

# Marrakesh Treaty Questionnaire – Czech Republic

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**1. Please indicate the relevant provisions in your national legislation providing for or regulating the limitations and exceptions to facilitate access to published works for persons who are blind, visually impaired, or otherwise print disabled.**

As a Member of the European Union the Czech Republic implemented the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled through the implementation of the Directive and Regulation for the implementation of the Marrakesh Treaty in EU law – the directive (EU) 2017/1564 and the Regulation (EU) 2017/1563 - into the Copyright Act.

The Act No. 50/2019 Coll. amending the Copyright Act No. 121/2000 Coll. came into effect on 15th of February 2019.

The relevant provisions of the Copyright Act are in Article 39a and Article 39b.

**2. Does your national legislation permit the cross-border exchange (i.e. exportation) of “accessible format copies”, as defined in Article 2 b)<sub>1</sub> MVT? If yes, under which conditions?**

Yes.

According to the Art. 39a par. 4 letter c) of the Copyright Act the copyright law is not infringed by an authorised entity established or residing in the Czech Republic that makes, not for the purpose of direct or indirect economic or profit advantage, an accessible format reproduction and to meet exclusively the needs of the beneficiary person distributes, lends or communicates this reproduction to the beneficiary person or to the other authorised entity established or residing in other member state of the European Union or in the third country under the directly applicable European Union legislation.

**3. Does your national legislation allow the importation of “accessible format copies”, as defined in Article 2 b)<sub>2</sub> MVT? If yes, under which conditions?**

Yes.

According to the Art. 39a par. 4 letter d) of the Copyright Act the copyright law is not infringed by a beneficiary person or an authorised entity established or residing in the Czech Republic that, not for the purpose of direct or indirect economic or profit advantage, imports or otherwise obtains or accepts an accessible format reproduction distributed or communicated to beneficiary persons or authorised entities by authorised entity established or residing in member state of the European Union or in the third country under the directly applicable European Union legislation.

**4. Does your national legislation provide a definition of “authorized entity”, as defined in Article 2 c)<sub>3</sub> MVT? If yes, please provide the reference.**

Yes.

An “authorised entity” is defined in the Art. 39a par. 3 of the Copyright Act, for the purpose of this Article and Article 39b, as anybody that provides as its primary activity or as a part of its public-interest mission, not for the purpose of direct or indirect economic or commercial advantage, to the beneficiary persons education, instructional training, adaptive reading or information access.

**5. Please provide a list with contact details of entities that can operate as authorized entities in your territory, and any further information that you can provide, such as number of accessible titles in the catalogue of the authorized entity and the languages covered.**

In the Czech Republic there are 3 authorized entities active so far.

1. *The K. E. Macan Library and Printing House for the Blind* (KTN, Knihovna a tiskárna pro nevidomé K. E. Macana); [ktn website](#)

There are about 18 267 titles in the collection of the KTN, in formats of sound recordings (MP3, CD, DVD with commentary), digitised texts or in printed version (in Braille). There are 350 items in foreign languages (mainly textbooks in sound recordings or in Braille). Languages available (not all for all titles) are English, Esperanto, French, Italian, Latin, Hungarian, German, Norwegian, Romany, Russian and Spanish.

2. *Czech Blind United* (SONS – Sjednocená organizace nevidomých a slabozrakých); [sons website](#)

(since 2020 a member of the ABC Consortium)

There are more than 33 000 books and about 20 periodicals in the collection of the Library of digital documents, in formats EPUB or TXT, MS Word – DOC, DOCX and RTF. Books are available in Czech only, some textbooks are available in foreign languages.

3. *Teiresiás – The Support Centre for Students with Special Needs* (Středisko pro pomoc studentům se specifickými nároky); [teiresias website](#)

There about 7 000 titles available, 4 000 of them in digital version, almost all of them scientific and/or professional publications. Languages available are mainly English and German, some publications are available in other languages such as French, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Latin and Russian.

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