INTRODUCTION

One year on, the Czech Statistical Office has issued the publication **Information Society in Figures** again, this time titled with the year 2017. The aim of this publication is to provide readers with up-to-date basic statistical info. about the development in usage of modern information and communication technologies (ICT) in the main areas of our society.

The brochure consists of the following seven chapters:

- A. The **ICT Infrastructure** chapter contains basic data on the available telecommunication and broadband infrastructure. Data on registered Top-level domains are also available here.
- B. The Households chapter contains information on households' access to selected ICT. Information about number of mobile phones used by households are included here.
- C. The Individuals chapter includes basic information on ICT uptake by adult population. This basic information is supplemented with data on selected Internet activities. Information about use of mobile devices to access the Internet and about use of Internet storage space is also included here.
- D. The Enterprises chapter provides an overview on ICT use by enterprises with main focus on e-commerce activities. Data on use of social media by enterprises, about cloud computing services or Big Data analysis are also added.
- E. The eGovernment chapter provides information on use of the Internet in interaction with public authorities by individuals and enterprises. Data about Czech Point services, Electronic submissions for the Financial Administration (eTax) and electronic Data Boxes are also introduced.
- F. The Education and digital skills chapter gives an overview of ICT devices used in schools. Data on selected digital skills provide information about computer software use by individuals. Data on individuals using the Internet for educational purposes are also included in this chapter. This chapter also presents data about tertiary education students of Computing and data on ICT specialists.
- G. The eHealth chapter gives an overview of ICTs used by independent physicians. Data on the selected Internet activities of independent physicians and information on the usage of the Internet by individuals for seeking health-related information and making an appointment with a practitioner via a website are also included.

Presented data on ICT development and use **are further classified** for households and individuals according to their main socio-demographic characteristics, data related to enterprises according to their main economic activity (industry) or size.

In addition to data for the Czech Republic, data for other **member states** of the European Union are also presented.

Data given in this brochure were acquired, in most cases, from the official surveys or databases of the Czech Statistical Office. International comparisons were compiled by the Czech Statistical Office from using freely available data sources of the Eurostat, the European Commission, the OECD or the ITU.

For information on the production and the supply of advanced ICTs, including data on investments, trade or qualified human resources in this field see our publication **Information economy in figures.**

If you needed any further information, do not hesitate to contact us directly. Your suggestions help us improve our further releases.

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