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Recovery of sales in information and communication

Services – the first quarter of 2014

**In the Q1 2014, seasonally adjusted sales in services increased, quarter-on-quarter, at constant prices by 0.5%. Working days adjusted sales increased by 1.4%, year-on-year, the same as non-adjusted. Growth of services in transport and storage had the biggest influence on the overall development.**

In the Q1 2014, **seasonally adjusted sales in services[[1]](#footnote-1)1) increased at constant prices** by 0.5%, **quarter-on-quarter**. **Year-on-year, working days adjusted sales increased** by 1.4% (in the Q1 2013 and Q1 2014 there was the same number of working days), the same as **non-adjusted**. Growth was recorded by all CZ-NACE divisions of services except for real estate activities and professional, scientific and technical activities.

**Year-on-year development of seasonally non-adjusted sales in services broken down by CZ-NACE division:**

* sales in **transportation and storage** increased by 5.7%. The growth was reported by warehousing and support activities for transportation (+9.7%) and land transport and transport via pipelines (+5.2%). Air transport stagnated. Water transport decreased by 6.9%, a two-digit drop was recorded by postal and courier activities (-10.3%).
* sales in **accommodation and food service activities** increased by 1.0%. In accommodation, sales growth continued (that started in the Q3 2010), namely by 2.0%. In food and beverage service activities sales increased by 0.6%;
* sales in **information and communication** increased by 2.9%. After four quarters of falling, computer programming, consultancy and related activities (that are the most important for their volume) grew (+3.4%); they include, for example, administration of computer equipment, programming or consultancy in the area of IT. Higher sales were achieved also by telecommunications (+3.8%), information service activities (+6.8%), and publishing activities (+7.9%). On the contrary, a drop was recorded by music and motion picture activities (-8.4%) and a two-digit decrease of sales for the third quarter already was in programming and broadcasting activities (this time -13.2%);

* sales in **real estate activities** dropped by  2.8%. Sales in buying and selling of own real estate and renting and operating of own or leased real estate decreased by 2.8%, real estate activities on a fee or contract basis dropped by 2.6%;

* sales in **professional, scientific and technical activities[[2]](#footnote-2)2)**decreased by 7.2%. The biggest influence on that development came from a drop of architectural and engineering activities (-14.7%). Sales for other professional, scientific and technical activities decreased, too (-8.5%) as well as for advertising and market research (-6.2%), and legal and accounting activities (-1.2%). An increase (+0.5%) was recorded only by activities of head offices; management consultancy activities;
* sales in **administrative and support service activities[[3]](#footnote-3)3)**increased by 6.1%. A two-digit growth was reported by activities of employment placement agencies (+15.9%) and office administrative, office support and other business support activities (+11.9%). Rental and leasing activities also recorded growth (+4.5%), as well as travel agency, tour operator and other reservation service and related activities (+1.8%) and security and investigation activities (+1.7%). Only services to buildings and landscape activities decreased (-5.4%).

*Notes:*

*Data for the Q1 2014 are preliminary; final data for individual quarters of 2014 will be available in June 2015 at the latest.*

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*Related outputs: Basic indices since 2000 and y-o-y indices since 2001 are available in time series (excluding section J, which is available since 2005 or rather 2006).*

*(*[*http://www.czso.cz/eng/redakce.nsf/i/slu\_mts2005*](http://www.czso.cz/eng/redakce.nsf/i/slu_mts2005)*)*

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Annexes:

Table 1 Sales in services (year-on-year indices)

Table 2 Sales in services (year-on-year changes, decomposition of increase – year-on-year)

Graph 1 Sales in services (fixed-base indices)

Graph 2 Other services turnover (CZ-NACE sections H+I+J+M+N) – international comparison

1. 1) *For the purpose of News Releases, services include the following CZ-NACE sections: Transportation and storage (H), Accommodation and food service activities (I), Information and communication (J), Real estate activities (L), Professional, scientific and technical activities – without Scientific research and development and Veterinary activities (M without 72 and 75), Administrative and support service activities without Landscape service activities (N without 81.3).*  [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. 2) *For the purpose of News Releases section M – Professional, scientific and technical activities does not include CZ-NACE 72 – Scientific research and development and CZ-NACE 75 – Veterinary activities.* [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. 3) *For the purpose of News Releases section N – Administrative and support service activities does not include CZ-NACE 81.3 – Landscape service activities.* [↑](#footnote-ref-3)