



## MPO: Town can apply for support for regeneration

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The Ministry of Industry and Trade (MPO) has announced a call for proposals for the programme Regeneration of Brownfields for Business Use. It will help municipalities, regions and districts to revitalise old abandoned buildings and enable their further use for business and non-business purposes. The funds can also be used to build council housing. The support is funded by the National Regeneration Plan. The aim of the programme is to support projects with the intention of renovating buildings to reduce their energy consumption or to demolish them and then construct new energy-efficient buildings. ■

## KVK: Applications for boiler subsidies being accepted

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The Karlovy Vary region (KVK) will start accepting applications for boiler subsidies for low-income households on July 21, 2022. It will be possible to submit them electronically until August 31, 2022. The region allowed applicants to enter and prepare applications in advance in the electronic system. KVK further stated that interested parties can find all information related to these subsidies on the new website. ■

## PRIVATE SECTOR – ACTIVITIES

### Pilulka reports 10% growth in H1 2022, starts importing

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Online pharmacy Pilulka plans to enter two new markets in 2022. It is also launching new services. Due to the pricing policy of Czech distributors, the company has started importing some items from abroad. It plans to import goods from Austria and Germany soon. It is significantly strengthening private labels. In Q2 2022, the e-shop reported sales growth of almost 30% y/y. Overall including brick-and-mortar pharmacies then grew almost 10% in H1 2022. Excluding franchise pharmacies, sales thus amounted to CZK 1.3bn. For 2021, according to the audited results of consolidated sales, the Pill Pharmacy Group strengthened by 35% y/y to CZK 2.4bn. The pharmacy franchise network added CZK 1.2bn. ■

### M2M offers Gigatarif for IoT devices for EUR 2.59 p.a.

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Czech company M2M Communication Holding is launching a new prepaid Gigatarif plan. Users will pay EUR 2.59 per year to connect to and send data from Internet of Things (IoT)-enabled devices. The plan offers a secure connection between the device and an IoT hub (such as Microsoft Azure, Google IoT or AWS). M2M CEO Karel Krčmář said the news for NB-IoT and LTE-M is a response to customer needs. He specified that Gigatarif enables mass deployment of IoT solutions in 45 countries worldwide, including most of the EU, the US and Australia, among others. ■

### BAK building biochemistry pavilion at Trutnov Hospital

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BAK stavební společnost started the construction of the clinical biochemistry department pavilion at the Trutnov Regional Hospital. A new building for the transfusion department, hematology laboratory and rehabilitation will be built on the site of the demolished buildings B and C. Completion of the work is planned for the beginning of 2024. The event follows the first stage of the construction of the microbiology and immunology laboratories, which ended in the fall of 2020. ■

### Moneta offers loan for OZE funding for farmers

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Moneta Money Bank is offering a loan to agricultural entrepreneurs to finance renewable energy projects, mainly focused on photovoltaic power plants. The loan covers up to 100% of the costs and has a repayment period of up to 10 years. Sector manager Barbora Kobiánová said that the bank is currently negotiating deals with clients in the tens of millions of CZK. Most of them are projects with investment subsidies from the National Renewal Plan and the Modernisation Fund. The next subsidy call from the Modernisation Fund was opened in the middle of this year. ■

### Rockaway is Colours of Ostrava's strategic investor

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Rockaway Capital has taken an equity stake in Colour Production, which organises the Colours of Ostrava festival. The strategic investor will help the event, which has been held annually since 2002 in addition to two pandemic years, to ensure stability and space for the development of new opportunities. This concerns both the festival and the accompanying activities. This is not the first involvement for Rockaway in the Czech cultural environment. The portfolio also includes the Karlovy Vary International Film Festival from 2021. ■

### GLS and AMSP to support entrepreneurs in eWoman, eManuel

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GLS, in cooperation with the Association of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises and Craftsmen of the Czech Republic (AMSP), will once again support female entrepreneurs and small craft producers in starting or developing their business. The top three business stories from both categories will receive a voucher for the e-Package Profi service, which provides tailor-made shipping. Projects for the eŽena (eWoman) and eManuel competitions can be submitted until August 31, 2022. ■

For your notes

## DPKV would welcome special price adjustment or tariff for fuel

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The Karlovy Vary Public Transport Company (DPKV) would welcome the government to adjust prices or announce a special tariff for fuel and energy for transport companies, deputy chairman of board of directors Lukáš Širínek told ČIANEWS. Revenues from passengers are the same or lower than in previous years due to the coronavirus. However, he said, making public transport more expensive is counterproductive, as this could lead to an increase in individual transport and thus a fall in revenues again. ■

## VUT to get CZK 100m for progressive study programs

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Brno University of Technology (VUT) will receive CZK 100m from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic from the National Renewal Plan for the preparation of new study programmes. These will be programmes in so-called progressive fields, for example, for future environmental engineers or nuclear power engineers. VUT succeeded in the competition announced by the Ministry with its four submitted projects, in competition with all Czech public universities. In total, the ministry has allocated CZK 600m for the preparation of new programmes. ■

## MDPO will limit investments, lacks maintenance staff

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In connection with the current economic situation, the Municipal Transport Company Opava (MDPO) is limiting its planned investments. Pavel Gebauer, the technical deputy in charge of management, told ČIANEWS. He also informed that the company has partially fixed energy prices until the end of 2022. MDPO would like the government to abolish the ecological tax on gas and POZE for traction energy. At the beginning of the year, the company had a problem with a shortage of drivers due to sickness. There is now a shortage of maintenance staff. ■

## DPMUL considers fleet drive diversification

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The Ústí nad Labem City Transport Company (DPMUL) is now faced with extending the deadlines for the performance of contracts already negotiated as part of the implementation of its investment plans, Jana Dvořáková, head of the executive director's secretariat, told ČIANEWS. She added that due to the rising prices of fuel, including CNG, and the possible restriction of gas supply, the company is considering diversifying the type of fleet drives. DPMUL also has a shortage of workers, currently lacking mechanics, electrical fitters, drivers and plumbers. ■

## ECONOMY - CONSEQUENCES

### MF: State debt deepened to 2.71tn

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The value of the state debt increased quarter-on-quarter from CZK 2.59tn to CZK 2.71tn in Q2 2022. This was reported by the Ministry of Finance (MF). A year ago, the debt amounted to CZK 2.42tn. Domestic debt stood at CZK 2.51tn at the end of June 2022. The external indebtedness reached CZK 196.5bn. The state owed the most to financial enterprises, namely CZK 1.65tn. ■

### MF: Municipalities' surplus up to CZK 18.7bn

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Municipalities, regions and voluntary associations of municipalities in the Czech Republic have reached a positive balance of CZK 18.7bn as of May 31, 2022. This was almost six times higher compared to May 2020 and increased by 88.6% compared to last year, the Ministry of Finance reported. Total consolidated revenues of territorial budgets amounted to CZK 294.6bn and increased by 12.5% y/y. The budgets' revenues also showed an increase of 22.8% compared to 2020 and 25.2% compared to 2019, the period before the pandemic. Total consolidated expenditures increased by 9.5% y/y to CZK 275.9bn. ■

### MF: Tax collection up to CZK 1.04tn

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The national tax collection in the Czech Republic in 2021 rose to CZK 1.04tn in 2021 from CZK 1.03tn, despite the less than favourable economic development. The data of the Czech Financial Administration and the Czech Customs Administration were published by the Ministry of Finance (MF). VAT collections rose y/y to CZK 463.7bn from CZK 426.5bn. Corporate income tax revenue increased to CZK 207.6bn from CZK 167.4bn. On the other hand, the personal income tax fell to CZK 172.6bn from CZK 231.7bn. Last year, cooperation with the Police continued under the so-called Tax Cobra, which saved CZK 1.07bn in total. The MF also completed 7,076 audits, which increased tax liabilities by CZK 6.35bn and reduced losses by CZK 1.77bn. ■

### Number of debtors in SOLUS falls, debt falls to CZK 33bn

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As of June 30, 2022, SOLUS recorded 439,000 individuals with overdue liabilities in its negative register, a year-on-year decrease of 310,000. The overdue amount owed has also fallen, by around CZK 3bn to just under CZK 33bn. The number of consumers concerned decreased in all regions except Prague, Karlovy Vary, Plzeň, and Ústí nad Labem. SOLUS data continue to show an increased interest in credit services among clients who already have a record of a liability in the registers. On average, member companies detect the existence of a debt when querying the Register of Natural Persons for 15 clients out of 100. ■

For your notes

## D&B: No. of unreliable tax payers increased to 24,855

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The total number of entities that pay VAT unreliably or seriously violate obligations related to tax administration increased by 474 year-on-year in 1H 2022. Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) records 24,855 entities on the list of unreliable companies. Of these, 5,092 are unreliable VAT payers and 19,763 are unreliable persons. D&B analyst Petra Štěpánová said that difficult market conditions in recent years, forced by anti-Covid restrictions and subsequent problems in supply chains or price increases, have not yet had a significant impact on the increase in the number of unreliable payers. ■

## Industrial producers raise prices by 29%

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Agricultural producer prices in the Czech Republic increased by 42.5% y/y in June 2022. Industrial producers increased by 28.5%, while electricity, gas and steam prices rose by 44.6%. Prices of construction work were 12.8% higher and market services for businesses 6.2% higher, according to data from the Czech Statistical Office. Month-on-month, prices in agriculture rose by 4.4%, in industry by 1.4% and in construction by 1%. According to the latest Eurostat data for May 2022, industrial producer prices in EU countries were 36.4% higher y/y. They rose by 41.5% in Slovakia and by 27.9% in the Czech Republic. ■

## Industrial producer prices grow by 28% in 2H

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Agricultural producer prices in the Czech Republic increased by 39.0% y/y in 2Q 2022. Industrial producer prices rose by 27.7%, construction work by 13.1% and market services for businesses by 5.8%. The data were published by the Czech Statistical Office. Quarter-on-quarter, prices in agriculture increased by 18.9% and in industry by 7.8%. Construction work increased by 3.8% and prices of market services for enterprises by 2.3%. ■

## UniCredit: Property market stress indicator up to -3,72%

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UniCredit's Real Estate Market Stress Indicator rose 14 points m/m to a still deeply negative -3.72% in July 2022. The reason for the rise - for the first time in one and a half years - was partly due to the surprising fall in 10-year government bond yields (by an estimated 65 points), which outweighed the opposite effect of the strong rise in mortgage rates (by 53 points), as well as the rise in gross rental yields (by 8 points to 3.64%). UniCredit's economist Jiří Pour expects house prices to put a sharp brake on their annual pace in H2 2022 and to grow more slowly than inflation in the coming years. Properties in Ostrava, Ústí nad Labem and Liberec appeared to be the least unfavourable. The least favourable were in Brno, České Budějovice and Hradec Králové. ■

## FS: 46 % of 2.83m tax returns are electronic

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The Financial Administration (FS) registers a total of 2,825,133 tax returns for the 2021 tax period. It received 2,301,972 from natural persons, and 523,161 from legal entities. 1,300,909 taxpayers (46 %) chose the electronic form of submission. Their number thus increased by 4 %. The FS further informed that 553,897 natural persons used the two-page form. ■

## APEK: 30 % of users made purchases on social networks

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30% of Czech internet users purchased new or used goods or services via one of the social networks in the past twelve months. Such shopping is most common among young people between the ages of 25 and 34. A survey by the Association for Electronic Commerce (APEK) showed that instead of shopping directly on social networks, Czechs are more likely to access e-shops through them. And that both through classic advertising and thanks to influencers. ■

## ACEA: Car registrations down 12% in H122; up in Slovakia

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The number of new passenger car registrations in the Czech Republic from January to June 2022 fell 12.3% year-on-year to 98,916. In June alone, 18,738 cars were registered (-16.9%). In Slovakia, registrations rose 3.9% to 39,953 units in the six months. In June, registrations fell by 2.4% to 8,024 vehicles, according to the European Automobile Manufacturers' Association (ACEA). ■

## Cebia: Average price of used cars grows by 18% in 1H

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The average price of used cars in 1H 2022 increased by 18% y/y to CZK 289,000. The average age of cars increased from 9.1 to 9.5 years. Used cars with Czech origin have aged from 7.1 to 8.3 years. The shortage of new cars on the market has thus begun to fully emerge. This is shown in the Cebia SUMMARY 2/2022 analysis. The number of used cars imported from abroad increased by 6.9% to 89,307, bringing the figures back to pre-pandemic levels. These cars were on average 10.6 years old. Imports from Germany increased by 3 pp to 22%. The share of diesel cars fell to 49.89% (1H 2021: 54.6%). The best-selling models were again ŠKODA Octavia cars, whose share fell from 11.74% to 9.37%. ■

For your notes

## CzechToll: Toll collection up to CZK 7.5bn in H1 2022

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Road toll collection in the Czech Republic increased by 5.8% y/y to CZK 7.5bn in H1 2022. CzechToll reported that the growth was driven by the new toll sections from 1 February and a slight increase in traffic volume on motorways and class I roads. Ca. 52% of the collected fees were paid by drivers of foreign vehicles. In June alone, hauliers paid a total of CZK 1.3bn in tolls, which represents an increase of 4.7%. The number of transactions increased by 0.2% to 96.2 million. At the end of H1, 697,000 vehicles weighing over 3.5 tonnes were registered in the electronic toll system. ■

## Natural 95 down to 47.63 CZK/l, diesel to 47.70 CZK/l

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The average consumer price of Natural 95 petrol in the 28th week of 2022 dropped to CZK 47.63 from CZK 47.89 per litre compared to the 27th week in the Czech Republic. Diesel fuel decreased to CZK 47.70 from CZK 48.02/l. The price of LPG decreased to CZK 19.47 from CZK 19.51 per litre. The price of gasoil, according to the Czech Statistical Office, showed a decrease to CZK 27,350 from CZK 29,201 per 1,000 litres. ■

## NEWS FROM SLOVAKIA

### FS SR: Tax returns were filed by 2.35% more taxpayers

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The number of income tax returns filed in Slovakia in 2021 increased by 2.35% y/y to 1.2 million. This was reported by the Slovak Financial Administration (FS SR), which expects returns only from taxpayers who claim individual tax years and those who have extended their filing deadline by six months. 286,457 individuals and legal entities have used the possibility of extending the deadline. ■

### Unemployment rate in Slovakia fell to 6.28%

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The unemployment rate in Slovakia decreased year-on-year by 1.48 percentage points to 6.28% in June 2022. It was lower by 0.07 pp m/m. The Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family informed about it. The number of jobseekers registered for 12 months or more at employment offices reached the lowest figure in the last 17 months, namely 83,035. ■

### 365.bank: A third of Slovaks invest to improve savings

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The fear of losing finances is a barrier to investing for up to half of Slovaks. Only a third currently use this tool for evaluating savings. For almost two thirds, this solution is rather a big unknown. Non-investment products are exclusively used by 52% of respondents, who prefer to keep their finances in current or savings accounts, insurance policies or classic time deposits. The Go4insight survey for 365.bank also shows that 29% of Slovaks are discouraged from investing by the long commitment of finances, and 25% stated that they do not know how to invest as an obstacle. ■

### SkyToll: Toll collection up to EUR 122.27m

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SkyToll collected a total of EUR 122.27m for the National Motorway Company through the comprehensive service of the electronic toll system in Slovakia in H1 2022, up 7.3% y/y. In the last month under review, toll collection amounted to EUR 21.62m. As of June 30, 303 691 on-board units were registered in the system. Compared to May, the number increased by 3 313. Vehicles from abroad accounted for 76.1%. ■

### Gasoline and diesel cheaper in SR, CNG costs more

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The average price of Natural 95 petrol in Slovakia fell by 1.80% to EUR 1.911 per litre in week 27 compared to week 26 of 2022. Natural 98 fell by 1.72% to EUR 2.110/l and diesel by 2.21% to EUR 1.903/l. CNG price went 3.96% up to EUR 1.969/litre. The price of LPG stagnated at EUR 0.889 per litre and LNG at EUR 2.862 per kg, the Slovak Statistical Office reported. ■

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