

Czech Presidency Newsletter

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This week's events:

Joint meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the EU and the Rio Group in Prague in mid-May

On 11 – 14 May 2009 the Czech EU Presidency organises the 14th joint meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the EU and the Rio Group in Prague.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/en/news-and-documents/news/joint-meeting-of-the-foreign-ministers-of-the-eu-and-the-rio-group-in-prague-in-mid-may-19153/>

Education, Youth and Culture Council (EYC)

<http://www.eu2009.cz/event/1/1587/>

Ministerial Conference on the Financial Sustainability of Health Systems

The conference will address the definition and importance of the financial sustainability of health systems, also against the backdrop of population ageing in Europe.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/en/news-and-documents/news/ministerial-conference-on-the-financial-sustainability-of-health-systems-21811/>

Last week's events:

Removal of the Entropa installation from the Justus Lipsius building

Today the removal of the Entropa installation begins in the atrium of the Justus Lipsius building in Brussels.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/en/news-and-documents/news/removal-of-the-entropa-installation-from-the-justus-lipsius-building-21808/>

Topolánek: Southern Corridor should be modern Silk Road

A summit of the European Union and the Southern Corridor countries started in Prague today.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/en/news-and-documents/press-releases/topolanek:-southern-corridor-to-become-a-modern-silk-road-21597/>

Eastern Partnership Summit: Natural dimension of EU foreign policy

President of the European Council Mirek Topolánek and President of the European Commission José Manuel Barroso launched the Prague Eastern Partnership summit this afternoon.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/en/news-and-documents/press-releases/eastern-partnership-summit:-natural-dimension-of-eu-foreign-policy-20997/>

Employment Summit offers solutions to reduce unemployment

Leaders of the current social Troika countries (the Czech Republic, Sweden and Spain), the European Commission and European social partners met in Prague today to discuss the impact of the current crisis on employment.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/en/news-and-documents/press-releases/employment-summit-offers-solutions-to-reduce-unemployment-20758/>

EU–Canada summit in Prague

On Wednesday 6 May the EU–Canada summit was held at the Liechtenstein Palace in Prague.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/en/news-and-documents/news/eu---canada-summit-troika-19898/>

Czech Prime Minister Mirek Topolánek answered your questions in the chat

His role as the President of the European Council, President Klaus, priorities of the Czech Presidency and the Eastern Partnership project – these are among the topics of questions you posed to Mirek Topolánek in the European chat.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/en/news-and-documents/news/czech-prime-minister-mirek-topolanek-answered-your-questions-in-the-european-chat-20249/>

Future of internal EU market discussed in Prague

The informal meeting of Ministers for Competitiveness addressed the economic impacts of EU enlargement, cutting red tape for businesses and the future of the EU internal market against the backdrop of the economic crisis.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/en/news-and-documents/press-releases/future-of-internal-eu-market-discussed-in-prague-20182/>

Joint Press Statement, 18th EU-Japan Summit, 4 May 2009, Prague

President of the Czech Republic, Václav Klaus, chaired the Summit "The European Union – Japan" on 4 May 2009.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/en/news-and-documents/news/joint-press-statement--18th-eu-japan-summit--4-may-2009--prague-20137/>