## **FOREWORD**

For the users, we have prepared completely new product based on data published in the regional statistical yearbooks. Each chapter includes tables with interregional comparison for 2014. Selected indicators broken down by administrative districts of municipalities with extended powers are available in the chapter 26 Administrative districts, municipalities and the chapter 27 is enriched with selected indicators broken down by NUTS2 cohesion region and with data for the Czech Republic. The content of individual regional yearbooks can be consulted online at <a href="https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/regional-yearbooks">https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/regional-yearbooks</a>.

In every chapter, there are brief methodological notes available as well as links to data sources which were used in the preparation of this product.

State statistical surveys are basic sources for the published data. Besides data sources of the Czech Statistical Office, available data from areas administered by respective ministries were also used, especially from the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, Ministry of Health, Institute of Health Information and Statistics of the Czech Republic, and the Ministry of Transport. A vast portion of the data published is kept in the regional databases of KROK (data on regions and districts) and MOS (statistics of towns and municipalities), and in long-term time series. The Public Database (VDB) is an important information source for users. It is accessible on the CZSO website and enables to view statistical data in pre-defined tables in the breakdown by subject matter, territory, and time in ever greater detail. The database newly allows users to compile also tailor-made tables. Information on the Public Database can be found at: <a href="https://vdb.czso.cz/vdbvo2/faces/en/index.jsf">https://vdb.czso.cz/vdbvo2/faces/en/index.jsf</a>.

The presented product, of course, cannot contain all pieces of information collected and processed by the state statistics. More detailed data from respective sections of demographic, economic, and social development of the region, districts, municipalities, or micro-regions are published in specialized products (regional statistical yearbooks, regional statistical bulletins, publications on demographic matters, thematically focused analytical materials, etc.), which are available mainly in the electronic form on the Internet. Many other pieces of information can be found on the websites of the CZSO Regional Offices (<a href="https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/home">https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/home</a> by clicking on the chosen region on the map), not merely the latest updates of results of statistical surveys, but also information on the CZSO activities.