Physical activity policy status in Czech Republic

MOVING policy index



This country snapshot presents detailed results of the **MOVING policy index** [1] for Czech Republic. It highlights strengths and weaknesses in the design of national government physical activity policies. This snapshot supplements the policy index results with an in-depth look at the quality of policy design in each country. Full policy index results are outlined in the MOVING policy brief, which compares Czech Republic to 29 other European countries.

Main messages

- 1 The Czech Republic implements policy actions in just over half of the MOVING framework, with no policy area achieving higher than a fair assessment. Three policy areas achieved this assessment: initiatives that promote physical activity in schools, community, and recreation (M), physical activity opportunities in the workplace and training (O) and increasing physical activity through public communication which builds behaviour change skills (N).
- 2 Weaknesses are highlighted throughout the framework; therefore, action is needed to improve all policy areas. Improvements are needed in physical activity in schools and for all ages and abilities (M), physical activity in the workplace (O), public awareness campaigns (N) and providing physical activity training in primary care (G). Gaps were identified in a lack of physical activity in and outside the classroom and community initiatives (M), alongside an absence of physical activity guidelines (N).
- **3** No policy action was identified in two out of the six policy areas of MOVING therefore, implementation in policy areas V and G should be prioritised. This includes active design guidelines (V), and physical activity training in healthcare settings (G).

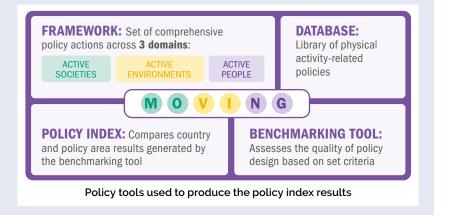
Overvie	ew of policy status	NO POLICIES IDENTIFIED	POOR	FAIR	MODERATE	GOOD	EXCELLENT
M	Make opportunities and initiatives that promote physical activity in schools, the community and sport and recreation					FAIR	
0	Offer physical activity opportunities in the workplace and training in physical activity promotion across multiple professions					FAIR	
V	Visualise and enact structures and surroundings which promote physical activity				NO POLICIES IDENTIFIED		
	Implement transport infrastructure and opportunities that support active societies				FAIR		
N	Normalise and increase physical activity through public communication that motivates and builds behaviour change skills			FAIR			
G	Give physical activity t	raining, assessment ar	nd counselling	g in healthca	re settings	NO POLICIE	S IDENTIFIED

This snapshot is based on national level policies only. Policies issued by provincial, regional or local governments are outside the scope of this project.

Methods

The MOVING policy index methods are fully explained in the associated **policy brief**. In short, the policy index combines values for a) policy presence, and b) policy design for 23 benchmarks.

The benchmarks are applied to policies in the <u>MOVING database</u> [2], collected through a comprehensive scan in 30 European countries, including Czech Republic.



No policy identified Meets up to 75% of policy design	
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Meets up to 25% of policy design Meets up to 99% of policy design	
Meets up to 50% of policy design Meets all aspirational standards	

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	Physical activity in schools and PE		
	Physical activity in and outside of classrooms		
R/I	Physical activity outside of school hours	×	
IVI	Community and mass participation initiatives	×	
	Physical activity for people of all ages and abilities		
	Financial incentives to promote physical activity	×	
	Training for professions outside of healthcare		
U	Physical activity in the workplace	×	
	Design guidelines and regulations for buildings	×	
	Active design guidelines outside buildings	×	
W	Active design guidelines for open/green spaces	×	
V	Walking and cycling infrastructure	×	
	Integrated urban design and land-use policies	×	
	Access to quality public open space and green spaces	×	
	Policies to support public transport		
	Road safety actions including safety of pedestrians, cyclists etc	×	
	Mass communication campaigns to promote transport		
	Policies to promote active transport	×	
N	Mass media campaigns and social marketing promoting physical activity	×	
IN	Develop and communicate physical activity guidelines		
	Pre- and in-service training within health care	×	
G	Primary care (assessment, counselling and PA prescriptions)	×	
	Health care and outpatient settings	×	
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Note: The policy landscape in any country evolves over time. These findings reflect our knowledge as of May 2023. To see latest results and for further technical information on the policy indexes, please consult our website: wcrf.org/our-policy-work.

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[1] Policy index: wcrf.org/physical-activity-policy-index [2] Policy database: policydatabase.wcrf.org





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