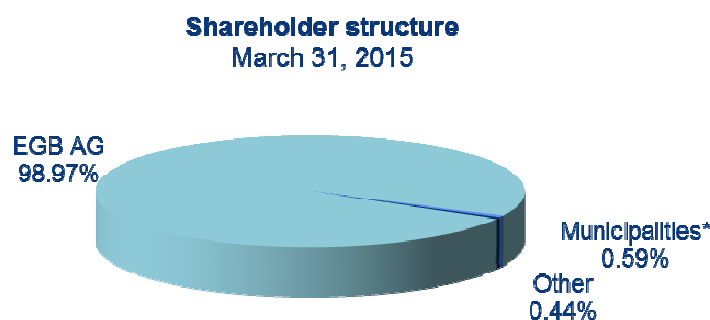


Shareholders at Ceska Sporitelna's General Meeting Decide on a Dividend of CZK 75 per Share

- ⇒ At their general meeting held on 24 April 2015, CS shareholders approved a gross dividend of CZK 75 per share
- ⇒ Overall, CZK 11.4 bn will be paid out in dividends

At their regular general meeting held today, Ceska sporitelna's shareholders approved the distribution of the 2014 profit, the 2014 financial statement, and the payment of a gross dividend of CZK 75 per priority and ordinary share. In aggregate, CZK 11.4 bn will be paid out in dividends this year. Between 2009 and 2011, the dividend amounted to CZK 30 (with CZK 4.56 bn being paid out). In 2012, a dividend of CZK 50 was approved (CZK 7.6 bn was paid out), and in 2013 CZK 60 (CZK 9.12 bn was paid out). The record date for the dividend payment is the day of the general meeting, 24 April 2015. For 2014, Ceska sporitelna posted an unconsolidated net profit after tax of CZK 14.8 bn. Ceska sporitelna will transfer the remainder of the profit that will not be paid out in dividends to retained profit, further strengthening its equity. Ernst & Young Audit remains the bank's external auditor for 2015.



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Ceska sporitelna's profile

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Ceska sporitelna is the largest bank in the Czech Republic • More than 5 million clients use its services: individuals, small and medium-sized enterprises, and municipalities, but we also finance large corporations and provide financial market services • Ceska sporitelna has been a member of Erste Group since 2000, and under that brand, it serves affluent and corporate clients • It boasts the most extensive branch and ATM networks in the Czech Republic • It also plays an important role as an innovator: for example, it was the first bank on the Czech market to start issuing contactless cards comprehensively, and to develop a network for their use • *For additional interesting information about Ceska sporitelna, read here.*

Ceska sporitelna – A Responsible partner of the Society

We have invested **CZK 5,000,000,000** into projects for electricity generation from renewable sources and energy-efficient projects • We endowed the Depositum Bonum Foundation with **CZK 1,450,000,000** to support education in the Czech Republic • Together with the Ceska sporitelna Foundation, we donated **CZK 80,000,000** to publicly beneficial projects in 2012 • In 2013, we divided **CZK 2,000,000** among 34 charitable projects on the basis of votes taken in our employee and client grant programmes • **8,000** seniors attended our "Seniors Communicate" educational courses in **634** Czech towns and cities • **1,879** of our employees participated in the Sporitelna Days for Charity. This means that we donated **14,440** of our employees' work hours • **376** of our branches are wheelchair-accessible and over **250** of our ATMs are adapted for use by visually impaired clients • Each employee can use **2** work days for public benefit activities thanks to Sporitelna's Days for Charity • *For additional interesting information about Ceska sporitelna's corporate social responsibility, read here.*

Erste Group's Profile

Erste Group is the leading financial services provider in the Eastern part of the EU • Approximately **46,000** employees serve **16.4** million clients in more than **2,800** branches in **7** countries (Austria, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia) • As of Q1 2014 Erste Group has reached EUR **203.9** billion in total assets, a net profit of EUR **103,3** million and a cost-income-ratio of **57.0%**.