

Czech Presidency Newsletter

22 June 2009

This week's events:

Holocaust Era Assets Conference

The Government of the Czech Republic will host a "Holocaust Era Assets Conference" in Prague on June 26-30 2009.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/event/1/899/>

Environment Council

<http://www.eu2009.cz/event/1/1698/>

Agriculture and Fisheries Council

<http://www.eu2009.cz/event/1/1677/>

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The European Commission and the Czech Presidency in the EU Council hereby invite media representatives to a press conference that will take place on the occasion of opening the Green Week meeting in Brussels on 23 June.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/en/news-and-documents/news/the-european-commission-and-the-czech-presidency-in-the-eu-council-hereby-invite-media-representatives-to-a-press-conference-25463/>

Last week's events:

United Islands: Presidency and beer barrel handed over to Sweden

On Saturday evening, the United Islands Festival – one of the Czech Presidency's closing events – hosted a happening during which the Czech Republic informally handed the Presidency over to Sweden.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/en/news-and-documents/press-releases/united-islands:-presidency-and-beer-barrel-handed-over-to-sweden--25512/>

Czech Presidency rounds off European Council with success

Chaired by the Czech Presidency, the European Council gave the green light to the guarantees for Ireland so that a new Irish referendum on the Lisbon Treaty can take place. The Council also agreed on the new European Commission leader; it found consensus on conclusions concerning climate change and reached political agreement on the new European framework for financial supervision.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/en/news-and-documents/news/european-council-25499/>

EU-Pakistan Summit - Joint Statement

The first EU-Pakistan Summit was held in Brussels on 17 June 2009. The EU was represented by President Vaclav Klaus of the Czech Republic; by Mr Jose Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission, by Dr Javier Solana, High Representative for the EU's Common and Security Policy. The Islamic Republic of Pakistan was represented by President Asif Ali Zardari.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/en/news-and-documents/cfsp-statements/eu-pakistan-summit---joint-statement-25362/>

Statement on Guantanamo Closure Endorsed on Both Sides of the Atlantic

The EU and the United States on Monday endorsed a joint statement on the closure of the Guantanamo Bay detention facility, at the same time marking a fresh start in counterterrorism cooperation based on shared values, international law, the respect for human rights and the rule of law.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/en/news-and-documents/press-releases/statement-on-guantanamo-closure-endorsed-on-both-sides-of-the-atlantic-25220/>

The Minister of Justice deals with the issue of domestic violence

The Minister of Justice deals with the issue of domestic violence on behalf of the Presidency at the Ministers of Justice of the Council of Europe Meeting.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/en/news-and-documents/news/the-minister-of-justice-deals-with-the-issue-of-domestic-violence--25486/>