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SELECTED FINDINGS
AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL:

Czechia

Introduction

WORLD JUSTICE PROJECT EUROVOICES (WJP EUROVOICES) measures people's perceptions of and experiences with the rule of law, justice, and governance in 110 subnational regions across all 27 EU Member States.

WJP EUROVOICES draws upon two original data sources:

EXPERT SCORECARD

Reflecting more than 8,000 responses from local and independent legal experts in the EU.

Scores range from 0 to 1, where 1 signifies the highest possible score and 0 signifies the lowest possible score.¹

PEOPLE'S VOICES

Based on regionally representative surveys of over 64,000 respondents from the general population.

Data is presented at the question level, shown in percentages, and can be further disaggregated by income, gender, age, and degree of urbanization.

Noting the diversity of institutional designs across EU Member States, this project's survey questions focus on the individuals' experiences related to justice, governance, and the rule of law. These experiences and their ultimate outcomes result from their interactions with a complex network of institutions at local, national, and supranational level.

In this sense, the questionnaires minimized references to government institutions, focusing instead on the perceptions and experiences of people in the city, town, or village where they live. Regional information was produced following the framework of territorial divisions of the Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS) system.

WJP EUROVOICES builds upon the well-established and tested methodology of the WJP Rule of Law Index, but uses an expanded conceptual framework adapted to reflect the institutional architecture in the EU. In addition, it presents data from the public and legal experts separately (thus, **the WJP Rule of Law Index and WJP EUROVOICES are not comparable**).

WJP EUROVOICES features dozens of indicators organized into three thematic areas: "Democracy and Fundamental Rights", "Justice and Safety", and "Transparency and Corruption". This data, which can be analyzed both at the country² and local level, provides actionable insights to guide policymaking, strengthen institutions, and foster inclusive, and sustainable development across the EU.

WJP EUROVOICES reports with key findings, interactive dashboards, and full datasets, published in November 2024, are available at: <https://eurovoices.worldjusticeproject.org/>

¹ To ensure data reliability, expert scores for certain regions are excluded from the Expert Scorecard due to insufficient responses for robust calculations.

² For all indicators, country-level data, when presented, is calculated using weighted averages of region-level scores based on population size.

Regions analyzed and completed surveys per EU country

COUNTRY	# OF REGIONS ANALYZED	COMPLETED EXPERT SURVEYS	Household surveys			
			METHODOLOGY	POLLING PARTNER	COMPLETED SURVEYS	DATA COLLECTION PERIOD
Austria	3	122	Online	Bilendi & Respondi	2,310	02/27-04/09/24
Belgium	3	109	Online	Bilendi & Respondi	1,521	03/01-04/12/24
Bulgaria	2	420	Face-to-face	Alpha Research Ltd.	1,500	01/19-02/24/24
Croatia	4	198	Face-to-face	ACT	2,000	02/15-03/28/24
Cyprus	1	99	Face-to-face	Pulse Market Research	1,010	11/10/23 - 03/20/24
Czechia	4*	200	Online	Ipsos	2,024	02/26-04/10/24
Denmark	5	148	Online	Bilendi & Respondi	2,522	03/01-04/23/24
Estonia	1	56	Online	Ipsos	1,044	02/26-04/11/24
Finland	4*	115	Online	Ipsos	2,218	02/26-04/14/24
France	13*	489	Online	Ipsos	6,195	02/26-04/16/24
Germany	16	1,089	Online	Bilendi & Respondi	8,055	03/01-04/24/24
Greece	4	232	Face-to-face	D3 Systems, Inc.	2,009	01/08-04/04/24
Hungary	3	306	Online	Talk Online	1,750	02/07-02/29/24
Ireland	3	101	Online	RED C Research	1,288	02/01-04/30/24
Italy	5	1,368	Online	Bilendi & Respondi	3,844	03/01-04/01/24
Latvia	1	68	Face-to-face	ACT	1,003	03/01-03/31/24
Lithuania	2	90	Face-to-face	ACT	1,500	03/01-04/21/24
Luxembourg	1	38	Online	ILRES	605	02/02-02/23/24
Malta	1	42	Face-to-face	Misco International	500	01/02-03/13/24
Netherlands	4	148	Online	Bilendi & Respondi	3,050	03/01-04/17/24
Poland	7	434	Face-to-face	ACT	5,252	03/01-05/10/24
Portugal	3	277	Face-to-face	Intercampus	1,562	01/23-04/02/24
Romania	4	475	Face-to-face	ACT	3,018	03/09-05/12/24
Slovakia	4	264	Online	Talk Online	2,200	02/07-02/29/24
Slovenia	2	99	Online	Ipsos	1,019	02/26-04/10/24
Spain	7	858	Online	Ipsos	3,536	02/26-04/17/24
Sweden	3	197	Online	Ipsos	1,554	02/26-04/11/24
Total	110	8,042			64,089	

Note: Regions in Czechia merged from 8 to 4 and in Finland from 5 to 4. In France, the Départements d'Outre-Mer was dropped (reducing the number of regions from 14 to 13).

Czechia



Region	Code
Prague	CZ01
Western and Central Bohemia	CZ020304
North-East and South-East	CZ0506
Central Moravia and Silesia	CZ0708

Democracy & Fundamental Rights

EXPERT SCORECARD

CHECKS ON GOVERNMENT POWERS*

	EU	Czechia
Legislative oversight	0.59	0.61
Judicial independence	0.67	0.76
Independent oversight	0.57	0.58
Independent prosecution	0.60	0.65
Free, fair, and secure elections	0.75	0.86
Non-governmental checks	0.70	0.79

*Only at national level

GOVERNMENT RESPECT FOR CHECKS ON POWER*

Government respect for...	EU	Czechia
The constitution and political opponents	0.71	0.83
Judicial independence	0.68	0.77
Independent oversight	0.63	0.63
Independent prosecution	0.62	0.70
The electoral system	0.76	0.84
Civil liberties	0.69	0.84

*Only at national level

CIVIC PARTICIPATION

Civic participation				EU	Czechia
				0.70	0.79
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708		
0.78	0.78	0.80	0.82		

FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

Prohibition of torture and inhuman treatment				EU	Czechia
				0.82	0.88
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708		
0.92	0.88	0.86	0.87		

Prohibition of slavery and forced labor				EU	Czechia
				0.74	0.82
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708		
0.79	0.75	0.85	0.90		

Freedom of thought, conscience, and religion				EU	Czechia
				0.80	0.90
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708		
0.87	0.88	0.87	1.00		

Freedom of assembly and association				EU	Czechia
				0.75	0.84
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708		
0.81	0.83	0.86	0.86		

Freedom of opinion and expression				EU	Czechia
				0.70	0.81
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708		
0.80	0.79	0.81	0.87		

Right to property				EU	Czechia
				0.66	0.71
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708		
0.71	0.67	0.73	0.74		

Right to asylum

				EU 0.69	Czechia 0.80
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708		
0.79	0.77	0.82	0.83		

Workers' rights

				EU 0.67	Czechia 0.69
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708		
0.76	0.59	0.74	0.75		

Right of access to documents

				EU 0.67	Czechia 0.69
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708		
0.73	0.66	0.71	0.70		

Right of movement and of residence

				EU 0.85	Czechia 0.91
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708		
0.89	0.90	0.92	0.93		

Equality before the law

				EU 0.71	Czechia 0.75
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708		
0.76	0.75	0.73	0.77		

Right to vote and to stand as a candidate at elections

				EU 0.79	Czechia 0.91
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708		
0.91	0.91	0.89	0.94		

Right to petition

				EU 0.80	Czechia 0.89
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708		
0.87	0.88	0.89	0.92		

Due process of law

				EU 0.63	Czechia 0.67
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708		
0.65	0.66	0.69	0.68		

Freedom to vote without harassment or pressure

Percentage of respondents who agree that people can vote freely without feeling harassed or pressured.

				EU 77%	Czechia 80%
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708		
82%	82%	77%	79%		

Freedom of the media to criticize government policies

Percentage of respondents who agree that the media can freely express opinions against government officials, policies, and actions without fear of retaliation.

				EU 55%	Czechia 53%
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708		
61%	54%	50%	50%		

Freedom of civil society organizations to criticize government policies

Percentage of respondents who agree that civil society organizations can freely express opinions against government policies and actions without fear of retaliation.

				EU 58%	Czechia 51%
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708		
62%	46%	53%	49%		

Political parties' freedom to express opposition to government policies

Percentage of respondents who agree that political parties can freely express opinions against government policies and actions without fear of retaliation.

				EU 64%	Czechia 61%
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708		
72%	58%	60%	62%		

Freedom to express opinions against the government

Percentage of respondents who agree that people can freely express opinions against the government.

				EU 71%	Czechia 63%
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708		
73%	59%	64%	63%		

Use of misinformation to shape public opinion

Percentage of respondents who agree that top government officials of the national government use misinformation to shape public opinion in their favor.

				EU 62%	Czechia 58%
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708		
58%	59%	59%	56%		

Government collaboration with civil society

Percentage of respondents who agree that the government collaborates with civil society organizations in designing public policy.

EU	Czechia		
44%	37%		
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
37%	38%	37%	36%

Experiences of discrimination

Percentage of respondents who reported experiencing discrimination or harassment during the past 12 months.

EU	Czechia		
36%	53%		
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
52%	54%	52%	53%

Source: World Justice Project EUROVOICES 2024.

Note: Some indicators are only shown at the national level.

Justice & Safety

CIVIL JUSTICE

Legal capability	EU	Czechia	CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
	0.58	0.63	0.61	0.62	0.60	0.70

Access to legal aid and representation in civil disputes	EU	Czechia	CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
	0.64	0.63	0.65	0.60	0.65	NA

Accessible, appropriate, and timely dispute resolution	EU	Czechia	CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
	0.49	0.50	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.59

Impartial and independent dispute resolution	EU	Czechia	CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
	0.70	0.73	0.74	0.71	0.72	0.78

Effective and outcome-oriented dispute resolution	EU	Czechia	CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
	0.57	0.54	0.57	0.51	0.56	NA

Alternative dispute resolution mechanisms	EU	Czechia	CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
	0.58	0.49	0.59	0.43	0.52	NA

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Effective and impartial criminal investigation

EU	Czechia		
0.60	0.67		
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
0.63	0.67	0.69	0.68

Effective and impartial prosecution and pre-trial proceedings

EU	Czechia		
0.60	0.68		
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
0.62	0.68	0.69	0.71

Effective and impartial criminal adjudication

EU	Czechia		
0.63	0.69		
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
0.67	0.67	0.71	0.72

Alternative criminal justice mechanisms

EU	Czechia		
0.52	0.54		
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
0.51	0.55	0.60	0.48

Victims' rights

EU	Czechia		
0.52	0.50		
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
0.47	0.51	0.52	0.47

Due process of law

EU	Czechia		
0.63	0.67		
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
0.65	0.66	0.69	0.68

Rights of persons deprived of liberty

EU	Czechia		
0.66	0.67		
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
0.62	0.67	0.67	NA

Awareness of legal rights

Percentage of respondents who agree that people in their country are aware of their rights when they face a legal problem.

EU	Czechia		
36%	38%		
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
37%	38%	37%	42%

Access to affordable legal assistance and representation

Percentage of respondents who agree that people in their country have access to affordable legal assistance and representation when they face a legal problem.

EU	Czechia		
40%	33%		
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
33%	34%	30%	37%

Affordability of state dispute resolution mechanisms

Percentage of respondents who agree that people in their country can easily meet the costs of turning to a state dispute resolution mechanism (courts, small claims courts, administrative agencies, etc.) when they face a legal problem.

EU	Czechia		
24%	20%		
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
21%	23%	16%	20%

Equality and fair treatment in the civil justice system

Percentage of respondents who agree that all parties are treated equally and fairly within the civil justice system of their country.

EU	Czechia		
37%	31%		
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
35%	33%	30%	30%

Effectiveness of criminal prosecution

Percentage of respondents who agree that the criminal justice system is effective in bringing people who commit crimes to justice.

EU	Czechia		
47%	37%		
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
38%	39%	36%	36%

Respect for the rights of victims

Percentage of respondents who agree that the criminal justice system respects the rights of victims.

EU	Czechia		
51%	42%		
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
40%	45%	42%	42%

Respect for suspects' basic rights

Percentage of respondents who agree that the basic rights of suspects are respected by the police.

EU	Czechia		
66%	69%		
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
76%	70%	69%	62%

Presumption of innocence

Percentage of respondents who agree that the criminal justice system treats those accused of a crime as 'innocent until proven guilty'.

EU	Czechia		
54%	42%		
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
41%	46%	40%	40%

Respect for the rights of persons deprived of liberty

Percentage of respondents who agree that the criminal justice system guarantees the safety and human rights of people deprived of their liberty.

EU	Czechia		
54%	44%		
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
46%	46%	42%	42%

Equal functioning of the justice system regardless of where people live

Percentage of respondents who agree the justice system functions the same regardless of where they live.

EU	Czechia		
48%	44%		
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
44%	45%	45%	41%

Perceptions of safety when walking in the neighborhood at night

Percentage of respondents who feel safe walking in their neighborhood at night.

EU	Czechia		
71%	69%		
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
69%	66%	73%	69%

Police and community safety

Percentage of respondents who agree that the police resolve safety problems in their communities and treat all people with kindness and respect.

EU	Czechia		
40%	27%		
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
25%	25%	28%	29%

Source: World Justice Project EUROVOICES 2024.

Transparency & Corruption

CONTROL OF CORRUPTION

Absence of bribery	EU	Czechia	CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
	0.74	0.70	0.72	0.67	0.73	NA

Absence of corrupt procurement practices	EU	Czechia
Only at national level	0.54	0.43

Absence of embezzlement	EU	Czechia	CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
	0.60	0.54	0.63	0.48	0.54	0.59

Absence of favoritism	EU	Czechia	CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
	0.53	0.49	0.51	0.42	0.47	0.60

Absence of corrupt electoral practices	EU	Czechia	CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
	0.57	0.51	0.57	0.48	0.49	0.57

TRANSPARENCY AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Transparency and access to information	EU 0.67	Czechia 0.69	CZ01 0.73	CZ020304 0.66	CZ0506 0.71	CZ0708 0.70
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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS, REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT, AND RIGHT TO PROPERTY

Simple, predictable, and timely administrative proceedings	EU 0.61	Czechia 0.58	CZ01 0.64	CZ020304 0.59	CZ0506 0.55	CZ0708 NA
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Right to property	EU 0.66	Czechia 0.71	CZ01 0.71	CZ020304 0.67	CZ0506 0.73	CZ0708 0.74
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Regulatory enforcement	EU 0.66	Czechia 0.68	CZ01 0.65	CZ020304 0.58	CZ0506 0.77	CZ0708 0.76
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PEOPLE'S VOICES

Perception of corruption in Parliament/Congress

Percentage of respondents who believe that most or all members of Parliament/Congress are involved in corrupt practices.

EU 42%	Czechia 49%		
CZ01 44%	CZ020304 47%	CZ0506 51%	CZ0708 50%

Perception of corruption in the national government

Percentage of respondents who believe that most or all officials working in the national government are involved in corrupt practices.

EU 33%	Czechia 35%		
CZ01 32%	CZ020304 35%	CZ0506 35%	CZ0708 36%

Perception of corruption in the local government

Percentage of respondents who believe that most or all officials working in the local government are involved in corrupt practices.

EU 25%	Czechia 25%		
CZ01 23%	CZ020304 25%	CZ0506 24%	CZ0708 27%

Perception of corruption of judges and magistrates

Percentage of respondents who believe that most or all judges and magistrates are involved in corrupt practices.

EU 23%	Czechia 22%		
CZ01 18%	CZ020304 22%	CZ0506 22%	CZ0708 24%

Perception of corruption of criminal investigation prosecutors

Percentage of respondents who believe that most or all prosecutors in charge of criminal investigations are involved in corrupt practices.

EU 21%	Czechia 20%		
CZ01 17%	CZ020304 19%	CZ0506 19%	CZ0708 23%

Perception of corruption of public defense attorneys

Percentage of respondents who believe that most or all public defense attorneys are involved in corrupt practices.

EU 20%	Czechia 19%		
CZ01 15%	CZ020304 20%	CZ0506 18%	CZ0708 21%

Perception of corruption of police officers

Percentage of respondents who believe that most or all police officers are involved in corrupt practices.

EU	Czechia		
17%	17%		
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
15%	17%	16%	19%

Perception of corruption of land registry officers

Percentage of respondents who believe that most or all land registry officers are involved in corrupt practices.

EU	Czechia		
18%	17%		
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
18%	18%	16%	18%

Perception of corruption of car registration or driver license agency officers

Percentage of respondents who believe that most or all car registration or driver license agency officers are involved in corrupt practices.

EU	Czechia		
16%	12%		
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
12%	13%	13%	11%

Perception of corruption in political parties

Percentage of respondents who believe that most or all political parties are involved in corrupt practices.

EU	Czechia		
53%	60%		
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
56%	60%	61%	63%

Perception of corruption in EU's institutions and agencies

Percentage of respondents who believe that most or all officials working in the EU's institutions and agencies are involved in corrupt practices.

EU	Czechia		
29%	43%		
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
33%	42%	47%	45%

Perception that citizens can make a difference in the fight against corruption

Percentage of respondents who believe citizens can make a difference in the fight against corruption.

EU	Czechia		
58%	42%		
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
46%	42%	43%	40%

Effectiveness of measures against corruption

Percentage of respondents who agree that the national government's measures to combat corruption are effective.

EU	Czechia		
24%	13%		
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
13%	11%	12%	15%

Access to information on people's rights

Percentage of respondents who agree that local authorities provide people with information about their rights.

EU	Czechia		
51%	50%		
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
50%	49%	53%	49%

Access to information in simple formats

Percentage of respondents who agree that local authorities provide information for people in a simple, easy-to-read way.

EU	Czechia		
47%	44%		
CZ01	CZ020304	CZ0506	CZ0708
37%	46%	47%	42%

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