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## Strengthening the capacity of the Ministry of Health in the Czech Republic in its effort to set up a National eHealth Centre

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On 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018, the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic officially kicked off a project aimed at setting up the National eHealth Centre (NeHC) foreseen in the eHealth Strategy adopted by the country in 2016.

*“The lack of a NeHC has led to the under-development of well-integrated and effective eHealth solutions by both the public and private sectors and to the inability of the government to monitor and guide the implementation of the National eHealth Strategy,”* explained Martin Zeman from the Ministry of Health. The objective of the NeHC is therefore *“to fill this gap by setting out the institutional, legal and organisational framework needed by providers of eHealth solutions.”*

To achieve this ambitious objective, the Ministry of Health is being supported by the Structural Reform Support Service (SRSS) of the European Commission which has contracted the Agency for Economic Cooperation and Development (AED) of Austria in partnership with the Austrian Ministry of Work, Social Affairs, Health and Consumer Rights to work on this initiative. EHTEL is part of the project team to this contract.

Through **EHTELconnect**, EHTEL will make the expertise of its Network and the experience of its Members available to the Czech Republic.

EHTEL experts will coordinate the development of an “Options Report” which will review eHealth strategies and models of eHealth centre existing in other EU Member States, identify key elements to consider for the NeHC of Czech Republic and describe the advantages and disadvantages of the different options to consider.

On this basis, a roadmap will be developed, and implementation assistance will be provided during the first year of operation of the NeHC.



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Figure: entrance of the Ministry of health of Czech Republic

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