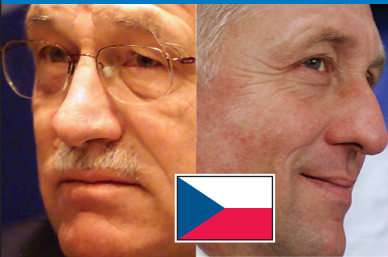


Czech Republic



President ***Vaclav Klaus*** (l) – strains with PM-designate ***Mirek Topolánek*** (r)

Country area:	79,000 sq km
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Population:	10.2 million
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Capital city:	Prague
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Life expectancy (yrs):	73 (m), 80 (w)
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GDP – per capita:	\$20,000
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Unemployment:	8.9%
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Main exports:	Manufactured goods, machinery, motor vehicles, beer
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Religion: Catholic	39.2%, (atheist 39.8%)
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Currency:	Czech koruna
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Support for European Union:	51%
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