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SMART CITY BRNO



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City of Brno

The current challenges in energy, security and climate change significantly impact places with high concentrations of people in cities. Cities today are not only facing the impact of these crises but are delivering new solutions that open the door to a safer, greener and more sustainable future. **New solutions emerge from systematically promoting R&D and innovations and the courage to experiment and try new ways.** Cities today serve as living laboratories of our shared future. This short publication illustrates the approach of Brno to meet these challenges. How it encourages new solutions and strategies and the courage to experiment. In other words, what makes Brno a Smart City.



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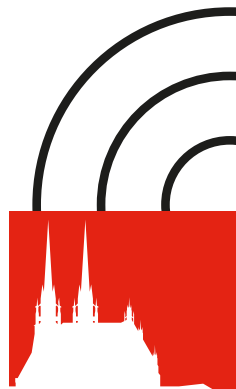
Brno in Numbers

Brno is the second largest city in the Czech Republic and the main commercial centre of the South Moravian Region. It is a university city focused on innovation, research & development.

■ Population	401,000
■ Brno Metropolitan Area	730,000
■ Number of university students	66,000
■ Average monthly wage	2,074 EUR
■ Unemployment rate	5 %
■ GDP per capita (EU28=100 %)	147 %
■ Number of passengers at Brno airport per year	687,000
■ Green area per inhabitant of Brno	110 m ²
■ For research, development and innovation from the Brno city budget	1.6 mil. EUR

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Regional Innovation Strategy

The **Regional Innovation Strategy** (RIS) is the basic policy of the **City of Brno** and the **South Moravian Region** for developing economic competitiveness and added value through innovation. It is addressed to all actors of the innovation ecosystem interested in improving the standard of living – to share and make coordinated decisions.



A **partnership approach** is crucial for the RIS – both for achieving its objectives and for successful implementation. **The RIS intends to stimulate good conditions for innovative entrepreneurship in Brno.** Mainly by improving the quality of education, encouraging researchers to engage more with businesses and the local environment, strengthening the region's image, or directly supporting entrepreneurial activities in places where the market has failed.



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Brno invests in its future

The city **supports innovative entrepreneurship with high-added value** as part of the Regional Innovation Strategy. It prevents brain drain, attracts talented students and scientists, and looks after foreign expats. It **promotes science and technology** to the general public as attractive, world-changing fields and promising careers. It **works closely with research centres** to transfer knowledge and insight into the everyday functioning of the city.

Last but not least, it **digitises city services** and invests in caring for newcomers to make them feel at home in Brno. It is fearless to experiment with new solutions that emerge in the municipality and use them in the daily running of the city.

Brno simply remains IN! And national and international awards prove it. The City of Brno, together with the South Moravian Region, won **the European Entrepreneurial Region (EER) award** for the year 2024.

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Strategy #brno2050

Brno is developing systematically according to Strategy **#brno2050**. It defines strategic values and goals that the city wants to achieve in **5 thematic** areas:

- Environment
- Prosperity
- Services
- Resources
- Governance

For easier implementation, Strategy #brno2050 is divided into 3 parts: **Vision 2050**, **Plan 2030**, and **Projects 2021+**.

We are currently working on Projects 2021+, which contains activities for the coming years. The implementation of these activities is ensured by the Action Plan, which collects projects not only of the city, but also of other stakeholders operating in Brno.

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Strategic planning at metropolitan level

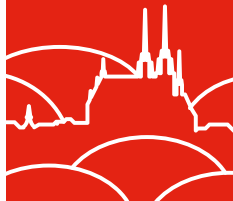
The City of Brno does not see itself as unit enclosed in its functional and administrative boundaries, but as a part of a **wider metropolitan area**.

The Brno Metropolitan Area (Functional urban area) consists of **184 municipalities** with about **730 thousand inhabitants**. Brno cooperates with the municipalities in its hinterland for the purpose of the **coordinated and interrelated development of the entire territory**.

The metropolitan area has ensured funding through the **Integrated Territorial Investments (ITI)** tool, and it has developed the **Integrated Strategy for the Brno Metropolitan Area**.

The City of Brno also leads the current **national discourse on metropolitan development**.

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Since 2018 Brno has been operating the data portal **data.brno.cz**, where it provides its data to the public and thus improves the quality of its services. Anyone can use the city data for their own innovative projects, research, management or to inform themselves about the current state of affairs in Brno.

Thanks to the interactive statistics „**Brno in Numbers**“, a lot of basic information about the city has been brought to the public's attention.

The data portal is widely used by developers or students, for whom the website offers a technologically advanced catalogue with **open data sets**. Enthusiasts will enjoy many long-term interactive statistics about the city and various applications or dashboards.



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URBIS The Smart Cities Meetup

URBIS presents a smart combination of fair trade with an exclusive conference programme, which introduces current topics such as energy and climate, mobility, and effective public administration.

It takes place at the **Brno Exhibition Centre on 10–12 June, 2025.**

Over the course of three days, dozens of representatives of Central European cities and municipalities, and leaders in innovation meet with a single goal – to share experiences, ideas, and examples of practical solutions and to seek ways of how to improve life in cities and towns.

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Brno iD

City services online

Since 2017, the City of Brno has been developing **an e-shop of city services brnoid.cz**.

It offers **15 standard modules** – public transport, integrated transport system of the South Moravian Region, municipal waste, family vouchers, tourist card, library, zoo, sports, observatory, museum, resident parking, municipal cemeteries, participatory budget, support for trees in the city or gift vouchers.

The Brno iD electronic account has over **600,000 users** – residents and visitors of Brno. More than 60% are in the verified „full“ version.

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Brno iD

Spitalka

Smart District

Innovations close to the city's heart

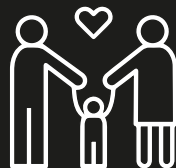
The first smart neighbourhood in Brno will be created with the help of modern technologies and innovative approaches. The attractiveness of the Spitalka Smart District stems from its location near the city centre. The City of Brno has created a development plan that aims to transform the western part of the Brno heating plant, a total **area of 2.5 hectares**, into a lively, modern, and smart district.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- To prepare an investment plan and to develop an innovative district called RE:Spitalka.
- To verify the use of smart technologies and approaches for their possible expansion all over the city.
- To create a modern neighbourhood where people can comfortably live, work, and spend their leisure time.

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MUNISS

Interuniversity student competition



The main aim of MUNISS is to strengthen cooperation between the City of Brno and talented students and to get their opinions and ideas on the city's challenges.



The competition started in **2011** and includes students from Masaryk University, Mendel University and Brno University of Technology. In total, more than **567 students** have passed through the competition, creating over 127 student teams.



They have focused on more than **47 topics**, including a proposal of the Spitalka Smart District, the Creative Centre in Brno's former penitentiary, Technology Park Brno as a city lab or or development of the city identity – Brno iD.

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Brno PhD Talent

Scientific scholarships from the city

The Brno PhD Talent scholarship programme motivates and supports talented **doctoral students in scientific and technical fields (STEM)**, develop their skills in strategic research management and strengthens their ties with the city.

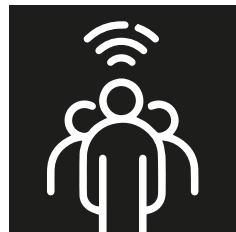
The Brno PhD Talent project has already had **13 competition seasons**, during which it has provided support for **282 talented students**.

Scientific scholarships also help local research team leaders attract talented students from abroad. Since **2009**, the City of Brno has contributed more than **EUR 3,6 million to the programme**.

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Brno **Ph.D.** Talent





Brno Expat Centre

The expat centre assists qualified foreign professionals and their families both before their arrival and during their stay in Brno. With the support of the City of Brno it provides free services.

Expats come to the Centre to address a variety of issues related to their new life in Brno. They can use the services and assistance of experts on-site or find answers in online guides on the website.

The Centre also organises several events focused on networking, education, or culture. A key annual event is Expat Fair „Living in Brno“. For more information and updates on events in Brno relevant to expats, you can subscribe to their monthly newsletter.



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Popularization of science

Brno invests in future generations

Curiosity, love for science and technology and the desire to improve the world are awakening in the youngest generation. The unconventional activities of the **Brno Observatory and Planetarium** are helping to make this happen.

The **space and electron microscopy industries** have their own festivals in the city for the general public so that people can be proud to live in a city that produces 30% of the world's electron microscopes.

The popularization of scientific and technical fields (STEM) is brought to life by the entertainment park **VIDA! science centre** near the Brno Exhibition Centre, and the innovative **FabLab Brno**. The other offers a digital prototyping workshop for schools and the public, and also coordinates activities aimed at popularizing STEM fields, which may inspire the young generation to study these fascinating areas.

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Innovative business

We help put good ideas into practice

Brno is a place where innovative ideas with a positive impact are implemented and turned into services and products with high added value. Thanks to the **Prototype and Verify project**, we can help to do this at an early stage of development.

Collaboration is a key role, so we facilitate connecting actors from the private, academic and public sectors. An example is the new **Life Sciences 4.0 platform** which brings together stakeholders from the life sciences industry.

It is important to share the results of our work, which is why we support cross-border networking and external partnerships of institutions from our region through the **International Trade Centre**.

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Cultural and Creative Industries

The City of Brno supports creative industries to encourage the growth and entrepreneurship of **talented creatives** and involve them in the development of the city.

Creative Brno helps **creatives both informatively and financially**. It also presents Brno as a city of creativity and innovation.

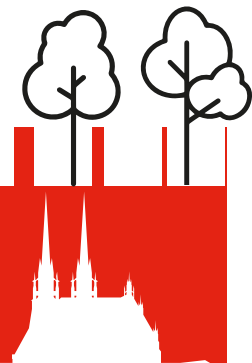
The development of creatives will be helped by the launch of the **Brno Creative Centre**, which will provide facilities for creativity.

The conversion of the former prison into a creative centre will save the abandoned building, build **space for creative entrepreneurs**, and revitalise the area close to the city centre.

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Prepare Brno

Brno has signed **the Covenant of Mayors** and since 2019 has a **Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan SECAP**. It is doing its best to lead by example in its implementation. We want Brno to be greener and healthier.

Reducing CO₂ emissions by 40% by 2030 is a big commitment, so citizens are informed about **10 simple steps to follow**. They can also take advantage of subsidy programmes with an allocation of almost **EUR 3 million**.

A lot of Brno companies and organisations have also joined in. The aim is to reduce greenhouse gases in energy consumption, production and operation, building use or construction activities.

Brno also has a specific memorandum for the occasion, which already has 94 signatories and 10 steps on how a specific company can contribute.

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Other smart projects

Brno is a laboratory of the future

Dáme na vás! (We give it to you!) Since 2017, the citizens of Brno have proposed 49 projects that have changed the face of the city. These ranged from support for parents of children with cancer to new library branches or a city gallery on the outer wall of buildings.

The **C-ROADS project** utilises cooperative intelligent transport systems for citizens' safety on the streets and at intersections. Smoother and safer transport is vital to the quality of life in cities.

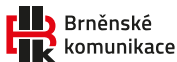
The **Brno Technology Park** is where the lab of the future pilot project began. It allows startups to implement their first contracts in a place that aspires to be the green, technological heart of Brno's digital industry.

The city is also developing a long-term strategic partnership with the non-profit organization **Czechitas**, which opens the world of IT to women. It inspires, provides training, and helps women achieve better careers.

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