

McDIGA and the Czech Defence Spending (1993-2025) in the View of Leontief Matrix

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This country study provides an in-depth insight into development of Czech defence spending in 1993–2025. By the employment of the Leontief matrices in the analysis of UNODA MilEx data, the paper presents an impact of defence spending on the national economy in the investigated period. It is argued that only defence spending on construction and R&D contribute to national employment significantly. This contradicts with Keynesian narratives spread by the Czech liberal political parties after the Crimea crisis in 2014 to meet the 5-pct-GDP NATO target in order to Make the Czech Defence Industry Great Again (McDIGA).

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