

Czech Republic

General Aspects

The Czech Republic is a parliamentary State. Its surface is 78.860 sq. Km. Population is 10,27 million inhabitants.

Diffusion of ICT in the country

PC penetration in the country (number of PCs/population) is estimated 20%, while the Internet diffusion is only 3,8%. Telephone penetration is 38% and the mobile telephone diffusion is 41,9%.

Application of ICT to Public Administration

No data have been provided with respect to computerization of work places in the Czech Republic. However, the existence of Internet/extranet networks among central Governmental bodies allows to suppose that a certain degree of computerization has already been attained. Nevertheless, networks and interlinking in local public administration have not yet been realized.

Public Administration on line

100% of the governmental bodies of the Central Public Administration in the Czech Republic have their own internet website.

On Government's websites it is possible to send requests for information through e-mail, to carry out transactions (e-procurement), and to consult the press releases, official documents, Government and Legislative acts, transcription of parliamentary debates.

E-government issues

The Czech government has started an action program to promote the application of ICT to the Public Administrations and to provide on-line services.

The Action Plan for the State Information Policy focuses on enhancing computer literacy among public servants with specific training.

An e-government program is also formalized in an *Action Plan*, available on the Internet address: www.uvis.cz

An Authority for the e-government program co-ordination has been instituted and a project for the implementation of a Public Administration Portal (www.centralni-adresa.cz) is running.

Future issues

Future projects related to e-government strategies focuses on the computerization of the Ministry of Finance and the Czech Post Offices.