



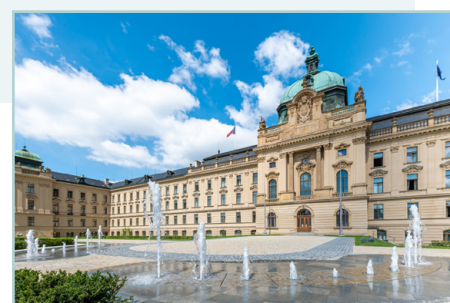
“On 14th December 2022, the Government of the Czech Republic adopted a resolution on public funding of large research infrastructures in 2023–2026. The Government’s decision followed the proposal of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports based on the outcomes of a regular international peer-review of large research infrastructures held in 2021. The budget allocation exceeding EUR 80 million in 2023 is aimed to support the large research infrastructures’ operation costs. An additional envelope of nearly EUR 160 million, to be raised from the EU Cohesion Policy Funds through the Operational Programme Johannes Amos Comenius, is meant to finance the investment costs of large research infrastructures in 2023–2026, with the respective calls to be launched early next year. On the top of that, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports will also continue securing the membership of Czechia in international R&D organisations, such as CERN, ESA or EMBL, as well as the Czech engagement in European Research Infrastructure Consortia, including the Extreme Light Infrastructure ERIC (ELI ERIC). In this way, access of Czech user communities to the top-class national and leading international research infrastructures will be facilitated.”

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Czech Government voted on the large research infrastructures’ public funding in 2023–2026

Through its decision endorsed on 14th December 2022, the Czech Government set out the multiannual financial framework of large research infrastructures in 2023–2026. A total of 44 projects implemented by Czech universities, public research institutes and private research organisations will be funded with more than EUR 80 million in 2023. Following the adoption of the Government’s resolution, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports will also launch the complementary investment calls in the Operational Programme Johannes Amos Comenius and prepare the 2023 update to the Roadmap of Large Research Infrastructures of the Czech Republic.

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ESFRI

ESFRI debated the EU Council Conclusions on Research Infrastructures

The European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI) held its 82nd meeting on 12th–13th December 2022 to debate, in particular, the **Council Conclusions on Research Infrastructures** that had been approved during the Czech Presidency of the Council of the EU. The Council Conclusions outline political orientations for further advancement of the European research infrastructure ecosystem, as a part of the European innovation ecosystem and critical infrastructure, contributing to strengthening the EU’s competitiveness, resilience, post-pandemic recovery, as well as the green transition and the digital transformation of the European economy.

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Prague hosted this year’s edition of the European Open Science Cloud Symposium

From 14th to 17th November 2022, stakeholders of the **European Open Science Cloud (EOSC)** held their annual **EOSC Symposium**. This tripartite conference, organised in Prague under the auspices of the Czech Presidency of the Council of the EU and attended by more than 400 participants, brought together the European Commission, EU Member States, and research communities to address future plans for the EOSC implementation. The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports used the opportunity to present the initiative to design, develop, build and federate the **Czech national data infrastructure**.

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Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports continues to fund the ESA’s space R&D programmes

On the occasion of the **European Space Agency’s Council Meeting CM22**, held at the Ministerial level on 22nd–23rd November 2022 in Paris, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports committed to its contribution to the ESA’s R&D programmes at the level of up to CZK 360 mil. per year. In addition, the Ministry of Transport, which is in charge of coordinating the Czech collaboration with ESA, confirmed its contribution to the ESA’s industrial programmes reaching a total of approx. CZK 1.2 billion per year. The purpose of **ESA** is to ensure European cooperation in the fields of space research and technology for exclusively peaceful purposes with the aim of development of functional space application systems.

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