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# University of Economics, Prague helps the Czech Telecommunication CTU to open up its data

**Experts of the University of Economics, Prague helped to conduct an analysis that will help the Czech Telecommunication CTU open up its data.**

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The Czech Telecommunication CTU (CTU) has decided to join the Czech and foreign organizations that publish their data as Open Data. Upon the request of the CTU a team of experts of the Faculty of Informatics and Statistics of the University of Economics, Prague, the Faculty of Mathematics and Physics of the Charles University in Prague and of the employees of the CTU performed an analysis and recommended improvements in the openness of the data published by the CTU.

The analysis involved namely a definition of the openness criteria for the data of the CTU and how these criteria should be satisfied, identification of benefits and risks of opening up of the data and identification of 50 candidate datasets that could be published as Open Data.

According to the Chairman of the Council Jaromír Novák the CTU perceives its Open Data project as “a way to strengthen the transparency and the public supervision of the services provided by the public sector.” The CTU will also be the first public sector body in the Czech Republic that will introduce a comprehensive catalogue of the published data alongside with its metadata. This will enable potential users to search for datasets using key words or by navigating the hierarchy of data categories.

“Availability of information in open format will enable development of many useful web applications even by third parties, therefore the CTU will not have to build these applications itself using the state budget financing” adds Dušan Chlapek of the Faculty of Informatics and Statistics of the University of Economics, Prague.

Additional information and the list of the datasets of the CTU proposed for opening up can be found on [the CTU website \(only in Czech\)](#).

You can visit [otevrenadata.cz](http://otevrenadata.cz) or [opendata.cz](http://opendata.cz) portals for more information about Open Data.

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