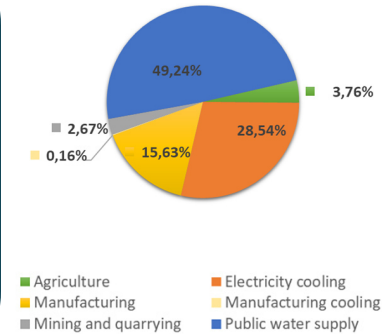
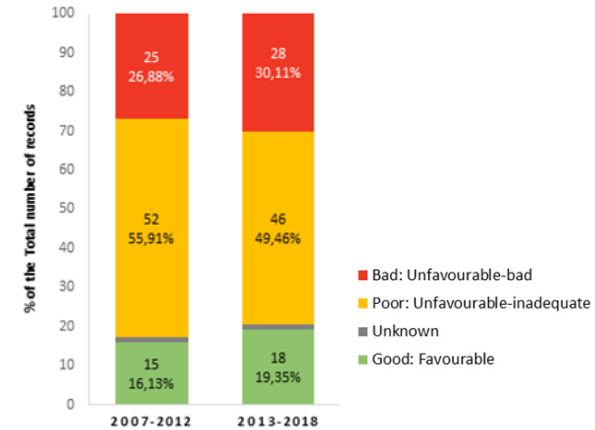




of inhabitants **10.8 million**
Surface area **77 212 km²**
GDP per capita **91 pps [1]**
Significant bodies of water (RBDs) **Danube; Elbe; Odra**
Polity **unitary state**
Layers of government **central government; 14 regions; 6 258 municipalities**
Legislative powers at the sub-national level **No**
Decentralisation index **1.9 (9 out of 27) [2]**
Water Exploitation Index plus (WEI+) **19.53% (2017) [3]**



Water abstraction per sector in Czech Republic - Source: EEA (2022)



Conservation status for habitats in 2007-2012 and 2013-2018 in Czech Republic - Source: EEA (2021)



Water bodies with less than good ecological status in Czech Republic - Source: EEA (2021)

Main actors responsible for WEFE nexus relevant governance

NEXUS PILLARS	POLICY MAKING	POLICY EXECUTION
Water	Ministry of Environment; Ministry of Agriculture	water authorities; regions; municipalities
Energy	Ministry of Industry and Trade	Energy Regulatory Office; regions; municipalities
Food	Ministry of Agriculture	regions; municipalities
Ecosystems	Ministry of Environment	--

WEFE NEXUS PERSPECTIVE

- CHALLENGES**
- Apply nature-based solutions to enable a more natural hydromorphology of surface water bodies
 - Reduce agricultural pollution of surface water and groundwater by nitrates and chemicals
 - Stimulate capacity building in terms of ecosystem accounting and develop a pilot project
 - Boost investments to improve the water status in all river basin districts
 - Increase the use of economic instruments (e.g. nitrogen fertiliser tax and water consumption charge) to promote sustainable water governance

- OPPORTUNITIES**
- Czechia enhanced the support base for the 3rd River Basin Management Plans by reserving ample time for public consultation, allowing the public and all stakeholders to express their views
 - The country's biodiversity strategy (2016-2025)[3] focuses on the recognition of natural resources, their protection and responsible use
 - Czechia's Recovery and Resilience Plan allocates a major part of the budget to:
 - climate change mitigation and adaptation
 - protection of biodiversity and natural resources

More information on WEFE nexus governance in the EU

[1] EU purchasing power standard
[2] <https://portal.cor.europa.eu/divisionpowers/Pages/Decentralization-Index.aspx>
[3] The threshold for water scarcity is set at > 20%
[4] <https://www.cbd.int/doc/world/cz/cz-nbsap-v2-en.pdf>

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