



4.6. CZ – Czechia⁶⁹

4.6.1. Key findings

In Czechia, Article 28b (1) of the Audiovisual Media Services Directive (AVMSD) has been transposed verbatim in Article 7a (1) of the Act on Video-Sharing Platform Services and on Amendments to Certain Related Acts. The national media regulatory authority, the Council for Radio and Television Broadcasting (the Council), oversees adherence to the regulations. Its child protection initiatives are showcased on the Children and the Media⁷⁰ website, which also offers a rundown of the relevant laws, examples from the Council's administrative practice, and links to relevant literature.

Act No. 110/2019 Coll., concerning personal data processing, stipulates that children may consent to the processing of their personal data in relation to information society services once they reach 15 years of age.⁷¹ Consequently, a child below this age is not permitted to consent to data processing. Responding to this regulation, platforms like YouTube have adjusted their policies, setting the minimum age⁷² for account creation at 15 for Czechia. If younger individuals wish to use these services, they need to secure the approval of a legal guardian.

4.6.2. National transposition of Article 28b (1) AVMSD

Title and type of legislation	Key excerpts of legal measures	Link
Act 242/2022 of 10 August 2022 on video-sharing platform services and amending certain related acts (the Video-Sharing Platform Services Act) Article 7 (1)	Video-sharing platform service providers shall, without prejudice to the provisions of sections 3 to 6 of the Information Society Services Act, adopt measures to protect: (a) minors from programmes, user-generated videos and commercial communications which might impair their physical, mental, or moral development; such videos, programmes and audiovisual commercial communications are only	Legislation

⁶⁹ The summary on Czechia incorporates the feedback received from the Czech Council for Radio and TV Broadcasting (RRTV).

⁷⁰ <https://www.deti-a-media.cz/>

⁷¹ <https://www.zakonyprolidi.cz/cs/2019-110#p7-1>

⁷² <https://support.google.com/accounts/answer/1350409?hl=cs#zippy=%2Cevropa>



Title and type of legislation	Key excerpts of legal measures	Link
<i>(Zákon č. 242/2022 Sb. o službách platforem pro sdílení videonahrávek a o změně některých souvisejících zákonů) (Zákon o službách platforem pro sdílení videonahrávek)</i>	made available in such a way as to ensure that minors will not normally hear or see them; measures to protect minors include, in particular, age verification tools or other technical measures; ...	

4.6.3. Types of measures put in place by VSPs

All of the larger VSPs featured in this report, and this includes many which are not under the jurisdiction of Czechia but which can be accessed within the territory, have imposed a minimum age requirement of 13, with the exception of Vimeo (16 or above the minimum age required by law), BitChute (18) and Onlyfans (18). A notable particularity in Czechia is that the minimum age requirement has been raised to 15 on YouTube, while it is 13 in almost all other countries featured in this report.

Age verification systems mostly require users to indicate their date of birth, without additional verifications, but other solutions include age verification by credit card, by the uploading of photo ID, or the use of age estimation technology. Various types of parental control measures responding to the specificities of each VSP can be found (blocking and filtering, recording of activities, limiting time of use, viewing history). X (formerly Twitter) and Vimeo have no such measures, despite being accessible to minors. Neither do BitChute or OnlyFans, as they require users to be over 18. All of the larger VSPs featured in this report make use of flagging and reporting mechanisms as well as other content moderation tools. These are detailed in the tables in sections 3.2 and 3.3.

4.6.4. VSPs under the jurisdiction of the national regulatory media authority

N/A



4.6.5. Measures specific to adult VSPs in general

The prevalent practice among adult VSPs available in Czechia is to require a self-declaration that a user is over 18 before granting access. Procedures demanding proof of age, like ID verification, are not commonplace. An illustration of this can be seen on platforms like Freevideo.cz and Pornfile.cz, where entry is contingent upon users confirming that they are over 18, that they won't share content with minors, and that they agree to certain data processing terms.

4.6.6. Additional rules referring especially to influencers

N/A