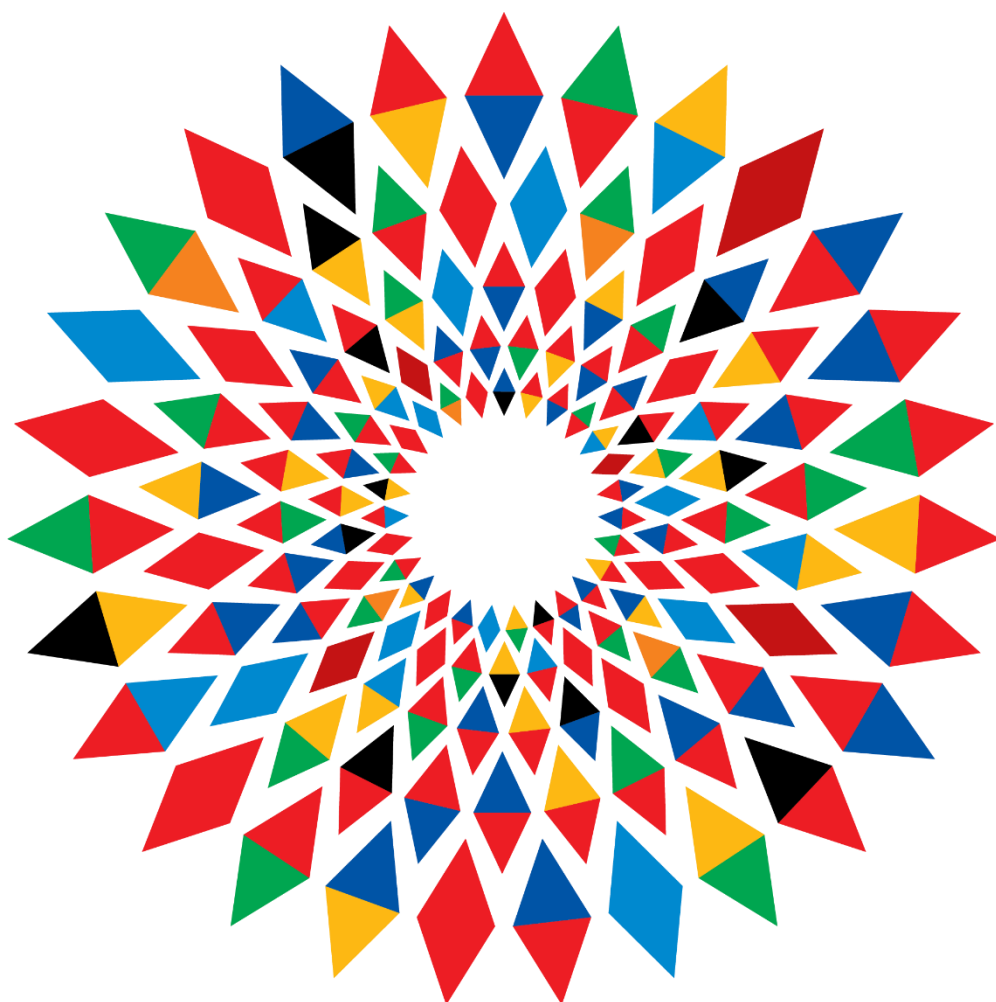


Practical Information Note

Attaché Trip

Prague/ České Budějovice/ Vodňany
Czech Republic
7th – 9th December 2022



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Czech Presidency of the Council
of the European Union

General information

The Czech Presidency of the Council of the European Union is delighted to welcome you in the Czech Republic for the informal meeting of SMOR (the attaché trip) that will take place from 7th to 9th of December 2022 in Prague and the cities of České Budějovice and Vodňany in the South Bohemian region.

For your visit, the Czech Presidency of the Council of the European Union has the pleasure to convey the following practical information.

Please note that all information may be subject to change, in which case it will be communicated by the Presidency in due time.

Registration

All meeting participants will receive **badge** that **will be issued** to delegations by organizers on arrival – **on the 7th December 2022 at the meeting point of the city tour or in the joint dinner venue**. It is recommended for all participants to wear their badges visibly at all times during the trip.

All personal information provided during the accreditation will be processed only in accordance with General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) obligations mentioned in the CZ PRES GDPR Memorandum, which can be found on the Presidency website and the accreditation system itself.

Only accredited delegates will be able to access the meeting venues.

Public transport in Prague

Prague has a very dense public transport infrastructure. More information is available at the Prague Public Transport website [here \(pid.cz\)](https://pid.cz).

For your convenience, the CZ PRES team will provide you with one-day-tickets for the Prague public transport. You can use the ticket for transportation from/to the airport and to/from your accommodation in Prague.



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When you enter public transport, the CZ PRES ticket doesn't have to be validated in yellow validator machines. For the ticket to be valid you must **write on the ticket by hand the specific date when the ticket will be used. It is then valid until the end of the day for the whole Prague public transport including any number of transfers.** The ticket is invalid without the prefilled date and the passenger is treated as if he had no ticket, so please don't forget to prefill the date.

You may use up to three CZ PRES tickets throughout the event. The tickets will be distributed by the CZ PRES team in Brussels prior to the event.

How to get to the city center from the airport by public transport

To get to Prague city centre by public transport, we recommend taking the **119 bus** to the final stop Nádraží Veleslavín, where you change to the green metro line A in direction Depo Hostivař.

Accommodation

Accommodation in Prague

On the website [Practical information / Accommodation](#), you will find a list of recommended hotels near the event venue ("accommodation options for self-paying guests").

However, you can certainly book any other hotel in Prague that would suit your needs the best.

In order to book your accommodation, please contact the preferred hotel directly. Please note, that **CZ PRES team does not reserve or reimburse accommodation.** Equally, CZ PRES team does not reimburse the travel expenses of the delegates.



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Accommodation in České Budějovice

The Clarion Hotel in České Budějovice has been secured for one night for this event. Please note, that the **CZ PRES team does not cover accommodation costs**. For more information about the accommodation, you can visit the hotel's website: [Clarion Congress Hotel Ceske Budejovice](#). **In case you eventually cannot participate** in this trip, please **inform us as soon as possible** since we need to cancel your hotel reservation immediately.

Our CZ PRES team is also sending you a **registration card** for filling in the details. **Please fill it out in advance (including the address of your employer), sign the card, scan it and send it back to [CZPRES CP attache@mmr.cz](mailto:CZPRES_CP_attache@mmr.cz) by 30 November to help speed up check-in.**

Please note that the hotel check-in will take place after lunch between 2:25 and 2:55 pm. Check-out will take place on the morning of 9 December between 7:30 and 8:00 am.

Location – Meeting venues and transportation

Day 1: Prague, 7th of December 2022

The informal meeting of SMOR will commence on the 7th of December 2022 in Prague with a **guided tour in the city center**.

The meeting point for the guided tour in the city center:

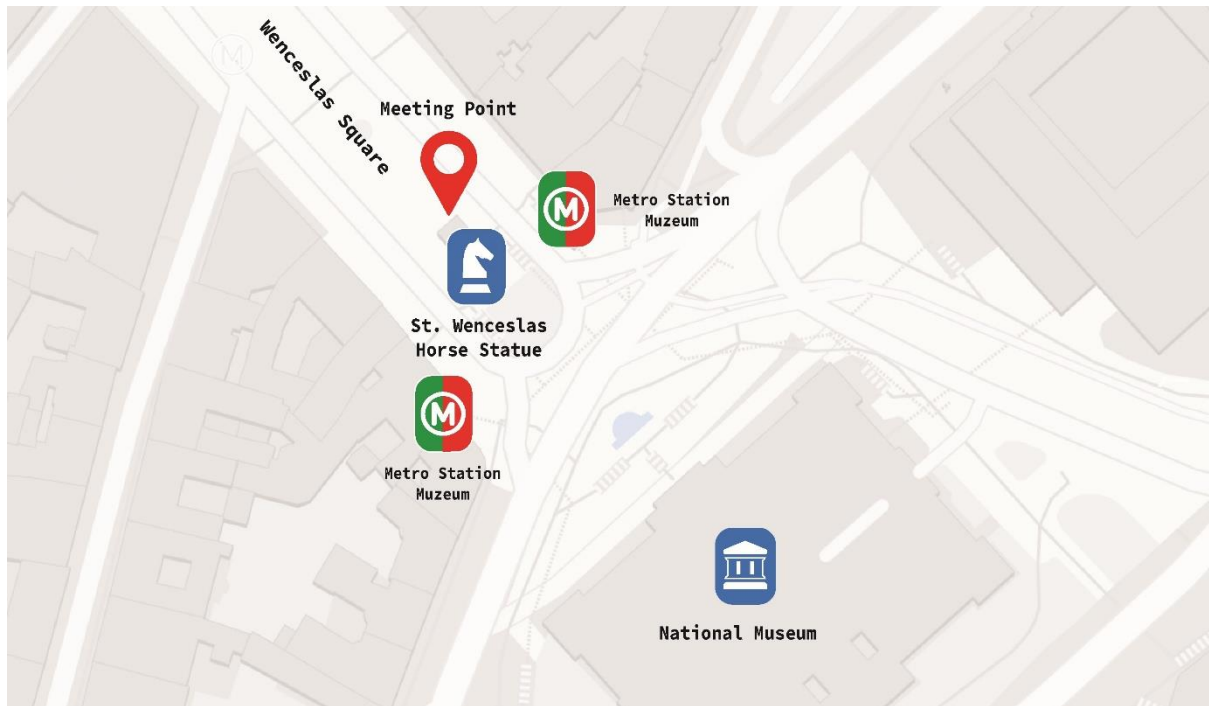
The meeting point and the start of the tour will be at the top of Wenceslas Square under the equestrian statue of Saint Wenceslas. The meeting point is situated near the subway exit at **Muzeum station**. You can reach Muzeum station by the red metro line C or the green metro line A.

The start of the tour is set for 4:00 pm.



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[link to the map here](#)



The joint informal dinner on the 7th of December 2022 will take place in the restaurant Černá Labuť, starting at 7:00 pm:

Those taking part in the afternoon tour of Prague will be guided to the venue of the informal dinner.

For others, we attach:

- the address of the restaurant: Na Poříčí 1067, 110 00 Nové Město
- link to a map with the location: [Černá Labuť](#)



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Day 2: České Budějovice, 8th of December 2022

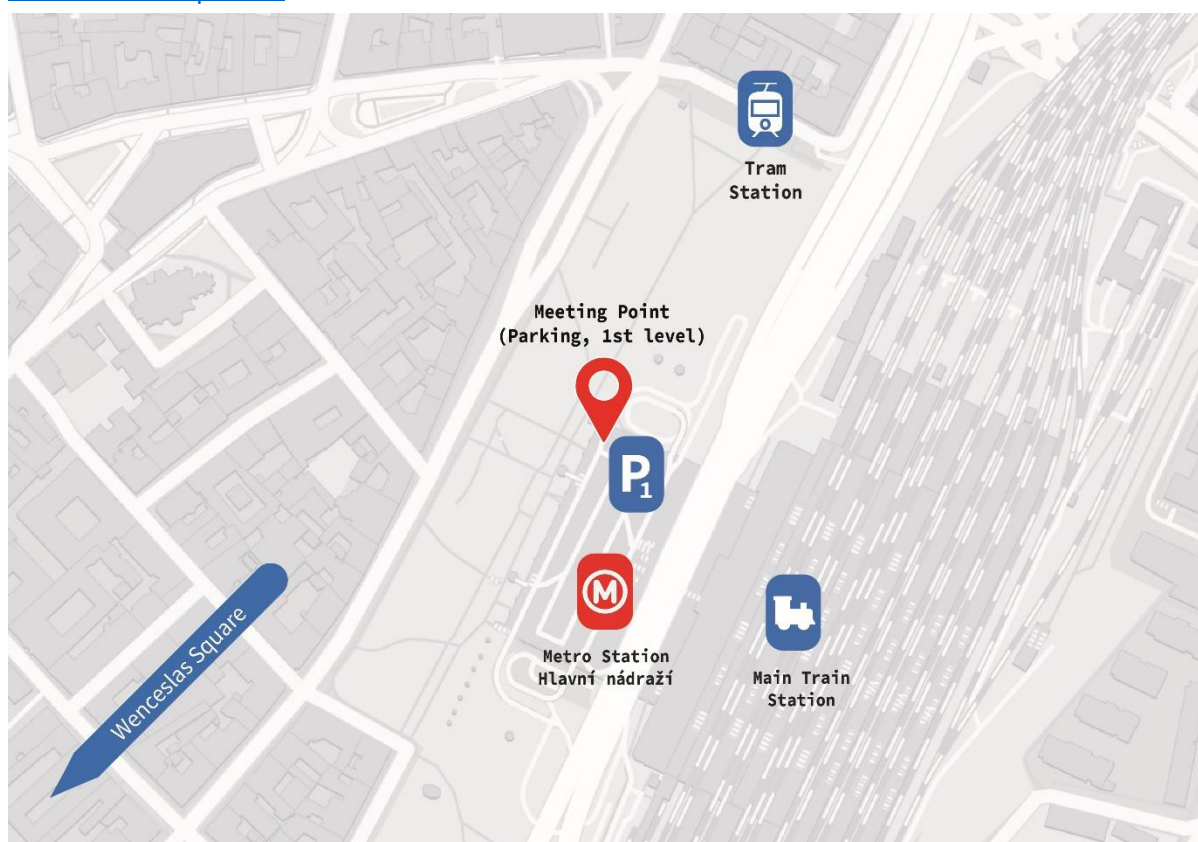
The second day of the attaché trip will take place in České Budějovice. Transportation to České Budějovice will be provided by two buses.

The meeting point for the joint bus transportation from Prague to České Budějovice is **Prague Main Railway Station (Hlavní nádraží)** which is accessible by metro red line C (station Hlavní nádraží) or by tram (station Hlavní nádraží). The best route to the Hlavní nádraží station depends on the location of your accommodation in Prague.

The meeting point is a parking place that is opposite the main train station building (situated on the first floor).

The meeting time is 7:45 am.

[link to the map here](#)



České Budějovice



The city of České Budějovice is the capital of the South Bohemian Region. Located at the confluence of the Vltava and Malše rivers surrounded by enchanting countryside, the city covers an area of 56 square kilometers. Almost 95,000 inhabitants live there. The city was founded by the Czech king Přemysl Otakar II. in 1265. It is an important economic, administrative, and cultural center of the region. Due to its numerous architectural and art heritage sites, the historic city center has been declared an urban heritage reserve and contains the greatest tourist sights. The city is famous for its world-known companies such as the brewery Budweiser Budvar, N.C. and the manufacturer of writing and art supplies Koh-i-noor Hardtmuth, a.s. České Budějovice is a university town with about 9,000 students.

The first stop will be the University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice where will be prepared a **coffee break**.

University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice (Branišovská 1645/31a)



The University of South Bohemia was established in 1991, but it was built on the foundations of the pre-existing traditions of educating teachers, and experts in agricultural production as well as theological studies and the tradition of fisheries. The university is attended by nearly 9,000 students at 8 different faculties in more than 230 programmes. It is a top-quality science & research centre specialising in education and research in natural, human, health, and social sciences. The university benefits not just from the modern and dynamic environment but also from the individual approach to students that the staff of well-known scientists and professors consider essential.

Lunch will take place in the restaurant Masné krámy in České Budějovice.

Masné krámy (České Budějovice, Krajinská 13) – LUNCH

The first written reference to the meat market – a wooden building with butcher shops situated on the present Přemysl Otakar II Square, dates to 1336. In 1364, King Charles IV ordered pulling down this meat market owing to its bad hygiene. A new suitable location for establishing another wooden building with the meat market was found in Krajinská St., where many master butchers lived at the time. The foundations of the present brick building of a basilica ground-plan come from the 2nd half of the 16th century. During the time, the meat market underwent many changes regarding its construction and use, being turned into small shops with various goods and gradually fell into disrepair. Owing to the dilapidation, its demolition was seriously considered after 1945. In the end, the meat market was reconstructed into a restaurant that was officially open to the public on 1st October 1954.



After the lunch, the delegates will **walk** to the hotel Clarion where they will be checked in. The luggage will be transported to the hotel by buses.

After the check-in, the delegates will be transferred to the **presentation of EU supported project** – the Traffic Information and Control Centre.



Delegates will be divided into two groups according to their Member State/Organization:

- **Group A** = Austria – Latvia
- **Group B** = Lithuania – Sweden + EC + GSC

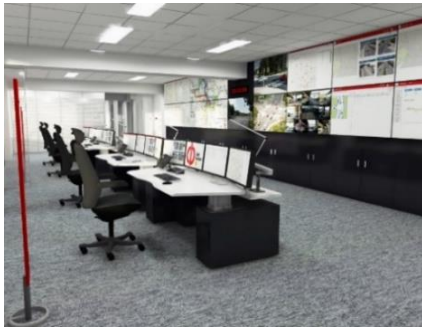
The meeting point for the transfer by bus will be in front of the hotel Clarion

- **Group A** at **3:15 pm**
- **Group B** at **3:45 pm**



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Traffic Information and Control Center (Horní 2508/22, České Budějovice)



The Traffic Information and Control Center includes a traffic control center, a modernized public transport dispatch center, a city police surveillance center, and other technologies ensuring the transmission, processing, evaluation, storage, and distribution of current traffic data, etc. It offers a more efficient solution to traffic situations not only for people in individual transport but also for public transport. The full operation should begin in March 2023.

After a tour of the Traffic Information and Control Center, the delegates will **walk** to the Budějovický Budvar Brewery. **Delegates will be divided into the same two groups (group A and group B).** In the brewery, there will be a guided tour and dinner prepared.

Budějovický Budvar Brewery (České Budějovice, Karolíny Světlé 512/4) – DINNER



Budějovický Budvar Brewery started brewing in 1895. In 1967 the Budějovický Budvar Brewery, national corporation, was established as the successor of the original joint stock brewery and city brewery and took over most of their protected trademarks. Major modernization of facilities allowed Budějovický Budvar to ship over one million hectolitres of beer. It is best known for its original Budweiser or Budweiser Budvar pale lager brewed using artesian water, Moravian barley and Saaz hops.

At **9:00 pm**, the buses will be prepared in front of the brewery to take the delegates back to the hotel.



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Day 3: Vodňany, 9th of December 2022

The meeting point for the joint bus transportation from České Budějovice to Vodňany is in front of the Hotel Clarion, at 7:45 am.

In Vodňany the participants will be taken for the **on-site visit** of a project of the University of South Bohemia called CENAKVA.



CENAKVA – project of the Faculty of Fishery (the University of South Bohemia)

CENAKVA covers infrastructure, knowledge and expertise of the Faculty of Fisheries and Protection of Waters a South Bohemian Research Center of Aquaculture and Biodiversity of Hydrocenoses. The aim of the large research infrastructure CENAKVA is an understanding of changes in freshwater ecosystems and their social importance in terms of biodiversity conservation, protection of the aquatic environment and water resources important for human life and activity. More information on website [CENAKVA - Large research infrastructure \(jcu.cz\)](https://www.jcu.cz/en/cenakva)

Lunch will take place from 11:30 to 12:50 in the restaurant Šenkovna u Václava in Vodňany.

After the lunch, delegates will be transferred to Prague Airport by buses.

Interpretation

Please note that the informal meeting of SMOR (the attaché trip) will be held in English and interpretation will not be provided.

Practical information

Smoking is prohibited in all public indoor areas.

Emergency number: 112

Local time: Central European Summer Time Zone (CEST) – GMT +2:00

Country code: Czech Republic (CZ) +420

Currency: Czech crown, for actual exchange rates please see the Czech National Bank website

Electricity: The voltage in the Czech Republic is 230V, 50 Hz

COVID – 19 measures

Effective April 9, 2022, the Czech Republic has suspended all COVID-19 related entry restrictions for travelers. Travelers to the Czech Republic are no longer required to complete a Passenger Locator Form, provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination or prior infection, etc.

All participants should observe basic hygiene measures during the Informal meeting (hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene). In accordance with current Czech anti-epidemiological regulations, respirators are voluntary in all areas.

In case of worsening of the epidemiological situation, changes in preventive measures will be notified in advance. Current information on measures within the Czech Republic can be found on the COVID Portal website: <https://covid.gov.cz/en/>



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