The air transport sector makes a major contribution to the Czech Republican economy

It creates jobs...
Airlines, airport operators, airport on-site enterprises (restaurants and retail), aircraft manufacturers, and air navigation service providers employed 24,000 people in the Czech Republic in 2014. In addition, by buying goods and services from local suppliers the sector supported another 18,000 jobs. On top of this, the sector is estimated to have supported a further 5,800 jobs by paying wages to its employees, some or all of which are subsequently spent on consumer goods and services. Foreign tourists arriving by air to the Czech Republic, who spend their money in the local economy, are estimated to have supported an additional 13,000 jobs in 2014.

...and generates wealth
The air transport industry is estimated to have supported a $1.9 billion gross value added contribution to GDP in the Czech Republic in 2014. Spending by foreign tourists supported a further $460 million gross value added contribution to the country’s GDP. This means that 1.1 percent of the country’s GDP is supported by the air transport sector and foreign tourists arriving by air.
Air transportation facilitates exports, foreign direct investment, and tourism

The ten most popular direct flight links:
1. Germany
2. Russia
3. United Kingdom
4. France
5. Italy
6. Netherlands
7. Poland
8. Greece
9. Switzerland
10. Spain

The scale of investment, exports, and inbound spending in the Czech Republic

Air transport brings tourists and investment into the Czech Republic, and helps businesses trade their goods and services around the world. In 2014, foreign tourists spent US $6.2 billion in the Czech Republic, supporting restaurants, hotels, transport providers, and others who cater to tourists. In addition, the Czech Republic exported US $170 billion worth of goods and services in 2014. Over time, the country has accumulated US $120 billion in foreign direct investment.
The air transport sector connects people around the world

Number of direct flight destinations in the ten fastest growing countries

- India
- Bangladesh
- Vietnam
- Pakistan
- China
- Indonesia
- Philippines
- Kazakhstan
- Angola
- Nigeria

Number of direct flights to the top ten fastest growing cities

- Surat
- Ahmedabad
- Ho Chi Minh City
- Hà Nội
- Delhi
- Bengaluru
- Hyderabad (India)
- Kinshasa
- Dhaka
- Lagos

Arrivals by continent, number of passengers (000s)

Asia-Pacific and North America are the largest sources of arrivals to the Czech Republic after Europe. In 2014, 0.8 million passengers arrived to the Czech Republic from Asia-Pacific (7.7 percent of the total) and 400,000 passengers arrived from North America (4.3 percent).

The air transport sector’s ability to connect the Czech Republic to emerging countries and fast growing cities can help drive economic growth. There are 2 direct flight destinations among the ten fastest growing countries in the world as measured by GDP growth and 6 direct flight destinations among the 20 fastest growing countries. There is 1 direct weekly flight among the ten fastest growing cities in the world as measured by GDP growth and 1 direct weekly flight among the 100 fastest growing cities.¹

¹ Fastest growing countries are Ranked by Oxford Economics’ forecasted real GDP growth 2015-2030, with a threshold of >US $100 million GDP. Fastest growing cities are ranked by Oxford Economics’ forecasted real GDP growth 2015-2030, with a minimum city size of 5 million.
The importance of air transport to the Czech Republic

Ease of travel, cost competitiveness, and infrastructure are vitally important

Survey evidence of infrastructure and ease of travel

Executives surveyed by the World Economic Forum suggest that the Czech Republic’s air transport infrastructure quality ranks 21st out of 42 countries included in the survey in Europe and 37th globally. The Czech Republic ranks 10th out of 42 in Europe for visa openness and 20th for cost competitiveness.

Key infrastructure facts about the Czech Republican air transport

Around 110,000 aircraft land or take off from the Czech Republic every year. The country has no airports that are in the top 100 in the world (ranked by passenger numbers). Ruzyne airport carried the most passengers - 10.1 million - in 2014.

Number of passengers travelling annually through the five busiest airports in the country (000s)

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Number of airports: 5
Number of operating airlines: 80
Number of landings and takeoffs: 110,000

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