

Brief analytical comments

In the first quarter of 2011 **financial intermediation sector** showed increase in the average number of employees in actual persons by 0,2 %. The average monthly wage of actual persons increased, the sector struggled with 2,5% increase, the average wage stated at CZK 53 090.

In January to March **banking monetary institutions** (CZ-NACE 64.19 – banks without CNB, building societies) realized the total revenues amounting to CZK 54,4 billion, including financial revenues amounting to CZK 53,7 billion. The total costs stood at CZK 35,3 billion, including the total financial costs amounting to CZK 16,6 billion.

Unlike the difference between total revenues and total expenses, the financial performance of the monetary banking institutions is higher by the profits (lower by the losses) made from certain financial and some other transactions (e.g. foreign currency, derivatives and securities transactions). Since 2007, the financial performance of these institutions has been measured in terms of their results – i.e. as profits or losses from these financial and other transactions – and not in terms of revenues and expenses.

The banking monetary institutions made pre-tax net income amounting to CZK 18 billion, which means increase by 8,0 % year-on-year.

During the first quarter of 2011 all 39 banks and building societies employed 38 743 actual persons on average, by 3,2 % more than in the same period of 2010. The average monthly wage of actual persons increased by 2,2 % and stood at CZK 60 661.

Interests receivable reached CZK 41,5 billion and interests payable reached the amount of CZK 14,3 billion in the first quarter of 2010. Interests receivable decreased by 0,1 % year-on-year. Interests payable decreased by 9,4 % year-on-year. The interest margin increased from CZK 25,7 to 27,2 billion.

Financial leasing companies (CZ-NACE, code 64.91) reached a pre-tax profit of CZK 1,9 billion in the first quarter of 2011, an increase of 56,4 % compared to the corresponding period of the previous year.

Outputs (including received financial leasing instalments) decreased during the first quarter in comparison with the same period of 2009, reached the amount of CZK 14,5 billion (down 28,2 %). Received financial leasing instalments decreased about 33,3 %.

In January to March **insurance companies** (CZ-NACE 65.11 and 65.12) and **reinsurance companies** (CZ-NACE 65.20) made pre-tax profits amounting to CZK 4,7 billion, which translates into an decrease of 22,0 % compared to the corresponding period of the previous year.

In the first quarter of 2011 gross premiums written stood at CZK 44,4 billion, accounting for 13,6 % year-on-year. Insurance claims paid amounted to CZK 23,3 billion. Costs of these insurance claims increased by 11,8 % year-on-year.

In the period from the beginning of 2011 till the end of March all of the 52 insurance companies employed a total of 14 178 employees (actual persons) on average, i.e., by 0,9 % less than in the corresponding period of 2010. The average monthly wage (related to actual persons) was CZK 41 698, increasing by 1,4 % in comparison to the same period of 2010.

During the first quarter of 2011 there were concluded 2 494 761 non-life insurance contracts, by 17,2 % more than in the same period of the previous year. The number of life insurance contracts concluded during the observed period of 2011 was 403 634, which translates into an increase of 80,1 %.

In the first quarter of 2011 **pension funds** (CZ-NACE 65.30) made their pre-tax profits amounting to CZK 1,3 billion (an increase of 16,1 % year-on-year).

First quarter of 2011 saw total technical provisions of pension funds growing by 7,7 % to CZK 219 billion. Contributions received from members and employers (excluding government contributions) stood at CZK 9,5 billion, increasing by 16 % year-on-year. Government contributions amounted to CZK 1,3 billion.

There were 4 573 529 active supplementary pension insurance policy holders (members of pension schemes) in total on 31st March 2011. The number increased by 1,4 % in comparison with the end of the same period of 2010.

All of the pension funds employed a total of 447 actual persons on average in the first quarter of 2011, which resulted in the 4,9% decrease in comparison with the same period of 2010. The average monthly wage related to actual persons increased by 6,9 % year-on-year and amounted to 50 160 CZK.