

How to Organize a Successful Presidency

PROGRAM OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

to be held under the auspices of **Mr. Alexandr Vondra**, Deputy Prime Minister for European Affairs of the Czech Republic
on **Tuesday 23th October 2007**

Lichtenštejn Palace, U Sovových mlýnů 4/506, Prague 1 - Malá Strana.

10:00

- Keynote Speech by **Marek Mora**, Deputy Vice Prime Minister for European Affairs of the Czech Republic

10:20 **I. PANEL**

- **How are successful Presidencies organised within state administrations?**
 - **Håkan Jonsson**, State Secretary for European Affairs, Sweden
 - **Eoin O'Leary**, former Director of unit of the Irish Prime Minister's Office for 2004 Presidency. Ambassador of Ireland to the OSCE.
 - **Charles Fries**, former chief of the EU agenda under the French President and current French Ambassador in the Czech Republic
 - **Jana Hendrichová**, Vice-Deputy Prime Minister for the European Affairs, responsible for the Presidency

Moderator: **Monika MacDonagh-Pajerová**, Chairperson, ANO pro Evropu

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13:00 **II. PANEL**

- **How do successful Presidencies run Councils and negotiations?**
 - **Håkan Jonsson**, State Secretary for European Affairs, Sweden
 - **Libor Sečka**, Director General of the EU Section of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic
 - **Catherine von Heidenstam**, Swedish Ambassador in the Czech Republic
 - **Peter Schoof**, General Director EU affairs at the Federal Foreign Office, Germany

Moderator: **Irena Moozová**, Head of Representation of European Commission in the Czech Republic

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15:00 III. PANEL

- **How do successful Presidencies talk to the public?**
 - **Milena Vicenová**, Director of the Negotiation Department, Ministry of Regional Development of the Czech Republic
 - **Denis Simonneau**, Head of Cabinet of Secretary of State of European Affairs, French Republic. Former spokesperson for the French 2000 Presidency in Brussels.
 - **Helmut Elfenkämper**, German Ambassador in the Czech Republic
 - **Joe Lennon**, Spokesperson and head of communications for the Irish 2004 Presidency. Former senior advisor to the Irish Prime Minister and Government Press Secretary.
 - **Ondřej Karas**, Director of the Communication Department, Office of the Government of the Czech Republic

Moderator: **Pavčina Bartoňová**, Director of the European Affairs Information Department, Office of the Government of the Czech Republic

17:00 Closure

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