

## **Preface**

*The Demographic Yearbook of the Regions of the Czech Republic is one of yearly updated publications for territorial administrative units – demographic yearbooks of the Czech Republic, of the NUTS3 regions, of administrative territories of municipalities with extended powers and of the towns. This Yearbook provides a comprehensive overview of the demographic development in the regions of the Czech Republic.*

*The regions were stipulated by the Act No. 347/1997 Coll., on the establishment of higher self-governing units. They became effective as of 1 January 2000, and four of them changed their borders as of 1 January 2005 by moving of 28 municipalities.*

*The Yearbook gives the figures for the last ten-year period; it is from 2005, adjusted to comply with the present definitions of the territories. The publication is a follow-up to earlier one from 2014.*

*We believe that the Yearbook will find a wide use and that the data will help users in making decisions and pursuing activities in various spheres of social, economic and other development of the territorial units in our country. The Yearbook can also become useful for international comparisons of the territorial units. We will be thankful for any comments, which could help us improve the quality of this as well as another publications.*