

## **Masaryk Hospital Ústí nad Labem Survey of Available Health Services and Capabilities for International Cooperation**

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The Regional Health Corporation („Krajská zdravotní a.s.“ in Czech language) consists of 5 hospitals: Masaryk Hospital in Ústí nad Labem, Děčín Hospital, Teplice Hospital, Most Hospital, and Chomutov Hospital. All have a long history and tradition. The organization was established in September 2007 to merge the 4 district hospitals and the regional (Masaryk) hospital under one single roof thus creating the biggest healthcare provider in the Czech Republic. The owner of this joint-stock company is The Ústí Region. The area covers about 820 000 citizens. In the hospitals are 6 236 employees (from that are 838 doctors and 2,673 nurses) with more than 3,350 beds. The new subject is expected to be strong enough to ensure modern and available healthcare for all citizens of the region. Merging hospitals in one single subject will help decreasing operating costs and purchase costs for drugs, material and technology. The hospitals offer basic, specialized, and super specialized health care in a great number of departments and clinics. The latest communication and information technologies (maintained by the Centre of Information Systems) are extensively used to support all required health services. Since 1997, major investments have been put into the development of IS/ICT. The most modern and most efficient technological infrastructure has been built, and it rates among the best Czech hospitals. One of many objectives is to reach the maximum degree of business processes automation and their efficient monitoring, follow-up, evaluation methods, and participation in European e-business, e-commerce and e-health activities.