

A new approach to the monitoring of continuing education and training in the Czech Republic – the DV Monitor web portal

The new web portal DV Monitor (<u>www.dvmonitor.cz</u>) provides an easy and user-friendly access to data, information and news concerning continuing education and training (CET) in the Czech Republic. It offers well-arranged data facilitating international and regional comparisons to be used by policy makers, educational institutions and individuals. The portal constitutes the first regular and comprehensive monitoring of information on CET in the Czech Republic.

The authors from the National Training Fund have collected all available statistical data about CET in order to develop a set of indicators. They made use of the outcomes of international surveys and national research studies concerned with CET, as well as administrative sources of information and public and private databases covering CET provision.

The indicators provide an overview of the situation in continuing education and training at national and regional levels. Moreover, selected indicators facilitate comparison of the Czech Republic and other EU member countries. There are, for example, data about CET undertaken by individuals and in enterprises, information about CET funding and barriers to participation in CET – all in the form of clear overviews or detailed tables.

It is for the first time in the Czech Republic that data about the range of CET courses on offer are published. The authors have put together three largest databases of CET provision in the Czech Republic and developed a tool for eliminating overlaps and gaining information about the overall number of CET courses. The structure of the courses is compared with the employment and jobs structure so as to ascertain the extent to which the supply of courses meets labour market demand.

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