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When speaking about this topic, you should be able to answer the following questions:

- **What is the political system of the Czech Republic?**
- **Who is the head of the state?**
- **What is the capital of the country?**
- **What are the main constitutional institutions?**
- **What are the main symbols of the Czech Republic?**
- **What are the territorial administrative units?**

# Political system

The Czech Republic is a **parliamentary democracy** with the president as The head of the state. The capital city is Prague.

**The president** is elected for 5-year terms and can be elected for two terms in a row. The president's power is limited.

**The Parliament** consists of two chambers, the **Chamber of Deputies** and the **Senate**. Deputies are elected for four-year terms and Senators for six-year terms. The Parliament passes all bills valid in the Czech Republic and it approves of important international treaties.



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**The Government** of the Czech Republic consists of the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and Ministers.

It is a supreme executive power of the country.

It manages state administration in the country's territory.

# National Symbols



- ✓ The **Czech coat of arms** dates back to the 1200's. It consists of a shield divided into 4 squares.
- ✓ The top left and bottom right squares are red, with a 2-tailed, white, crowned lion. **The lion** is the symbol of Bohemia.
- ✓ The top right square is blue and contains a **red-and-white** checkered, **crowned eagle**. This is the Moravian eagle.
- ✓ The bottom left square is gold and contains a **black, crowned eagle**, which symbolizes the Silezian region of the country.
- ✓ Today, the Czech lion by itself is also used as a symbol of the Czech Republic.

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- ✓ a **white-red-and-blue flag** in a simple geometric pattern, was created in 1920, shortly after the founding of the first independent Czechoslovak state.
- ✓ the white, red, and blue colours are both symbolic and historic.
- ✓ **white** (or silver) is the traditional colour of Bohemia and represents the sky. Moravia is symbolized by the colour **red** which also represents the blood shed for the freedom of the state. **Blue** is the traditional colour of Slovakia.

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The **banner of the president** of the republic is white and its selvage consists of a number of alternating white, red and blue flame-shaped ornaments.

In the middle of the white field is the large state emblem below which is a white (silver) inscription saying **"TRUTH WILL PREVAIL"** on a red ribbon underlaid with yellow (golden) linden twigs on both sides.



# National Symbols

The **state anthem** is the first verse of the song "Where is my home" composed by František Škroup to the lyrics by Josef Kajetán Tyl.



**Lime-tree** is also considered to be one of the Czech national symbols

# Territorial administrative units



The Czech Republic, is divided into **fourteen territorial administration units**, called **regions**. The regions are governed by Regional Authorities. Historically, there are three regions – Bohemia, Moravia, and Silesia.

# Zdroje

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