

Czech Presidency Newsletter

27 April 2009

This week's events:

Informal Meeting of Transport Ministers

On the agenda of the informal meeting of Transport Ministers in Litoměřice in the Czech Republic will be the issue of "Intelligent Transport Systems" (ITS). The motto of the Czech Presidency is a "Europe without Barriers", thus the motto of the informal Council is "Intelligent Mobility without Barriers."

<http://www.eu2009.cz/event/1/578/>

Informal Meeting of Ministers for Competitiveness

Meeting attended by the Ministers of the Member States of the European Union and the European Free Trade Association responsible for the area of industry and the internal market.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/event/1/584/>

EU General Affairs and External Relations Council (GAERC) to meet in Luxembourg

The GAERC meeting starts on Monday 27 April 2009.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/en/news-and-documents/news/eu-general-affairs-and-external-relations-council-gaerc-to-meet-in-luxembourg-18469/>

Post your questions for the chat with Czech Minister for Regional Development Cyril Svoboda

Czech Minister for Regional Development Cyril Svoboda will answer your questions on Monday, 27 April at 15:00 online in the European chat.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/en/news-and-documents/news/post-your-questions-for-the-chat-with-czech-minister-for-regional-development-cyril-svoboda-18368/>

Ministerial conference on "Building Migration Partnerships"

Ministerial conference on "Building Migration Partnerships" will take place on 27 – 28 April 2009 at the Žofín Palace in Prague.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/en/news-and-documents/news/ministerial-conference-on-building-migration-partnerships-17956/>

PRESS NOTICE: 28 April 2009 - Press Conference with Ministerial Troika EU – US for justice and home affairs

On 28 April 2009, Prague will host a meeting of the Troika of Justice and Interior Ministers of the European Union and the United States.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/en/news-and-documents/press-releases/28-april-2009---press-conference-with-ministerial-troika-eu-us-for-justice-and-home-affairs-18008/>

Last week's events:**Agriculture and Fisheries Council held in Luxembourg**

The Agriculture and Fisheries Council meeting, chaired by Czech Agriculture Minister Petr Gandalovič, was held in Luxembourg on 23 and 24 April.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/en/news-and-documents/news/today:-agriculture-and-fisheries-council-in-luxembourg-18076/>

Informal meeting of Ministers for Regional Development

The Informal meeting of Ministers for Regional Development took place on April 27 - 28 in Mariánské Lázně in the Czech Republic.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/en/news-and-documents/news/tomorrow:-a-three-day-informal-meeting-of-ministers-for-regional-development--17929/>

Czech Prime Minister meets Israeli and Palestinian government officials in Jerusalem and Ramallah

The discussions focused on the renovation of the Gaza strip and on other perspectives of the Middle East peace settlement.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/en/news-and-documents/news/czech-prime-minister-meets-israeli-and-palestinian-government-officials-in-jerusalem-and-ramallah-18348/>

Topolánek: It is important that Moldova remains pro-European

The European Council President , currently on a visit to Kishinev with envoys of the European Commission, called upon representatives of the Moldovan government and the opposition to start a dialogue that would restore calm in Moldova.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/en/news-and-documents/news/topolanek:-it-is-important-that-moldavia-remains-pro-european--18067/>

Presidency brokers deal to streamline aid to freight transport

European carriers will now find it easier to access funding for projects that will boost the efficiency of freight transport and reduce its environmental impact.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/en/news-and-documents/press-releases/presidency-brokers-deal-to-streamline-aid-to-freight-transport-18026/>