

News Release

Deloitte: Tax Freedom Day on 22 June this Year

Prague, 16 February 2015 – This year, tax payers in the Czech Republic will cease working only for the purposes of paying taxes to the government three days earlier than in 2014. According to Deloitte, the ‘Tax Freedom Day’ will occur on 22 June 2015. Tax payers in Slovenia, Germany, the Netherlands and Portugal will have their Tax Freedom Day approximately at the same time as tax payers in the Czech Republic. The smallest number of days that tax payers need to work in order to pay their taxes is reported by Lithuania and Switzerland. On the other hand, tax payers in Belgium and Luxembourg will have to work the most days to pay their taxes.

“The tax system has experienced several major changes this year. For instance, the tax relief for two or more children has increased. There is a higher limit for tax relief in the amount of documented contributions to a pre-school facility and tax payer’s tax relief is returned to working pensioners. Limits for lump-sum expenses of 60% and 80% have newly been established for the purposes of calculating income taxes of self-employed individuals. In terms of indirect taxes, the major change relates to introducing the second reduced VAT rate of 10% applicable to drugs, books, music and infant food. Tax-related changes should decrease the composite tax quota to 33.6% of GDP this year, from 34% achieved last year. The Tax Freedom Day will be celebrated three days earlier than last year, namely on 22 June,” said David Marek, Deloitte’s Chief Economist.

“The structure of the tax system in the Czech Republic is similar to other tax systems in the EU. However, the results of our recent survey demonstrate that a high degree of tax uncertainty is perceived in the Czech Republic; tax certainty refers to the ability to determine the amount of taxes payable and the short-term and long-term structure of obligatory tax payments attributable to the business activities of tax payers. Frequent legislative changes, ambiguity and sudden twists in the opinions of the tax authorities are among the most burning issues for tax payers,” added Radka Mašková, Director in Deloitte’s Tax function.

The Tax Freedom Day is a simple and easily comprehensible demonstration of tax burden in the economy. The method used for calculating the Tax Freedom Day divides the year into two parts, in a ratio corresponding to the proportion of total taxable income to net national income.

The number of days for which tax payers in the selected countries of the EU need to work in order to pay taxes to the government and the date of the Tax Freedom Day

Country	Number of days	Tax Freedom Day
Lithuania	118	29 April 2015
Switzerland	121	1 May 2015
Bulgaria	122	3 May 2015

Latvia	128	8 May 2015
Poland	143	23 May 2015
Slovakia	144	25 May 2015
Cyprus	148	29 May 2015
Spain	152	2 June 2015
United Kingdom	156	5 June 2015
Ireland	158	6 June 2015
Malta	161	11 June 2015
Croatia	164	16 June 2015
Slovenia	168	17 June 2015
Germany	168	18 June 2015
Netherlands	172	21 June 2015
Czech Republic	173	22 June 2015
Portugal	176	26 June 2015
Greece	181	1 July 2015
Hungary	184	2 July 2015
Sweden	189	8 July 2015
Austria	196	16 July 2015
Finland	199	19 July 2015
Italy	201	21 July 2015
France	204	24 July 2015
Denmark	208	26 July 2015
Belgium	218	7 August 2015
Luxembourg	265	22 September 2015

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