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IVth National Meeting of Mayors, Lord Mayors and District Commissioners of the Czech Republic

Date: 16 June 2009 (Tuesday)

Venue: PRAGUE, Crowne Plaza**** Hotel, Koulova 15, Prague 6, www.crowneplaza.cz

THEME AND MAIN TOPICS

The theme of the National Meeting of Local and State Politicians is to find answers to the following questions:

- 1. Why are state officials those who decide on grants and wishes of citizens in our cities and communities and not elected representatives?
- 2. "Results of almost 20 years after the revolution showed that cities and communities managed their resources very well"; what has "high politics" to offer?
- 3. What complicates the work of mayors and councils? What are their problems and are their solutions?

Main topics:

- Road traffic safety efficient and practical measures to increase road traffic safety in cities and communities.
- **Finance** the impact of the world financial crisis on local governments and appropriate responses expecting year 2010. RUD and grants.
- Savings and increased management efficiency suggestions and instructions.
- Territorial planning essential and long-term limitations on territorial planning of cities and communities.

OPENING

- 7:30 Presentation of partners
- 8:00 Presentation of participants
- 8:30 Presentation of invited guests
- 9:00 Opening by the hosts
 Lukáš TESAŘ, Director of Regionservis, s.r.o.
 Michal SEDLÁK, Technical Manager of GEMOS CZ, spol. s r.o.

INTRODUCTION

- 9:15 Parliament of Czech Republic Miloslav VLČEK, Chair of Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Parliament
- 9:20 Impartial opening words evaluating the work of mayors and other officials in the development of the State Jan FISCHER, Prime Minister of the Czech Republic

MESSAGE OF LEADERS OF PARLIAMENTARY POLITICAL PARTIES FOR CITIES AND COMMUNITIES IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

- Are the leaders of political parties familiar with the problems of our cities and communities and what are the solutions they offer?
- What messages do they have for the mayors and councils of almost 6250 local governments in the Czech Republic?

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• What goals do the largest political parties have with regard to local politics?

The following persons have been asked to deliver their statements in the name of the participants and mayors: (Note: Contributions are in alphabetical order, not according to the names of political parties)

- 9:30 Czech Social Democratic Party (ČSSD) Jiří PAROUBEK, Leader of CSSD party
- 9:40 Civic Democratic Party (ODS) Petr BENDL, Deputy Leader of ODS party
- 9:50 Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia (KSČM) Marta BAYEROVÁ, Deputy Party Leader and Senator of the Czech Parliament
- 10:00 Christian Democratic Union Czechoslovak People's Party (KDU ČSL) Cyril SVOBODA, Leader of the Party

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYORS TO THE CHAIRS AND DELEGATES OF PARLIAMENTARY POLITICAL PARTIES

- 10:10 EU Structural Funds for city development, the curent state of the funds, and challenges in acquiring funding. Jaroslav MELŠA, Mayor of the city of Dobříš
- 10:15 Summary of the basic financial problems and management of cities and municipalities of the Czech Republic Luděk TESAŘ, Economist and Local Government Development Specialist, REGIONSERVIS, s.r.o.

10:20 OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE PRINCIPAL THEMES OF THE NATIONAL MEETING

Discussion between the delegates from the cities and municipalities together with the floor of the National meeting, and the chairs of the parliamentary parties and other guests.

PRESENTATION OF MAIN NATIONAL MEETING PARTNERS

- 10:45 Roman TVRZNÍK, General Manager of ELEKTROWIN a.s.
- 10:50 Zdeněk SYNÁČEK, Commercial Manager of EUROVIA CS, a.s.
- 10:55 Markéta ŠTALMACHOVÁ, Manager of CEVRO Institut, o.p.s.
- 11:00 Miroslava VOŠOUSTOVÁ, Sales and Marketing Manager of VERA spol. s.r.o.
- 11:05 Ondřej KOPA, Editor in Chief of the the new service, REGIONÁLNÍ TELEVIZNÍ AGENTURA, a.s.
- 11:10 Vít BÁRTA, General Manager of ABL, a.s.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPEMENT OF CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES FROM REGIONSERVIS AND ITS PARTNERS

Handover of cheques to the value of Kč 50.000 from Regionservis to the winners of the "School for Sustainable Development" project.

MESSAGE FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES TO CZECH CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES

11:15 Slovak Republic

H. E. Mr Peter BRŇO, Ambassador

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- 11:25 The Kingdom of Belgium H. E. Mrs Renilde LOECKX-DROZDIAK, Ambassador
- 11:35 The Kingdom of The Netherlands H.E. Mr Jan Lucas van HOORN, Ambassador

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF DEPUTIES OF STATE ADMINISTRATION TO CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

11:45 Operational program "Living Environment" from Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic Rut BÍZKOVÁ, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of the environment, Manager for economic and political living environment,

MEASURES TO INCREASE ROAD TRAFFIC SAFETY IN CZECH REGIONS, CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

- 11:45 Implementation of road traffic safety management tools and regional assessment of road traffic safety level Karel POSPÍŠIL, Director of CENTRUM DOPRAVNÍHO VÝZKUMU v. v. i. (Transport Research Centre)
- 12:20 Control systems for transport as a tool to increase road traffic safety Michal SEDLÁK, Technical Manager of GEMOS CZ, spol. s r.o.

LUNCH BREAK

12:35 Refreshment in the hotel garden; presentations and partner stands available.

FINANCE, THE CRISIS, SAVINGS, RUD, GRANTS, YEAR 2010

Speech of the Czech government, representatives of core state administration bodies and experts on the main topics.

- 13:45 Changed financing of local governments Will we see amendment to the so called RUD or not? Jan ZIKL, Director of Territorial Budget Financing and Program Financing Department, Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic
- 14:15 Impacts of the world financial crisis on local governments and recommended measures expectations for 2010 Luděk TESAŘ, Economist and Specialist in Local Government Development, Regionservis, s.r.o.
- 15:00 Unblocking of former church property, the so called "Blockage Law Section" Petr KOLÁŘ, Vice Chancellor of Cevro Institut o.p.s.

CLOSING OF THE NATIONAL MEETING 4TH YEAR

15:15 Valuable prize draws followed by some concluding words from the National Meeting organiser

15:30 CLOSING OF THE IVTH NATIONAL MEETING.

18:00 CONCERT ON THE OCCASION OF CLOSING THE 8TH SEASON OF REGIONSERVIS

Thanks to mayors, partners, guests and other notable participants for their support since 2001

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