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ORGANIZED BY CZECH REPUBLIC (MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS) AND ESTONIA (ESTONIAN CENTER OF EASTERN PARTNERSHIP) WITH SUPPORT OF EEAS AND EUROPEAN COMMISSION

**General theme: e-Governance and smart solutions as a tool in regional and local governance
- trends, advantages/drawbacks, cost/benefit**

BREAK OUT TOPICS:

- **LESSONS LEARNED FROM TERRITORIAL REFORMS AND DECENTRALIZATION PROCESSES**
- **INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO CHALLENGES IN LOCAL ADMINISTRATIONS – PRACTICAL USE OF e-SOLUTIONS**
- **TACKLING CORRUPTION IN LOCAL ADMINISTRATIONS – CAN e-TOOLS BE USEFUL?**

VENUE: CZECH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

WORKING LANGUAGE: ENGLISH AND RUSSIAN

PARTICIPANTS: *REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL ADMINISTRATIONS AND MINISTRIES RESPONSIBLE FOR TERRITORIAL REFORM/DECENTRALIZATION OF EAP COUNTRIES, ESTONIA AND CZECH REPUBLIC, REPRESENTATIVES OF EUROPEAN COMMISSION, REPRESENTATIVES OF CIVIL SOCIETY/CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM, SELECTED EXPERTS FROM INTL. ORGS.*



DAY 0 (MONDAY 11 NOV)

Arrival of the participants

Accommodation (*Hotel Savoy, Keplerova 218/6, 118 00 Praha 1-Hradčany*)

DAY 1 (TUESDAY 12 NOV) - "Theoretical Tuesday"

09:00 – 10:00

Welcome address:

Martin Povejšil, Deputy Minister of the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Jaroslav Kurfürst, Special Envoy for Eastern Partnership, Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Gert Antsu, Special Envoy of Eastern Partnership/Director of Estonian Centre of Eastern Partnership (ECEAP)

Iva Babic, DG Near, European Commission

Moderator: Marek Janovský, Head of Unit, Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Introduction of participants

10:00 – 13:00

Panel 1: Territorial reform and decentralization processes: experience from Central and Eastern Europe

Overview of Czech, Estonian and Polish local government system: challenges, failures, lessons learned and successes

Panelists:

CZ: **Adam Vazač**, Czech Ministry of Interior

EE: **Igor Aljoshin**, Local Government Expert/Estonian National Audit Office

EE: **Kaupo Kase**, Expert on e-Services/Head of Viljandi County Municipal Council

PL: **Mariusz Czepczyński**, University of Gdansk - Expert on Post-Socialist Urban Landscapes

Moderator: Jaroslav Kurfürst, Special Envoy for Eastern Partnership, Czech MFA

Questions and Answers, reactions from EaP partners.

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch



14:00 – 17:00

Panel 2: What place for e-solutions in the local and regional administrations? Are the e-tools a panacea? Where does the Digital Czechia stand and what are its expectations?

Panelists:

CZ: Rut Bízková, Union of Towns and Municipalities

CZ: Roman Vrba, Director of the e-Government Department, Ministry of Interior

EE: Kaupo Kase, Expert on e-Services/Head of Viljandi County Municipal Council

EE: Ando Kiviberg, Local Government Expert, ECEAP/Former Mayor of Viljandi Town

PL: Mariusz Czepczyński, University of Gdansk - Expert on Post-Socialist Urban Landscapes

DE: Vanessa Greger, Bavarian Ministry for Digital Affairs

Civil Society Forum: Naira Arakelyan, President, Armavir Development Center (NGO)

Moderator: Jakub Jaňura, Czech Ministry of Interior

Questions and Answers, reactions from EaP partners.

19:00 Welcome dinner hosted by Czech MFA (premises: Baráčnícká rychta)

DAY 2 (WEDNESDAY 13 NOV) - “Practical Wednesday”

10:00 – 13:00

Panel 1: Innovative solutions in local governance: how do e-solutions work in practice? Case studies, trends

Panelists:

CZ: Michal Kašpar, City Mayor - Kolín

CZ: Jaroslav Klusák, Energy Manager and Smart City Expert - Litoměřice

CZ: Jiří Peterka, Project Manager on Energy – Prague

EE: Kaupo Kase, Expert on e-Services/Head of Viljandi County Municipal Council

EE: Ando Kiviberg, Local Government Expert, ECEAP/Former Mayor of Viljandi Town

Civil Society Forum: Lesia Shevchenko, President, Open Society Foundation (NGO)

Moderator: Tiina Ilsen, Programme Director, ECEAP, Estonia

Questions and answers, reactions form EaP partners.

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch



15:00 – 17:30

Panel 2: Practical workshop at the City Hall of Prague: e-solutions as part of transparent governance - how to make it work, practical examples including in the area of fight against corruption in Estonia

15:00 - 15:10 – Introduction to OICT, company's place & strategy within the city of Prague – **Michal Fišer, Chairman of the Board & CEO at Operátor ICT a.s.**

15:10 - 15:20 – Introduction to Prague Data Platform Golemio – **Benedikt Kotmel, Head of Data Platform Department**

15:20 - 15:40 – Open source SW: the tools we use and why – **Jan Vlasatý, Data Platform Developer**

15:40 - 16:00 – Coffee break

16:00 - 16:30 – Transparency via electronic tools as anti-corruption measure – **Igor Aljoshin, Ando Kiviberg**

16:30 - 16:45 – Smart Prague presentation

16:45 - 17:00 – Waste management project – **Ondřej Erben, Data Project Manager**

17:00 - 17:30 – Virtualization showcase (VR), informal discussion – **Jan Górecki, Head of Virtualization Department**



DAY 3 (THURSDAY 14 NOV) - "Practical Thursday"

FIELD TRIP – Practical workshop in Pilsen: case study presentations in the area of robotics, smart solutions in doing business (SIT Port), usage of drones for emergency management, optical network

7:30 Departure from Prague (Hotel Savoy)

9:00 Welcome address at the City Hall of Pilsen

10:00 – 12:30 SIT Port, Robotics center

2 language regime groups for practical display:

Robotics center (*Pilsen develops talents*)

SIT Port (*Pilsen inspires entrepreneurs*)

City optical network, city network of internet of things, SITMP

Drone usage for Integrated Rescue Teams, crises management, inspections

Wrap-up, questions

13:00 – 13:50 Lunch (restaurant Na Spilce)

14:00 – 15:45 Brewery visit

16:00 Return to Prague

DAY 4 (FRIDAY 15 NOV) – "Presentations and wrap-up Friday"

9:00 – 10:00 Country team work – preparation

10:00 – 11:30 Country team work - presentations

11:30 – 12:00 Conclusions, recommendations, lessons learned

12:00 – 12:10 Coffee break

12:10 – 12:30 Wrap-up

12:30 – 13:00 Tour at MFA

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

Departures