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Services – the fourth quarter of 2017

**In the Q4 2017, seasonally adjusted sales in services increased at constant prices by 0.1%, quarter-on-quarter (q-o-q). Sales adjusted for calendar effects increased at constant prices by 1.9%, year‑on-year (y-o-y); non-adjusted sales increased by 1.8%, y‑o‑y.**

**For the entire year 2017, sales in services at constant prices increased by 3.6%, y-o-y.**

In the Q4 2017, **seasonally adjusted sales in services1)** increased **at constant prices by 0.1%**, **q-o-q**. A q-o-q growth was recorded by all sections except for information and communication.

**Year-on-year,** sales **adjusted for calendar effects** increasedby 1.9%. All sections were growing; however, the most marked increase was in accommodation and food service activities and in administrative and support service activities.

**Non-adjusted** sales increased by 1.8%, **year-on-year**. Development in individual industries of services (CZ-NACE sections) was as follows:

* sales **in** **transportation and storage** increased by 2.2%. The overall growth was the most contributed to by the development of sales in warehousing and support activities for transportation, in which sales increased by 2.0%. The following also reported increases of sales: postal and courier activities (+10.1%), air transport (+7.3%), and land transport and transport via pipelines (+1.0%), which is the most important as for the volume of sales. On the contrary, sales dropped in water transport (-5.9%);
* sales **in** **accommodation and food service activities** increased by 2.9%. In the accommodation the sales increase was by 4.1% and in the food and beverage service activities by 2.2%;
* sales **in** **information and communication** increased by 1.6%. Sales in information service activities, which include, for example, data processing, web portals, and hosting increased already for the sixteenth successive quarter (this time by 5.5%). A sales increase was recorded also by computer programming, consultancy and related activities (+2.7%), which include, for example, computer programming activities, computer consultancy activities, and computer facilities management activities. Sales increased also in telecommunications (+1.6%) and publishing activities (+0.4%). On the contrary, a decrease in sales was reported by the so-called music and motion picture activities (-9.1%) and programming and broadcasting activities (-6.5%);

* sales **in** **real estate activities** increased by 1.4%, y-o-y. The development was caused by a growth of sales in real estate activities on a fee or contract basis (+6.1%). On the contrary, in buying and selling of own real estate and renting and operating of own or leased real estate sales decreased by 0.3%;
* sales **in** **professional, scientific and technical activities2)**increased by 1.1%. The highest growth was in legal and accounting activities (an increase by 4.6%). Increases in sales were recorded also by other professional, scientific and technical activities (+4.2%) as well as by architectural and engineering activities (+2.8%), which are important in terms of volume. On the contrary, sales decreased in activities of head offices; management consultancy activities (-0.9%) and also in advertising and market research (-5.3%);
* sales **in** **administrative and support service activities3)**increased by 2.4%. The sales increase was contributed to mainly by office administrative, office support and other business support activities (growth by 5.8%), which have been growing, y-o-y, already since the beginning of 2015. Sales increased also in services to buildings and landscape activities (+5.1%), which include especially cleaning activities as well as in rental and leasing activities (+4.5%). On the contrary, a decrease in sales was in security and investigation activities (-1.4%), travel agency, tour operator reservation service and related activities (-1.6%) and also in employment activities (-1.6%), in which sales dropped for the last time in the Q1 2010.

**Development in 2017**

**In 2017**,sales **in services1) adjusted for calendar effects increased at constant prices by 4.0%, year-on-year**; **non-adjusted sales increased by 3.6%** (there were 2 working days less in 2017 than in 2016).

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

* sales **in** **transportation and storage** increased by 3.2%, mainly as a result of the development in warehousing and support activities for transportation (growth by 4.1%). For the entire year 2017, sales increased also in air transport (+10.5%), postal and courier activities (+4.2%) and also land transport and transport via pipelines, which is the most important in terms of volume, reported growth (+1.8%). Decrease in sales was recorded only by water transport (-0.3%);
* sales in the whole section of **accommodation and food service activities** increased by 8.0%, y-o-y. The sales growth was reported by both the food and beverage service activities (+8.1%) as well as the accommodation (+7.9%);
* sales **in information and communication** increased by 3.5%, which was the most contributed to by development of computer programming, consultancy and related activities (growth by 5.3%); an increase was reported also by information service activities (+8.3%), telecommunications (+2.7%), and publishing activities (+2.1%). Sales decreased in music and motion picture activities (-12.6%) and also in programming and broadcasting activities (-0.3%);
* sales **in** **real estate activities** increased by 1.7%, y-o-y. Both groups contributed to the growth: real estate activities on a fee or contract basis (growth by 4.5%) as well as buying and selling of own real estate and renting and operating of own or leased real estate (growth by 0.7%);

* sales **in** **professional, scientific and technical activities2)** increased by 1.8%. The highest growth was in other professional, scientific and technical activities (+6.6%) followed by legal and accounting activities (+4.7%). Also architectural and engineering activities were successful (growth by 0.6%) as well as activities of head offices; management consultancy activities (growth by 0.2%). Advertising and market research activities (drop by 0.2%) were the only division in this section, in which sales were not increasing;
* sales **in administrative and support service activities3)** grew by 6.4%. Sales increased in all divisions of this section; however, the highest increase was in employment activities (growth by 10.1%), in which sales were increasing, y-o-y, even with a two-digit growth rate in the first half-year (+17.3%). The second highest increase (by 8.8%) was in the division of travel agency, tour operator reservation service and related activities, which were successful mainly in spring and summer months of the year. As for the size of the growth rate, the following ones were: office administrative, office support and other business support activities (+7.0%), rental and leasing activities (+5.7%), services to buildings and landscape activities (+1.3%), and security and investigation activities (+0.5%).

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**Starting from the News Release with results for the Q1 2018, there will be a new base period for short-term statistics. Besides the change of the base period at fixed-base indices (that will be newly compared to the average of the year 2015 instead of the average of 2010), also the weighting scheme of the year 2015 will be used.**

Notes:

*1)* *For the purpose of the News Release, 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 – excluding Scientific research and development and Veterinary activities (M excluding 72 and 75), Administrative and support service activities excluding Landscape service activities (N excluding 81.3).*

*2) For the purpose of the News Release, section M – Professional, scientific and technical activities does not include CZ-NACE 72 – Scientific research and development and CZ-NACE 75 – Veterinary activities.*

*3) For the purpose of the News Release, section N – Administrative and support service activities does not include CZ-NACE 81.3 – Landscape service activities.*

*All data in the text of the News Release are at constant prices.*

*Data for the Q4 2017 are preliminary; final data for individual quarters of 2017 will be available in June 2018.*

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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)

Table 3 Sales in services (year-on-year indices, adjusted for calendar effects)

Chart Sales in services – base indices, constant prices

Chart Sales in services – international comparison, seasonally adjusted, current prices