

PROGRAM OF THE INFORMATION COURSE FOR THE COMMISSION STAFF IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

MONDAY 18 April 2005

Venue: **Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic**

- Registration
- Presentation of the program and welcome
- Introduction of the participants
- Welcome remarks by the Minister of the Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

Coffee break

- EU and the Czech Republic (priorities, coordination...)
- Panel Discussion – questions and answers

Lunch

- Czech Republic, its history, culture, economic development etc.
- Guided tour through the apartment of the former foreign minister Jan Masaryk in the MFA building Černínský palác with the lecture

Dinner

TUESDAY 19 April 2005

Venue: **Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic**

- Czech Republic and ESDP
- Czech Republic and the external dimension of the enlarged EU

Coffee break

- Czech Republic and the EU Constitution
- Czech Republic and the Internal Market

Lunch

Venue: **Representation of the European Commission in Prague** /to be discussed/

- Welcome by the Head of EC-Representation in Prague
- Lectures – topics to be chosen by the Representation

Dinner

WEDNESDAY 20 April 2005

The Prague Castle – the guided tour

Lunch

Venue: **Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic**

- Presentation of the Czech Republic and its Official Representations abroad

- EU Communication Strategy of the Czech Republic – referendum on the EU Constitution
- Czechs and the EU – the social aspects
- Round table with the reanimated sociologist, policy maker , journalist, diplomat etc.

Dinner – visit of the brewery or the wine cellar

THURSDAY 21 April 2005

Venue: **The Prime Minister's Office**

- Welcome speech by the Vice Prime Minister for Economics
- Czech Republic and Lisbon Strategy

Lunch

- Science, Research and Knowledge Based Economics
- Prime Minister's Office – guided tour

Dinner

Cultural performance: *National Theatre, Opera etc.*

FRIDAY 22 April 2005

Venue: **Parliament**

- Welcome by the Chairman of the Committee of the European Integration
- Role of the National Parliament in the EU
- Parliament – guided tour

Coffee break

Venue: **Senate**

- Welcome by the Chairman of the Committee of the European Integration of the Senate
- Role of the Senate and its relationship to the European Affairs
- Senate – guided tour

Lunch

Free afternoon