Working Party. The report is published under the responsibility of the OECD Secretary-General.

LAUNCH

Summer
2018

- **The report is published** and made freely accessible on line to civil society and the media.
- **Press conference**, publication of the *Highlights* brochure and other online communication tools.



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*OECD Member countries will
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