

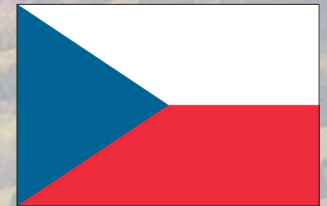


MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND TRADE

The **Ministry of Industry and Trade** (see <https://www.mpo.cz/en/>) side by side with the independent sector regulator, the **Czech Telecommunication Office** (see <https://www.ctu.eu/>), and in co-operation with other national bodies and entities executes the **Membership in the ITU**.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (see <http://www.mzv.cz/jnp/en/index.html>) covers the Membership fees and executes matters of the overall international policy through the **Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic in Geneva** (see http://www.mzv.cz/mission.geneva/en/about_us/index.html).

- ✦ The Czech Republic has proved her longstanding and strong commitment to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), having served on the ITU Council several times (the last time in years 1998 - 2014).
- ✦ As an active Member of the ITU and CEPT for years, the Czech Republic can offer:
 - *experience of a stable economy with predictable regulation of the electronic communications market,*
 - *well established practice of tight cooperation between the sectorial Ministry and the regulatory authority, providing reliable mechanism of close consultations while taking into account practical regulatory experience as well as political sensitivities of the regulation,*
 - *experience with massive transformation of the whole economy and the electronic communications sector towards an open market, accompanied by fair competition and attractiveness for investment.*
- ✦ The Czech Republic is willing to share this experience and knowledge with other Member States and the Union as a whole.
- ✦ The Czech Republic stands ready to safeguard ITU's efficiency, transparency and result-oriented approach while preferring pragmatic solutions without political prejudices.
- ✦ The Czech Republic is in strong favour of consensual decision-making, building on her own experience.
- ✦ Being a land-locked country vitally dependent on connectivity, the Czech Republic is a strong advocate of mutual respect, non-discrimination and democratic participation of all in processes of decision making.
- ✦ At the same time, the geographical position of the Czech Republic in Europe is highly favourable to facilitate international exchange of experience and good practice in the field of international telecommunication and ICT traffic.
- ✦ The Czech Republic fully appreciates the value of regional and global cooperation towards connectivity and peaceful use of technical achievements in the telecommunication/ICT sector, for the well-being of all, closing the technological gap and for global achievement of Sustainable Development Goals through the 2030 Agenda



**CZECH REPUBLIC
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THE CZECH REPUBLIC FURTHER SUPPORTS

- ✦ The Czech Republic continues to see the mission of the ITU as an expert-based multilateral body prepared to tackle the most urgent issues in the fast developing sector of information technologies and communications, among which the specific attention needs to be paid to:
 - child online protection,
 - elimination of discriminatory barriers to access to ICT benefits, including barriers for women, youth and elderly, persons with specific needs or non-skilled people,
 - enhanced preventive measures in ICT security
- ✦ Capacity building in spectrum management and equal opportunities especially for least developed countries, small island developing states, landlocked developing countries and countries with economies in transition
- ✦ Modern and future focused technologies and instruments for spectrum management with the aim to effectively implement advanced communication networks 4G and 5G
- ✦ Capacity in expertise within Study Groups

- ✦ Capacity in lecturing in spectrum management within ITU Academy initiative
- ✦ Telecommunication/ICT standards that are developed and offered for implementation in a close co-operation with all relevant stakeholders avoiding duplication and/or conflict of interests
- ✦ All available information of the recent development in Telecommunication/ICT and Artificial Intelligence should be gathered and shared
- ✦ Discussion platforms in co-operation with Study Groups and Council Working Groups open for all stakeholders
- ✦ Effective projects in co-operation with all stakeholders and Regional Offices
- ✦ Effective performance of ITU Academy and Centres of Excellence
- ✦ Capacity building and educational activities, especially in the form of e-learning, on Telecommunication/ICT networks and services and Artificial Intelligence

