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Costs in the Czech Republic

Indicative costs for court, appeals and alternative dispute resolution (ADR)

Case study	First-instance court proceedings			Appellate proceedings			Alternative dispute resolution	
	Initial court fees	Transcription fees	Other fees	Initial court fees	Transcription fees	Other fees	Is this option open for this type of case?	Costs
Case A	CZK 2 000	Not applicable (N/A)	N/A	CZK 2 000	N/A	N/A	Yes (optional)	Contractual (CZK 400 for each, even incomplete, hour in the case of a court-mandated introductory meeting with a mediator)
Case B	CZK 2 000	N/A	N/A	CZK 2 000	N/A	N/A	Yes (optional)	Contractual (CZK 400 for each, even incomplete, hour in the case of a court-mandated introductory meeting with a mediator)

Indicative costs for a lawyer, licenced enforcement agent and expert

Case study	Legal representation		Licenced enforcement agent			Expert	
	Is representation compulsory?	Average cost	Is use compulsory?	Pre-judgment costs	Post-judgment costs	Is use of an expert compulsory?	Costs
Case A	No.	Contractual, CZK 1 500 per task according to the lawyer's tariff	No	-	-	No.	CZK 100 to CZK 350 per hour
Case B	No.	Contractual	No (depends on the other country involved in the case)	-	-	No.	CZK 100 to CZK 350 per hour

Costs for witness compensation, deposits, securities and other relevant fees

Case study	Witness compensation		Deposit or security		Other costs	
	Are witnesses compensated?	Costs	Does this exist and when and how is it used?	Costs	Description	Costs
Case A	Yes. Actual costs are paid.	Differ according to the circumstances of the case	No.	-	-	-

Case B Yes. Actual costs are paid. Differ according to the circumstances of the case No. - - -

Costs for legal aid and the reimbursement of expenses

Case study	Legal aid	When is full legal aid given?		Reimbursement	Can the winning party obtain reimbursement of litigation costs?	If reimbursement is not comprehensive, what is the usual percentage of the costs covered?	What costs are never reimbursed?	Are there instances when legal aid should be reimbursed to the legal aid organisation?
Case A	Only NGOs See the Directive concerning application of legal aid in cross-border disputes	-	-	Usually not. However, the court may grant the reimbursement of costs if justified by the circumstances.	-	-	Depends on the court's decision, usually none.	No.
Case B		-	-	Usually not. However, the court may grant the reimbursement of costs if justified by the circumstances.	-	-	Depends on the court's decision, usually none.	No.

Translation and interpreting costs

Case study	Translation	Approximate costs?	Interpreting	Approximate costs?	Other costs specific to cross-border disputes?	
	When and under what conditions is it necessary?		When and under what conditions is it necessary?		Description	Approximate costs?
Case A	Original documents in a foreign language necessary for the proceedings	CZK 100 to CZK 350 per page				
Case B	Original documents in a foreign language necessary for the proceedings	CZK 100 to CZK 350 per page	In cases where a party or a witness is a foreign national or does not understand Czech	CZK 100 to CZK 350 per hour		

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