



Onsemi’s Big Bet on Roznov underlines AmCham’s innovation advocacy

“This investment is exactly what the country needs to become an innovative economy,” Milan Slapak, AmCham’s president, told assembled officials, professors and businesses at onsemi’s Roznov design center. “It is an essential technology for several important global sectors; it combines development with production; it involves universities both in education and research; and it is driven by local executives willing to compete with their colleagues to win the investment for the country.”



If all goes well, and right now the trend is good, onsemi will increase its research and production capacity in Roznov nad Radhostem enormously, as well as expand its research center in Brno. Instead of researching one line, onsemi will develop all four major areas for the semiconductor industry. Their competence in silicon carbide chips will spread, and their investigations into the next material on which to house the technology will move into their Czech labs. This sets Czechia up nicely to be a power center for not only the new generation of semiconductors, but also for the one after that. [more](#)



AmCham Intel: Taxation Stabilizing revenue flow



AmCham held its annual session on taxation with the Ministry of Finance’s Stanislav Kouba and Zdenek Hrdlicka as the government’s austerity package was making its way through parliament. The main question we had was how that package fit into the long-term revenue policy of the government? Was it the first of several steps, or a one off. Both men felt that the current package would be sufficient to put public finance on firm ground. They then discussed the rest of the ministry’s tax agenda, including plans to digitize the process and changes to the accounting rules. The working group agreed to form a team for commenting on upcoming proposals. [more](#)



AmCham Intel: Sustainability The coming investment climate change

How can businesses filter the cultural warfare out, and understand how ESG will impact economies and their business? By studying how the concept of ESG affects their business in practice. That starts with the EU’s new Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive.

“We are a global business, and we are going to try build a denominator for our business practices globally,” explained Munir Nanji of Citibank at the AmChamIntel session on ESG and investment. “At the moment, the EU has set the standard for best practice in sustainability. We are going to react by adopting those standards across all of our markets.” [more](#)

government initiatives

energy policy

Government approves policy plan for developing small modular reactors

The government has approved a document named Czech SMR Roadmap – Applicability and Contribution to Economy. Based on the Roadmap, the innovative technology will be included in the State Energy Policy and recognized in the Spatial Development Policy of the Czech Republic. The Roadmap provides an overview of possible sites and investment models. [more](#)

macroeconomic and tax policy

Government relies on Consolidation Package to improve the shape of the economy

The Parliament passed and the President signed the Government Consolidation Package. Changes intended to improve state budget within the next two years will be effective from January 1, 2024. Corporate income tax rate will increase from 19% to 21% and employer social insurance contribution will go up from 6.5% to 7.1%, among others. [more](#)

Spotlight on investment incentives in the Senate

The Senate, the Upper Chamber of the Czech Parliament, will debate amendment to Act on Investment incentives that, except for strategic investments, proposes to abolish the obligation to submit every application for an investment incentive to the government for consideration. [more](#)

research policy

New Research Act proposal addresses bottlenecks on the path to innovation

Minister for Science, Research and Innovation H. Langšádlová submitted new research act for interministerial round of comments. The proposal scope ranges from technology transfer, through talent development and retention, to licenses, spin-offs and support of public-private research cooperation. [more](#)

labor market policy

Labor Code amendment aims to regulate home office

The amendment to Labor Code, now in effect, brings a more detailed regulation of remote work/home office, expands information obligations towards employees or changes the position of workers on DPP/DPČ agreements, among others. [more](#)

TABLE 3. ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION

Electricity production (GWh)	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020	Compound annual growth rate 2000–2020 (%)
Total	72 012	80 653	83 776	81 853	80 369	0.55
Coal, Lignite and Peat	53 514	50 343	47 612	41 799	31 579	-2.60
Oil	372	326	199	94	89	-6.88
Natural gas	1 691	1 470	1 362	2 264	6 848	7.24
Bioenergy and Waste	531	738	2 189	4 868	5 309	12.20
Hydro	2 313	3 027	3 380	3 071	3 437	2.00
Nuclear	13 590	24 728	27 998	26 841	30 043	4.05
Wind	1	21	335	573	699	38.75
Solar	0	0	616	2 264	2 287	0.00
Geothermal	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Other	0	0	85	79	76	0.00

digitization and healthcare policy

Calls to fund electronic medical records were launched

The Integrated Regional Operational Program (IROP), managed by the Ministry for Regional Development, is launching three calls to support the digitization of healthcare. Around CZK 2.4 billion from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) has been allocated for electronic medical records and related services. Medical facilities can use the funds to purchase new software and to expand existing information systems. [more](#)

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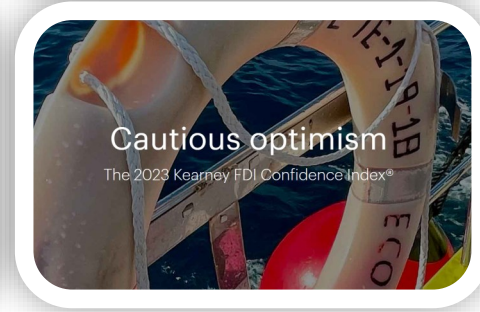
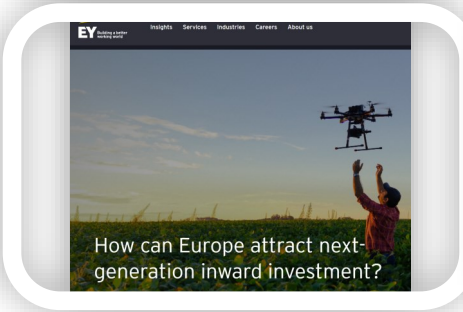
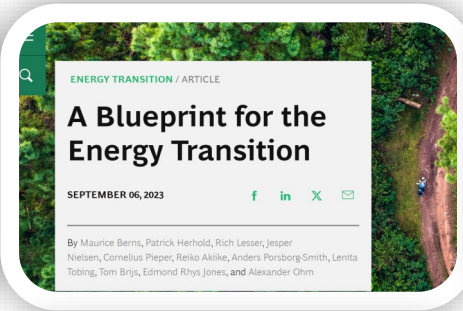
Latest economic data and outlook, November 2023

According to the [Ministry of Finance Outlook](#), the Czech economy is teetering on the edge of recession this year. Gross domestic product is likely to fall by 0.5% in 2023 but is forecast to grow by 1.9% in 2024. Next year, inflation will be significantly lower than this year, but for most of the year it will remain above 3%. The impact of weak economic dynamics on the labor market should not be significant given the persistent imbalances.

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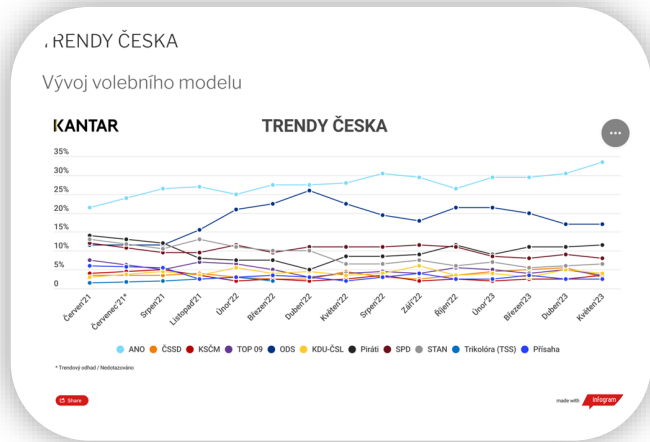
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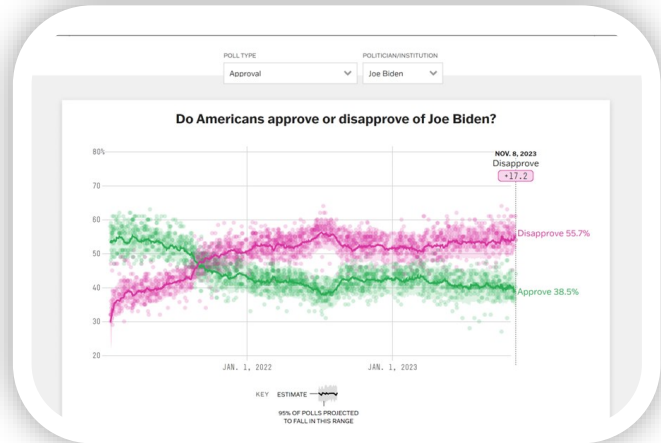
czech national politics

coalition fission or fusion?



The Fiala government has passed the halfway mark. It has not had an easy path: COVID, the attempted annexation of Ukraine, inflation, and now a war in the Middle East. Governments in Czechia tend to receive short honeymoons, and decline in popularity. This government has not avoided that fate. The prime minister is viewed positively by a third of poll respondents; his government has the support of a quarter. This has led to media claims that this government is the least popular since the cabinet of Petr Nečas.

That is likely within the margin of (polling) error. Whether his government has plunged a few percentage points lower than his predecessors matters less than whether the five parties that compose the coalition can secure 101 seats in the Chamber of Deputies in the 2025 election. [more](#)



US national politics

Same story, different ending?

Will Americans choose President Joe Biden or former President Donald Trump in 2024?

We should not be certain that either- or both- will be the nominee of their party. Voters and his fellow Democrats in Congress fret about President Biden's age. One, a former business executive from Minnesota named Dean Phillips, has decided to run against him.

The path to the presidency for former President Trump leads through courtrooms. The polls indicate he can survive being charged with 91 criminal and civil offenses, but that being convicted might bring him down. [more](#)

