

Czechia: Use the Short Name with Confidence

A concise public guide for media, education, culture, tourism, sport, public communication and international references.

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Czechia is the official English short geographic name of the country. The Czech Republic remains the formal political name. Both are official; they are used in different contexts.

The simple rule

Use Czechia	Use the Czech Republic
For ordinary country references: maps, headlines, culture, sport, tourism, websites, education, rankings, business promotion and everyday international communication.	For formal political, legal, diplomatic or treaty contexts, or when a document intentionally uses formal state names.

What Czechia is - and is not

It is	The official English short geographic name corresponding to Czech Česko.
It is not	A nickname, slogan, tourist label or replacement for the formal political name.
It solves	The need for a natural country name like France, Slovakia, Austria or Germany.
It avoids	Using Czech alone as if it were the country name. Czech is mainly an adjective and a language name.

Public wording

Czechia is a Central European country made up of the historical lands of Bohemia, Moravia and Czech Silesia. In general communication, Czechia is the natural short name; the Czech Republic is the formal political name.

How to Use the Name in Practice

A clear country name helps readers, visitors, students, partners and media recognise Czechia without unnecessary explanation.

Recommended examples

Context	Recommended wording
Tourism	Castles, spa towns and historic cities are among Czechia's most recognised cultural attractions.
Culture	Czechia has a strong literary, musical, architectural and craft tradition.
Sport	Czechia won the match and advanced to the next round.
Education	Students researching Central Europe can compare Czechia, Slovakia, Poland, Austria and Germany.
Formal reference	The Czech Republic signed the agreement. Czechia may be used elsewhere in the article for general country references.

Language forms to recognise

Czech	Česko	English	Czechia
French	Tchéquie	Spanish	Chequia
German	Tschechien	Russian	Чехия
Bulgarian	Чехия	Portuguese	Chéquia
Italian	Cechia	Dutch	Tsjechië
Slovak	Česko	Polish	Czechy

Polite correction

When a text uses only Czech as a country name, a simple correction is enough: "For the country name in English, please use Czechia. The formal political name is the Czech Republic."

Why consistency matters

Recognition	A short name is easier to remember, place on maps, fit into headlines and use in international comparisons.
Clarity	It separates the country name from the adjective and the language name.
Continuity	It connects modern public communication with the Czech short form Česko.
Respect	Using the right name is a basic act of accurate public representation.

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A Name for Public Recognition

Czechia is short, official and practical. The Czech Republic remains formal and political. The point is not to erase one form, but to use each form where it belongs.

A clean public explanation

Czechia is the country’s short geographic name in English. It is the form best suited to ordinary public communication: culture, travel, education, sport, maps, headlines and international visibility. The Czech Republic remains the formal political name for official state contexts. Using Czechia therefore follows the same naming logic that allows people to say France, Austria, Slovakia or Germany in everyday communication while preserving formal state names for legal and diplomatic use.

For editors, teachers and public communicators

Do	Avoid
Use Czechia for the country in ordinary prose.	Do not use Czech as a stand-alone country name.
Use the Czech Republic for formal political contexts.	Do not present Czechia as a new state or a replacement country.
Explain the distinction calmly when needed.	Do not treat the short name as a branding slogan or private preference.

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This public guide is designed for accurate, respectful and practical use of the short country name Czechia in international communication.