

Czech Presidency Newsletter

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This week's events:

Eastern Partnership Summit

Format: a summit of the EU-27 at the level of Heads of State or Government and representatives of the Eastern Partnership countries.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/event/1/3553/>

Summit "Southern Corridor - New Silk Road"

Format: an EU Troika, i.e. the Czech Presidency, the European Commission and the General Secretariat of the Council with representatives of the Southern Corridor countries.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/event/1/3559/>

Employment Summit

Format: a social Troika, i.e. the Czech Presidency, Sweden and Spain, social partners and representatives of the business sector.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/event/1/3556/>

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/>

Economic and Financial Affairs Council (ECOFIN)

<http://www.eu2009.cz/event/1/1569/>

EU - Canada Summit (Troika)

In accordance with the conclusions of the last Summit, the leaders of the EU and Canada are expected to launch negotiations toward a deepened economic partnership agreement. The EU and Canada are also expected to sign the Aviation Services Agreement.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/event/1/3617/>

EU - Japan Summit (Troika)

<http://www.eu2009.cz/event/1/3714/>

[Press Advisory: 4 May - Press conference on the cooperation of the EU with the Western Balkan countries in the fight against terrorism](#)

<http://www.eu2009.cz/en/news-and-documents/news/press-advisory:-4-may---press-conference-on-the-cooperation-of-the-eu-with-the-western-balkan-countries-in-the-fight-against-terrorism-18975/>

Last week's events:**Extraordinary meeting of the EPSCO Council on the Swine Influenza A(N1H1)**

In response to the current threat of the Swine Influenza A (H1N1) the Czech Republic as a Presidency country of the Council of the EU assembled a special meeting of the EPSCO Council.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/en/news-and-documents/news/extraordinary-meeting-of-the-epsco-council-on-the-swine-influenza-an1h1-19879/>

EU Presidency Statement

EU Presidency Statement on the signature of the agreements on the joint protection of borders between Russia and the separatist region of Abkhazia and South Ossetia.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/en/news-and-documents/news/eu-presidency-statement--19770/>

Topolánek: EU must add freedom of knowledge to free movement of capital, goods, persons and services

Czech Prime Minister and European Council President Mirek Topolánek today launched the Prague conference on "Researchers in Europe without Barriers".

<http://www.eu2009.cz/en/news-and-documents/news/topolanek:-eu-must-add-freedom-of-knowledge-to-free-movement-of-capital--goods--persons-and-services-18965/>

Mirek Topolánek accepts Albania's application for EU membership

Albania's Prime Minister, Sali Berisha, presented Albania's application for EU membership to President of the European Council Mirek Topolánek.

<http://www.eu2009.cz/en/news-and-documents/news/mirek-topolanek-accepts-albania-s-application-for-eu-membership-18962/>