

# RUSSIAN-UKRAINIAN CONFLICT ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL IMPACTS

December 27, 2022

## STATE AND INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS' MEASURES

### M. Zeman approved Digital and Information Agency

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President Miloš Zeman signed an amendment to the law on the right to digital services. The law establishes the Digital and Information Agency, which will become the administrative authority for electronic identification and services. The agency will take over the administration of the basic registers from the Ministry of the Interior and will link public administration information systems. It will also coordinate tasks in the field of registration and data sharing. ■

### MS: New digitalisation law to simplify business founding

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The Ministry of Justice (MS) has announced that a law has been published in the Collection of Laws that will facilitate the establishment and registration of limited liability companies in the Commercial Register by means of electronic communication and identification. This will reduce the administrative burden on company founders. It will no longer be necessary, for example, to document certain data in duplicate. The relevant parts of the Act will enter into force on January 15, 2023. ■

## REACTIONS OF BUSINESSES, COMPANIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

### Colt CZ Group establishes joint-venture with N7 Holding

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On December 22, 2022, Colt CZ Group SE signed a joint venture agreement with the Hungarian state-owned company N7 Holding. The two parties will establish Colt CZ Hungary, with the Czech party owning 51% and the Hungarian party 49%. Under the joint venture, Hungary will provide the production plant, technology and skilled labour, while Colt CZ Group SE will provide its manufacturing know-how, supply chain and access to its sales network. Colt CZ Group SE CEO and chairman Jan Drahota said that the common goal will be to rearm the Hungarian armed forces. ■

## IMPACT ON ECONOMY AND ENERGY

### ERÚ: Heat production down 0.9%, industrial consumption up

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Gross heat production in Q3 2022 decreased by 0.9% y/y to 24 141 TJ. The Energy Regulatory Office (ERÚ) reported that only lignite production increased by 9.0% to 7974 TJ. Biomass, hard coal and natural gas showed a decrease. Heat supply, on the other hand, increased by 1.0% to 9862 TJ. The total installed capacity of heating plants was 38.42 GW. Heat consumption increased by 3.6% to 3580 TJ in the industrial segment and by 1.2% to 1349 TJ in the trade, services, education and health segment. ■

### Petrol cheaper to CZK 36.44/l and diesel to CZK 37.90/l

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The average consumer price of Natural 95 petrol in the Czech Republic fell from CZK 37 per litre to CZK 36.44 per litre in the 51st week compared to the 50th week of 2022. Diesel fuel went down from 38.34 CZK/l to 37.90 CZK/l. The price of LPG decreased from 17.39 CZK/l to 17.18 CZK/l. According to the survey of the Czech Statistical Office, the price of gas oil increased from CZK 20 706 per 1,000 litres to CZK 20 793 per 1,000 litres. ■

### UniCredit: Property prices to drop ca. 5%

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The UniCredit Property Market Stress Indicator rose by 31 points to -3.47% in December 2022, making residential property investments slightly less unprofitable. The gross annual rental yield at the level of regional cities in the Czech Republic increased by 9 points month-on-month to 4.02% due to a decline in apartment prices (-1.4%) and rental growth (+0.9%). Among regional cities, real estate remained the least unfavourable in Ostrava and Ústí nad Labem, while Brno retained its top position at the other end of the ranking. UniCredit economist Jiří Pour expects property prices to fall by around 5% in 2023. ■

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