If you consider a Widening Country organisation as a partner or host for your Marie Skłodowska-Curie project, **THIS COUNTRY PROFILE IS FOR YOU!**
FACTS AND FIGURES

10.5 million inhabitants (EU28: 513 million)
56.1 thousand researchers (EU28: 201)
169 new doctorate graduates per 100,000 population aged 25-34 (EU28: 5175)
7,548 international scientific co-publications per 100,000 population (EU28: 26,671)
366 Czech organisations successful in H2020 so far (EU28: 2867 thousand)

Czech organisations have already signed the Charter & Code:
https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs/hrs4r#show_CZECH-REPUBLIC

To know more about the Czech R&I system, check the RIO analysis:

The most successful organisations in Horizon 2020 and MSCA (until June 2019)

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Conduct research with a Czech institution!

168 researchers are already in Czechia with MSCA, will you become the next one?
Team up with a Czech organisation – 70 are already participating in MSCA.

MSCA key figures – country profile for Czechia:
▸ https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/msca-numbers_en

Check the next MSCA calls on the EC website:
▸ https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/node_en

Excellent MSCA IF proposals with Czech host institutions also have a chance of getting funding under the Widening Fellowship Programme. Learn more:
▸ https://www.net4mobilityplus.eu/fileadmin/user_upload/N4M__flyer.pdf

Check out the success stories of the Widening countries under MSCA:
▸ https://www.net4mobilityplus.eu/widening-countries-success-stories/

Look for job opportunities and find out practical issues about Czechia with EURAXESS:
▸ https://www.euraxess.cz/

If you need more information, contact the Czech National Contact Point for Horizon 2020:
▸ https://www.tc.cz/en
or the dedicated MSCA NCP: ▸ https://www.net4mobilityplus.eu/contacts/
The top Czech Centres of Excellence are the following ones: ▶ **CEITEC** (Central European Institute of Technology), ▶ **ELI** (Extreme Light Infrastructure) in Dolní Břežany, ▶ **IT4I** (IT4Innovations National Supercomputing Center) at VSB-Technical University of Ostrava, ▶ **FNUSA – ICRC** (International Clinical Research Center of St. Anne’s University Hospital Brno), ▶ **Biocev** (Biotechnology and Biomedicine Centre of the Academy of Sciences and Charles University), ▶ **CzechGlobe** – Global Change Research Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences (GCRI), and also regional Centres of Excellence, e.g. ▶ **SUSEN** – SUStainable ENergy-Řež.

Since 2009, new research infrastructures have been co-funded by national and European sources, see the ▶ **Roadmap of Large Research Infrastructures of the Czech Republic**. Human resources development is supported from structural funds such as the **International Mobility of Researchers**, a mobility programme open to MSCA IF applicants (including foreign researchers opting for a Czech host institution) who obtained a score of 70% or above in the MSCA IF call but were not funded under that call, or from national grant schemes such as the ERC CZ – programme, aimed at ERC applicants who obtained A or B in step 2 of the grant evaluation but were not funded under that call due to the lack of budget.
The Czech Science Foundation (GA ČR) announces calls for proposals in Research, Experimental Development and Innovation for the support of basic research – Standard projects, International projects, Junior projects and EXPRO projects (which should lead to the preparation of an ERC project proposal). Applied research and experimental development are supported and financed by the Technology Agency of the Czech Republic (TA ČR).

On February 4, 2019, the Czech Government approved a key document, “Innovation Strategy of the Czech Republic 2019–2030”. The strategy sets out new priorities which, if achieved, should put the Czech Republic among the most innovative countries in Europe by 2030. Part of the strategy is also the introduction of a new brand, “The Czech Republic: The Country For The Future”. One of the objectives is to simplify working conditions in order to facilitate employability of foreign skilled staff in Czechia.

The Czech Republic is a landlocked country with a rich and fascinating history situated in the heart of Europe. The costs of living are not as high as in Western Europe. Moreover, according to the Global Peace Index 2018, Czech Republic was ranked the 7th safest country in the world. The country is historically divided into three regions: Bohemia, Moravia, and Silesia. The capital and the largest city (1.3 million inhabitants) is Prague, which attracts millions of tourists every year to come and see Charles Bridge, the Old Town Square with an Astronomical Clock, the old Jewish Ghetto, Hradcany with Prague Castle and St Vitus Cathedral, Lennon Wall, Mala Strana and many other places.
Czechia has become a favourite tourist destination for those who are fond of fairy-tale castles and châteaux (Karlštejn, Hluboká nad Vltavou), famous spas (Karlovy Vary, Mariánské Lázně), well-preserved countryside with beautiful national parks (Krkonoše, Šumava), historical cities and villages. You should not miss the opportunity to taste traditional cuisine, such as sirloin in cream sauce (svíčková na smetaně), roast pork with cabbage and dumplings (vepřo-knedlo-zelo) or to drink Czech beer, the most famous brands being Pilsner Urquell and Budvar.

**Mumlava waterfall in Krkonoše; www.pixabay.com**

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