



CZECH REPUBLIC

Water & Waste Water Market Brief 2008

Czech Republic: Important Links & Contacts

Ministry of Environment – www.env.cz

Ministry of Agriculture – www.mze.cz

State Environmental Fund – www.sfzp.cz

Water Supply and Sewerage Association (SOVAK) – www.sovak.cz

Water Management Association (SVH) – www.svh.cz

Association of Waste Water treatment Experts (ACE) - www.mzcr.cz



Market Overview

In the 1990s, the water sector underwent reforms that – together with EU accession in 2004 - had a major influence on the current water management situation in the Czech Republic. The water sector was privatized in mid-1990s and municipalities or unions of municipalities became the new owners.

In 2007, 9.5 million inhabitants (about 92 percent) – out of total population of 10.4 million – were supplied from water supply systems. This figure is slightly above the EU average. Water supply systems produced a total of over 682 million cubic meters of drinking water. Households were supplied 342.4 million cubic meters of the total drinking water produced. Compared to previous years, the amount of drinking water losses decreased, however, leakage still reaches almost 20 percent of total drinking water produced (126 m³ million). The length of the water supply network is 70,539 km.

In 2007, 8.3 million inhabitants of the Czech Republic were connected to the sewage systems that discharged over 519 million cubic meters of waste water into the sewerage systems. The sewage systems are 37,689 km in length. In 2004, almost 96 percent of the waste water treated was processed at water treatment plants. Most of this water is treated according to EU directives. About 5 percent (out of 96 percent of treated waste water) undergoes a form of treatment not fully complying with EU standards.

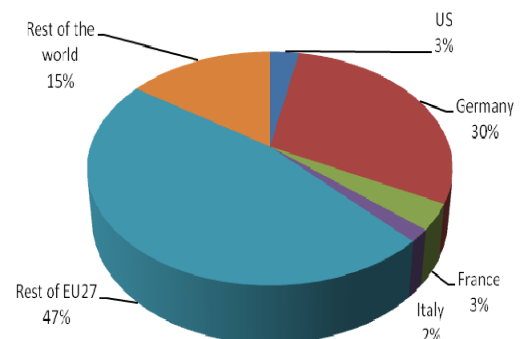
Market demand for advanced technologies is mostly satisfied by imports. European companies dominate the market.

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Highlight Box

- The Czech Republic will have to spend CZK 49 billion (\$2.45 billion) by 2010 to fulfill its obligations to the EU to build suitable WWTPs and sewage systems in municipalities with more than 2,000 inhabitants.
- The quality of tap drinking water is high. Never-the-less Czechs have become big consumers of bottled water. The use of home filtration systems is also growing slowly.

Imports of Pumps (HS 841360)



Source: Czech Statistical Office