

**Czech contribution
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Research and Innovations
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9 questions:

- Are there smaller or larger dedicated programmes for language technology (LT)?
- Is LT currently funded at all or is it only a niche topic while other IT-related themes are more important or have more visibility?
- What is the perception of LT at the level of the funding agencies? Do they think that it's an important technology that will soon revolutionize the way we communicate or is not perceived at all?
- Is there a perceived impact that LT can or shall have with regard to your national/regional language (as regards preservation and strengthening a language further)?
- Is LT perceived as an important driver for innovation and growth?
- Is the social factor of language and also of LT perceived as an important factor for social inclusion and to increase participation of the citizen?
- What about the general topic of language?
- Are there plans to invest in LT R&D for your language? Does automatic translation play a role in these plans? What about social intelligence or interactive assistants?
- Are there official national or regional language policies? Does your government take a certain stance with regard to your language?

1 answer:

No.

Some more info on LT in the ČR

- Charles University (3 groups):
NLP theory, MT, VLC
- Technical Universities in Brno, Pilsen and
Liberec/Reichenberg:
Speech
- Brno University: VLC & tools
- Inst. of Czech Language:
applications for the public, spec. corpora

Summary:

- No ****DIRECT**** support/recognition of LT
- For funding bodies, interdisciplinary science
- Informal „personalized“ recognition
- Impetuses from EU bodies welcome