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# About Us

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## Our Mission

The Center for Social and Economic Strategies is an **interdisciplinary research and education unit** engaged in the development of theory, methodology and practice of exploring possible futures, and the application of analyses and forecasts in decision making. For this purpose, CESES

- identifies the key problems and development priorities of the Czech Republic;
- provides partial and comprehensive analyses, scenarios, visions and strategies of the social, economic, environmental and political development of the Czech Republic in a European and global context;
- promotes dialogue between experts, politicians, civil servants, civil sector activists, as well as individual citizens;
- provides cognitive and methodological provisions so as to help improve the strategic governance of the country.

## Our Profile

We were established in October 2000 at the [Charles University in Prague](#) , [Faculty of Social Sciences](#) .

We are an **interdisciplinary research think-tank**, and we interact with many organizations and institutions in and outside the Czech Republic.

[Our partners](#) are international organizations, universities, and research institutes. We have established contacts with the Government of the Czech Republic, both Houses of Parliament of the Czech Republic, scientists, civic activists and the media. Because of our profile and orientation, we aim to fill one blank space in the structure of social science institutes of the Czech Republic.

Our team, led from CESES' inception by [Professor Martin Potůček, PhD.](#)

## Our Clients

Two key orientations shape all our activities. Being an academic institution, we aim to channel scientific-research outcomes to all those interested. Therefore, a significant proportion of our publishing efforts should address those members of the general public who care about the future of the Czech Republic and Europe. However, we also provide quite specific expert outputs of practical, as well as methodological, character to organizations working with medium to long-term prospects.

Our chief target groups include:

- public administration;
- political parties;
- international institutions;
- research and educational institutions;
- NGOs, trade unions, professional associations;
- corporations;
- media.