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Slight growth of sales in services

Services – the third quarter of 2016

**In the Q3 2016, seasonally adjusted sales in services increased at constant prices by 1.2%, quarter-on-quarter (q-o-q). Working days adjusted sales increased by 1.2%, year-on-year (y-o-y), while non-adjusted sales increased by 0.6%. The most significant sales growth was reported by accommodation and food service activities section.**

In the Q3 2016, **seasonally adjusted sales in services[[1]](#footnote-1)1) increased at constant prices by 1.2%**, **quarter-on-quarter**. **Year-on-year, working days adjusted sales increased** by 1.2%, while non-adjusted sales increased by 0.6% (in the Q3 2016 there was 1 working day less than in the Q3 2015). The highest y-o-y growth of sales was in accommodation and food service activities.

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

* sales in **transportation and storage** decreased by 0.9%. The drop of sales was contributed to by land transport and transport via pipelines, which is the most important as for the volume (-1.1%) and warehousing and support activities for transportation (-1.4%). Also postal and courier activities recorded a decrease, when their sales dropped already for the seventh successive quarter (this time by 5.5%). On the contrary, higher sales compared to the previous year were reported by air transport (+5.6%) and water transport (+10.8%);
* sales in **accommodation and food service activities** increased by 6.3%. They increased both in accommodation (+6.1%) and food and beverage service activities (+6.4%);
* sales in **information and communication** increased by 1.4%. The highest y-o-y growth was achieved by motion picture and music activities (+16.8%). Already for the eleventh successive quarter, an increase was recorded by information service activities (this time by 8.0%), which include, for example, data processing, web portals, and hosting. Sales increased also in programming and broadcasting activities (+2.5%), telecommunications (+0.6%), and publishing activities (+0.5%). Stagnation of sales was recorded in the most important division as for the volume – computer programming, consultancy and related activities, which include, for example, computer programming activities, computer consultancy activities, and computer facilities management activities;

* sales in **real estate activities** increased by 0.4% due to the growth of sales in buying and selling of own real estate and renting and operating of own or leased real estate (+1.0%). Sales in real estate activities on a fee or contract basis, on the other hand, decreased by 1.4%;

* sales in **professional, scientific and technical activities[[2]](#footnote-2)2)**decreased by 0.7%, mainly due to architectural and engineering activities, which are the most important as for the volume (drop by 1.3%) and activities of head offices; management consultancy activities (drop by 4.2%). Lower sales were also in advertising and market research (-0.6%). On the other hand, what was successful were legal and accounting activities, the sales of which increased by 2.3%. A y-o-y sales growth was recorded also by other professional, scientific and technical activities (+0.5%);
* sales in **administrative and support service activities[[3]](#footnote-3)3)**increased by 1.7%. The most marked sales increase was recorded in employment activities (+7.9%). Growth was reported also by rental and leasing activities (+4.2%), services to buildings and landscape activities (+2.3%), security and investigation activities (+1.8%), and office administrative, office support and other business support activities (+0.7%). The only division in this section, which reported a sales decrease, were travel agency, tour operator reservation service and related activities, the sales of which were by 3.5% lower than in the corresponding period of the previous year.

Notes:

Data for the Q3 2016 are preliminary; final data for individual quarters of 2016 will be available in June 2017 at the latest.

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#### *End of data processing: 2 November 2016*

*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).*

*(*[*https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/slu\_ts*](https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/slu_ts)*)*

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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)