**Sampling procedure Czech survey**

Advocacy organizations defined as *formally organized groups* that have *a political aim* and are *not seeking a political office.* The definition criteria used in sampling are:

* Formally registered organization means no informal activist groups without a formal legal entity → only organizations registered in the Business Register (see below)
* Political aim while not seeking public office = organizations representing collective interests outside of running in elections/holding political office. This means:

1) Political parties, government, public authorities not included.

2) Organizations with collective interests included (collective interest =interests of groups of individuals or advocating for collective good, such as the quality of environment, are included; entities like hospitals, universities, firms that do not focus on collective interests are not included).

3) Organizations that actively represent included (collective interest groups that do not do active political representation such as sports clubs or religious groups not included).

**Sampling of the advocacy organizations**

The Czech survey used a sampling framed derived from the Business Register maintained by the Czech Statistical Office in compliance with Article 20 of Act No. 89/1995 Coll., on the State Statistical Service, is a public list in the scope determined by the Act. Businesses, which are legal entities and natural persons with the status of an entrepreneur, are recorded in the register on the basis of the data obtained by the CZSO in compliance with special regulations or the Act on the State Statistical Service. The register is regularly updated. At the time of data collection (start in 02/2018) there were 3.100,390 entities. To identify advocacy organizations from the Business Register, we fallowed these steps:

1. All non-existing entities were deleted
2. Entities falling under NACE category S94 (“Activities of membership organisations aiming at advocating common interests”) were selected. We excluded the category 94.9.2 “Activities of political parties and organizations” as those include political parties.
3. Analysing the *names* of the entities, we used a list of keywords first[[1]](#footnote-1) and then manual coding to exclude entities that were: 1) business organizations, universities, and organizations established by the national, regional or local administrations; 2) entities with names suggesting that the organization is local (name of village or part of the city), international (bilateral chambers of commerce), branches of other organization (basic trade union organizations, parishes), local social community oriented (parents, pupils, alumni), service oriented or cultural (culture clubs, music bands, orchestras), business oriented (shareholders), tied to particular person or brand or event (e.g. Association of dealers of FORD; Institute of Alice Masaryk).
4. Entities with the typical legal forms of advocacy organizations (variable present in NACE database) were included (legal forms like business, hospitals, public authorities were excluded): Zájmové sdružení, Obecně prospěšná spol., Spolek, Odborová organizace, Org. Zaměstnavatelů, Círk.org. a náb.společ., Církve a náb.společnosti, Svaz církví a náb.spol., Stav.org.-profesní kom., Komora s výj.prof.komor, Zájm.sdružení práv.osob.
5. Entities from cities over 40.000 inhabitants were selected (N= 15,263) in order to include organizations with highest probability to be active in nationwide activities.

List of selected cities and number of inhabitants:

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| 1 | [Praha](https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Praha) | 1 272 690 | 14 | [Most](https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Most_%28m%C4%9Bsto%29) | 67 030 |
| 2 | [Brno](https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brno) | 384 277 | 15 | [Karviná](https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karvin%C3%A1) | 59 627 |
| 3 | [Ostrava](https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ostrava) | 302 456 | 16 | [Opava](https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Opava) | 58 643 |
| 4 | [Plzeň](https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plze%C5%88) | 169 688 | 17 | [Frýdek-Místek](https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fr%C3%BDdek-M%C3%ADstek) | 58 193 |
| 5 | [Liberec](https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liberec) | 102 247 | 18 | [Karlovy Vary](https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karlovy_Vary) | 53 737 |
| 6 | [Olomouc](https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Olomouc) | 100 043 | 19 | [Jihlava](https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jihlava) | 50 760 |
| 7 | [Ústí nad Labem](https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C3%9Ast%C3%AD_nad_Labem) | 95 003 | 20 | [Teplice](https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Teplice) | 50 728 |
| 8 | [Hradec Králové](https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hradec_Kr%C3%A1lov%C3%A9) | 94 242 | 21 | [Děčín](https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/D%C4%9B%C4%8D%C3%ADn) | 50 620 |
| 9 | [České Budějovice](https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C4%8Cesk%C3%A9_Bud%C4%9Bjovice) | 93 883 | 22 | [Chomutov](https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chomutov) | 49 784 |
| 10 | [Pardubice](https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pardubice) | 91 073 | 23 | [Přerov](https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/P%C5%99erov) | 45 438 |
| 11 | [Havířov](https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hav%C3%AD%C5%99ov) | 79 679 | 24 | [Jablonec nad Nisou](https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jablonec_nad_Nisou) | 45 255 |
| 12 | [Zlín](https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zl%C3%ADn) | 76 010 | 25 | [Mladá Boleslav](https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mlad%C3%A1_Boleslav) | 44 778 |
| 13 | [Kladno](https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kladno) | 69 178 | 26 | [Prostějov](https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prost%C4%9Bjov) | 44 526 |

1. Coders analysed *statutes* of the entities to identify advocacy organizations.[[2]](#footnote-2) Coders searched for all of the entities in the Public registry of Ministry of Justice (Verejny rejstrik a Sbirka listin, Ministerstvo spravedlnosti Ceske Republiky, <https://or.justice.cz/ias/ui/rejstrik>). Various entities (including the organizational types of advocacy groups) are ordered by the law to publish their constitutional documents. The coders analysed the section of the organizations’ constitutional document focused on purpose and goals of the organization. If the registry did not include the organizational statutes, the coders used Google searched to find the website of the organization and analysed the section “about us”. Analysing information in the statutes, organizations that met both criteria – A) advocacy of collective interests and B) national-level organization (i.e. not a branch or sub-group of some other organization) – were included as the final list of advocacy organizations **(N=2,365).**
2. Collective interest is defined as attempt to have political influence that is indicated in the documents by aiming the activity outside of the organization often towards political power (the state) or by naming specific activities that imply this aim. The coders were given a list of typical examples (protection of democracy, freedom etc., organizing demonstrations, advocacy of interests of citizens/members, organization and support of citizens engagement in public life, support of citizen participation, mobilization of citizens, participation on policy development, state conception of .., words “political” or “politics”, participation in public administration decision making processes, collaboration/communication with state organizations and institutions and coordination with public administration, the goal formulated as “active engagement” in advocating their demands, implication of public engagement using words like “advocation, standing up for/against, pointing at the need of changes”). Organizations that mention only informing the public, organization of educational and cultural events, service to members, and references such as “fulfilment or protection of common interests” were not coded as collective political interest.
3. National-level organization: Coders selected organizations whose constitutional statutes/website did not suggest that the organization is a branch or sub-group of a national-level organization. Also, organizations that focus only on locally or regionally specified issues were not included (e.g. organizations focused on protection of a specific river).

**Administration of survey**

1st email invites to fill in the survey were sent on 14th October 2019. Organizations that have not filled in the survey yet, were sent first reminder on 24th October 2019. There was a large number of undeliverable emails – we searched for new alternative contacts and sent invites to those contacts in January 2020. Second reminder (including also the newly searched alternative contacts) was sent on 22nd June 2020 after the Covid Pandemic lockdown ended in the country.

1. Kraj; Pražs\*, praze, prah\*, prague; Brně\*, Brno, Brna, Jihomorav\*, Jesen\*, Olomouc\*, Šumav\*, Plzeň\*, Pardubic\*, Liberec\*, Budějovic\*, hradec, Ostrav\*, Moravskosle\*, Opav\*, Valaš\*, Ústí, Středočes\*, Jihočes\*, Jizni Cechy, \*vice, \*vický, \*tín, \*tov, \*nice, Lhot\*, \*Ňan\*, Zlín\*, Slovác\*, Vysočin\*, Jihlav, Karlovar, Severočes\*, Západočes\*, Východočes\*, Ústec\*, \*krumlo\*,\*krko\*, \*brod, Dolní, “pobočka”, pobocny spolek, “základní organizace” nebo “ZO” odkazující k základní odborové organizaci, zoo, “farní”, Trampská osada, ul., dům, Zš, Okrašlo\*, Turistick, Stáj, Kostel\*, Mateřsk\*, Náboženská obec, Klub vojenské historie, “okresní”, Modelář\*, Sportovní klub\*, Studentský spolek, Šerm\*, Křesťanský sbor, Cimbál\*, Dechov\*, galerie, Taneč\*, Česko-\*, Česko - \*, Klub chovatelů, Sbor, \*folk\*, “spolek rodičů”, “sdružení rodičů”, Veteran car, Veteran klub, Unie rodičů, “rada rodičů”, “v likvidaci”, “pro prahu”, “sdružení akcionářů”, “sdružení nájemníků”, “sdružení obyvatel” (only if not national level), Sdružení občanů, “European”, evropsky, mezinardni, Cesko-vietnamsky etc., “náboženská obec”, “obec”, “sdružení přátel” if local, “spolek přátel” if local, alumni, Divadlo, Klub (kulturni), Studentsky spolek, Tanecni, Regionalni, Aeroclub, Liberc\*, Hradc\*, Budějo\*, Kladno, Osada, Prostěj\*, Jižn\*, Plzni, Regionální, Nadace a nadační fondy, Zámek, Věřitel\*, Osada, A.s., Vlastník\*, World, Sběratel\*, Fanklub, Fanclub, Akcion\*, Akita, Team, Adventure, Volný čas, alumni, Racing, Ski, Fans, Středisko, Památník, Výbor, Studio, Sdružení pro založení, Bridž\*, Cyklo, Babycentrum, Baby club, Soubor, Dvůr, \*ovka, Společnost + konkrétní jméno osoby (E. Beneše), Dětská skupina, Dětské centrum, Dětský klub, Dětský tabor, ck, Park, Jizer\*, \*onice, Malostr\*, Vinohrad\*, petanque, díln\*, žonglér\*, náš, naše, knihovna, studentsk\*, agentura, studio, spolek pro, technologická platforma, tabor, areál, klub, expedice, farma, garáže, informační centrum, čtvrť, school, sedmička, salon, musica, museum, infocentrum, pomník. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. This step was conducted by 3 coders. The coding was divided into three steps, with inter-coder reliability and validity check after each phase. The results of check were consulted with the collaborators and minor changes were implemented into the coding manual in order to increase the validity of coding. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)