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Olympic underdog



Our reading of the [Working Group Report](#) for the 2016 Olympic Games is that Prague has little hope of ever being a true contender for hosting the Summer Olympics. Tomáš Petera of [Praha olympijská](#) was technically right when he told [Czech Radio](#) that the report doesn't identify any insurmountable barriers, but Prague scored at or below the benchmark in nearly all the 11 rating categories. In one of the two most-important categories, accommodations, Prague failed to provide a figure for the number of 3-5 star hotel rooms (not beds). The IOC's benchmark is 40,000, but Prague only came close to this (31,897) by including 1-2 star rooms as well. To put things in perspective, Madrid has a population three times bigger than Prague's but only 40,472 rooms in the 3-5 star class. The Working Group Report tends to confirm the belief that Prague is simply too small to host the Olympics.

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