Information on Unemployment in the Czech Republic by February 28, 2011

By February 28, 2011 job offices registered altogether 566,896 job seekers. That is by 4,967 less than at the end of January. The number of job seekers decreased by 16,239 persons compared with the same period of the preceding year. The number of available job seekers (job seekers currently available for work) was 547,257.

In the course of February, job offices registered altogether 47,156 newcomers. That is by 20,368 job seekers less than in the preceding month and by 10,788 newly registered job seekers less than in February of the preceding year.

In February, job offices registration was terminated with 52,123 job seekers. New jobs have been taken up by 34,605 persons. In the course of the above-said month, job offices excluded 17,518 job seekers due to other reasons.

A monthly decrease of unemployed was registered by 68 job offices in the Czech Republic – relatively the greatest decrease was monitored in districts Mladá Boleslav and Rokycany (both 3.7 %), Plzeň-sever (3.4 %), Plzeň-město (3.1 %) and Domažlice (3.0 %). **A monthly increase of unemployed was registered by 7 job offices** in the Czech Republic – the greatest increase was monitored in districts Ústí nad Labem (2.9 %), České Budějovice (1.5 %) and Benešov (1.4 %).

At the end of February, job offices registered 263,172 female job seekers, that is 46.4 % of the unemployed in total, and **70,331 persons with reduced working capacity**, that is 12.4 % of the unemployed in total.

By February 28, 2011, 34,466 school leavers with all levels of education and juveniles were registered. Thus they share in the total unemployment rate by 6.1% (January 2011 - 6.0%, February 2010 - 6.1%).

In February 2011, job offices paid off unemployment benefits to 182,670 job seekers, that is 32.2 % of all job seekers under registration (January 2011 – 33.6 %, February 2010 – 36.6 %).

By February 28, 2011, the unemployment rate was 9.6 % (January: 9.7 %, February 2010: 9.9 %). Unemployment rate higher than average of the Czech Republic was shown in 49 districts, the highest being in Jeseník (20.4 %), Bruntál (18.0 %), Most (16.7 %), Hodonín (16.1 %) and Děčín (15.8 %). The lowest unemployment rate was in districts of Praha and Praha-východ (4.1 %), Praha – západ (4.2 %) and Mladá Boleslav (5.0 %). The unemployment rate - women was 10.3 % and unemployment rate - men was 9.0 %.

By February 28, 2011, job offices registered altogether 32,164 vacancies. That is by 771 vacancies more than in the preceding month and by 44 vacancies more than in the same period of the preceding year. At present, there have been 17.6 job seekers for one vacancy at average, the highest amount being in districts of Děčín (62.6), Jeseník (58.0), Teplice (53.7) and Prostějov (50.6). In this monitored period, there were registered by job offices 2,417 vacancies for persons with reduced working capacity that is 29.1 seekers per vacancy. In the case of school leavers and juveniles, there were registered altogether 4,510 vacancies, that is 7.6 seekers per vacancy.

Unemployment rate (EUROSTAT) was 7.9 % in January.