

AN EDUCATED AND STRONG COUNTRY

1. Education That Keeps the Czech Republic Afloat

Return of Other Non-Investment Expenditures (ONIV) to State Control

An end to chaos and regional disparities.

Principals make decisions, principals are accountable.

The state guarantees a basic standard of equipment and teacher training.

Career Framework for Teachers

Three clear levels: Beginner → Experienced → Expert.

Automatic salary growth, less bureaucracy, greater professionalism.

Teachers must finally receive the promised 130% of the average wage.

A Modern School Year

Fixed five-day autumn break during the week that includes October 28.

Elimination of the one-day mid-year holiday, with that time shifted to the autumn break block.

Launch a discussion with the Ministry of Education on setting the start of the summer holidays to the Monday following the last Friday of June, making it easier to plan vacations and summer camps.

21st-Century School Meals

Buffet-style systems instead of rigid nutritional quotas.

Less waste, more autonomy for students in choosing meals.

Digitalization of school cafeterias and clear methodological support.

Stable Funding for Teaching Assistants

Parameter-based funding instead of chaos.

Stable contracts, a professional role, and a clear standard for team teaching.

2. Strong Secondary Schools and Fair Admissions

Strengthening general education.

Admissions processes that assess long-term performance rather than one-off exam stress.

Increasing the number of secondary-school applications allowed to five.

Discussion on compulsory education through the 10th grade.

Mandatory preschool education from age four.

State-funded school psychologists in secondary schools.

3. Reform of Research and Higher-Education Governance

Creation of a Ministry for Higher Education, Research, and Innovation.

An end to fragmentation, with clear hierarchy and accountability.

Strategic management, fewer programs, greater efficiency.

Diversification of institutional roles: excellence, regional development, and practical application.

Unified representation of the Czech Republic in the European Union.

4. Sport as a Public Interest

A new Sports Act: clear responsibilities and transparent funding.

Sport as part of public health and disease prevention.

Prevention of childhood obesity and support for physical literacy.

Support for senior sports participation and active aging.



A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Modern Transport • Clean Energy • Resilient Landscapes • Responsible Agriculture

Modern Transport

High-speed rail as the economic project of the century, including connecting Prague with Germany via western Bohemia.

Completion of the core motorway network, new high-capacity routes, and bypasses.

Stable funding for repairs to regional roads.

Expansion of public transport and simpler permitting procedures for tram and trolleybus lines.

A nationwide integrated transport system, support for cycling infrastructure, and modern mobility solutions.

Full digitalization of transport-related administration and simplification of traffic signage.

Clean and Secure Energy

Reducing the economy's energy intensity through energy savings and building renovations.

Development of renewable energy sources, especially wind power, battery storage, and hydrogen technologies.

Investments in smart distribution networks and increased electricity transmission capacity.

Support for community energy projects and energy sharing.

Protection of households from energy poverty.

Phase-out of coal by 2033 and support for low-emission fuels.

A stable and predictable environment without nationalizing ČEZ.

Resilient Landscapes and the Environment

Landscape restoration as a response to climate change.

Protection of soil, water, wetlands, forests, and other natural ecosystems.

Landscape planning as an integral part of modern spatial development.

Support for projects that combine renewable energy development with nature restoration.

Greener cities with more vegetation, water features, and shade.

Responsible Agriculture

Fairer subsidies focused on active farmers and high-quality land management.

Protection of soil and water through anti-erosion measures and diverse crop rotation practices.

Restoration of landscape features that retain water and protection of agricultural land from development.

Support for regional production, short supply chains, and strong rural communities.

Less bureaucracy, greater digitalization, and stable rules for farmers.

MODERN STATE

1. Public Administration and Local Government

A digital one-stop government service by 2027: interact with officials online and handle documents remotely.

Elimination of at least five unnecessary administrative obligations by the end of 2026.

A unified collection system by 2028: one platform for taxes, social security contributions, and health insurance.

Fairer municipal funding: more resources for municipalities that provide services to residents from surrounding areas; equitable distribution based on size and infrastructure.

Voting rights from age 16 in municipal elections.

Shared municipal services: joint teachers, social workers, or building authorities where it is efficient and cost-effective.

2. Economy and Tax Reform

No tax changes during the calendar year.

A 12-month preparation period for every legislative change.

A single VAT rate by 2029.

Flat-rate expense deductions for sole proprietors:

80% up to CZK 500,000 in turnover.

20% for turnover between CZK 500,000 and CZK 2 million.

Accelerated depreciation: new machinery and technologies fully depreciated within two years.

Modern retirement savings: lower fees, access to early retirement options, and easy transfers between savings products.

Lower taxes on labor, higher taxes on property.

Incentives for municipal investment: a greater share of tax revenues for municipalities that attract high value-added businesses.

3. Entrepreneurship and a Modern Labor Market

A unified business account by 2027: taxes, contributions, and communication with authorities in one place.

Asset-freezing orders only with court approval.

Online company registration within 10 minutes and a simple process for closing a business.

A flexible labor market: clear rules for remote work, simplified contract arrangements, and modern regulations for self-employed contractors.

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A digital visa system: foreign workers processed within 30 days, with quotas available even for small businesses.

Startup support: tax incentives, opportunities to test new technologies, stronger links with universities, and access to public procurement.

An EU one-stop shop for business: unified registration and reporting, ending the requirement for local representatives in other member states.

4. Rural Areas as Modern Places to Live

High-speed internet in all municipalities by 2030.

Modern infrastructure: water supply, sewage systems, flood protection, and smart technologies for efficiency and safety.

Affordable housing through new construction, renovation, and redevelopment of brownfield sites.

Preservation of essential services: shops, post offices, schools, and healthcare providers.

Support for family farms and regional production through modern technologies, training, and local food production.

Municipal energy self-sufficiency through solar power, wind energy, and community energy projects.

Targeted support for regions undergoing economic transition, including the Ústí nad Labem, Karlovy Vary, and Moravian-Silesian regions, as well as poorer administrative districts.

5. The Euro as Part of a Modern State

We will advocate for the Czech Republic to adopt the euro in 2030.

We will push for entry into the ERM II exchange-rate mechanism and the preparation of all necessary steps for euro adoption.

We will promote measures that reduce costs for Czech businesses, with priority given to eliminating exchange-rate risk.

We will support firmly anchoring the Czech Republic in the core of the European Union, as the euro strengthens our influence in European decision-making.

RESILIENT SOCIETY

Democracy • Rule of Law • Human Rights • Media • Culture • Digitalization

1. Defending Democracy and the Rule of Law

Public Service Media: The Last Line of Defense

We have strengthened their independence, funding, and funding indexation. They now face what we view as destructive attacks from the governing coalition; TOP 09 will continue to stand firmly in their defense.

We support transparent financial oversight by the Supreme Audit Office (SAO), which would require a constitutional amendment.

We support modernizing the law governing the Czech News Agency (ČTK) and strengthening the international broadcasting activities of Czech Radio.

The Rule of Law Without Exceptions

An independent judiciary, independent police, and independent media.

We reject models of “managed democracy” associated with leaders such as Viktor Orbán and Robert Fico.

We warn against a scenario that has already undermined democracy in Hungary.

2. Human Rights: A Core Part of TOP 09's Identity

Following the Legacy of Havel and Schwarzenberg

Human rights are not “activism”; they are the foundation of a free society.

TOP 09 will respond immediately and forcefully to government statements or actions that it considers harmful in this area.

Czech Foreign Policy Must Not Lose Its Moral Compass

We will defend the tradition associated with Václav Havel of supporting dissidents, Tibet, Taiwan, and Ukraine.

We reject notions of “balanced” foreign policy inspired by China or Russia.

We will draw attention to attempts to move away from a human-rights-based foreign policy.

International Solidarity

Support for independent media at home and abroad.

Support for human rights organizations.

3. Culture as a Foundation of Identity and Innovation

Ending Chronic Underfunding

Multi-year grants instead of annual subsidies, providing stability, predictability, and efficiency. Incentives for diversified funding sources, including matching funds and greater involvement of regions, municipalities, and the private sector.

Tax incentives for cultural donors.

Cultural Vouchers for Young People

Support for visits to theatres, concerts, and bookstores.

Assistance to cultural institutions while fostering a stronger connection between younger generations and culture.

Independence of Cultural Institutions

Transformation of the National Theatre, the National Gallery, and other institutions into public-law entities.

Independent governing boards and an end to political interference in management.

Supplementing the Public Cultural Institution Act with clear incentive mechanisms.

Grant Committees Free from Political Pressure

A rotation system and terms of office independent of election cycles.

Transparent selection of experts rather than political appointees.

4. Digitalization and Cryptocurrencies

A State That Works

Digitalization should serve citizens, and we support it wherever it is feasible.

Unified standards, less bureaucracy, and greater automation.

Security and Innovation

Support for blockchain technologies and the fintech sector.

Cryptocurrency regulation based on consumer protection.

The state must be technologically competent so that it does not become dependent on external suppliers.



A DIGNIFIED LIFE

Modern Healthcare: Quality Care Without Long Waits

We will preserve fully covered healthcare for everyone.

We will allow legal co-payments for premium services and materials while maintaining accessible basic healthcare.

We will strengthen patients' right to information about costs, quality, and treatment options.

We will expand the capacity of medical schools and support the education of future doctors through funding from regions, municipalities, and hospitals in exchange for working in underserved areas.

Our goal is to increase the number of doctors, nurses, and specialists where they are most needed.

Mental Health: Timely Access to Support

We will reduce waiting times for psychological and psychiatric care.

We will expand insurance coverage for psychotherapy.

We will strengthen child and adolescent psychiatry and school-based psychological services.

We will support mental health centers, crisis hotlines, and prevention programs in schools and workplaces.

We will actively combat the stigma surrounding mental health challenges.

A Safe Digital World for Children

We will support age verification on online platforms and stronger protections for minors.

We will limit addictive features in digital services aimed at children, such as autoplay, nighttime notifications, and manipulative algorithms.

We will strengthen media literacy and digital literacy education in schools.

We reject mass surveillance of private communications under the pretext of security.

Social Policy: Support That Leads to Independence

We will support social enterprises that create employment opportunities for disadvantaged individuals.

We will ensure affordable housing, mentoring, and life-transition support for young people leaving institutional care.

We will expand respite services, community-based care, and tax relief for families caring for loved ones.

Social assistance should encourage active participation in society, not long-term dependency on the system.

Animal Welfare: Less Suffering, Higher Standards

We will prohibit the breeding of animals with demonstrably serious genetic defects.

We will establish minimum welfare standards for both farm animals and companion animals.

We will introduce stricter inspections of breeding facilities and support mandatory animal identification and registration.

We will promote modern legislation that meets European animal welfare standards.

Affordable Housing: More Homes, Lower Pressure on Prices

We will support the construction of rental housing through preferential loans for municipalities. We will accelerate building permits through digitalization and the reduction of unnecessary bureaucracy.

We will support the renovation of unused apartments and encourage vacant properties to return to the housing market.

We will involve private capital and pension funds in the development of affordable housing.

We will integrate housing policy with transportation, employment, and regional development strategies.



A SECURE EUROPE

Strong Defense for a Dangerous World

The Czech Republic must be an active guarantor of its own security, not merely a passive recipient of protection from other countries.

We will consistently strengthen the country's defense capabilities and our role within NATO and the European Union.

Today, we also protect Czech security interests by supporting allies on NATO's eastern flank.

A Modern Military for the 21st Century

By 2030, we will increase defense spending to at least 3% of GDP and ensure stable funding for the modernization of the Czech Armed Forces.

By 2035, we will raise defense spending to 3.5% of GDP, ensuring that the Czech Republic ranks among NATO's best-prepared allies.

By 2035, we will invest an additional 1.5% of GDP in broader national security, particularly in cybersecurity, critical infrastructure protection, civil defense, crisis management, and societal resilience.

We will invest half of the defense budget in military modernization.

Priorities will include air defense, drones and counter-drone systems, electronic warfare, ammunition, logistics, and cybersecurity.

A Prepared Society and Strong Reserve Forces

We will expand the Active Reserve Forces and support voluntary military service.

We will strengthen specialized reserve units in healthcare, logistics, and cybersecurity.

We will restore a civil defense system focused on public preparedness for emergencies and crises.

We will modernize and expand the network of shelters and other emergency infrastructure.

National Protection of Critical Infrastructure

We will build a multi-layered counter-drone protection system.

We will ensure the protection of power plants, hospitals, airports, dams, data centers, and other strategic facilities.

We will strengthen the state's ability to rapidly detect and neutralize modern security threats.

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Financial Security of the State

We will introduce more effective measures against the financing of hostile influence operations and money laundering.

We will strengthen the powers and capacities of financial oversight institutions.

We will make full use of European instruments to combat sanctions evasion and illicit financial flows.

Supporting Ukraine and Defending Europe

We will continue supporting Ukraine in its fight against Russian aggression.

We will support joint production of defense technologies, training programs, and the sharing of expertise.

We will support Ukraine's accession to the European Union and NATO.

A Stronger Europe, a Stronger Czech Republic

The Czech Republic must be part of the European Union's core decision-making circle.

We will deepen cooperation with key European partners in defense and security.

We will support the development of European defense capabilities.

We view the adoption of the euro as a strategic step that strengthens both the economic and security position of the Czech Republic.

Defending Democracy Against Hybrid Threats

We will strengthen the protection of elections and democratic institutions against foreign interference.

We will introduce more effective tools to counter hostile foreign influence.

We will support media literacy and society's ability to resist disinformation.

Czech foreign policy must stand unequivocally on the side of democracy, human rights, and our allies.