

GENERAL INTRODUCTION

The Czech School Inspectorate (CSI) elaborates every year the Annual Report for the past school year, summarising data on the situation in education and the educational system in the Czech Republic gathered through inspections activities. The obligation of the CSI to submit Annual Reports is anchored in the **School Act** (Act No. 561/2004 Coll.).

Inspection activities in the school year 2012/2013 were conducted in accordance with:

- *Conceptual Objectives of Inspection Activities for the period 2009 – 2013*
- *Plan of Principal Assignments for Inspection Activities for the School Year 2012/2013*
- *The Criteria for Evaluation of Conditions, Course and Results of Education for the School Year 2012/2013*

Evaluation of the situation in education system is based on findings from class observations, documentation analysis, interviews with teachers and school principals as well as from the outcomes of the national survey in 5th and 9th grades of basic schools and in corresponding grades of multiple-year secondary general schools (gymnasium) and conservatories.

In total **244 school inspectors and 85 control workers together with 159 external education experts** (invited to participate in the activities of the CSI) **performed 10 586 inspection activities** in the school year 2012/2013. **They visited 3 671 schools and school facilities** (which accounts for 38.1% out of the total number of schools and school facilities enrolled in the School Register). School inspectors took part in 844 selection interviews aimed at appointing new principals of schools and school facilities.

During public-legal audits performed in the school year 2012/2013, **the CSI controlled 7.46% share of the total state budget allocation** for schools and school facilities expenditure in 2012.

In the school year 2012/2013 **the CSI registered 29 191 school injuries, investigated 430 complaints** which included 732 items and provided schools with 887 deadlines for adopting measures and removing deficiencies and transmitted 63 complaints to the relevant bodies.

No proposal to remove a school or school facility from the Register of Schools was submitted.

1 PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION

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Basic statistical information on pre-school education

In the school year 2012/2013 the **number of kindergartens** rose to **5011** in which - according to MEYS data - the total of **354 340 children** were educated. The proportion of five-year old