

Czech Presidency Newsletter

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This week's events:

Czech Foreign Minister Jan Kohout to chair GAERC

Czech Foreign Minister and EU GAERC President Jan Kohout will chair the meeting of the EU General Affairs and External Relations Council in Brussels on 18 and 19 May.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/en/news-and-documents/news/czech-foreign-minister-jan-kohout-to-chair-gaerc-23331/>

EU - China Summit (Troika)

The President of the Czech Republic, Václav Klaus, will chair the Summit "European Union – People's Republic of China" on 20 May 2009.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/event/1/3815/>

European Agricultural Youth Championship

<http://www.eu2009.cz/event/1/683/>

Last week's events:

Czech Minister for European Affairs, Štefan Füle, and Irish Minister for Foreign Affairs meet in Dublin

The Czech Minister for European Affairs, Štefan Füle, and the Irish Minister for Foreign Affairs, Micheál Martin TD, met in Dublin to discuss the legal guarantees relating to the Lisbon Treaty, the current international economic situation, and preparations for the Copenhagen Conference on climate change.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/en/news-and-documents/press-releases/czech-minister-for-european-affairs--stefan-fule--and-irish-minister-for-foreign-affairs-meet-in-dublin--23097/>

“EU and Russian Ministers of Justice and the Interior have gathered in Kaliningrad”

On 14 and 15 May 2009, Kaliningrad in Russia will host the Permanent Partnership Council Summit, attended by Ministers of the Interior and Justice Ministers from the European Union and the Russian Federation.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/en/news-and-documents/press-releases/kaliningrad-eu-russia-23345/>

European Competition Day closes with debate on economic crisis

A two-day international conference entitled “European Competition Day, organised as one of the events of the Czech EU Presidency, ended with a concluding ceremony at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Brno.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/scripts/modules/diary/action.php?id=680>

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

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/>

Presidency scores with enhanced cooperation between schools and employers and stakes out path for EU education up to 2020

A regular meeting of the Council of Minister for Education was held in Brussels today. Led by the Czech Presidency, the Council adopted two key documents summarising the results achieved so far and commemorated the anniversary of the fall of the Iron Curtain.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/en/news-and-documents/news/presidency-scores-with-enhanced-cooperation-between-schools-and-employers-and-stakes-out-path-for-eu-education-up-to-2020--21945/>