

Country Historic Profile: CZECHOSLOVAKIA

World Bank Group Archives

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Basic Historical Information

Membership days for each affiliate

Information is taken from the World Bank Group Archivists' Chronology, accessible [here](#)

- IBRD: December 27, 1945 (withdrawn December 31, 1954)
- IBRD: September 20, 1990 (rejoined; withdrawn January 1, 1993)
- IDA: September 20, 1990 (withdrawn January 1, 1993)
- IFC: September 20, 1990 (withdrawn January 1, 1993)
- MIGA: September 20, 1990 (withdrawn January 1, 1993)
- ICSID: April 8, 1992 (withdrawn January 1, 1993)

First loan(s)

Information is taken from the [Projects & Operations website](#).

- Has not received a World Bank loan

Resident Mission establishment

Information is taken from internal World Bank Group Archives resource.

- Has not hosted a resident mission

Photo resources related to country

Hyperlink links to photos in the World Bank Group Archives' [Photo Catalog](#) for a given country. Digitization and description of archival photos are ongoing, and photos are added to the catalog regularly. In instances where the catalog contains no photos for a given country, check back frequently for additions, or contact the Archives for consultation by emailing archives@worldbank.org.

- None.

Project profiles related to country

Link is to a list in the [Projects & Operations website](#) of all projects approved, dropped, or in the pipeline for a given country. Each project links to a project profile that includes description, financial details, and lists of reports, archival record folders, and photos, when available. This can be helpful to study the evolution of the Bank's work in the country over time, and to identify notable projects that represent important shifts or moments in the country's history. Projects are also excellent examples of case

studies of how the Bank made an impact in a particular sector. The WBG Archives have original records and other information related to these projects. Email archives@worldbank.org for guidance.

- None.

Description of operational records in Archives Holdings

Archival records relating to Bank operations are described according to the ISAD(g) standard and are accessible in our [Archives Holdings catalog](#). Descriptions include lengthy organizational histories of the regional vice presidency responsible for operations in that region and a description of records created and transferred to the Archives by that vice presidency. The descriptions in the catalog can be helpful to understand the organizational context of Bank work, and to understand more about the content of the records in the Archives.

- None.

Chronology events

Events have been selected from the Archivists' Chronology, an 800+ page resource compiled by Bank Group archivists over the course of the institution's history. Events chosen include important firsts, milestones and other events that evidence the country's development history and/or its relationship with the World Bank Group. The Archivists' Chronology is accessible on [this page](#). This list of events can be helpful to determine if you'd like to dig deeper into any moments in the country's history of engagement with the Bank. The WBG Archives may have original records and other information about these events. Email archives@worldbank.org for guidance.

Bretton Woods Conference; Representatives of Czechoslovakia Attend

July 1-22, 1944

IBRD Articles of Agreement Signed by Czechoslovakia

December 27, 1945

First Expression of Interest in Bank Loans from Czechoslovakia

October 14, 1946

Czechoslovakia Withdraws from Bank Membership

December 31, 1954

Czechoslovakia Rejoins Bank; Joins MIGA, IFC, and IDA

September 20, 1990

IFC Establishes Resident Missions in Prague, Czechoslovakia

March 1, 1991

Czechoslovakia Joins ICSID

April 8, 1992

Czechoslovakia ceases to exist; IBRD, IFC, IDA and MIGA Articles of Agreement Signed by Czech Republic; IBRD, IFC and IDA Articles of Agreement Signed by Slovak Republic
January 1, 1993

Czech Republic Replaces the Former Czechoslovakia as Member in ICSID
April 23, 1993

World Bank Group Timeline Events

Events are selected from the [World Bank Group Timeline](#). The Timeline is an online platform created by the Archives designed to highlight the important events in the Bank Group's history and to illuminate those events through a variety of archival records, photos, video and audio clips, oral history transcripts, reports, and more.

[Eleven European Countries Sign IBRD Articles of Agreement, including Czechoslovakia](#)
December 27, 1945

[Czechoslovakia Ceases to be World Bank Member](#)
December 31, 1954

Early Country Economic Reports

Reports have been selected from the [Documents & Reports website](#), a database of publicly available World Bank Group authored reports and publications dating to the opening of the Bank in 1946. Country economic reports that are selected here are, in many cases, some of the earliest economic studies ever published on Bank member countries. Reports discussing the whole economy of a country, rather than individual sectors, are prioritized in this list.

None.

Country Assistance Strategies

The list is based on a similar list compiled by the World Bank's Secretary's staff. Introduced in 1990 and replaced by the Country Partnership Framework (CPF) in 2014, the CAS is an overview of each borrowing country's current economic situation and contains a discussion of its development challenges, prospects, and project-planning. CASs were often initially published as part of project documents but later on were published as standalone documents.

Czechoslovakia - Structural Adjustment Loan Project	June 7, 1991
Czech Republic - Telecommunications Project	August 16, 1993

Staff Newsletters

Resources have been selected from the World Bank Group's [Documents & Reports website](#). The World Bank has produced a staff newsletter since 1947. The publication changed its name twice: from

International Bank Notes to Bank Notes in 1971 and then to Bank's World in 1982. The newsletter moved online in 2000 and physical publication ceased. In addition to offering news relating to Bank operations and country development, the newsletters were intended to foster a sense of community among staff by highlighting social events, marriages and births, the arrival of new staff, recreational events, favorite cooking recipes submitted by staff, and features on different aspects of staff's home country and culture.

Bank's World -- Vol. 9, Iss. 5	May 1, 1990	"First Visit in 35 Years - Czechoslovakia to Rejoin the Bank"
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Oral histories

Oral histories are selected from the World Bank Group Archives' [Oral History website](#). The site contains transcripts of oral history interviews with departed staff and, in lesser number, Executive Directors and other individuals affiliated with or impacted by the World Bank Group. Interviews were conducted as part of an ongoing effort by the Archives to collect the personal stories and reflections of Bank Group staff. A portion of the interviews was conducted as research for publications. Each transcript provides a valuable first-person account of Bank activities and decision-making from the very beginning of its operations.

Aron Broches	July 11, 1961
Martin Rosen	July 12, 1961
Lester Nurick	November 10, December 5, 2003; February 20, April 7, 2004; February 22, 2005
Sir Denis H. F. Rickett	August 20, 1986

Online exhibits

Online exhibits are authored by the World Bank Group staff and are accessible on both the Archives' [external site](#) and as a [series of older exhibits](#) in the Documents & Reports website. Exhibits focus on notable personalities and accomplishments in the Bank Group's history.

None.

Executive Directors

The list is based on the World Bank Group [Board of Directors website](#). The country following the name of each ED indicates their nationality.

BARANSKI, Leon, (Poland)	May 7, 1946	October 31, 1948
BARANSKI, Leon, (Poland)	November 1, 1948	June 22, 1950
de GROOTE, Jacques (Belgium)	September 20, 1990	August 31, 1991
SNOY, Bernard (Belgium)	September 1, 1991	October 31, 1992
SNOY, Bernard (Belgium)	November 1, 1992	December 31, 1992

For More Information

If you would like information or guidance on accessing more historic sources, we invite you to contact us by emailing archives@worldbank.org.